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A Special meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 16<sup>th</sup> June 1925.

Present - Mr E. P. Foley, (Chairman), presiding; also Messrs James Byrne, Michael Byrne, M. Cloney, C. Culliton, R. Corish, Michael Doyle, James Lawler, Philip Lennon, Joseph Trith, Sean O'Byrne, P. Hayes, P. O'Byrne, James Hall, M. M. O'Donoghue, Denis Karanagh, John Pender, James Shannon and Mr Hughes. (A letter was read from Mr J. Cummins apologising for his absence from meeting owing to illness.)

The Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr Elgee, Solicitor were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Late Mrs Power, Milltown, Killane.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall, seconded by Mr Shannon: - "That we offer to our popular colleague, Mr J. J. O'Byrne, our deepest sympathy in the loss sustained by him in the death of his sister-in-law, Mrs Power, Milltown, Killane. Mr O'Byrne whose services to this Council in dark and evil days, endeared him to each one of its members, and earned the respect and gratitude, not only of the Council but of the whole County, has the special and deepest sympathy of the Council in his bereavement, and this sympathy is all the more heartfelt when we remember that it is only a few months ago when the Council adopted a similar resolution in connection with the death of his brother, Rev. J. W. O'Byrne, the popular pastor of Kilmore." "That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr O'Byrne."

Proposed Holiday for County Council Elections.

Mr Shannon moved the following of which he had given previous notice: - "That all employees of County Council be granted a holiday on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1925, the date of County Council Elections."

Mr Doyle seconded.

Mr Shannon said he would like to add to the motion, "and



that the men be paid for the day"

The Secretary stated that the proposal to pay the men for a day on which they performed no work was illegal.

Mr Doyle said if this proviso was added to the original motion he would withdraw as seconder.

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed as an Amendment:- "That the employees of the Council be granted a holiday on 23rd June 1925, on condition that they work a full day on each of the two next Saturdays and that they be paid for same."

Mr Pender desired to propose a direct negative to Mr Shannon's motion but the Chairman said he could vote against it.

Mr Shannon said he would, with the permission of the meeting, which was granted, move:- "That the County Council issue an Order making 23rd June 1925 a general holiday for their workers, the men to take the holiday at their own expense".

Mr James Byrne proposed and Mr Cloney seconded ~~that~~ the following:- "That no action be taken in the matter of arranging for a holiday for the workers of the Council on 23rd June 1925."

As an amendment to this, Mr Hall proposed and Mr Culleton seconded the following:-

"That the employees of the County Council be granted a half-holiday on 23rd June 1925 on the understanding that they will work a full day on Saturday 27th June 1925."

Mr Shannon and Mr Sean O'Byrne then withdrew their motions and a poll was taken on amendment of Mr Hall with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Shannon, Culleton, P. O'Byrne, Lennon, Hughes, Hayes, Doyle, Cloney, Sean O'Byrne, Frith, O'Donoghue, Lawlor, Hall and the Chairman - 14.

Against - Mr Pender - 1.

Did not vote:- Messrs M. Byrne, James Byrne and D. Kavanagh - 3.

Mr Corish was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

On being submitted as a substantive motion it was adopted nem. con.



Superannuation, Mr Jones Assistant Surveyor.

The following motion, of which more than a month's notice had been issued to Councillors, was moved by Mr Cloney:-

"That as the resignation of Mr W. H. Jones, Assistant Surveyor, has been accepted by the Wexford County Council, I hereby give notice of my intention to move the following at the first available meeting of above Council:- "That Mr Jones be granted the maximum amount of superannuation which it is in the power of the Council to vote to him."

In moving this motion, Mr Cloney said he understood that the Council were empowered to grant Mr Jones the two-thirds of his salary of £200 per annum.

The Secretary stated that Mr Jones had 30 years service and was 72 years old.

Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded.

Passed.

The following resolution was then proposed by Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That Mr William Hercules Jones, Assistant Surveyor, who has devoted his whole time to the service of the Wexford County Council and who was at the date of his resignation incapable of discharging the duties of his office with efficiency by reason of old age, be granted an annual allowance of £133-6-8, two-thirds of his salary of £200, said allowance to be subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Superannuation of Mr John Sinnott, Rate Collector.  
No 10 District.

Mr Sean O'Byrne moved the following motion, notice of which had been issued to members of the County Council on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 1925:-

"That the maximum amount of superannuation provided by the Local Government Act, 1919, viz., two-thirds of salary and emoluments be granted Mr John Sinnott Rate Collector for No 10 Collection District, on his retirement from office; said amount, as regards year 1924-25, to be calculated on the amount of warrant which would have been normally



assessed by the County Council if the latter had not taken advantage of the Relief on Agricultural Land Act."

The Secretary mentioned that as regards Mr Sinnott's poundage and emoluments, his poundage for 1924 was deficient by two-thirds the actual amount which in a normal year would be raised on Agricultural land in his district owing to the operation of the Relief of Rates on Agricultural Land Act and he received no fees for preparation of Voters' List in 1922. Taking the poundage etc. on a four years' average ended March 1924 Mr Sinnott had received £133-1-10.

He was 67 years old and had 21 years completed service. The twenty-one-sixtieths of the four years' average amounted to £46-11-8. and the two-thirds would be £88-14-7.

Operating on a three years' average, Mr Sinnott had received £125-6-1. The twenty-one sixtieths of this would be £43-17-1 and the two-thirds £83-10-9. Taking the three years' average and discarding the Relief on Agricultural Land Act, the twenty-one-sixtieths would be £52-0-6 and the two-thirds £99-2-0.

After considerable discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That Mr John Sinnott, Rate Collector for No 10 Collection District, who has devoted his whole time to the service of the Wexford County Council and who was at the date of his resignation incapable of discharging the duties of his office with efficiency by reason of old age be granted an allowance of £80 per annum, said allowance to be subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and to the production of a warrant certificate, signed by our Secretary that Mr Sinnott has fulfilled the conditions of his warrant as Rate Collector."

### Superannuation - Officers Abolished County Infirmary

The following notice which had been issued to County Councillors on 14<sup>th</sup> May 1925, was moved by the Chairman:-

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 55 of the Local Government Act 1925, superannuation be awarded the following officers of the abolished County Wexford Infirmary:-



Thomas Hayes (Porter)

Mrs Elizabeth Hayes (Female Searcher.)

Mary Hayes (Laundress)

Dr S. A. Furlong (Surgeon.)

amounts of Superannuation in each case to be such as the Minister for Local Government and Public Health shall state to be those to which said officers are entitled.

"That providing the said minister decides that Mr M. J. Kavanagh, late Registrar to the County Infirmary, was a 'whole time' officer, he be granted superannuation on the same terms and conditions as will apply to the above mentioned officers."

The Secretary mentioned that the following particulars in connection with service etc. of officers furnished by the late County Infirmary Committee had been verified from the Minute Books of the County Infirmary Committee.

Thomas Hayes, Porter, appointed on 10<sup>th</sup> December 1873, Salary £40 per annum with house, light, and fuel valued at £39 per annum: total £79 per annum.

Mrs Elizabeth Hayes, female searcher, appointed 10<sup>th</sup> December 1873, at a salary of £5 per annum.

Miss Mary Hayes, Laundress, appointed on 11<sup>th</sup> March 1907 at a salary of £42 per annum.

Mr M. J. Kavanagh, Registrar, appointed on 13<sup>th</sup> September 1909 at a salary of £40 per annum.

Dr S. A. Furlong, Resident Surgeon, appointed on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 1910 at a salary of £120 per annum with house (Rates and Taxes clear) valued at £100 per annum.

The County Infirmary had also forwarded names of matron, three nursing sisters and a domestic servant, but as these were appointed subsequent to 1919, the question of pension or gratuity did not arise.

The Chairman moved the following resolution which was seconded by Mr Cloney and adopted:-

"That Mr Thomas Hayes, porter of late County Wexford Infirmary, who devoted his whole time to the service of the County Wexford Infirmary Committee, and whose office has been abolished consequent on Union Amalgamation Scheme, be granted an allowance of £52-13-4 per annum subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health."



Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cloney and adopted:- "That as Mrs Elizabeth Hayes, female searcher at the late County Wexford Infirmary, was in receipt of £5 per annum as salary, we cannot consider her a "whole time" officer, but refer the question of whether - owing to her office being abolished in consequence of Union Amalgamation Scheme - she is entitled to superannuation, to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. Should the Minister decide in her favour, we agree to fix the amount of her superannuation at £3-6-8.

Proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr Cloney and adopted:- "That Miss Mary Hayes, Laundress late County Wexford Infirmary who devoted her whole time to the service of the County Wexford Infirmary Committee and whose office has been abolished consequent on Union Amalgamation Scheme, be granted an annual allowance of £11 which represents sixteen-sixtieths of her salary; said allowance to be subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr Cloney and passed:- "That, as Mr M. J. Kavanagh, Registrar to abolished County Wexford Infirmary, held the office of Clerk to Co. Wexford War Pensions Committee we cannot regard him as a "whole time" officer and in consequence decide that he is not entitled to superannuation on abolition of his office".

In connection with the case of Dr Furlong, Resident Surgeon, the question was raised that he was not a "whole time" officer.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor, held this view to be erroneous.

Mr O'Donoghue proposed and Mr Lawlor seconded the following resolution:-

"We consider Dr Furlong, Resident Surgeon to abolished County Wexford Infirmary is not a "whole time" officer and is not therefore entitled to superannuation"

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the resolution:- Messrs Bender, M. Byrne, Shannon, O'Donoghue, Lawlor Hall, Kavanagh, James Byrne, Lennon - 9.

Against - Messrs Corish, M. Doyle, Cloney, Sean O'Byrne and the Chairman<sup>5</sup>

Did not vote - Messrs Culleton, P. O'Byrne, Hayes, Hughes and Frith - 5.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.



## Appointment of Assistant Surveyor.

For the position of Assistant Surveyor, (vacant through the resignation of Mr Jones), the following applications were received:-

Patrick O'Neill B.E. John Street Gorey

Denis Joseph Heaney B.E. Knockroe, Thurles Co. Tipperary

Thomas J. O'Donovan A.R.C. Sec. I. 1 Gibraltar Terrace Youghal.

An application was received on the morning of the meeting from Mr John J. Murphy 16 Northumberland Road, Dublin.

The Chairman mentioned that according to the conditions issued to candidates, it was necessary they should sit for Irish exam. The only candidate who had done so was Mr O'Neill and he had been awarded 88 per cent of maximum marks at the examination which had been set by the Irish Organiser of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Frith seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That Mr Patrick O'Neill, B.E. John Street, Gorey, be appointed Assistant Surveyor for New Ross District, salary £170 per annum rising by annual increments of £5 to a maximum of £200 with vouched travelling expenses according to the scale laid down by the Local Government Department. Appointment is to be determined at any time by two month's notice in writing at either side and is subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and is further conditional on the consent of the successful candidate to transfer to any district of the County as may be directed by the County Surveyor or the County Council. That Mr O'Neill take up duty when Mr Jones relinquishes his office on the approval of his superannuation allowance.

Mr O'Neill returned thanks for his election.

## Appointment of Rate Collector for No 10 District.

The following applications were received for the position of Rate Collector for No 10 District:-

Doyle Patrick, Bree, Enniscorthy

Gannon Sean, Tara Hill, Gorey

Hall Laurence, The Daphne, Enniscorthy

Lyndon James J. Oulart.



McCarthy Patrick, Milehouse Enniscorthy.  
 Nolan Patrick Ballycourcey, Enniscorthy.  
 Roban Myles, The Shannon, Enniscorthy.  
 Stafford Thomas (junr) Ballyjelland, Davidstown.  
 Sinnott James do.

Walsh Edward, Effernogue Ferns.

The Secretary stated that by direction of the County Council the Superior of Christian Brothers Wexford, had set papers for examination in Irish, Arithmetic and English. The examination had been held on 15th June, 1925, and the numbers allotted to each candidate had been supplied to the Examiner who was therefore unaware of their identity.

The following was the result of the exam.:-

Candidate	Irish 100	Arithmetic 100	English 100	Total 300.
1 Gannon	95	60	71	226
2 Hall.	74	73	77	224
3 Sinnott	51	72	54	177
4 Walsh	28	81	31	140
5 Lyndon	10	61	58	129
6 McCarthy	4	100	25	129
7 Nolan	24	57	28	109
8 Doyle	0	66	27	93
9 Roban.	5	51	12	68.

Stafford wrote that owing to an injury to his knee he was unable to attend the examination.

The Chairman pointed out that by a resolution on the Minutes of the Council candidates at examinations should receive one-third of maximum marks in each of the three subjects.

Several members pointed out that at the last examination for Rate Collector, the successful candidate received only 15 per cent at the Irish examination.

The point was also raised that Mr Gannon had been a member of the Gorey Rural District Council, but Mr Elgee, Solicitor, held that under Section 70 of the Local Government Act 1925, he was not disqualified to be elected as Rate Collector.



The Chairman held that so long as the resolution to which he had referred was not rescinded he would consider himself bound by it.

After prolonged discussion on this point, the Chairman moved and Mr Cloney seconded the following resolution:-

"That only the names of the three candidates (Gannon, Hall, and Sinnott), who have obtained the standard of marks allotted to enable them to be considered as qualifying at examination for Rate Collector be considered by the meeting in connection with the appointment of Rate Collector for No 10 District."

As an amendment Mr Shannon proposed and Mr O'Donoghue seconded the following:-

"That all candidates for Rate Collectorship of No 10 District who have a knowledge of Irish be considered as eligible to compete for vacant Rate Collectorship."

The Chairman challenged the proposer of the amendment to define the meaning of the words therein "a knowledge of Irish," but after considerable discussion decided to put the amendment to the meeting.

The following is the result of the poll:-  
 For the amendment:- Messrs Pender, O'Donoghue, Lawlor, Shannon, Mr Byrne, Hughes and Lennon - 7.  
 Against:- Messrs Culleton, P. O'Byrne, Frith, Corish, Hayes, James Byrne, Cloney, Sean O'Byrne and the Chairman - 9.  
 Declined voting:- Messrs Hall, Doyle and Kavanagh - 3.  
 The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

He then put the resolution as to three candidates only being regarded as eligible and this was carried nem.con.

It was decided that the formality of proposing and seconding the candidates be dispensed with, and a "straight" vote on the three candidates was taken with the following result:-

For Gannon - Messrs Pender, Culleton, P. O'Byrne, Frith, Corish, Hayes, Sean O'Byrne and the Chairman - 9.  
 For Hall - Messrs Shannon, M. Byrne, Doyle, Kavanagh, J. Byrne, Cloney, Lawlor and Hall - 8.  
 For Sinnott - Mr O'Donoghue - 1.  
 Declined to vote - Mr Lennon - 1.  
 Sinnott then fell out and a poll was taken as between



Gannon and Hall with the following result:-

For Gannon:- Messrs Bender, Culleton, P. O'Byrne, Frith, Corish, Hayes, Hughes, Sean O'Byrne, and the Chairman - 9.

For Hall:- Messrs Shannon, M. Byrne, O'Donoghue, Lawlor, Hall, Doyle, Kavanagh, James Byrne and Cloney - 9.

Mr Lennon declined to vote.

The Chairman gave his casting vote to Mr Gannon whom he declared elected.

The following resolution was then adopted, on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That Mr Sean Gannon, Tara Hill, Gorey, be elected Rate Collector for No 10 Collection District (vacant thro' the resignation of Mr John Sinnott) for a probationary period of twelve months but with the assurance that if he discharges his duties to the satisfaction of the County Council and the Department of Local Government, it will be open to the Council to appoint him as a permanent Collector. Remuneration 7d in the £ on amount of Rates collected and without fees for the preparation of Voters and Juries Lists and in respect of which the usual duties of Rate Collectors must be discharged.

This appointment is also subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to the successful candidate entering into a personal bond with two solvent sureties in the sum of £200 to cover completion of warrant and the efficient discharge of his duties, and a further bond from a recognised guarantee society to cover fraud or embezzlement.

Mr Gannon returned thanks for his election.

### Financial Position of the Council.

The financial position of the Council having been dealt with in full by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr S. O'Byrne:

"That we direct our Secretary to apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for approval to a further overdraft of £24,000 to the end of September 1925.



## Poor Law Commission

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> May 1925, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote forwarding queries to which they requested answers for the information of the Commission which had been established with the object of devising permanent legislation for the effective and economical relief of the sick and destitute poor including the insane poor and to inquire into the laws and administration relating thereto.

The Commission requested the Council to nominate representatives to give evidence before the Commission and the Council should be prepared to give all statistical information relating to relief of any classes from the rates.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That Circular letter from the Department of Local Government, relative to information etc, regarding Poor Law Commission, be referred to the new Council."

## Loan:- Improvements County Hospital.

Under date 13<sup>th</sup> June 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote stating that the Minister had sanctioned loan of £10,000 for County Hospital improvements repayment to be spread over a period of ten years at the rate of one half per cent under Irish Banks' Discount Rate (varying) with a minimum of 4% in lieu of the terms of sanction indicated in the letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> March last.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That the sum of £1400 purchase price of Rosepark, Wexford, as a residence for the Surgeon, County Hospital and which is covered by the loan of £10,000 for County Hospital improvements be paid Mr George Daly, vendor. We would point out that the premises were handed over to the Council some time ago and that the Resident Surgeon is now in occupation on terms agreed upon between him and the Council."



## Water Supply - Newtown (Ballygarrett.)

Sealed Order dated 18<sup>th</sup> May 1925 No 21012/1925 was read from the Department of Local Government, fixing the Killenagh and Wells Dispensary District as the area of charge on which all expenses incurred for the purpose of providing and maintaining a water supply at Newtown, Ballygarrett, shall be chargeable.

## Wexford County Scheme.

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> May 1925, letter No P. 24240/25, Miscellaneous, was read from the Minister for Local Government, notifying the Council of his intention to amend and modify the Wexford County Scheme in the under-mentioned manner, such amendment and modification to come into operation from the day fixed for the first meeting of the County Council after the next Statutory election.

"Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 14 and also Part IV to be revoked, a new article 3 to be substituted as follows:-

"The provisions of sections 12 and 13 of the Local Government Act 1925 and of the Second Schedule to the said Act, shall apply to the Wexford County Board of Health (hereinafter referred to as the Board of Health) as if the County were a county health district under the said Act, and the said Board were the Board of Health for such district, within the meaning of the said Act."

Article 13 of the Scheme to be amended and modified by the insertion at the end of sub article (ii) of the words 'or in such other manner as may be prescribed' so as to bring the sub-article into conformity with Section 14(2) of the Act and by the addition of a sub-article as follows:-

"(iii) The Board of Health shall be subject to such conditions ~~as~~ or restrictions in relation to expenditure as the County Council may impose with the consent of the Minister.

Agreed to.



## Scholarship Schemes.

Secondary.— In connection with the proposal of the County Council to extend in suitable cases, by a year, Secondary Scholarships, awarded in 1922 and 1923, applications were received from Secondary Scholarship Holders of these two years:—

The circumstances of the candidates having been considered, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Cloney:—

"That fourth year Secondary Scholarships be granted to:— Lawrence Harte, John J. Kenny, J. G. Dillon, J. B. Lattissey, Edward Breen, John Stafford, Margaret Berney, Bridget Doyle, Bridget Lunge, Statia Dunne, Kathleen C. O'Keeffe, Bridget Berney and Mr. Frayne."

Under date 13th June 1925, a letter was read from the Department of Education (Ed. 177/7), stating that the Department had no objection to the proposed extension of Secondary Scholarships awarded in 1922 and 1923, provided the progress of the candidates is approved of in the usual way and that the Council has the necessary funds.

In connection with the award of Scholarships for the current year, a letter was read from the Department of Education under date 2nd June 1925 (L. 12840/15.) that as regards the question of admission of Thomas Culleton who was over age, the Department could not sanction an award to any candidate not complying with the terms of eligibility as laid down in the Scheme which had been approved of by the Minister.

### University.

Mr Corish raised a question as to the resolution of the Council declaring Mr Patrick J. White, Carcur House, Wexford, not eligible to compete for University Scholarships on the ground that his father was a member of the R. I. C. and had not retired previous to the year 1919. The decision of the Council was against the Constitution and therefore ultra vires.

After considerable discussion the following resolution



was moved by Mr Corish and seconded by Mr Shannon:-  
 "That the new County Council be recommended to delete from the University Scholarship Scheme the clause debarring children of persons who were bearing arms in the service of the British Government unless they retired previous to 1919, as being ineligible to compete for ~~scholarships~~ scholarships."

As an amendment, Mr Cloney moved and Mr James Byrne seconded:-

"That no action be taken by this Council as regards University Scholarship Scheme."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment:- Messrs Kavanagh, James Byrne, Lennon, Cloney, Sean O'Byrne, O'Donoghue and the Chairman - 7.

Against:- Messrs Bender, Shannon, Culleton, M. Byrne Corish, Hayes, Doyle and Lawlor - 8.

Mr Hall did not vote.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

Mr Corish's motion was then put and passed nem. con.

### Rate Collection.

The state of the Rate Collection was considered in detail and the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That Rate Collectors be called upon to close their collections forthwith. That, as regards all amounts outstanding an examination be made of the claims made by the Collectors for refund of Irrecoverable Rates, and that a full statement be laid before the Department of Local Government in order that the collection be wound up without further delay."

"That the following Collectors be directed to furnish their list of Irrecoverable rates at once:-

P. J. Sinnott, C. Mc Carthy, M. M. Kelly, John Sinnott and P. J. Fitzpatrick.



## Roads.

Grants. - Under date 12<sup>th</sup> June 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (S/GA/131) that a payment of £552 would be made in connection with Trunk Road No 8 (Wexford Urban Council grant £2200). This was the final payment in connection with the grant in question.

Under date 27<sup>th</sup> May 1925 the Department of Local Government wrote (S/GA/109) that a payment of £240 would be made in connection with Trunk Road No 7.7 (New Ross Urban District Grant £1200). This was the final payment in connection with this particular grant.

### County Surveyor's Travelling Expenses.

Under date 3rd June 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (R/RS/32) that the Minister had sanctioned payment to the County Surveyor of travelling expenses in connection with the recent road inspection at the rate of 6d per mile, amount to be vouched on the usual forms.

### Engine men - Lodging money.

Under date 2nd June 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (R/RM/32), stating that the Ministry had approved of the payment of 7/- per week made by the Council to certain men by way of lodging money during periods between August and December 1924.

### New Road, Rosslare.

Under date 29<sup>th</sup> May 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (R/RU/32), that a grant of £2000. had been earmarked to the Council towards the cost of making a new road through the Sloblands connecting Wexford and Rosslare. The general condition as to wages etc. governing the Trunk Road Grant notified last year would apply to this grant also.

Ordered that a copy of the letter of the Local Govt Department re new road at Rosslare be furnished to the County Surveyor.

In connection with obtaining permission from land owners, Mr Elfee submitted letter from Meldon & Co. Solicitors, 8 Merrion Square North Dublin, that the scheme had received the approval of the Meldon Estate



and the conditions mentioned in the letter of Mr Elgee were, as well, as Messrs Meldon could recollect, those that had been already agreed upon.

### Charge Hands.

Under date 29<sup>th</sup> May 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (R/RM/32) that the Minister would raise no objection to the Wexford County Council making a payment of 2/- per week, extra to road men acting as sub-gangers in cases in which the County Surveyor finds it necessary to divide a gang and place a reliable man in charge of a portion of them.

### New Telegraphic Line.

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> June 1925, the Engineer in Chief, Post Office, Dublin, applied for the consent of the Wexford County Council to the placing of an overground telegraphic line along the Maurituistown and Grange Little road.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That the Wexford County Council hereby consents to erection of overground telegraphic line along the Maurituistown and Grange Little Road (Wexford District) provided said line be erected to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

### Motor Traffic.

Under date 28<sup>th</sup> May, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (L.R.V./220) calling the attention of the Council to Section 7(4) of the Roads Act 1920 and to Article II(3) of the Heavy Motor Car (Ireland) Order 1906.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Cloney: That Circular letter from the Department of Local Government (L.R.V./220), 28<sup>th</sup> May 1925, be referred to the new Co. Council. That the attention of County Superintendent Civic Guards be called to the excessive speed at which motor cars are constantly driven, more particularly on highways leading to seaside resorts in the county.



## Mr Jones, Assistant Surveyor and His motor Car.

Under date 3rd June, 1925, Mr Jones Assistant Surveyor, who has resigned, wrote that he was quite prepared to retain his Ford motor car subject to a valuation of competent persons, or as an alternative, he would pay £30 cash for it when his work ceased. This, he considered to be the full value of the car.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Sean O'Syrne:-

"That, as we believe if County Council took over motor car from Mr Jones, Assistant Surveyor, they would be unable to obtain for it a higher figure than £30, we hereby agree, subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government, to accept that amount from Mr Jones and to allow him to retain his car."

## Quay at Duncannon.

An application under date 27<sup>th</sup> May, 1925 was received from Mr B. Downes, Merchant, Duncannon, for the piece of waste ground lying south east of Cleff's public house in the street of Duncannon for the purpose of erecting a store for goods etc. carried in his boats from Waterford to the various merchants in the locality also farmers' goods, at whatever terms it is usual for the Council to make. Should he get permission he intended to erect a building every way in keeping with the better appearance of the village.

The Secretary stated that a copy of this application had been referred to the County Surveyor who reported that he did not think permission should be given as it would cause obstruction to the view from existing houses. There would however, be no objection to allowing Mr Downes to erect a small shed down near the inner harbour.

Under date 4<sup>th</sup> June 1925, Mr Downes wrote that he would be glad if the Council would agree to allow him the piece of ground at the head of the dock which the County Surveyor pointed out to the Harbour Master as suitable. This would not interfere with anything.



On the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr B. Downes, Merchant, Duncannon, be granted permission to erect a small store at the grass plot near the inner dock Duncannon, provided that the specification for same and its erection meet with the approval of the County Surveyor; also that he enters into an agreement with the Council that the structure should be removed at any time on reasonable notice by the Council.

### Assistant Surveyors - Increments of Salaries.

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> May 1925, Messrs J. Cullen and J. F. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyors, applied for usual increments to their salaries. As they were now entering on their third year and had received no increase, they called attention to the matter.

The Secretary stated that no application for increments had been received from these officers. In reply to a query, he pointed out that increments were not automatically given; they were conditional on satisfactory service as reported by the County Surveyor.

The latter recommended the increments to be granted.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Shannon:-

"That the appropriate increments in the salaries of Messrs J. Cullen and J. F. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyors, viz: £5 per annum be granted in view of the satisfactory report of the County Surveyor."

Road 225 R.- The County Surveyor submitted letter from J. J. Whitty Fishers town, Campile, complaining that there were dumps of manure on roads in his District which should be removed. Road 225 R at Dollar Point had been eaten away by the river and it was most dangerous. If anything happened, he would not be responsible as he had written previously about the matter. £23 or £24 would build up the dangerous portion and erect the necessary wire paling for protection.



Road 227 R. - The County Surveyor submitted letter from Martin O'Brien, Great Island, Campile, calling attention to trees growing across the road leading to his house, which caused great obstruction and prevented him bringing in hay. If the obstruction was not removed he would have to see further. It was decided that no action be taken.

### Grange Quarry.

A letter signed by six labourers of the district was read complaining that farmers were employed getting materials from this quarry while labourers were idle. They did not want to cut the farmers out altogether, but they were willing that the farmers should do the haulage and leave the quarrying etc. to the labourers.

A report was submitted from a Committee of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council which had inspected this quarry, that they considered it advisable that the present arrangement of obtaining material should be continued for present year but recommended that the quarry be opened on site inspected, if present system was likely to prove unsatisfactory and that the use of this material be extended, no material to be drawn from outside for the roads in the locality.

The County Surveyor recommended that he should make arrangements for handbreaking in this Quarry in autumn.

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne, the recommendation of the County Surveyor was agreed to.

### Annagh Gap and Cummer Quarries.

A resolution was read from the Wicklow Gap Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union applying for employment for a number of idle men and protesting against the action of the Council in bringing men distances of three miles to work in Annagh Gap Quarry, while local men were unemployed for the past nine months; also against the use of a stonebreaker in Annagh Gap and Cummer quarries, half the material from which should be broken by hand so as to provide employment.

The County Surveyor submitted a report from Mr Treanor



Assistant Surveyor for the district, that he had spoken to the ganger about the matter. The ganger informed him that he had made inquiries from the men in the quarry (some of whom are on the Committee of the Branch) who stated they had no knowledge of such a resolution being passed at any of their meetings.

It was decided that no action be taken in view of the report from Mr Lleanor.

#### Lubberfinnick Quarry.

A resolution was submitted from the Castlebridge Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, protesting against material for the Wexford-Enniscorthy road being obtained from quarries other than Lubberfinnick or Eden Vale in view of the unemployment and destitution in the district.

The County Surveyor stated that nothing could be done at the present time. The material at Kerlogue was the best that could be put into the road.

no action.

#### Currauff Quarry.

A report was submitted from an Inspection Committee of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council recommending that material at present quarried in Currauff Quarry be broken by hand and that the quarry be opened further down field.

On the motion of Mr Lawlor seconded by Mr Shannon, it was decided that a new face be obtained in Currauff Quarry.

#### Kiltealy Quarry.

A report was submitted from an Inspection Committee of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council stating that they believed, from information received, that Kiltealy quarry was not opened in the proper place. They recommended that a thorough examination of the locality be made to ascertain if good material could be obtained by starting in another place.

The County Surveyor stated that after very close examination he could not find any proper quarry at the place.

This was borne out by Mr Lawlor.

It was decided that no action be taken.



### Dunanore Quarry.

Under date 29<sup>th</sup> May 1925, Mrs Lett, Ballynadara, Enniscorthy wrote protesting against the blasting in Dunanore Quarry.

On May 27<sup>th</sup>, a large stone fell within ten yards of the house and was embedded in the lawn. She would insist on this practice being discontinued.

Under date 9<sup>th</sup> June 1925, Mr Cullen Assistant Surveyor wrote that since the previous complaint he had carried out hand blasts in this quarry on six occasions and had warning given at Mrs Lett's house each time and had taken every precaution against flying stones. It was necessary to have frequent hand blasts to clear out butts as work progressed.

Mr Barry explained that the blasts were always "masked" but there was no doubt a small stone did go into Mrs Lett's lawn.

It was decided that Mrs Lett be informed that the County Surveyor and his staff were taking all precautions to prevent accidents. The Council hoped Mr Barry would continue to do so.

Under date 9<sup>th</sup> June 1925, Mr J. Cullen reported that the owner of the land adjoining Dunanore Quarry had asked him to have paling erected on bounds between his land and the quarry. He was afraid his cattle would break through the existing fence and injure themselves in the quarry. Mr Cullen did not know whether the Council would be liable in the event of this happening and he wished to know if it was considered advisable to have the paling erected.

The County Surveyor stated he did not consider that a paling was necessary in this case. No action.

### Arcandrisk Wharf.

Mr Barry, County Surveyor submitted letter from Mr Elfee, Solicitor, that Capt Cookman had asked him to inform the County Council that he owned the wharf adjoining the railway bridge at Arcandrisk, and that, if the County Council wished to use same for the purpose of landing road material or for any other purpose



they should in the first instance obtain his permission.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor with instructions to obtain the necessary permission from Capt Cookman when it was necessary to use the wharf for the work of the County Council.

### Blackwater River Bridge.

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> May 1925, Mr J. B. Dunbar Solicitor, wrote that Mr William Kerr, 17 Slaney Street Enniscorthy, had handed him the letter on behalf of the Council repudiating liability for the injuries which Mr Kerr had suffered by defect in this bridge. Unless an offer was made to Mr Kerr which he could accept he would take proceedings.

Mr Elgee considered the Council were not liable in this case.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That Mr Elgee be instructed to defend any proceedings which may be taken by Mr Kerr in connection with his claim for compensation in connection with injuries which he stated he had sustained owing to the defective condition of Blackwater River Bridge."

### Claim by Road Contractor.

Messrs Huffard & Brennan, Solicitors Wexford, wrote under date 25<sup>th</sup> May 1925, claiming £27-19-0. which they alleged to be due to Edward Mc Donald Kilbora Camolin, on foot of Road Contracts No 13 & and 14 G.

Referred to County Surveyor for detailed report to next County Council meeting.

### Sparrowsland Bridge and Railway Siding.

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> June 1925, the County Surveyor reported that he had discussed these matters with the District Engineer of the Great Southern Railways on that day. He believed there would be no difficulty in obtaining the erection of the siding and the Railway Engineer would forward to his Board full particulars with an estimate



of cost. It was usual for persons obtaining a siding to pay the cost but this would be a matter for arrangement between the County Council and the Railway Board of Directors having in view the amount of traffic placed annually on the line by the County Council.

The Engineer informed the County Surveyor that as regards the overline bridge at Sparrowland, any person causing damage by excessive prohibitive traffic would be liable for any injury to the Bridge.

The usual procedure according to the statement of the Railway District Engineer was that where existing structures of this nature were insufficient to take modern traffic, the extra cost entailed was borne by the local authority - in this case, the County Council.

He (County Surveyor) recommended that as this bridge was one that must be put into a condition to take heavy traffic, application should be made to the Railway Company to reconstruct it, and the Council would then be furnished with an estimate of cost.

At the present time, heavy lorries, traction engines, etc passed over this Bridge and it will be necessary from time to time for the Council's machinery, rollers, traction engines, breakers, etc to cross the bridge.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That the Great Southern Railways Company be asked to take in hands the reconstruction of Sparrowland Bridge in order to put it in a condition to bear modern traffic."

### Regulating Traffic at Rosslare.

Under date 28<sup>th</sup> April 1925, a letter was read from Wexford R.D. Council relative to a request which was read from the Rosslare Tourist Development Association asking that in view of the probable congestion of traffic on the road leading from Rosslare Railway Station to the Strand, all vehicular traffic entering Rosslare should be diverted to the entrance via the Grange Road. It was stated that all that would be necessary was for the



Civic Guard to attend on Sundays and Holidays at the cross roads leading to the Station and to divert the traffic to the route suggested by the Tourist Association. The Wexford R. D. Council requested the County Council to ask the Civic Guard to have the suggestion agreed to.

The following recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee of 14<sup>th</sup> May 1925 was submitted and adopted: "That the consent of the Minister for Local Government be requested in order to allow of the diversion of traffic on Sundays and Holidays at Rosslare as suggested in letter from Wexford R. D. Council."

### Garden at County Council.

Under date 11<sup>th</sup> May 1925, a letter was received from Patrick Furlong 3 Monck Street, Wexford offering to rent the garden adjoining the County Council Offices.

The matter was considered at meeting of the Finance and Roads Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> May 1925 when a recommendation was adopted referring the matter to the County Surveyor to make the best possible bargain with Mr Furlong in the matter.

The County Surveyor reported that he had made an agreement with Mr Furlong to take the garden at £3 per annum and an agreement in connection with the matter had been prepared by Mr Elgee, Solicitor.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That P. Furlong 3 Monck Street Wexford be accepted as tenant of garden adjoining County Council premises at a rent of £3 per annum and on the terms and conditions of the agreement prepared by Mr Elgee Solicitor to the Council.

### Gorey Roads.

Under date 30<sup>th</sup> May 1925, a letter was read from Mrs Cecilia George, Cahore Gorey asking that the roads in the district might be widened and improved. The road running along the Seaview and Kilmichael farms was so narrow that no farm cart or motor cart could pass.

No order.



### Weighbridge at Ferno.

Under date 29<sup>th</sup> May 1925, a letter was read from Messrs J. A. Sinnott & Co. Solicitors Enniscorthy asking the Council to grant a lease of the plot at Ferno on which it was proposed to erect a weighbridge. The Representative Church Body in so far as they had any interest in the plot, were prepared to give permission for the erection of the weighbridge.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Cloney the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Messrs J. A. Sinnott & Co. be informed that the County Council consider they have no power to grant a lease of public property in roads. They would, however be prepared to enter into an agreement for the erection of Ferno Weighbridge, such agreement to be prepared by the Solicitor to the County Council and to be at the expense of Messrs J. Bolger & Co. Ferno.

### The River Sow.

Under date 8<sup>th</sup> June 1925, a letter was read from Mr A. A. Connolly, Clerk, Enniscorthy Rural District Council, stating that at the last meeting of his Council, a complaint was made that the free flow of the river Sow was impeded by stones from Ballinkee Bridge.

The County Surveyor stated that before this complaint had been received, he had given instructions for the removal of the stuff which was causing the obstruction.

### Dismissal of Workman.

The County Surveyor submitted report from Mr Butthistle, Assistant Surveyor, that he had found it necessary to dispense with the services of Philip Walsh, one of the steamrolling gang at Kyle for losing time habitually although warned on several occasions.

Philip Walsh, the workman in question, James Barnes, foreman, and Mr Butthistle, Assistant Surveyor, having been heard by the Council, the following resolution was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kavanagh



and adopted:-

"That the action of Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor in dismissing Philip Walsh from the employment of the Council be confirmed."

### New Ross Bridge.

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> June 1925, the County Surveyor reported that on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1925, a ship passing through New Ross Bridge had collided with the side and carried away a water pipe belonging to the Urban Council as well as causing some damage to the capping of the bridge itself.

Reports in the matter were also submitted from Mr Jones Assistant Surveyor and Messrs Lawler Brothers caretakers of the Bridge.

The County Surveyor stated he would inspect the damage on the 18<sup>th</sup> June and present a report to the next meeting of the Council.

### Hedge Cutting.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of the 14<sup>th</sup> May 1925 was submitted:-

"The County Surveyor under date 11<sup>th</sup> May 1925 submitted reply to Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor in respect of the charges made against him by P. Murphy Ballyduff, Ballycarney, as to cutting of hedges. Mr Ennis denied all the charges made by Mr Murphy and said the letter was written with the sole purpose of injuring him."

"The Committee regarded Mr Ennis's explanation as satisfactory."

On the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne, the recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed.



## Trinity Quarry

In connection with faulty depots at Trinity Quarry, Mr Borthistle, Assistant Surveyor reported under date 13<sup>th</sup> June 1925, that the two men, Wickham and Murphy, who owned the depots, had since been debarred from working. The services of the carter whom the men engaged to bring the material to the road would be dispensed with when he had finished carting the material to a short section of road, as he (Mr Borthistle) was satisfied he was an unsuitable man.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That the report of Mr Borthistle be accepted as satisfactory."

## Applications from Subsidiary Bodies for Funds.

Applications were received for payment of instalments on foot of their demands from New Ross and Gorey Rural District Councils and Mental Hospital Committee.

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Cloney the following resolution was adopted:-

"That as large an instalment as possible of amounts due to subsidiary bodies be transferred to them as soon as the condition of the funds of the Council allow."

## Application Christian Brothers New Ross for Workhouse Buildings.

Under date 9<sup>th</sup> June 1925, the Secretary County Board of Health forwarded application from the Christian Brothers, New Ross with copy of report of a Committee of the Board of Health requesting the use of the disused Fever Hospital at New Ross as a school during the time that the Brothers Schools in New Ross would be under repairs and extension. The County Board of Health considered the County Council were the body primarily concerned, but believed it would be well if they made a recommendation to the Council.

The Committee saw so many objections to acceding



to the wishes of the Brothers in granting the use of the disused Fever Hospital that they could not recommend the Council to agree to its use.

They were of opinion that the administration block would be suitable if it were available. In it are situated the office of Mr Rochford who is Clerk to three Rural District Councils. The Brothers required the use of the place by 1st September next, and the Committee did not know if the R.D. Council offices would be available by that time. The two rooms beneath the offices were available and the Committee recommended that these should be given. In the main building there are two schools; the matron's room, the master's room and two store rooms which were also available and which the Committee recommend should be given. The objection which the Brothers have to the rooms in the main building is that they are too small for class rooms and they wished for rooms in the disused Fever Hospital or in the main offices.

Brother J. E. Curtin, New Ross came before the meeting and explained the necessity which existed for the application made by the Brothers.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr M O'Byrne seconded by Mr Lennon:-

"That the application of the Christian Brothers New Ross for permission to utilise portion of the old workhouse premises, New Ross, be agreed to and that the following portion of the premises be placed at their disposal: The two schools, the Board Room and the offices adjacent, That Mr Rochford be instructed to transfer his offices to the matron's or master's room in order to allow of the Brothers using these offices. That the Christian Brothers enter into a written agreement with the County Council, to be prepared by Mr Elgee solicitor, as to the occupation of these premises which they are to be allowed to occupy free of rent."



## Rates on Office of District Court Clerk, Enniscorthy

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of 14<sup>th</sup> May, 1925 was submitted:-

"In connection with resolution adopted by the Finance and Roads Committee on 21st April 1925, asking Mrs Moore, landlord of above premises to state for what period the £1-14-10, claimed by her for rates, was due, a letter was submitted from Mrs Moore giving in detail the amounts which she had paid in rates, and explaining that the office of the District Court Clerk had been separately rated."

Under date 11<sup>th</sup> May 1925, Mr P. J. Shaw, Clerk to the Enniscorthy Urban District Council, wrote that the District Court Clerk's office was first put on books for rating purposes in 1924, being rated for half rent at £13.

"It was decided that the claim of Mrs Moore for rates for 1924-25 amounting to £3-9-9 be paid. This covers first moiety mentioned in first letter of Mrs Moore and also second moiety for financial period."

The recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee of 14<sup>th</sup> May 1925 was ~~submitted~~, confirmed on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Cloney.

## Claim of Ex-Officers.

The following extract from minutes of Finance and Roads Committee of 14<sup>th</sup> May 1925 was submitted:-

"Under date 11<sup>th</sup> May 1925, Messrs Huffard & Brennan Solicitors, Wexford, made application for unpaid poundage which they claimed to be due to Messrs Patrick Rossiter, Gregory Rossiter and John A. Ryan, ex Rate Collectors.

The Secretary mentioned that this matter had been considered by the Council which had adopted a resolution that, in their opinion, the full claims of these officers had been disposed of in the award set out under the War Period (Compensation) Act.

"It was decided that Messrs Huffard & Brennan be informed accordingly."



The Secretary stated that on 10<sup>th</sup> June 1925, he had received Civil Bill from Messrs Huffard & Brennan on behalf of Patrick Rossiter, ex Rate Collector for £55-11-11.

On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee in this matter be confirmed, and that Mr Elgee be instructed to enter defence to the proceedings instituted by Mr Patrick Rossiter.

### Lectureship in Irish Music.

The following extract from Minutes of Meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of 14<sup>th</sup> May 1925 was submitted:-

"A resolution was received from the Co. Councils' General Council stating that it was desirable that the Lectureship in Irish Music in University College Dublin, now about to be discontinued through lack of funds, should be continued, and that for this purpose, the affiliated Councils be asked to contribute the necessary funds, about £130. per annum."

"It was recommended that the Council contribute a sum of £5 towards the maintenance of the Lectureship in Irish Music in University College, Dublin.

The recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne; the recommendation of Finance and Roads Committee to be effective only in the event of sanction for payment of same being received from the Department of Local Government.

### Claim of Mr J. J. Rochford.

The following extract from Minutes of Meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of 14<sup>th</sup> May 1925 was submitted:-

"Correspondence was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co. Solicitors asking the Council to agree to pension of £27-2-4 to Mr J. J. Rochford for loss of office as Superintendent Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages, this amount being two-thirds of the average fees he received in the three years 1921 to 1923 inclusive."



' Under date 30<sup>th</sup> April 1925, the Minister for Local Government wrote (P.18219/25 Wexford County), stating that in connection with this claim, he proposed to make a determination of the pension and was prepared to consider any representations the Council might wish to make in the matter.

' After discussion it was decided that the fixing of the amount in this case be left to the determination of the Minister for Local Government."

The recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Cloney.

### Wexford Courthouse.

Under date 29<sup>th</sup> May 1925, Mr J.J. Bolger, Solicitor Enniscorthy, wrote on behalf of the County Wexford Sessional Bar Association in reference to the reconstruction of Wexford Courthouse and asking that a room in the building be reserved exclusively for the use of Solicitors attending the Court.

Referred to the new Council.

Under date, 6<sup>th</sup> June 1925, Messrs P.J. O'Flaherty & Son Solicitors, Wexford wrote on behalf of Mrs McNally, Courtkeeper, Wexford courthouse stating that there was no legal ground for withholding payment of items claimed by her as they were included in the terms of her appointment which had never been varied. The items had been paid heretofore without question.

The Chairman mentioned it would appear the Council were undoubtedly liable to pay Mrs McNally according to the condition of her appointment.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Cloney the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the claim of Mrs McNally for fuel, light, and contingent expenses be paid and that the new Council be requested to consider Mrs McNally's appointment with a view to having her paid an inclusive salary.



## Enniscorthy and Gorey Courthouses.

Mr Elfee reported that he had not yet received any communication from the Minister of Finance in the matter.

## Nurse O'Brien.

Under date 2nd June 1925, a letter was read from Miss K. N. Price, Secretary Irish Nurses' Union asking the Council to grant Nurse O'Brien a pension of £6-5-0 per annum owing to loss of her employment caused by the closing of Gorey Workhouse. Nurse O'Brien was the only official in Wexford who had received no compensation whatever for loss of her position.

Under date 5<sup>th</sup> June 1925, a further letter was read from Miss K. N. Price, Secretary, Irish Nurses' Union stating that according to Section 2 of the Union Officers' (Ireland), Act 1885, the Council might grant Superannuation to any person retiring or removed from office by reason of abolition to whom superannuation could have been awarded under the Union Officers' Superannuation (Ireland) Act, 1865. Under these special circumstances superannuation could be granted for less than ten years service. The Ministry referred to this Act in the case of Peter Byrne, late Assistance Officer, Wexford, who also did not hold office on the passing of the Local Government Act of 1919.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Council are prepared to consider the claim of Nurse O'Brien provided an assurance can be given them that this claim will be sanctioned by the Dept of Local Government."

## Midwives Act.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of the 14<sup>th</sup> May 1925 was submitted:-

"Under date 22nd April 1925, the Secretary of the Irish Nurses' Union called attention to the fact that Miss Johanna Brown New Ross was persisting in practising as a midwife without the presence of a registered medical practitioner which was necessary



as she had failed to pass the Central Midwives' Board's examination.

A recommendation was adopted that Miss Browne be informed that if she attends midwifery cases in future without the presence of a medical doctor, she will be prosecuted and will be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £10.

Under date 21st April 1925, the Secretary of the Irish Nurses' Union wrote reporting that the following "handy" women were practising as midwives in the County Wexford against the provisions of the Midwives' Act:-

Miss Kate Mahon Oulart, Gorey.

Mrs Kate Dempsey Ballyvaldon, Blackwater.

Mrs Sinnott Monafeer.

She asked that those women should be warned that they are breaking the law.

"It was decided that the Secretary inform Kate Mahon Kate Dempsey and Mrs Sinnott that unless they pass the Central Midwives' Board's examination they cannot practise as midwives, and if they persist in contravening the provisions of the Midwives' Act 1918 in this respect, they will render themselves liable to prosecution and fine not exceeding £10 on summary conviction.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Cloney, the recommendations of the Finance and Roads Committee were confirmed.

Under date 4<sup>th</sup> June 1925, the Secretary Irish Nurses' Union wrote that Miss Walsh High Hill New Ross had advertised herself as a fully qualified and certified midwife and was infringing Section 1 (1) of the Midwives' (Ireland) Act 1918 by so using the title of certified midwife as she had failed to pass the last examination held by the Central Midwives' Board. She also infringed Section 1 (2) of the Act by practising as such without a doctor.

It was decided that the Secretary inform Miss E. Walsh High Hill New Ross that she cannot practise as certified midwife unless she passes the examination of the Central Midwives' Board and that she will render herself liable to prosecution and fine not exceeding £10 on summary conviction, if she persists in contravening the Act.



## Lease County Wexford Infirmary

Letter was read from Dr Furlong, Co. Wexford Infirmary, asking the County Council to accept a rent of £80 per annum in lease which it was proposed he should take for 31 years. When he took over the place, he did not realise it was in such a poor state of repair and he had been obliged to spend a considerable sum upon it to have it fitted up properly as a private Hospital.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Karanagh:-

"That in consideration of Dr. S. A. Furlong entering into a lease with the County Council for the old County Infirmary premises and residence, the amount of rent to be paid be £85 per annum. Dr Furlong is to be responsible for all rates and taxes."

## County Library Service.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Cloney the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the following be appointed as County Library Committee to carry on the work of the library until the new Committee has been appointed:- Messrs J. Linsley, D. Whelan, P. Hickey, R. Phillips, J. F. Heffernan, Rev R. Fitzhenry, Miss M. O'Ryan and Miss Verney."

Under date 29<sup>th</sup> May 1925, Col Mitchell, Secretary to the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, wrote that the Wexford County ~~Board~~ Council having resolved to undertake the responsibility for the Wexford Rural Library Service, and to provide adequate maintenance from public funds, the Carnegie United Kingdom Trustees had agreed to hand over the assets and to transfer the entire administration of the Library Service to the County Council as from April 1st 1925.

## Analyst's Report.

Miss O'Ryan, County Analyst wrote giving particulars of Analyses which she had carried out for quarter ended March 31st 1925. From this it appeared that 16 samples of Druifs, 50 Foods, 1 Buttermilk, 5 New Milk and 1 Whiskey had been analysed for the quarter.



### Poisons and Pharmacy Act Licences.

On the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:-

"That new Licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act be granted Mr John Doyle 12 and 13 Quay Street, New Ross and renewals to Laurence Harper North Main Street Wexford, Henry Hill, Ballycanew and N. Thackaberry Bunclody.

### Holidays.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cloney the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Secretary and the County Surveyor and their respective staffs be granted usual Summer Holidays which are to be taken as conditions of work in their respective departments allow."

### Old Age Pension Sub-Committee Vacancies.

In connection with recommendation from No 4 Sub-Committee Old Age Pensions as to filling vacancies on the Sub-Committee, it was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cloney, that the matter be referred to the new County Council.

### Tourist Development Rate.

A resolution from Wexford R. D. Council, and letter from Mr James J. Kelly, Secretary County Wexford Branch Tourist Development Association asking the County Council to recommend the striking of a rate in connection with the development of tourist resorts in Ireland were referred to the new County Council.

### Epizootic Abortion Order, 1925.

Under date 10<sup>th</sup> June 1925, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L1463/25) calling attention to the above Order and requesting the Council to take steps to have the terms of the Order advertised in the local papers circulating



within their district.

On the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the terms of the Epizootic Abortion Order 1925, be advertised in the three local newspapers."

### Approval of the Appointment of Lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors.

Under date, 4<sup>th</sup> June 1925, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L2154/25) approving of the appointment of Messrs James Murphy, Coolbawn Lems, Myles Roban, The Moyne, Enniscorthy, Morgan Flaherty Ballyellis, Carnew, Thomas Prenderfast Knockskemolin, Oulart, Mr. J. Hennessey, Monamolin, Rathmure, and James Hayden Corlican, Killurin, as lay sheep dipping inspectors with remuneration at the rate of £1 per week, covering the expenses of locomotion and allowance for incidental expenses, viz, postage.

### Local Election - Advance to Returning Officer.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That an advance of £150 be made to Mr W. J. Frizelle, Returning Officer, to meet urgent payments in connection with the forthcoming local elections."

### Road Inspection Committee.

On the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Department of Local Government be requested to allow the County Council to pay the members of Special Road Inspection Committee viz, Messrs E. P. Foley, James Hall, John Cummins, and Sean O'Byrne, the sum of 15/- per day to cover their out-of-pocket expenses during the eight days on which they were engaged on inspection work."



Vote of Thanks to Chairman

On the motion of Mr R. Corish, seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne, a vote of thanks was adopted to the Chairman on the termination of his office.

Mr M. Doyle supported the vote.

Thom Barry



The first meeting of the new County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 6<sup>th</sup> July 1925.

The following were in attendance:-

Messrs W. F. Thorne, James Hall, Timothy F. D'Arcy, Aidan Mervagh, John Connors, Richard Corish, John O'Byrne, James Gaul, Patrick O'Byrne, Thomas Cooney, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Mc Carthy, James Clinee, William Boffan, Patrick Hayes, Michael Doyle, Christopher Culleton, Michael Cloney, John White, J. Walsh, Nicholas J. Murphy, Michael Jordan, David Kavanagh, C. M. Gibbon, M. M. O'Donoghue, Col. Quin and James Shannon.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr Elgee, Solicitor, were also in attendance.

All members subscribed their declaration of office.

### Election of Chairman

Mr Shannon proposed that in the absence of Mr E. P. Foley, the late Chairman of the Council, Mr R. Corish be elected temporary Chairman.

Mr Culleton seconded.

Col Gibbon proposed:- "That Mr Cloney act as temporary Chairman"

Mr Boffan seconded.

After considerable discussion both motions were withdrawn and the following motion was proposed by Mr Mc Carthy seconded by Mr John O'Byrne and passed nem. con. "That Mr Frizelle Secretary, preside at this meeting during the election of Chairman".

Mr Frizelle then took the Chair.

Mr Cloney proposed:- "That Mr Michael Doyle be elected Chairman of Wexford County Council for year 1925 and that he hold office until his successor be appointed."

Mr Jordan seconded.

Mr Shannon proposed that Mr Thomas Mc Carthy be elected Chairman of the Wexford County Council for the year 1925 and until his successor has been appointed and has taken office.



Mr Culleton seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

"For Doyle - Messrs Kavanagh, Murphy, Quin, Thorpe, Walsh, Gibbon, White, Cloney, Boffan, D'Arcy, Hall and Jordan - 12.

For Mr Carthy - Messrs Shannon, Hayes, Culleton, Clince, Colfer, P. O'Byrne, Connors, Cooney, Gaul, John O'Byrne, Corish and Mernagh - 12.

Messrs Doyle and Mr Carthy did not vote and Mr O'Donoghue was not present when the poll was taken.

It was then agreed to decide by lot whether Mr Doyle or Mr Mr Carthy would be elected.

The names were drawn by a representative of the Press, Mr Mr Carthy being the winner.

Mr Mr Carthy then took the chair and returned thanks for his election.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then read and confirmed.

### Election of Vice-Chairman.

Mr Boffan proposed that Col Gibbon be elected Vice Chairman of the Wexford County Council for the year 1925 and that he continue to hold office until his successor has been appointed.

Mr Cloney seconded.

Mr Corish proposed that Mr John O'Byrne be elected vice-chairman of the Wexford County Council for the year 1925, and that he hold office until his successor has been appointed.

Mr P. O'Byrne seconded.

A poll was then taken with the following result:-

For Gibbon - Messrs Kavanagh, Murphy, Quin, Thorpe, Walsh, White, Cloney, Boffan, D'Arcy, Hall, Jordan, O'Donoghue, and Doyle - 13.

For O'Byrne - Messrs Shannon, Hayes, Culleton, Clince, Colfer, P. O'Byrne, Connors, Cooney, Gaul, Corish, Mernagh and the Chairman - 12.

Col Gibbon and Mr John O'Byrne did not vote.

The Chairman declared Col Gibbon elected Vice-Chairman. Col Gibbon returned thanks for his election.

It was agreed that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman should be ex-officio members of all Committees appointed



for the transaction of business directly administered by the County Council.

### Proposal Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That the Proposal Committee be a Committee of the whole house."

### Finance and Roads Committee

Col Gibbon moved Mr Corish seconded and it was adopted - "That a separate Committee be appointed for all matters in connection with finance and road business."

### Finance Committee.

Mr Corish proposed and Mr Shannon seconded that Mr Gaul be appointed as a member of the Finance Committee.

Col Gibbon proposed and Mr Hall seconded the appointment of Mr Walsh as a member of the Committee.

Mr Murphy proposed the election of Mr Thorpe.

Mr Walsh seconded.

Mr Shannon proposed the election of Mr Sean O'Byrne  
Mr Connors seconded.

Mr Hayes proposed and Mr Cooney seconded the election of Mr Corish.

Col Gibbon proposed and Mr Thorpe seconded the appointment of Mr Doyle.

Col Quin proposed and Mr Jordan seconded the appointment of Mr Cloney.

Mr Boffan proposed and Mr White seconded the election of Mr Jordan.

Mr Gaul proposed and Mr P. O'Byrne seconded the election of Mr Hayes.

After some further discussion, Messrs Corish, Doyle and Cloney withdrew and the following were then appointed the Finance Committee for the year 1925 and until their successors have been appointed:-



The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Messrs Gaul, Walsh, Hayes, Thorpe O'Byrne and Jordan - 8, to meet every alternate Thursday.

### Roads Committee.

Col Gibbon proposed the election of Mr Cloney as a member of the Committee.

Mr Murphy seconded.

Mr John O'Byrne proposed the election of Mr Corish.

Mr Cline seconded.

Mr Shannon proposed and Mr Gaul seconded the election of Mr Mernagh.

Mr Cooney proposed and Mr P. O'Byrne seconded the election of Mr Colfer.

Mr Kavanagh proposed and Mr Thorpe seconded the election of Mr Jordan.

Mr Connors proposed and Mr Patrick O'Byrne seconded the election of Mr Sean O'Byrne.

Mr O'Donoghue proposed and Col Quin seconded the election of Mr Hall.

Mr Hall proposed the election of Col Quin.

Mr Walsh seconded.

Mr Corish proposed and Mr Cline seconded the election of Mr Shannon.

Col Gibbon proposed and Mr Doyle seconded the election of Mr Boffan.

After some further discussion, it was proposed by Mr Cloney and seconded by Mr White:- "That the Roads Committee for the year 1925, and until their successors be appointed, consist of the following members:-

Messrs Shannon, Sean O'Byrne, Corish, Colfer, Cloney, Hall, Boffan, Quin, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman - 10 - to meet on Mondays once in each month."

Passed.

### County Board of Health.

Under date 1st July 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (F. 31727/1925,) explaining the procedure to be adopted in connection with the appointment of County Board of Health.

The following nominations were made for each County



Electoral area:-

Enniscorthy - The Chairman, proposed by Mr Jordan, seconded by Mr Kavanagh.

Mr Cline proposed and Mr O'Connor seconded Mr Shannon.

Gorey - Mr O'Donoghue proposed and Col Quin seconded Mr Hall.

Mr Connors proposed and Mr Cline seconded Mr John O'Byrne.

New Ross - Mr Cooney, proposed by Mr Gaul seconded by Mr Colfer.

Mr Thorpe proposed and Mr Murphy seconded Mr Cloney.

Wexford - Mr Shannon proposed and Mr Cline seconded Mr Gaul.

Col Gibbon proposed and Mr White seconded Mr Doyle.

After some discussion, Mr Shannon withdrew in Enniscorthy and Mr John O'Byrne in Gorey with the result that the Chairman was declared elected for Enniscorthy area and Mr Hall for Gorey area.

A vote was then taken as between Mr Cloney and Mr Cooney for New Ross area which resulted as follows:-

For Cloney - Messrs Thorpe, Hall, D'Arcy, Boffan, Mr Doyle, Cloney, White, Walsh, Murphy, Jordan, Quin, Kavanagh, Gibbon, O'Donoghue - 14.

For Cooney - Messrs Mernagh, Connors, Corish, John O'Byrne, Culleton, Gaul, P. O'Byrne, Cooney, Shannon, Colfer, Cline, Hayes, and the Chairman - 13.

The Chairman declared Mr Cloney elected member of ~~the~~ the Board of Health for New Ross area.

In connection with representation of Wexford area, a poll was taken as between Messrs Doyle and Gaul with the following result:-

For Doyle - Messrs Thorpe, Hall, D'Arcy, Boffan, Cloney, White, Walsh, Murphy, Jordan, Quin, Kavanagh, Gibbon, O'Donoghue - 13.

For Gaul - Messrs Mernagh, Connors, Corish, John O'Byrne, Cooney, Culleton, P. O'Byrne, Shannon, Colfer, Cline, Hayes and the Chairman - 12.

Messrs Doyle and Gaul did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr Doyle elected.



Four groups of five members each were then formed and each of which nominated a member as follows:-

Group No 1 consisting of Messrs Hall, Jordan, Kavanagh, O'Donoghue, and Quin, who nominated Mr Jordan.

Group No 2 consisting of Messrs Cloney, Doyle, Murphy, White and Gibbon who nominated Mr Thorpe.

Group No 3 consisting of Messrs Shannon, Culleton, Hayes, Gaul and Corish who nominated Mr Gaul.

Group No 4 consisting of Messrs John O'Byrne, P. O'Byrne, Connors, Mernagh and Clince who nominated Mr John O'Byrne.

This left two members to be elected by non-grouping Councillors viz:- Messrs Boffan, Thorpe, Walsh, D'Arcy, Colfer, Cooney and the Chairman - 7.

Mr Boffan proposed the election of Mr D'Arcy. This was seconded by Mr Thorpe.

Mr Colfer proposed Mr Cooney, this being seconded by the Chairman.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For D'Arcy - Messrs Walsh, Thorpe, Boffan - 3.

For Cooney - Mr Colfer and the Chairman - 2

Messrs D'Arcy and Cooney did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr D'Arcy elected.

Mr Thorpe proposed and Mr Walsh seconded the election of Col Quin who was elected. nem. con.

The following ten members of the Council therefore were declared to be elected as the Board of Health:-

Messrs, the Chairman, Hall, Cloney, Doyle, Jordan, Thorpe, Gaul, John O'Byrne, D'Arcy and Col Quin - 10.

### Mental Hospital Committee.

This Committee is composed of 15 County Councillors and five non-members of the Council.

The following nominations were made:-

Mr McCarthy (Chairman) proposed by Mr Cloney seconded by Col Gibbon.

Mr Shannon proposed by Mr Clince seconded by Mr John O'Byrne.

Mr Corish proposed by Mr Gaul seconded by Mr Hayes.

Mr Hall proposed by Mr Boffan seconded by Mr O'Donoghue.

Mr John O'Byrne proposed by Mr Connors seconded by Mr Clince.



Mr Cloney proposed by Mr Thorpe seconded by ~~Mr~~ Chairman.  
 Mr Doyle proposed by Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Donoghue.  
 Mr D'Arcy proposed by Mr Murphy seconded by Col Quin.  
 Mr Walsh proposed by Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Thorpe.  
 Mr O'Donoghue proposed by Mr Hall seconded by Mr Cloney.  
 Mr Jordan proposed by Col Gibbon seconded by Mr Boffan.  
 Mr Clinck proposed by Mr J. O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall.  
 Mr Kavanagh proposed by Mr O'Donoghue seconded by Mr White.  
 Mr Colfer proposed by Mr Cooney seconded by Mr Mernagh.  
 Mr P. Byrne proposed by Mr Connors seconded by Mr J. O'Byrne.  
 Mr Mernagh proposed by Mr Corish seconded by Mr Culleton.  
 Mr Thorpe proposed by Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Hall.  
 Mr Culleton proposed by Mr Hayes seconded by Mr Gaul.  
 Mr Gaul proposed by Mr Cooney seconded by Mr P. Byrne.

After some discussion, Messrs Corish, Cloney, P. Byrne, and Gaul withdrew their nominations and the following were declared elected as the County Council representatives on the Mental Hospital Committee:-

The Chairman, Messrs Shannon, Hall, J. O'Byrne, Doyle, D'Arcy, Walsh, O'Donoghue, Jordan, Clinck, Kavanagh, Colfer, Mernagh, Thorpe, Culleton - 15.

Mr Doyle proposed and Col Gibbon seconded the election of Rev P. Cummins, Adm. Enniscorthy and Rev W. F. Benson Rector, Templeshambo as members of the Mental Hospital Committee. This proposal was adopted.

The following nominations were also made:-

Mr John Nolan Bunclody proposed by Mr John O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall.

Mr John J. O'Byrne Cushinstown Ballinabola proposed by Mr Thorpe seconded by Mr Boffan.

Mr M. Mc Donald, The Bay Camolin proposed by Mr D'Arcy seconded by Mr O'Donoghue.

Rev J. Rossiter P.P. Ferns proposed by Mr Hall seconded by Col Quin.

Mr J. Pender Ferns proposed by Mr Shannon seconded by Mr D'Arcy.

Mr Austin Butler Urban Councillor New Ross proposed by Mr Cooney seconded by Mr Colfer.

The names of Messrs Mc Donald, Pender and Butler were subsequently withdrawn and the following were declared



elected i- Messrs John Nolan, John J. O'Byrne and Rev J. Rossiter.

The following are the five members of Committee who are not members of the County Council:-

Rev P. Cammins Adm Enniscorthy, Rev W. F. Benson Templeshambo Ferns, John Nolan Buncloody, John J. O'Byrne Cushinstown and Rev J. Rossiter P. P. Ferns.

### County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

Col Gibbon proposed and Mr Cloney seconded the following which was adopted:-

"That the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction be composed of 17 members."

Col Gibbon proposed and Mr Thorpe seconded the following resolution:- "That the following be appointed members of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:- Col Gibbon, Messrs Thorpe, Doyle, White, Quin, D'Arcy, and Cline, County Councillors.- 7.

Passed.

Mr Hayes was proposed by Mr Corish seconded by Mr Culleton.

Mr John O'Byrne was proposed by Mr Cline seconded by Mr Connors.

Mr George Culleton Fairy Hill Castlebridge was proposed by Mr Cloney seconded by Mr O'Donoghue.

Mr John Canfield Grange, Killane proposed by Mr Shannon seconded by Mr Cline.

Mr A Mc Cann Newbridge, Camolin proposed by Mr D'Arcy seconded by Mr Murphy.

Mr E. P. Foley Crossabeg proposed by Col Gibbon, seconded by Mr Hall.

Johnson Pasha Ballinapierce Enniscorthy proposed by Mr Boffan seconded by Mr Cloney.

Mr John J. O'Byrne proposed by Mr O'Donoghue seconded by Mr Cloney.

Mr James Ennis Roselare proposed by Mr Culleton seconded by Mr Cloney.

Mr Bryan O'Connor proposed by Mr Kavanagh and seconded by Mr Jordan.

As the full membership of the Committee only was nominated, all the above proposals were



- passed and the Committee will now consist of the following:- Col Gibbon, Messrs Thorpe, Doyle, White, Quin, D'Arcy, Clince, Hayes, John O'Byrne, G. Culleton, Mc Cann, Canfield, Bryan O'Connor, J. Ennis, E.P. Foley, Johnson Pasha and John J. O'Byrne.

### Old Age Pension Committee.

Mr Cloney proposed, Col Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the entire Council act as Old Age Pension Committee and that existing sub-committees be continued in office until their successors have been appointed. That the appointment of sub-committees be considered at next meeting of the Council and that in the meantime the Council endeavour to secure active members for these sub-committees with a view to submitting names to next County Council meeting for appointment."

### Diseases of Animals Acts Committee.

On the motion of Mr John O'Byrne seconded by Mr Corish, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the business under Contagious Diseases of Animals Acts be dealt with by the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction with the exception of Sheep Dipping, the latter being retained by the County Council in view of the proposals from the Department of Agriculture as to the adoption of a comprehensive scheme of public dipping of sheep."

### Tuberculosis Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Thorpe seconded by Mr D'Arcy:- "That the old Committee of Tuberculosis Prevention Act be continued in office until the first of October when their functions will be transferred to the County Board of Health; the old Committee being:- R. Corish M.C.C. Miss Kathleen A. Browne, E.P. Foley, P. Hayes, James Hall, Mrs Kelly, 65 South Main Street Wexford, Albert F. Smith, John O'Byrne Gorey, and Patrick O'Byrne Camolin."



### Representatives on County Insurance Committee.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr John O'Byrne, the following were appointed as the representatives of the Wexford County Council on the County Insurance Committee;—

Miss M. Browne Rathronan Bridgetown, Mrs Stafford, St Peter's College, Wexford, Messrs P. White Wexford, D. Kavanagh M.C.C. James Shannon M.C.C. Alderman James Larkin, C. Culleton and James Hall.

### County Library Committee.

The following were appointed County Library Committee on the motion of Mr D'Arcy seconded by Col Gibbon;—

Messrs J. Mc Carthy (Chairman County Council, E. P. Foley Crossabeg, Rev R. Fitzhenry P.P. Lady's Island, Canon Willis Gorey, D. Whelan, The Deeps Killurim, Seumas Doyle Ballycarney P. Hickey Technical Institute Enniscorthy, J. Dunfley Technical Institute New Ross, R. F. Phillips Duncormick National School, J. F. Heffernan Wexford, Miss O'Ryan Tomcool, Taffmon, Miss Merney Wexford, Col Gibbon and R. Corish.

### Representatives on Council of Agriculture.

Proposed by John O'Byrne seconded by Mr O'Donoghue;—  
"That in the event of the Council of Agriculture being revived representatives of the Wexford County Council be Messrs M. Doyle and Christopher Culleton.

### Representatives on General Council of County Councils.

On the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr Clince, Mr John O'Byrne was appointed one of the representatives of the Wexford County Council on the General Council of County Councils.

Proposed by Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Jordan;—  
"That Mr M. Doyle J.D. be appointed as a representative of the Wexford County Council on the General Council of County Councils." Passed.



### Enniscorthy Rural District School Attendance Committee.

The following were elected on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr John O'Byrne, as the representatives of the Wexford County Council on the Enniscorthy Rural District School Attendance Committee:- Messrs Hall M.C.C. James Clince M.C.C. James Shannon M.C.C. John Connors M.C.C. and Michael Nolan Ballycoursey.

### The Chairman of County Council Committees

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Gibbon seconded by Mr D'Arcy:-

"That this Council desires to express its opinion in favour of preference being given, so far as possible, to the appointment of an elected member of the County Council or a clergyman being appointed as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of all County Council Committees."

### Sheep Dipping Programme.

Mr W.W. Malone, Veterinary Inspector of the Department of Agriculture came before the meeting with reference to the adoption of a scheme of dipping sheep in public baths as recommended recently by the Finance and Roads Committee of the Council. Mr Malone pointed out that the cost of the scheme would be about £700. The cost of erection of 24 baths would be approximately £360. If the Council supplied the dip and charged 2d per head, they would have a return of £833 and as half the cost would be defrayed by the Department from the General Cattle Diseases Fund, it was manifest that the scheme would certainly not cost any loss to the rates. Up to the present, there were eight outbreaks of sheep scab in the County this year and there was a very large number in 1924.

Unless some such scheme as was outlined by the Finance and Roads Committee was adopted, by the Council, there was a danger of the County being scheduled and this would paralyse their sheep trade.

After some discussion, it was proposed by the Chairman,



seconded by Col Gibbon and adopted:- "That the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction be requested to consider the question of formulating a Scheme for the dipping of sheep at public baths and present a report in connection with same to the County Council. That arrangements be made to secure the attendance of Mr W. W. Malone of the Department of Agriculture at the meeting of the County Council at which this matter will be considered."

### University Scholarship Scheme.

Mr Corish moved the following of which he had given previous notice:- "That the new County Council be recommended to delete from the University Scholarship Scheme the clause debarring children of persons who were bearing arms in the service of the British Government unless they retired previous to 1919, as being ineligible to compete for Scholarships."

Mr Hall seconded the motion which was adopted.

It was then decided that the question of the eligibility of Mr Patrick J. White, Carcns House, Wexford, whose application for Scholarship was rejected owing to his father being a pensioner from the Royal Irish Constabulary and who did not retire previous to 1919, be considered at next meeting of the County Council.

### Refusal of Further Overdraft by National Bank.

Under date 27<sup>th</sup> June 1925, the following was read from the Manager, Wexford Branch National Bank:- "In reply to your application to extend the limit of accommodation on the subsidiary account to £64,000, I am directed to inform you that my Directors regret they cannot sanction such an excessive advance."

The Secretary submitted the following report:-

"In connection with the application of the County Council for a further extension of their overdraft, the Department of Local Government (in view of the refusal of the Directors of the National Bank to agree to the application) arranged an interview with me for Friday 3rd July 1925 with Mr O'Connell, General Manager of the



Bank at College Green, Dublin.

Mr O'Connell pointed out that the Directors considered the extension of overdraft applied for (£24,000) was entirely too large, and the period - to 30<sup>th</sup> September 1925 - too long.

If a fresh application was made through the manager at Wexford for a smaller sum and for a shorter period, it would be carefully considered by the Directors, but he could not say if it would be agreed to. The Directors had grown alarmed at the very large amount of money due them by public bodies, and although an improvement had been expected by this, the general position was worse.

He recommended that a fresh application on the lines suggested by him should be made though he would not undertake to say it would be acceptable.

It was found at the Department of Local Government that no grants could be made available at the moment.

After considerable discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr John O'Byrne: - "That our Secretary be instructed to arrange with the manager of the National Bank to provide the amount that will be necessary to meet the payments of the Council until next meeting by transferring said amount from Loans A/c, that in the meantime Messrs Doyle and Corish be requested to communicate with the Department of Local Government and ask them to transfer all possible grants to the Council in order to tide over their present financial position; the Council consider that it should be feasible for the Department to pay the grants that are due up to the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 1925; that the Rate Collectors be instructed to leave no stone unturned to speed up the Rate Collection".

In connection with this matter, the following letter (G.28323/1925) Wexford County, under date 20<sup>th</sup> June 1925, was read from the Department of Local Government: -

"With reference to your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions an increase to £64,000 in amount of overdraft authorised on the account of the Wexford County Council up to the 30<sup>th</sup> September next. Interest may be paid as already arranged."



"A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for the information of the Council's Treasurers."

### Assistant Surveyors' Application for Increase of Salary.

The application of Assistant Surveyors, Messrs Borthicte, Kehoe and Cullen, for an increase in their salaries, which was referred to the new Council from the last meeting of the old Council was put before the meeting.

On the motion of Mr Hall, seconded by Mr O'Donoghue the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the application of the Assistant Surveyors for an increase in their salaries be adjourned for three months."

Mr Jordan asked for a return of the amount of mileage paid to these officers for the past year.

### Accounts of County Council.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr D'Arcy:- "That a balance sheet showing the financial position of the Council for the two years ended June 30th 1925, be furnished each member of the County Council with agenda for next meeting."

### Rate Collection.

Under date 3rd July 1925, the following letter (G28421/1925) Wexford County, was read from the Local Government Department.

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the Department regrets being obliged at the outset of their period of office to draw the attention of the Council to their serious financial situation which is largely due to the dilatoriness of the Rate Collectors. The matter has now become of grave urgency owing to the refusal of the Bank to allow further temporary overdraft accommodation and calls for prompt and effective measures. It has been brought to the notice of the Minister that notwithstanding repeated warnings many Collectors have not yet closed their accounts and



that arrears for several years are outstanding. Protracted Correspondence has taken place showing the necessity of requiring Collectors to perfect personal Bonds in Form 55 of the Public Bodies' Order, the reason for which will, no doubt be appreciated.

The Minister is satisfied that the time has now definitely arrived when the Council should show no further leniency to any Collector who has not closed all his accounts or does not do so after final warning by the 31st July. The Minister suggests that a small Committee be appointed with plenary powers to dismiss on that date any Collector who has not closed all outstanding accounts by lodgment of all recoverable arrears, and by accounting for the balance on Form 58 of all items shown to be clearly irrecoverable or vouched in each case by decrees obtained by the Collector but not executed through no fault of his.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr John O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That a copy of letter of the Local Government Department under date 3rd July (G.28421/1925. Wexford County) be furnished to each Rate Collector. That all Rate Collectors be summoned to the first meeting of the Finance Committee to be held in August and that they be directed to have information for that meeting in connection with items of irrecoverable rates and a statement of all decrees which they have obtained with particulars showing those which have been issued and executed and those which have not been so issued.

### Road Grants.

Under date 19<sup>th</sup> June 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (L.G.A./179) stating that directions had been given for the transfer of £200. to Enniscorthy Urban District Council in respect of Trunk Road Grant of £1,100, the particulars being as follows:-

Road 7.7 £120 and Road 7.8. £80.



## Tuberculosis Grant.

Under date 17<sup>th</sup> June 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H.24265/25, Wexford County), stating that a Paying Order for £468 first instalment of recoupment from the national Tuberculosis Grant in respect of current financial year would be issued to the Council.

## Motor Car. Mr Jones, Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> June 1925, the following letter (R./Rd/32) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"With further reference to your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> inst, relative to the proposal of Wexford County Council in relation to the motor car purchased by Mr Jones, Assistant Surveyor, under a loan from the Council, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that any sum due by Mr Jones to the Council on foot of the loan must be paid in full."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr John O'Byrne:-

"That copy of letter of Local Government Department (R./Rd/32 June 24<sup>th</sup> 1925) relative to motor car be furnished Mr Jones, Assistant Surveyor, for his observations."

## Special Roads Committee - Out-of-Pocket Expenses.

Under date, 24<sup>th</sup> June 1925, (R./Rm/32), the Department of Local Government wrote that as regards the payment of out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Special Roads Inspection Committee, the Minister had no functions.

The Secretary stated that he had referred the matter to Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, who wrote under date 26<sup>th</sup> June 1925 as follows:-

"I am of opinion, having regard to the fact that the Committee spent a good deal of time, and gave great attention to this inspection, and the making out of their report thereon, which has had a very good effect on the work being done on the roads and in the quarries,



that it is only right that they should be paid their actual out-of-pocket expenses while they were making their inspection and I consider the amount which they charge, i.e. 15/- per day each, is a fair and reasonable charge to make for such outlay and same should be paid by the Council."

### Disinterment and Reburial of a Body.

Mr N. Browne, Home Assistance Officer, forwarded bills for £3 the cost of disinterment and reburial of the body of Maurice Quirke.

The Secretary stated that according to the Schedule in the Coroners (Ireland) Act 1846, the amount allowed was only 5/-. He had put the matter before the Department of Local Government and had received the following letter under date 15<sup>th</sup> June, 1925, (G26851/1925 Wexford County Board of Health):

"With reference to your letter of the 2nd inst, regarding claim of Home Assistance Officer for expenses in connection with the disinterment ~~of~~ and reburial of Maurice Quirke, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he appreciates that the sum mentioned in Schedule (C) to the Coroners (Ireland) Act 1846 is at present inadequate. The Minister would not be disposed to object so far as he is concerned to the payment of any reasonable sum which the County Council may arrange with Mr Browne. Vouchers etc. are returned herewith."

On the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr J. O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a sum of £2 be paid Mr Nicholas Browne, Home Assistance Officer in connection with expenses incurred in the disinterment and reburial of the body of Maurice Quirke, by directions of the Coroner for North Wexford."

### Sanction of Appointment of Mr P. O'Neill. Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 4<sup>th</sup> July 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (R/R.S/32):- With reference to correspondence on the above mentioned subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state



that he has sanctioned the appointment of Mr Patrick O'Neill B.E. as Assistant Surveyor by the Wexford County Council at a salary of £170 rising by annual increments of £5 to £200 per annum together with an allowance for vouched travelling expenses at the rate of 6d per mile. The allowance for travelling expenses is subject to revision upon such terms and conditions as the Minister may from time to time, authorise.

### Drainage Maintenance Act, 1924.

Under date 4<sup>th</sup> July 1925, the Secretary, Office of Public Works wrote (11639/25) relative to above Act as follows:-

1. "We beg to enclose for the information of your Council a copy of the Drainage Maintenance Act, 1924, and to call their attention to the provisions which affect County Councils.
2. With a view to amending the condition into which the Drainage District has fallen and also with the object of providing employment during the present exceptional conditions, the Minister for Finance has authorised us to carry out works under the Act in the Kilmannock District which is within your County.
3. You will observe (Section 3 of the Act) that when we have carried out works of restoration in any Drainage District, that District, if not already transferred to the County Council or County Councils concerned, is to be transferred to them by Order of the Minister for Local Government, and the obligation of maintaining the District thereafter rests with the County Council - the funds for the purpose being provided by rates raised from the occupiers of land benefitted in the Drainage District (Section 9 of the Act.).

~~It is further advised~~

4. The expense of the works of restoration carried out by us, is also to be raised by the County Council from the occupiers of benefitted lands in the same manner; (see Section 8 of the Act.), but there is a provision by which the Minister for Finance may make a free grant in aid of the cost of the work, and the Council of the County in which the Drainage District is situated may also make contributions. (Section 4 sub-secs 1(a) and (b).)



If the County Council in any case decide to make a contribution, under the provisions of the Act, they may borrow the amount from us and repay it by instalments as a county-at-large charge or a charge on a particular part of the county as they think best (Section 5); such a grant, therefore, operates to relieve the rate payers of the Drainage District itself at the expense of the other ratepayers in the County.

5. We are advised that the Kilmannock District is now in a very neglected condition and we propose to carry out a general restoration of the District at an estimated cost of £1100. of which the Minister for Finance will make a free grant of 25 per cent of the actual cost of the proposed works, independent of any contribution which your Council may make.

Apart from such contribution, repayment of the cost of the works, less the Government grant, in ten years will involve an annual charge of about  $4/3$  per acre of the Drainage District. We shall be glad to know whether your Council will make any contribution towards the cost in addition to the free grant sanctioned by the Minister for Finance.

6. The labourers to be employed on the works will be paid wages slightly higher than those paid to Agricultural labourers in the district.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Col Gibbon:— That a Sub-Committee be appointed for the purpose of considering the Drainage Maintenance Act as regards the entire County.

The following Committee were appointed on the motion of Mr John O'Byrne seconded by Mr Cloney.— Messrs Corish, Doyle, O'Donoghue, Murphy, Culleton, John O'Byrne and Col Quin.

### Poor Law Commission.

On the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Hall, the following resolution was adopted:—

That Circular letter from the Department of Local Government under date 25<sup>th</sup> May 1925, relative to offering evidence to the Poor Law Commission and appointing representatives to submit same be referred to the County Board of Health.



## Transfer of Officers of R.D. Council to County Council.

In connection with Circular letter from the Department of Local Government under date 21st April, 1925 (G.15477/25) as to transfer of officers from the R.D. Councils to County Council, the Secretary stated that he had now a full return of officers which was supplied by the Clerks of R.D. Councils concerned.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hall the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Circular letter from the Department of Local Government under date 21st April 1925 (G.15477/25) relative to the transfer of officers of R.D. Councils be referred to next meeting of Finance Committee; that Mr Sinnott, Secretary County Board of Health, be asked to attend.

In connection with Rural District Accounts Order 1925 forwarded by the Department of Local Government with Circular letter (G.28705/1925. Miscellaneous) under date 20th June 1925, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That the Circular letter from the Department of Local Government relative to Rural District Accounts Order 1925, with said Order be referred to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

## Housing Act, 1925.

The Housing Act 1925 and the Housing (Local Assistance) Order, 1925, with circular letters from the Department of Local Government in connection therewith were referred to the Roads Committee.

## Wexford-Rosslare New Road - Grant £2000.

Under date 2nd July 1925, the following letter (L/RU/32) re above was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"With reference to your letter of the 2nd ult, and previous correspondence on the above subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that it is noted that a Scheme in connection with the proposed work has not yet been submitted.



It is understood that the work has been commenced and a complaint has been received that seven civilians are being employed to the exclusion of ex-national Army men.

As one of the conditions attaching to the Grant was that demobilized men of the National Army should get preference for work, the Minister would be glad to have your observations as to why the conditions of the Grant are not being adhered to.

The County Surveyor stated that he had arranged to start nine ex-service men that day on the work. He had also supplied to the Department on the 2nd inst, the particulars which the Department required and had an acknowledgment of same.

Mr Corish and Mr Doyle pointed out that the grant in this case was primarily agreed to in order to relieve distress which prevailed in the Drinagh district owing to the closing down of the Cement Works. There was no condition attaching to the Grant relative to the employment of ex-service men.

On the motion of the Chairman, a resolution was adopted directing the County Surveyor to furnish report to the Department of Local Government in this matter.

### Slaney Navigation.

Under date, 4th July, 1925, the following letter was read from Mr P. J. Gordon, Secretary Wexford Harbour Commissioners:-

"The report of the Canal Commission re above was read at a meeting of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners on Tuesday last, and it was decided to ask the County Council to call a meeting of the various bodies interested in the scheme and have their views on the subject with a view to waiting on the Government.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That the County Council arrange for a joint meeting of the representatives of County Council, Enniscorthy Urban Council, Wexford Corporation, Wexford Harbour Commissioners, to consider the portion of the report dealing with the navigation of the river Slaney."

That the following representatives be appointed on behalf of the County Council:- Col Gibbon, Messrs Corish, Gaul and Jordan."



### Loan £10,000 County Hospital.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr P. Byrne:-

"That in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Department, by letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> June 1925, the Council do borrow from the National Bank Limited Wexford, the sum of £10,000 for the purpose of County Hospital improvements to be repaid to the Bank by half-yearly instalments spread over a period of ten years with interest thereon at one half per cent per annum under the Irish Banks' rate rising and falling therewith from time to time but at no time to be less than four per cent per annum. Said loan to be secured by mortgage over the rates available for that purpose and that the Seal of the Council be attached to said mortgage."

### District Court Office, Gorey

Under date 18<sup>th</sup> June 1925, Mrs P. Byrne wrote asking for a rent of 10/- weekly for the above. She was at present being paid 7/6 per week.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hall the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the application of Mrs Byrne for 10/- rent for Gorey District Court office be adjourned as the office of District Court Clerk is vacant."

### Poisons and Pharmacy Act Licences.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr P. Byrne:-

"That renewal of licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act be granted to Mr John Roche, Merchant, Camolin."

### Telegraph New Lines.

Under date 30<sup>th</sup> June 1925, (C20), the Engineer in Chief Department of Posts and Telegraphs, applied for permission for erection of telegraphic line along the street in Courtown Harbour consequent on the removal of the



Post there to other premises.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That the Department of Posts and Telegraphs, (Engineering Section) be allowed to erect the necessary telegraphic poles along the highway in consequence of the removal of Courtown Post Office to other premises in the district; work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

Under date, 2nd July 1925 an application was received from the Engineering Section of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs for permission to erect an overland telegraphic line from the existing pole route to the Civic Guard Barracks at Killurin.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hall, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the application of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs relative to erection of telegraphic line from existing pole route to the Civic Guard Barracks at Killurin be acceded to; work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

### Application for Leave of Absence.

Mr J. Moore, Clerk in County Surveyor's Office wrote asking for a month's leave so that he could attend, during August, King College Duncarvan, as he had obtained a Scholarship at the recent Wexford Feis.

Referred to Finance Committee.

### Primary Scholarship Scheme.

The Secretary reported:- Examinations in connection with award of seven Scholarships to the pupils of Primary Schools were held in the Christian Brothers Schools, Joseph Street Wexford on July 1st, 2nd and 3rd. It was carried out by the Ministry of Education, Mr Toppin, Inspector of Schools acting as Superintendent.

Papers were set by the Ministry. The result will be communicated to the Council in due course.



Application for continuing Scholarships under this scheme were received from the following:- Bernadette Berney, Margaret Berney, Edward Breen, Margaret Cullen, John G. Dillon, Bridget Doyle, Stasia Dunne, Margaret Frayne, Bridget Funke, Laurence Harte, John J. Hunt, John J. Kenny, Thomas B. Larrisey, Kathleen C. O'Keeffe, and John Stafford. (15).

On the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr P. O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in view of the satisfactory reports which have been received in each instance from Heads of Schools as regards the holders of Primary Scholarships, we hereby renew same, subject to the sanction of the Department of Education."

Stasia Dunne applied for transfer of her Scholarship from Loreto Convent Wexford to Mercy Convent, Cahir, Co. Tipperary.

Mr Clince moved and Mr Shannon seconded that the necessary permission to enable Miss Dunne to transfer Scholarship from Loreto Convent Wexford to Mercy Convent Cahir, Co. Tipperary be given.

Mr Boffan moved and Mr Doyle seconded as an amendment:- "That Miss Dunne be informed she must hold her Scholarship in a County Wexford School."

On a show of hands, 14 voted for the amendment and 8 against.

The Chairman declared the Amendment carried.

### Erection of Petrol Pump.

Under date, 7<sup>th</sup> July 1925, an application was received from Mr J. Carroll, Tashmon asking for permission to erect a petrol pump outside his residence in Tashmon. He would agree to pay the necessary rent.

On the motion of Mr Thorpe seconded by Mr Boffan the following resolution was adopted:- "That the application of Mr J. Carroll Tashmon relative to the erection of a petrol pump adjoining his residence in Tashmon be agreed to provided he enters into the usual agreement prepared by the Solicitor to the County Council and is satisfied to pay the fee which will be fixed under the Local Government Act 1925 by the Minister for Local Government."



### Claim on Foot of Road Contract.

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> May 1925, Messrs Huffard & Brennan Solicitors Wexford, wrote claiming on behalf of Edward Mc Donald, Kilbora, Terns, Road Contractor £27-19-0 which was alleged to be due on foot of Nos 13 G and 14 G.

The County Surveyor stated that £7-10-0 was due to Mc Donald.

Proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr Clince and adopted: - "That the County Surveyor be instructed to offer Messrs Huffard & Brennan Solicitors Wexford £7-10-0 in full settlement of the claim of Mr Edward Mc Donald in respect of Roads 13 G and 14 G."

### Courtown Life Boat House.

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> June 1925, the Secretary, Royal National Life Boat Institution wrote that the Life Boat Station at Courtown Harbour was being closed. It was held on lease until 1940 from the County Council and the Institution wished to know if the Council were prepared to ~~surrender~~ make an offer for the surrender of the lease, or whether they would prefer to leave the Institution to deal with the property to the best advantage during the term which the lease had to run.

It was decided to adjourn the matter to next meeting of the Council.

### County Hall.

The Secretary reported that on the 18<sup>th</sup> June a military officer had called on him and stated that the military wished to have the use of Central Hall in the County Buildings for two days each week for some time.

After some discussion, it was decided that the military authorities be informed that the Council will be prepared to consider their application for the use of the County Hall when the amount due to the Council by the military has been paid.

Mr Doyle raised the question of some attempt



being made to take steps in regard to the utilization of the County Buildings. It was decided that the matter should be mentioned on the Agenda paper for next meeting of the Council.

### Ferns Weighbridge.

Under date 22nd June 1925, Messrs John A. Sinnott & Co Solicitors, Enniscorthy wrote that Messrs Bolger & Co. Ferns did not intend to proceed further in connection with the project of erecting a weighbridge at Ferns owing to the objection taken by Dean Gibson and his parishioners.

### Wexford Courthouse.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council wrote forwarding copy of letter from the Minister of Finance relative to the above and explaining that a sum of £5000 had been awarded by the Compensation Commission for the re-erection of the structure.

Under date 22nd June 1925, a letter was read from Mr J. J. Bolger Solicitor Enniscorthy relative to providing a room in the reconstructed Wexford Courthouse for the use of solicitors attending the Court.

It was decided to adjourn the consideration of the letter from the Minister of Finance and from Mr Bolger to next meeting of the County Council.

### Brownswood Quarry.

Mr Hall said that on the 4<sup>th</sup> May last when the Roads Inspection Committee was passing Brownswood Quarry in which about 20 men were supposed to be working, only 17 or 18 men were at work. Neither the ganger nor the Assistant Surveyor were in attendance. On roads 25 E and 26 E, 20 men were supposed to be working, but when the Committee passed there at about 2 o'clock the ganger and the Assistant Surveyor had not turned up. They found the Assistant Surveyor locked up in the Machinery Yard in Enniscorthy. He could not get out and the Committee could not get in.



They did not find the ganger at any time.

The County Surveyor stated that the Assistant Surveyor, Mr Cullen, had explained to the Committee that he was making up the pay sheets and had had the Ganger in with him in the machinery yard for the purpose. The ganger had gone to see a broken bridge at Ballymurn.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hall a resolution was adopted asking the Assistant Surveyor and the ganger to submit a written explanation to the Council in connection with the matter.

### Road Maintenance.

Mr Cloney complained that material was not put into depots but allowed to remain on the roads. The result was that if there were heavy floods, following a long spell of dry weather, the material would be all washed away and wasted.

Col Quin stated that if the ditches at the sides of the roads were properly kept, roads would not be torn away. At Inch, any amount of repairs had been done, but at one side the ditch had been covered with stones with the result that when a storm came, the material was all washed away.

### Dehydrated Tar.

Mr Corish called attention to the correspondence in the local papers from which it appeared that the County Surveyor had declined to purchase dehydrated tar from the Wexford Gas Company.

The County Surveyor stated that the Gas Company had not bitumen which was the binding material provided in the Specifications of the Local Government Department.

Mr Corish stated he understood that dehydrated tar had been approved by Department of Local Government.

No action was taken in the matter.

Revision of Valuation. - Applications for Revision of Valuation will be considered by Finance Committee at first available meeting.

Thomas Barry



A. Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview Wexford on 10<sup>th</sup> August, 1925.

Present, Mr J. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also present:- Col. C. M. Gibbon, Colonel R. P. Wemyss Quin, Messrs William Boffan, Patrick Byrne, James Cline, Michael Cloney, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, Christopher Culleton, J. F. D'Arcy, Michael Doyle, James Gaul, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, David Kavanagh, Aidan Mernagh, Nicholas J. Murphy, John O'Byrne, M. M. O'Donoghue, James Shannon, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh and John Whyte.

Mr Hall-wired that he was unavoidably absent from the meeting.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr Elgee, Solicitor were also in attendance.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

### Death of Mr Nicholas Corish.

On the motion of Mr John O'Byrne seconded by Mr Cline, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we offer our colleague, Mr R. Corish, our sincere condolence in the death of his uncle, Mr Nicholas Corish, Wexford. We deeply regret that the occasion should arise when this County Council has to extend its sympathy to Mr R. Corish who has been for several years such an active and progressive County Councillor.

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr Corish."

### Appointment of Committees - Local Government Act. 1925.

Circular letter, No G.35156-1925, Miscellaneous, under date 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 1925, was read from the Department of Local Government. The circular pointed out that as regards appointment of Committees, the parent body should formulate regulations for the quorum, procedure and place of meeting of any Committee appointed and that such regulations required the approval of the Minister for Local Government. The Minister considered full financial control should be retained by the parent body, which should,



moreover, aim at avoiding unprofitable expenditure of time by either themselves or any Committees on minor matters of administration. Committees should be appointed for definite purposes, suited to the practical requirements of the County. Perpetuation through numerous local Committees of the old system of Rural administration, should be avoided. Local Committees should be purely advisory.

County Authorities should for the present adopt their own lines of procedure, so that as the result of practical experience, the most suitable uniform method of administration would emerge.

With reference to Rural District Council matters, the business necessary between now and the appointed day could be carried out by requiring local officials to attend at the office of the Board of Health with their books. It might be preferred to appoint local committees during the transition period and the Minister would not object to this course provided the Boards of Health retained full financial control.

Between now and the 1st of October, County Councils in co-operation with Boards of Health would secure sufficient experience to decide what officers would be retained.

In connection with the payment of travelling expenses of members of the parent body and authorized Committees, as a general rule, the Minister did not propose to authorize payments to local Committees, but only to general Committees established for purposes which were clearly necessary for the effective discharge of administration, for example, the Finance Committee would be so regarded.

In the new Public Bodies Order, forms would be provided for record of attendances of members etc. In the case of dual attendances for Committees or parent body on the same day only one contribution would be reckoned towards the quota of attendances necessary under Section 63.(2).

It appeared clear that the services of a solicitor for each old Rural District Council would no longer be required and it was suggested they should now be formally notified that their services would terminate on 30<sup>th</sup> September next.

The Secretary mentioned that the Secretary of the Board of Health had informed the solicitors to the



four Rural District Councils of the County that their services would not be required after 30<sup>th</sup> September.

In connection with the appointment of Committees, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr Cline:-

"That we request the Minister for Local Government to recognise as "authorised" Committees for this County, the following:- Finance Committee, Roads Committee, County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, Tuberculosis Committee.

That the quorum of these Committees be as follows:- Finance Committee, 3; Roads Committee, 5; County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, 5; Tuberculosis Committee, 3.

That the procedure of these Committees be conducted in the same manner as obtains at County Council meetings, and that they meet at such times as may be arranged in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford.

That we request the Minister to sanction these proposals.

That the suggestions of the Department set out in their letter, no G.35156/1925, Miscellaneous, under date 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1925, as to transaction of Rural District Council business between now and the appointed day - 1st October - be approved, viz:- that any local official whose attendance is necessary, present his books at the headquarters of the County Board of Health at such times as may be arranged by the Secretary of that body.

That as we understand the Secretary to the County Board of Health requires clerical assistance at present, we request this Board to inform the County Council of the nature and extent of this assistance so that the Council can consider what officials might be transferred immediately with a view to dealing with the extra work imposed on the staff of the County Board of Health.

"That as this Council finds it will be necessary to have several meetings of Drainage Committee in consequence of the number of Drainage Schemes in the county, we ask the Minister for Local Government to accept Drainage Committee as an "authorised" Committee under Local Government Act 1925.



## Disqualifications for Non-Attendance.

Colonel Gibbon proposed and Mr D'Arcy seconded:-

"That a member of a County Council Committee, who is absent, without reasonable excuse, for three months consecutively, from meetings of said Committee be deemed to be disqualified."

As an amendment, Mr Shannon proposed and Mr P. Byrne seconded:- "That members of Committees who are absent for six months from meetings be disqualified."

On a show of hands, the amendment was lost by 19 to 5 and the proposal to have a disqualification bar for three months' absence was put and declared carried.

## Auditor's Reports.

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> July, 1925, letter no 33809-25, the Department of Local Government wrote forwarding the following copy of report of their Auditor, Mr Sean Healy:-

"I beg to report that I have audited the accounts of the Wexford County Council for the half-year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1924 and 30<sup>th</sup> September 1924. Certified copies of the Abstracts are forwarded herewith."

The accounts were well kept and presented for audit in a satisfactory manner."

Reports of Mr Healy, Auditor, on his Audit of the Accounts of the County Board of Health for the half-year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 1923 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 1924, and of the Enniscorthy Union for the periods from 30<sup>th</sup> September 1920 to the abolition of the Guardians were also submitted to the meeting.

## Audit Fee.

Under date, 25<sup>th</sup> July 1925, letter no 33809/25 Wexford County, was read from the Department of Local Government asking for payment of £85 audit fee, in respect of the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1924.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr John O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Audit fee fixed by the Department of Local Government, viz: £85 for year ended March 31<sup>st</sup> 1924 be paid."



Superannuation of Mr John Sinnott,  
Ex - Rate Collector.

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> July 1925, letter no G.33331/1925 Wexford County, the Minister for Local Government wrote that, apart from the reduced poundage earned in the year 1924/25 due to the relief of rates on agricultural land that year, he saw no reason why more than the rate of pension assessable as the result of 21 years completed service should be allowed to Mr J. Sinnott, Poor Rate Collector. To compensate for reduced poundage, the Minister would be prepared to assent to the addition of such period to Mr Sinnott's completed service as would admit of a pension of £52, on receipt of a formal resolution awarding that sum together with a certificate that Mr Sinnott had duly accounted for all warrants entrusted to him.

The Secretary mentioned that the principal amount outstanding in rate in Mr Sinnott's district was caused by non-payment in one case in which the buildings had been destroyed during the recent troubles; the other items were for very small sums. He would endeavour to clear the matter up with Mr Sinnott immediately.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Culleton, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr John Sinnott, Rate Collector for No 10 Collection District, who has devoted his whole time to the service of the Wexford County Council and who was at the date of his resignation incapable of discharging the duties of his office with efficiency, by reason of old age, be granted an allowance of £52 per annum, said allowance to be subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to the production of a certificate signed by our Secretary that Mr Sinnott has fulfilled the conditions of his warrant as Rate Collector."

Superannuation - Mrs E. Hayes - Female Searcher  
County Infirmary.

Under date 27<sup>th</sup> July 1925, letter (no P. 33339/1925 (Wexford County B.H.), the Minister for Local Government wrote that he had had before him replies to queries regarding superannuation



of Mrs Elizabeth Hayes, as Female Searcher in the County Infirmary. His functions under Section 55 of the Act of 1925 were confined to giving or withholding his consent to the grant of a superannuation allowance thereunder, and as the County Council had decided that Mrs Hayes did not devote her whole time to the services of the County Infirmary Committee, the Council's refusal to grant her a superannuation allowance could not be questioned.

### Superannuation of Mr W. H. Jones - Assistant Surveyor.

Under date, 25<sup>th</sup> July 1925, letter No R/R.S./32, the Minister for Local Government wrote regarding the superannuation of Mr W. H. Jones, Assistant Co. Surveyor and inquiring why the County Council proposed to add 10 years to the actual number served by Mr Jones.

Mr Cloney mentioned that the reason why the old Council had agreed to allow Mr Jones two-thirds of his salary as superannuation was because he was an old and faithful servant of the Council; that his salary of £200 per annum was extremely small, and that owing to the introduction of the Direct Labour Scheme he had been obliged to resign his appointment as Engineer to the new Ross Rural District Council.

After considerable discussion, Colonel Gibbon moved and Mr Shannon seconded:-

"That the Secretary be instructed to furnish the Department of Local Government with the information required in their letter No R/R.S./32 under date 25<sup>th</sup> July 1925, as regards proposed superannuation to Mr Jones.  
Passed.

### Salary of Miss E. O'Connor. Chief Tuberculosis Nurse.

Under date 3rd July 1925, letter No P.H. 30533/1925 Wexford County, was read from the Department of Local Government inquiring if the proposal of the County Wexford Tuberculosis Committee to increase the salary of Miss O'Connor, Chief



Tuberculosis nurse had been ratified by the County Council.

The Secretary stated that Miss O'Connor set out in her application that she had nine years' service, had a salary of £100 per annum and that her work had considerably increased. She also pointed out that she had no travelling allowance. The County Tuberculosis Committee, at their meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> June 1925, had adopted a resolution that, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, the salary of Miss O'Connor be increased as from that date from £100 to £125 per annum.

Mr John O'Byrne proposed the confirmation of the resolution of the Tuberculosis Committee of 20<sup>th</sup> June 1925, fixing the salary of Miss E. O'Connor, Chief Tuberculosis Nurse, at £125 per annum.

Mr Culleton seconded. Passed.

### Christian Brothers and Temporary School at New Ross Workhouse.

With reference to the resolution of the Council on 16<sup>th</sup> June last agreeing to allow the Christian Brothers, New Ross, to occupy portion of the premises at New Ross Workhouse as a temporary school during the rebuilding of their existing schools, the Minister for Local Government wrote under date 31<sup>st</sup> July 1925 (No A 32884/1925 Wexford County Board of Health), that neither the Fever Hospital nor the Boardroom nor the office of the Clerk of the District Council should be let to the Christian Brothers.

Under date 6<sup>th</sup> August, 1925, Mr J. J. Rochford, Clerk New Ross Rural District Council wrote that if his work was interfered with, as carried out in the Boardroom, it would be impossible for him to have all books, documents, etc. ready to hand over on the appointed day. Neither the matron's nor the master's rooms to which he was asked to transfer his office would be large enough for the purpose, and as they were situate in the passage between the two schools, no office work could be done until after school hours. In order to allow the Brothers to utilize the Boardroom, a considerable amount would have to be expended in the removal of furniture, safes, etc. He asked the Council to reconsider



the matter so as to postpone putting the order into effect until after the appointed day.

On the motion of Mr Cooney seconded by Mr Walsh, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in view of the letter from the Minister for Local Government and the circumstances stated in the letter from Mr Rochford, Clerk New Ross Rural District Council, we consider it would be impossible to allow the Christian Brothers to have the use of the Boardroom at New Ross Workhouse as a school until after the appointed day but as already agreed to by the County Council, there is no objection to the use of the existing Workhouse schools.

### Sanction to Appointment of Mr Sean Gannon as Poor Rate Collector.

Under date 6<sup>th</sup> July 1925, letter No G.31304/1925 Wexford County Council, the Minister for Local Government wrote sanctioning the appointment of Mr Sean Gannon as in a temporary capacity as Poor Rate Collector for No 10 Collection District.

### New Ross Urban - Allocation of Trunk Road Grant.

Under date 5<sup>th</sup> August 1925, (letter No S.G.32), the Minister for Local Government wrote approving of the proposal of the Commissioner of New Ross Urban District Council to expend the sum of £100 of Trunk Road Grant of £1400 for the purpose of purchasing Spramex etc. for application to the section of Trunk Road 7.7 already improved under the £1,000,000 Grant.

### Lecturership in Irish Music.

Under date 11<sup>th</sup> July 1925, (letter No G.32426/1925 Wexford County Council), the Minister for Local Government wrote that the County Council must act on their own responsibility in the matter of contributing towards the continuance of the Lecturership in Irish Music in University College Dublin. His functions under Section 10(2) of the Irish Universities Act,



1909 related only to any rate to be levied in excess of one penny in the Pound.

On the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr John O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we confirm the proposal of our predecessors in office to allocate a sum of £5 per annum in aid of the Lectureship in Irish Music at University College, Dublin".

### Representatives on Deputations from County Council.

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr Cloney, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in the event of any member of the Council appointed on any deputation from this Council finding himself unable to act on same, he be empowered to nominate a substitute to be selected from the members of the Council."

### Food and Drugs Acts.

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> July 1925, letter No L 2702/25, the Department of Agriculture wrote that one of their officers obtained on 13<sup>th</sup> June 1925 at Inch, Co. Wexford, a sample of butter which on analysis proved to be genuine.

### Drainage Maintenance Act, 1924.

Under date 31<sup>st</sup> July 1925, (letter No 14328/25), Communication was read from the Commissioners of Public Works relative to the Drainage improvement works in the Low District, Co. Wexford. This district was in a neglected state and the Commissioners proposed to carry out a general restoration scheme at an estimated cost of £3200 of which the Minister for Finance would make a free grant of 25 per cent (£800) independent of any contribution which the County Council would make. Apart from such contribution, repayment of the cost of the works less the Government grant would in 15 years involve an annual charge of 2/5 per acre on the Drainage District. The Commissioners asked if the Council would make any contribution in addition



to the free grant sanctioned by the Minister of Finance. Labourers employed on the works would be paid wages slightly higher than those paid to agricultural labourers in the district.

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr Doyle, it was decided that the communication from the Commissioners of Public Works relative to proposed restoration scheme in the Sow Drainage District be referred to the Drainage Committee.

On the motion of Mr Culleton seconded by Mr John O'Byrne, the names of Messrs D. Kavanagh and Aidan Mernagh, County Councillors were added to the Drainage Committee.

~~On the~~ Mr Murphy stated that as regards the proposed restoration works in Kilmannock Drainage District, a meeting of farmers had sent an application to the Commissioners of Public Works for particulars of the proposed scheme but no information had been given them. An engineer had been sent down by the Commissioners to carry out improvements at an estimated cost of £1100 but the people of the district had no idea whatever as to what was to be done. Yet the work had been begun. He also found that a labourer had left his employment with a farmer to work on the Drainage Scheme. He (Mr Murphy) had protested against this to Mr Creighton, foreman to the Board of Works, but without effect.

Several labour members stated they had always condemned the action of labourers who left agricultural work for employment on the roads, and they protested against men leaving farmers to work on drainage schemes.

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Colonel Quin the following resolution was adopted:—

"That our Secretary be instructed to communicate with the Commissioners of Public Works and ask for a loan of the reports of their engineers on the different drainage schemes in the county. Unless these documents are placed at the disposal of the Drainage Committee the latter would be very much handicapped and we consider it most unbusinesslike to ask the County Council to contribute to schemes of drainage improvement in respect of which they have no definite information".

On the motion of Mr Doyle seconded by Mr John O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:—



"That our Secretary be requested to obtain from the Commissioners of Public Works a supply of their explanatory memo as regards the working of the Drainage Maintenance Act, 1924 for distribution to members of the County Council who are not members of the Drainage Committee as the explanatory memo has been supplied to members of this Committee."

Under date 27<sup>th</sup> July 1925, the Commissioners of Public Works wrote to Mr R. Corish, M.C.C. (letter No 12728/25) as to Cahore Drainage District. Mr Campbell of the Office of Public Works had put down the improved annual value of the lands if the drainage districts were restored at 3/6 per acre. Mr Olley of the Office of Public Works estimated the cost of restoration at from £4000 to £5000 with £5000 or £6000 more to effect a substantial improvement in the outfall. Taking the lower figure, the total cost would be £9000 and assuming that the Minister for Finance sanctioned the maximum free grant (£4500), repayment of the balance in 15 years would mean an annuity of nearly 10 per cent or £450. 617 acres would be benefited so that the annual charge per acre would be nearly 15/- for an improvement of perhaps something like 3/6 per acre.

Assuming restoration without improvement of outfall at an expenditure of £4000 with a free grant of £2000, repayment of the balance of £2000 in 15 years would require an annual charge of 6/6 per acre; the estimated benefit being not more than 3/6d. In face of these figures, the district was not one which the Board of Works would be justified in recommending for improvement or even for restoration.

Mr O'Donoghue challenged the figures in the estimate from the Board of Works and said that the benefit would be almost £3 per acre. The estimate of the cost was excessive. The landlords had been paid a rent of 36/- to 38/- per acre for this very land.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Drainage Committee. On the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr Corish it was decided that the first meeting of the Drainage Committee be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> of August at 10-30 am in the County Council Chamber, Fortview Wexford and that this Committee be requested to arrange for the attendance of a Board of Works Inspector for a future meeting.



Appointment of members - Old Age Pension  
Sub-Committees.

Lists of attendances of members of eight old age Pension Sub-Committees were submitted to the meeting.

The following appointments of members of old age Pension Sub-Committees were agreed to:-

No 1 Sub-Committee (Bannow, Rosslare and Bridgetown County Districts). Proposed by Mr Culleton and seconded by Mr Gaul:-

Rev P. Doyle P.P. Rathnagar, Bridgetown.

Rev H.L. Scott, The Rectory, Bridgetown.

Rev M. Hickey P.P. Clonkeen.

Rev J. J. Murphy C.C. Ballymitty.

Rev J. M. Fry, The Rectory, Bannow.

Colonel C. M. Gibbon M.C.C. Sledagh, Wexford.

C. Culleton M.C.C. Ringaheen, Ballycofley.

P. Hayes M.C.C. Kilmannon, Cleatistown.

M. Hassett, Bridgetown.

Joseph Duffan, Bridgetown.

Mrs Handcock, Laurel Grove, Ballymitty.

Mrs McCutcheon, Wellingtonbridge.

No 2. Sub-Committee. (Lintern and Fethard County Districts)  
Proposed by Mr Cloney and seconded by Mr Thorpe:-

Rev W. Harpur P.P. Ramsgrange.

Rev J. Cloney P.P. Templetown.

Rev J. Redmond P.P. Horeswood.

Rev E. Doyle C.C. Gusserrane.

Rev Brother Theodore, The Monastery, Ramsgrange.

Rev J. C. Ludgate, The Rectory, Duncannon.

M. Cloney M.C.C. Dunluph Castle, Duncannon.

N. Howlett, Ramsgrange.

Frank Doyle, Boderan.

No 3 Sub-Committee. (Laghmon and Killurin County Districts)  
Proposed by Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne:-

Rev Canon Fortune P.P. Laghmon.

Rev J. Gaul C.C. Barntown.

Rev P. Browne C.C. Laghmon.

Rev J. Talbot Laghmon.

J. White M.C.C. Masboley, Ballymitty.

James Cullen Laghmon.



Edward Brennan Lashmon.

Miss Stasia Kearns, Lashmon.

Frank Fitzgerald Lashmon.

No 4 Sub-Committee. (Coolgreany and Gorey County Districts).

Proposed by Mr John O'Byrne seconded by Mr P. Byrne:-

Very Rev Canon Rossiter P.P. Gorey.

Rev O. Kehol C.C. Monaseed.

Rev J. R. Willis, Gorey -

James E. Cooke, Medical Hall, Gorey.

John O'Byrne M.C.C. The Avenue, Gorey.

Thomas Williams Main Street Gorey.

H. P. Wall, Charlotte Row, Gorey.

Thomas J. Doyle Main Street Gorey.

James Connors William Street Gorey.

No 5 Sub-Committee. (Enniscorthy and Kiltale County Districts.)

Proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr Cloney:-

Rev P. Cummins Adm. Enniscorthy.

Rev A. McCormack C.C. Kiltale.

Rev Canon Lyster B.D. Enniscorthy.

Rev R. K. Lyle M.A. Enniscorthy.

Rev W. F. Benson M. A. Templehambo.

Robert Rackard Killane, Enniscorthy.

James Lawlor, Coolree, Ballindaffin.

Thomas Doyle Lower Church Street Enniscorthy.

Aidan Stafford Clonjordan, Marshalstown.

No 6 Sub-Committee. (Ferns and Newtownbarry County Districts.)

Proposed by Mr John O'Byrne seconded by Mr Clince.

Rev J. Butler P.P. Buncloody.

Rev C. French C.C. Ferns.

Rev Dean Gibson Ferns.

Rev Canon Fry, Buncloody.

John Pender, Ferns.

M. Hughes Church Street Buncloody.

John Nolan Buncloody.

James Hall M.C.C. Tobergal, Boolavogue.

John Connors M.C.C. Kiltomas, Ferns.

No 7 Sub-Committee. (New Ross and Old Ross County Districts.)

Proposed by Mr Thorpe seconded by Mr Shannon.

Rev Canon Rossiter P.P. New Ross.

Rev Canon Gibson, The Rectory, Rosbercon.



William Thorpe M.C.C. Knockroe, New Ross.  
 Thomas Cooney M.C.C. 5 Robert Street, New Ross.  
 Samuel Hill South Street New Ross.  
 James Walsh Ballygalbert Ballywilliam.  
 P. N. O'Gorman, Rosbercon, New Ross.  
 Hamilton Lyons, St Catherine's, South Street New Ross.  
 John Murphy, South Street, New Ross.  
No 8 Sub-Committee. (Monamolin and Ballyhustard County Districts.)  
 Proposed by Mr Cline seconded by Mr John O'Syone.  
 Rev J. Quigley P.P. Blackwater.  
 M. M. O'Donoghue M.C.C. Raheenlusk Kilmuckridge.  
 Aidan Mernagh M.C.C. Ballinaslaney Oylegate.  
 D. Kavanagh M.C.C. Ballylucas, Screen.  
 Moses Brien Killeigh, Blackwater.  
 Owen Lacey, Killila, Blackwater.  
 John Murphy, Castlebridge.  
 Nicholas Whitty, Killahard, Blackwater.  
 John O'Brien, Killeigh Blackwater.

### Coastguard Station, Bannow.

Under date 7<sup>th</sup> August 1925 (letter No 13856/25) the Commissioners of Public Works wrote offering to lease to the County Council, for the purpose of housing the working classes, premises lately used as a Coastguard Station at Bannow at a rent of £22-10-0 per annum, the premises to be put into repair by the County Council and so maintained by them and kept insured in the sum of £1000. The lease would contain a covenant that, in the event of the premises being required at any future date for State purposes the Commissioners would be entitled to determine the lease by three months' notice.

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Colonel Quin, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Messrs White and Hayes be requested to deal with the letter from the Commissioners of Public Works, (No 13856/25, under date 7<sup>th</sup> August 1925) as to Bannow Coastguard Station and report to next meeting."



## County Wexford Insurance Society

The following were appointed to the Committee of Management of the above Society:-

Messrs John O'Byrne, Thorpe, P. Byrne, Jordan, Boffan, J. Mc Carthy (Chairman of the Council), and Colonel Gibbon, (Vice-Chairman).

Messrs John O'Byrne, P. Byrne and Jordan were appointed members to deal with forms of application for funds.

## Minutes of Roads Committee.

### Heavy Lorry Traffic.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July, 1925 was submitted:-

"Letter under date 27<sup>th</sup> July 1925, was read from Ticonail County Council calling attention to the report of their County Surveyor (Mr Steadman) dealing with heavy lorry traffic. This should be diverted to the railways as it was inequitable that ratepayers should be obliged to maintain highways for this class of vehicle which they were never constructed to carry."

"The County Surveyor expressed his agreement with the report of Mr Steadman. Unless heavy lorries were restricted to five or six tons laden and to a speed of about ten miles per hour, road maintenance would involve quite a prohibitive cost. The present cost of Trunk roads was about £100 per statute mile; second class roads, £70; third class £40 and fourth class roads £10 to £15. To reconstruct roads which had a sound bottoming would cost £2000 to £3000 per mile while a road on which the bottom had been seriously damaged would take from £5000 to £6000 per mile. To surface and waterproof a road with bitumen and which was steamrolled within recent years would cost from £250 to £500 per mile. By restricting heavy lorry traffic to a 5 ton vehicle "all in" and limiting the speed to 10 miles per hour, the cost of maintenance of leading roads would be reduced by 50 or 60 per cent."

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr John O'Byrne:-



"That we approve of the recommendation of the Lisconail County Council that steps should be taken to divert heavy lorry traffic to railways and thus relieve the general ~~rate~~-ratepayers of burden for which they obtain no recompense."

Colonel Duin proposed and Mr Corish seconded the following:-

"We are of opinion that heavy lorry traffic should be restricted to vehicles weighing six tons 'all in'; this restriction not to apply to traction engines, hauling threshing sets and road machinery; trailers to be limited to ten tons 'all in' with tyres of inch per ton of weight carried."

As an amendment Mr Boffan proposed and Mr Hall seconded the following:-

"That heavy lorry traffic be restricted to vehicles 4 tons 'all in'; this restriction not to apply to traction engines, hauling threshing sets and road machinery; trailers to be limited to ten tons 'all in' with tyres of inch per ton of weight carried."

"On a show of hands, the amendment was carried by 7 to 2."

'The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Corish:- "That motor lorry traffic on roads be restricted to a speed of 10 miles per hour."

'The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Shannon:- "That in the event of the diversion of heavy lorry traffic to railways and the restriction of weight of motor lorries on roads to four tons, with a speed restriction of 10 miles per hour, we consider there should be no curtailment in the amount of Government Grants as it will require considerably more than present Government subsidies to bring the roads to a condition suitable for modern traffic."

The recommendation of the Roads Committee as to diversion of heavy lorry traffic was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr John O'Byrne.

A long discussion took place as to weight of lorry regarding which there should be restriction of traffic.

Mr Thorpe pointed out that in England a nine ton waffon was obliged to have a nine-inch tyre, while in Ireland they found waffons of seven or eight tons with five-inch tyres. This was one of the reasons why the roads were being cut up to such an alarming extent.



A show of hands was taken on the recommendation of the Committee when it was found that 12 were in favour of the restriction to four tons and 11 in favour of six tons.

The recommendation of the Roads Committee as to restriction of speed of heavy lorries to ten miles per hour was agreed to on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr John O'Byrne.

The recommendation as to the non-curtailement of Government Grants in view of any diversion of traffic to railways was confirmed on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Shannon.

#### Roads Inspection Committee.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Roads Committee, of 31st July 1925 was submitted:-

"The following were appointed Special Roads Inspection Committee: Messrs Hall (Enniscorthy); John O'Byrne (Gorey); M Cloney (New Ross); R. Corish (Wexford). It was arranged that this Committee would inspect the Trunk Roads of the county as soon as possible and present a report to next meeting of Roads Committee."

"Mr Cloney mentioned the necessity which existed to prevent roads, especially on hilly ground, from being torn up by floods."

Confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr John O'Byrne.

#### Meetings of Council and Committees.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July 1925 was submitted:-

"The Chairman said he intended to move at next meeting of the County Council a resolution fixing the days of meetings of County Council and Committees as follows:-

"County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction  
First Monday of each month at 12 noon.

County Council - Second Monday of each month at  
10-30 am.

County Board of Health - Third Monday of each month.

Roads Committee - Fourth Monday of each month at  
10-30 am.

Finance Committee - Every alternate Thursday at  
10-30 am.



"The meeting approved of the suggestions of the Chairman.  
The Chairman proposed that the meetings of the County Council and Committees be held in accordance with the suggestions made by him at the meeting of the Roads Committee on 31st July, 1925.  
Mr John O'Byrne seconded. Passed.

### Petrol Pumps

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Roads Board of 31st July, 1925, was submitted:-

"Circular Letter 6<sup>th</sup> July in connection with Petrol pumps (fees) Regulations 1925 was read for the meeting."

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Col. Quinn:- "That a rule should be formulated and strictly enforced providing that tanks in connection with petrol pumps should be on the premises of applicants and not under public thoroughfares."

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr O'Byrne:- "That we approve of fees and regulations prescribed by the Minister for Local Government in respect of petrol pumps."

Confirmed on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr D'Arcy.

### Grants from Department of Local Government.

The following extract from minutes of Roads Committee of 31st July, 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 9<sup>th</sup> July, 1925, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote that a payment of £1360 for temporary repairs of Wexford Bridge had been made by them."

Grants were also reported as having been received from the Department of Local Government for the following:-  
£557 made up of £335 for J.7. £48 for J.16 and £174 for J.8; also £500 on foot of special grant of £2000 for Rosclare-Wexford new Road (works No. K. 883; Road 234).



## Wexford - Rosslare Road.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31<sup>st</sup> July 1925 was submitted:-

"In connection with the above, the following was read from Mr E. White, Solicitor Great Southern Railways under date 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1925:- "I am instructed by the Board of this Company to communicate with you in reference to a new road, which it has been represented is either being or about to be made by your Council from Rosslare to Wexford across the South Slob, and which apparently is intended to cross the railway line at Drinagh Accommodation crossing. If, as is understood, it is your intention that the road should cross the line on the level at this point, my instructions are to give the earliest intimation that no consent of this Company has been given to have a public road crossing at this place, and I am to add that it appears unlikely that such a consent will be given. In view of the representations which have been made to the Company that work on the road has been, or is about to be commenced, it is, I think, desirable that I should immediately send you this communication on the subject."

"The County Surveyor stated that when he was furnished with a copy of this letter by the Secretary he wrote the following, under date 24<sup>th</sup> July to Mr White:-

"The Secretary of the County Council has handed me copy of your letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst, and has asked me to reply to you. I find that Mr Ellee, County Council Solicitor wrote to the Railway Company as far back as 9<sup>th</sup> June last and this was acknowledged, but no further reply was made by the Railway Company, with the result that we took it that there would be no difficulty in having this road carried through. I would like to point out that this work is carried out under a special grant for the relief of unemployment, and it is intended to provide free access to the market in Wexford for the local people in Rosslare, and also to provide a convenient roadway for visitors from Wexford to Rosslare. The road will be of great utility, and I am sure your Company will be glad to facilitate the work. I had a



conversation with your District Engineer, Mr Patterson, on the 17<sup>th</sup> inst in regard to this matter, but of course we made no definite arrangements about it. I shall be glad to know what your Company suggest in connection with the matter. An over Bridge would appear to be almost impossible owing to the present rise to the rail level and the difficulty of running out approaches. An under Bridge would be equally impossible as the roadway would be below sea level. Accordingly, we are left only the level crossing to cross the permanent way. The local people in Rosslare have been using the level crossing for many years and what we suggest now would certainly increase the traffic, but would otherwise not materially affect the Railway Company."

"To this letter, he had received the following reply from the Secretary to the Great Southern Railways:-

"Our Solicitor has handed me your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> inst, regarding the construction of a roadway from Wexford to Rosslare. Having regard to the additional danger and expense involved in a public road level crossing on which the traffic is considerable, the usual protection must be provided and there is no probability that the Directors will consent to the proposal."

"Mr Elgee, Solicitor said that in his opinion, it was not possible to proceed with the work without the consent of the Railway Company."

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That the correspondence with the Railway Company in connection with Rosslare Road be forwarded to the Department of Local Government and Department of Industry and Commerce for their advice."

The County Surveyor asked if he were to proceed with the work.

"Mr Cloney - What is the use of making a road to which you cannot establish your right?"

After discussion, it was decided that work be proceeded with pending instructions from Government Departments.

The recommendation of the Roads Committee that all correspondence in this matter be submitted to the Department of Local Government and the Department of Industry and Commerce for their advice was approved on the motion



of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr Corish.

It was also decided, on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Cline that the work be proceeded with pending receipt of advice from the Government Departments concerned.

The County Surveyor submitted letter received from Mr Meldon, Owner of the South Slob, under date 9<sup>th</sup> August 1925, stating that when he visited the South Slob on 8<sup>th</sup> August, he was surprised to find men working on the new road. He wished to know if any written guarantee had been given to build a wall to protect farmyard and to make up all fences along the road to the satisfaction of Mr Joyce, Manager of the Slob. Until this was done, Mr Meldon did not think the County Surveyor should proceed with the work. He did not want to stand in the way of the construction of the new road but he was bound to look after his own interests and not have a Commons made of the lands.

Under date 8<sup>th</sup> August 1925, Mr C. Joyce, Manager for Mr Meldon wrote that the latter required the Council to fence 6 acres, 0 roods, 2 perches, statute.

It was decided to refer this correspondence to next meeting of Roads Committee.

### Regulation of Traffic at Rosslare.

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31<sup>st</sup> July 1925 was submitted:-

"Under date 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (R/R.V/32) that with reference to the minute of County Council meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> June 1925, asking for sanction to the diversion of traffic on Sundays and holidays at Rosslare, the Minister was not aware of any legal authority which would empower him to accede to the wishes of the Council in the matter."

"Ordered - That our Secretary endeavour to arrange with the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana for regulation of traffic at Rosslare on Sundays and holidays"

Confirmed on the motion of Col Gibbon, seconded by Mr O'Byrne.

The Secretary pointed out that he had arranged with the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana as requested by Roads Committee.



## Trunk Road Grant.

The following extract from Minutes of Meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July 1925 was submitted:-

"Under date 24<sup>th</sup> July 1925, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (R/SGB/32) approving of the Scheme for the improvement of certain trunk roads in Wexford County proposed to be carried out by Wexford County Council under the terms of the Minister's letter (SGB.202/29<sup>th</sup> April 1925). The roads in question are; - £7,2400; £8,1395, and £12,10465. Total £14260.

"A statement was required giving the total number of men employed under the Scheme, distinguishing the number of demobilised men of the National Army. The maximum wages which can be paid to labourers on work under the Grant was 28/- per week, and the approval now given to the Scheme was conditional on the acceptance of this rate of wages and on preference being given to demobilized men of the National Army suitable and willing to undertake road work."

"The County Surveyor read letter which he had forwarded the Department of Local Government pointing out that under a similar grant the Minister had agreed to a weekly rate of wages of 30/- and that as this was the rate paid by the Council for ordinary road work, it would be very difficult to have two sets of men working side by side at different rates."

Mr Cloney proposed and Colonel Quin seconded:-

"That the men employed on Grant work as set out in letter from Department of Local Government (R/SGB/32) under date 24<sup>th</sup> July 1925, be paid a wage of 28/- per week."

Mr Culleton proposed and Mr Hayes seconded:-

"That the men employed on Grant work be paid the ordinary rate of wages paid by the County Council to their road workers, viz:- 30/- per week."

After some discussion, Mr Corish proposed and Colonel Gibbon seconded:- "That we request the Minister for Local Government to reconsider his decision fixing rate of wages for men on Grant work at 28/- per week, and allow them to be paid at the same rate as other



road workers, viz: 30/- per week; in the meantime work to be carried out at 28/- per week."

Mr Cloney withdrew his resolution and Mr Culleton his amendment to same in favour of the proposal of Mr Corish which then passed, nem con.

### County Surveyor's Report.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July 1925, was submitted:-

"The following report was presented by the County Surveyor:-

"Some time ago, I reported to the County Council that I was not satisfied with the condition of the temporary structure replacing the bascule on Wexford Bridge and I asked for instructions regarding rebuilding. I was directed to communicate with the Local Government Department in regard to the provision of funds for this work as it came under the damaged bridge heading. On the 12<sup>th</sup> June last, I received a reply to my letter and I sent copy to the Secretary County Council. I put up the claim for the temporary expenditure to date and this now has been paid and the Local Government Department's letter implied that when we have the permanent work done, that we can get refund. Recently I again inspected the bridge and I consider that the reconstruction work should be put in hands at once and I ask for your directions."

In connection with the new Road across Slob to Rosslare, the Secretary has a letter from the Railway Company's solicitor in reference to level crossing. I have thought it advisable to notify the men that the work may be closed down, and I have provided for the work ceasing on the 1st prox., if necessary. I wrote to the Railway Company's solicitor asking what the Company requires to be done and have an acknowledgment of this and that the matter will be placed before the Directors. I have made inquiries locally and find that undoubtedly there is an existing right of way at the level crossing. Moreover the Railway Company built a house for the Gatekeeper and some years ago, the gates were kept closed across the railway leaving the roadway open.



I understand that it was by an arrangement with the Slob Company and for the convenience of the latter that the gates were closed across the roadway instead of the railway. At present the gate house is occupied by a railway milesman and his wife attends to the gates when necessary. I have had the gates opened for my motor when going down to inspect and lay out the new Road."

"I have copy of letter sent to the Secretary approving of the Scheme for the Road Grants this year. There is a total of £15,660 allowed to the county, and the former Council approximately laid out this as, £1000 to Gorey-Camolin road, £1500 to the Enniscorthy-New Ross road and the balance to the Wexford-New Ross road. Of the £1500 to the Enniscorthy-New Ross road, I am allowing £100 for completion of the work through New Ross Urban and of the balance amounting to £13,765, I propose allowing £1300 to New Ross Urban.

In connection with this last portion, in the Urban, I find that the Urban Council usually obtains material from the Arklow Rock quarries in the County Wicklow and as we have a large stock at Ballybrennan, I have provisionally arranged with the Urban Council to supply the material in the present job. This surplus at Ballybrennan was originally intended for the Kyle Road and if I did not dispose of it to the Urban Council it would mean the curtailment of labours in Ballybrennan during the coming months. I ask therefore your sanction to this arrangement."

I have to report that the machinery overseer, Mr Wm Murphy was injured during blasting operations in the Tomfarrow Quarry on the 21st inst. The Insurance Company have been notified and pending Mr Murphy's return to work I have arranged for any pressing job to get a mechanic from Mr Davis in Enniscorthy."

I submit a return of the Direct Labour expenditure for the year 1924-25 and shall have copies made and circulated to the members of the Council"

In March last, a proposal was passed for work in connection with the County Offices building and amongst other items to be done was the painting of the outside woodwork. I have had to certify expenditure not then



contemplated, first, furniture required by the Secretary for the rate clerks in the old jail building, and second for the repair of chimney and other work in connection with the premises rented to outsiders which latter is our liability. I have invited tenders for the painting and the work is now in hands at a sum of £12-10-0 but the balance does not quite reach this and I ask for a supplementary proposal of £20 or a Damage Order.

As directed by the County Council, I advertised in the Dublin papers for an Architect in connection with the re-building of the Wexford Courthouse and I shall submit all offers from professional men.

In June last, I reported that part of the iron ornamental work on New Ross Bridge was damaged by a vessel passing through the open span. I have since then been endeavouring to get a satisfactory tender for the replacement of the ironwork and have not yet succeeded in doing so. I consider that a claim should be made against the owner of the vessel."

Some time ago, I reported to the County Council that the railings at Duncannon and Slade Harbour were in a very defective condition and recently they have much deteriorated. At present they are not really safe. I consider that a new and better type of railing should be erected at both of these places. I estimate the work at Duncannon at £35 and at Slade at £25.

I have prepared a specification for the repair of the pile at Edermine Bridge and have sent copies of same, also asking for offers to a number of contractors, but up to the present I have not received any tenders.

Mr Corish proposed, Mr Hall seconded, and it was passed:—"That work at Wexford Bridge bascule be proceeded with as soon as Government Grant for the purpose is available."

"The proposed allocation of Trunk Road Grant, viz:—£1500 Enniscorthy-New Ross road; £1000 Gorey-Camolin road, and £13765 New Ross-Wexford road, Total £16265 was approved.

"It was decided that Dr Hearn Solicitor, New Ross, who was using New Ross-Wexford road six days per week be allowed to come before next meeting of Roads Committee with a view



to placing before the members his views as to the proper maintenance of this road."

"In connection with illness of machinery overseer, the County Surveyor stated he would be probably ten days absent from duty."

"It was decided that the return of expenditure under Direct Labour proposals be circulated to members of the Council."

"A resolution was adopted placing a sum of £20 in the hands of the County Surveyor for the painting, etc of County Council offices."

"The question of recovering cost of damage done to New Ross Bridge was referred to Mr Elfee, solicitor to the Council."

"Mr Cloney proposed, Mr O'Byrne seconded and it was passed; - "That the railings at Duncannon and Slade Piers be replaced at a cost of £35 and £25 respectively."

The foregoing recommendations were confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr John O'Byrne.

#### Application-New Ross Urban Council Road Grant.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July 1925 was submitted; -

"The following resolution was received from New Ross Urban Council; - "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 that portion of the direct road from Enniscorthy to Waterford situate within the Urban District boundary of New Ross."

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Corish; -

"That we approve of the allocation of portion of the Trunk Road Grant to New Ross Urban District Council as recommended by the County Surveyor in his report to this meeting."

Confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Colonel Quin.



## Road Machinery.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July 1925 was submitted:-

"The County Surveyor in reply to queries from members gave a list of existing road machinery. He said he would like to have a couple of additional steamrollers, as if the material could be rolled in, it would mean a saving of 30 per cent. An extra rock drill would be useful."

"It was decided that the County Surveyor submit at next meeting of the Roads Committee a detailed list of the road machinery at present in use and particulars of his requirements as regards machinery for the coming three years." Approved.

## Tara Hill Quarry.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July 1925 was submitted:-

~~"The County Surveyor presented report from Mr Ennis~~

"Under date 9<sup>th</sup> July 1925, John Walsh on behalf of himself and other men employed at Tara Hill Quarry wrote that the men would work the quarry by piece work at 3/- per ton."

"Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor said that as there had been sufficient material obtained for the year in this quarry, work would be shut down in another week and it would not be advisable to change the present system for this period. The proposal of the men would mean an increase of 6d per ton over the present system."

"It was decided that no action be taken on letter of Mr Walsh as regards establishing piece work at Tara Hill Quarry." Approved.

## Charge Against James Doyle - Foreman - Rolling 6 E.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July 1925 was submitted:-

"The County Surveyor presented report from Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, stating that on the 21st July he found.



James Doyle, Munfin, Foreman over rolling work on road 6E, under the influence of drink. He was not exactly drunk but Mr Ennis formed the opinion that he was not in a fit state to be left on the road and therefore sent him home. Mr Ennis did not think that Doyle should be taken back as foreman."

"It was decided, on the motion of Mr Shannon seconded by Mr O'Byrne that Doyle, who was in attendance should be allowed to come before the meeting."

"Doyle admitted that when he was passing the public-house on his way back to work from dinner hour he had three drinks. He had been in the employment of the Council for 11 years and no fault had been found with him. He denied he was under the influence of drink."

"Mr Ennis said he had to caution Doyle a couple of years ago on an occasion when he had a great deal of drink taken. He was a very good workman himself but Mr Ennis did not consider he was a satisfactory foreman."

"The Chairman mentioned that he had passed over this road on two days during which Doyle was suspended, and he found the men working in a half-hearted manner."

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Shannon seconded the following resolution:-

"That we confirm the suspension of James Doyle, foreman over Rolling work on Road 6E. but that he be reinstated in his position as from 3rd August 1925, provided he produces a pledge certificate to Mr Ennis. That he be warned if any further complaint be sustained against him he will be immediately dismissed."

"On a show of hands, five were found in favour of the resolution and two against."

"The resolution was declared carried."

"Doyle then came before the meeting and the terms of the resolution were explained to him by the Chairman."

"He promised to produce a pledge certificate and to allow no room for complaint against him in future."

The recommendation of the Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Colonel Quin.



Complaint re Peter Power - attendant no 3 Engine.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July 1925 was submitted:-

"The County Surveyor presented a report from Mr Birtistle, Assistant Surveyor, as to absence from work of above man. Since report was presented, Power had definitely left the service of the Council."

"no order in consequence."

Road Section "L" Enniscorthy.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July 1925, was submitted:-

"In connection with query raised by Mr Hall, County Councillor, with reference to the fact that steam-rolling gang and men in Quarry at Brownswood had not been visited by Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor or Mr J. J. O'Gorman, Overseer on Monday morning 4<sup>th</sup> May, Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor wrote that on the morning in question he had to make arrangements for Road work on Section K. He did not consider it necessary to visit Section L on that morning as he was on it the previous Saturday evening up to "knocking off" time. His district was fairly large and he had to divide his time and attention over all sections in the most suitable way. On every second Monday he attended at the Machinery Yard Enniscorthy to receive Pay and Report Sheets and examine these with each Overseer. This took up considerable time."

Mr J. J. O'Gorman, ganger, wrote that he had to start filling his time sheets at 7 am on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May and finished same at 11-30 a.m. On his way in with them he visited men working on roads 233 E.; 228 E.; and 230 E. After leaving machinery yard he visited Brownswood Quarry and was there at 2 pm. From there he went to rolling work on 26 E.; left there at 4-30 pm and went to men working on 221 E. Went to Ballinkee Bridge job at about 5-30 pm. or 6 o'clock.

The Chairman pointed out that the system of having foremen going to machinery yard on Mondays was responsible for not having any supervision on that day.



Messrs Kehoe and Jones stated that they examined time sheets, etc. on the Saturday afternoon.

The Chairman said they now informed the County Surveyor that they disapproved of the present plan of taking gangers from their work on Monday and expected the County Surveyor to present a more suitable procedure, for dealing with time sheets to next meeting of the Roads Committee."

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by the Chairman:-

"We are of opinion that where such a large body of men was concerned as in this particular case, they should have been visited earlier in the day by Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, or the Ganger of the section, and this Committee consider steps should be taken at once to prevent a recurrence of such a state of affairs."

The recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee of 31st July 1925 was confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Colonel Quin.

### Carrifeen Quarry.

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July 1925, was submitted:-

"Mr Hall complained that work was not available for local men at Carrifeen Quarry while men were brought a distance of five or six miles to work there."

"Mr Ennis said that he was endeavouring to have continuous employment for workers - employing them in the quarries in the summer and on the roads in the winter. Under this system it was necessary to bring men certain distances. It was better that they should travel these distances in question in the summer rather than the winter."

"Michael Ryan and Mark Kearns, Carrifeen came before the meeting and stated that they considered it unfair they were not able to secure work at the Quarry within a couple of hundred yards of which they resided. They were married and had families. Yet their application for work had been refused."

"No order, as the meeting considered it would not be advisable to interfere with the discretion of Mr Ennis in the matter."

"Under date 29<sup>th</sup> July 1925. Mr Ennis wrote explaining that as there was no quarry in the whole of Section H. Gorey, it was impossible



to avoid bringing men a certain distance to quarries if he were to have a satisfactory staff on the roads in winter."

Mr Connors asked that an unemployed man who lived adjacent to Carrigeen Quarry should be heard relative to the complaint of the men living near Carrigeen that they could not obtain employment whereas men actually working in the quarry came from a distance of five or six miles.

No order, as it was considered that the matter had been gone into fully at the meeting of the Roads Committee.

### Annagh Gap Quarry.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July, 1925 was submitted:-

"The County Surveyor presented report from Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, as to the action of Mr Murphy, Secretary to the Local Branch of Transport Union and ten others in endeavouring to stop the work of stone breaker at above quarry. Mr Treanor pointed out that he informed the men if the breaker was not allowed to work he would suspend all operations at the Quarry. The men remained at their work and Mr Murphy who felt his line of action had not their sympathy left with those who accompanied him."

"In connection with this matter, the County Surveyor read letter from head office of Irish Transport and General Workers Union, 35 Parnell Square, Dublin, urging that the application of the local Secretary for the employment of his members should be given serious consideration by the County Surveyor."

"It was decided that the matter be left in the hands of the County Surveyor." Approved.

### Mr O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July 1925 was submitted:-

"Under date, 22nd July, 1925, letter was read from Mr P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, asking for loan to purchase a motor car in connection with his duties as Assistant Surveyor."

"Adjourned for further information."  
Approved.



Housing Act. 1925.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July 1925. was submitted:-

"Circular letter #. 501/1323/1925 Miscellaneous, under date 7<sup>th</sup> May 1925 (referred by old Council to new Council) was read."

"No order, as the Roads Committee consider the condition of the finances do not allow of any grants from County Council funds and the National Bank, Treasurer of the Council, refuses to advance any loan under this Act."

Approved.

Proposed new Road, Dundrum - Linnacree.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July 1925 was submitted:-

"A largely signed memorial in favour of construction of new road from Dundrum to Linnacree Quarry in Gorey district was read."

"Report was read from the County Surveyor who did not recommend the proposal. He said it would take £2000 to make the road."

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin seconded by Mr Cloney:- "That no action be taken by this Committee relative to the application for construction of new road from Dundrum to Linnacree Quarry."

The recommendation of the Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Colonel Quin.

Bunclody Courthouse.

The following extract from minutes of Roads Committee meeting of 31st July, 1925 was submitted:-

"In connection with application from Mr Fahy, District Justice to have some alterations carried out in the bench portion of Bunclody Courthouse and provision of press, table and forms or chairs, it was decided that Mr Ennis Assistant Surveyor present a report to next meeting of Roads Committee."

Approved.



### Telegraphic Line Carrig-on-Bannow.

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 24<sup>th</sup> July 1925, the Postal Authorities asked for the consent of the County Council to the erection of an over-land telegraphic line between the Post Office and Civic Guard Barracks at Carrig-on-Bannow."

"It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne that the necessary permission be granted."

The recommendation of the Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Colonel Quin.

### Erection of House Adjoining Public Road.

The following extract from Minutes of Meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 1st July 1925, Mr J. Kehoe, Kiltomas Ferns wrote that Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, informed him that he could not proceed with the work of erecting a dwelling house as it was too close to the public road. He asked permission to carry on the work as the house would not be the cause of any obstruction and was not on a corner of the road. He was given the plot free by Mr Sinnott."

"Mr Treanor said the house was being erected adjoining an unimportant road and if permission was granted no obstruction would be caused."

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Coffey:- "That permission be granted Mr J. Kehoe, Kiltomas, Ferns to proceed with the erection of house adjoining public road as it is understood that the dwelling will not cause any obstruction to traffic."

The recommendation of the Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Col Quin.

### Wexford Courthouse.

The following extract from Minutes of Meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July, 1925. was submitted:-

"The following Committee was appointed to deal with appointment of Architect for Wexford Courthouse, plans



specifications, etc., for reconstructed building:- Col. Gibbon, Messrs John O'Byrne, R. Corish and W. Boffan, County Surveyor to arrange for meetings of Committee."

Confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Colonel Quin.

### Motor Car Acts.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July 1925 was submitted:-

"Mr Richards, Local Taxation Officer, reported that in connection with arrears of taxation duty on vehicles which were found to be of higher weight than appeared in declarations of owners, payments had been made by all owners except the following:- James J. Shortall, 38 South Street, New Ross, (cycle) 10/- due; George W. Hayes, Lomnabasset, Enniscorthy; £1-10-0. Southern Wholesale Druggs Company, Wexford, (Dr S. V. O'Connor, Wexford, Director), £13-16-0. motor lorry."

"In connection with the last mentioned case, the weight found on Wexford Harbour Commissioners weighing machine on 11<sup>th</sup> May 1925, was 16 cwt 2 qrs and on 30<sup>th</sup> July 1925, 14 cwt 2 qrs."

"Dr O'Connor wrote that he had purchased the van in 1923 and was then told the weight was half a ton. She was too light for the work and the van was reconstructed which made it much heavier. This alteration was carried out in December 1924 and he was agreeable to pay extra tax from that date."

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin seconded by Mr Corish:-

"That owners of motor vehicles who make false declarations be prosecuted with the utmost rigour of the law."

"Mr Boffan proposed, Mr Corish seconded and it was adopted:- "That in all cases of false declarations by owners of motor vehicles the full penalty should be enforced."

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Boffan seconded the following resolution:- "That in view of reconstruction of parcel van of Southern Wholesale Drug Co. we agree to accept £6 from Dr O'Connor, Director of the Company, as a mitigated penalty to cover arrears of tax due."



"In view of possibility of surcharge, the resolution was withdrawn and order made for prosecution."

"Proposed by Colonel Quin seconded by Mr O'Byrne and adopted:- "That prosecutions be entered against James J. Shortall 38 South Street, New Ross and George M. Hayes, Lomnabasset Enniscorthy for arrears of motor tax if payment of same be not made within ten days from date of this meeting."

"Under date 2nd June 1925, Mrs A. E. Lett, Ballynadara, Enniscorthy, wrote asking for remission of £5 mitigated penalty imposed by Finance and Roads Committee of County Council in connection with use of Ford van licensed for Agricultural purposes and used by her as a private car."

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Shannon:-

"That we refuse application of Mrs Lett, Ballinadara, Enniscorthy for remission of £5 mitigated penalty imposed under Motor Car Acts."

"A report was received from Civic Guard that Thomas Boffan, Main Street Wexford was found driving a motor car on the 8th July at Rosslare without having the necessary road disc displayed. Boffan stated he had applied for licence but had not obtained it. As a matter of fact he did not apply for licence until July 9th.

It was decided that prosecution be instituted against Mr Boffan.

The recommendations of Roads Committee were confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbons seconded by Col Quin.

### Breaking Material by Hand.

Mr Shannon moved:- "That a general order be issued to the County Surveyor with reference to breaking road material by hand in quarries in which it is feasible and in respect of which no extra cost would be involved as compared with breaking them by machinery."

Mr Clince seconded.

As an amendment, Mr Murphy proposed and Col Quin seconded:- "That Mr Shannon's resolution be referred to Roads Committee.

On a show of hands, the resolution of Mr Shannon was carried by 12 to 9.



### Broken Bridge at Broadford.

Mr Connors complained that a house in the neighbourhood of this bridge was flooded for the last three winters and he considered that it was time that the structure should be permanently repaired.

It was decided to refer the matter to the next meeting of the Roads Committee.

### Complaints by Councillors.

Colonel Gibbon mentioned with reference to recent action for libel by an official in respect of a complaint made to the County Council that he considered if a complaint was made to a Councillor, which the latter had reason to believe was genuine, it should not be necessary to give the name of the person making the complaint but that the Councillor concerned could give the name in confidence to the Chairman.

No order.

### Minutes of Finance Committee.

#### Day of Meeting.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 16<sup>th</sup> July 1925, was submitted:-

"Colonel Gibbon wrote:- 'I hope that the Finance Committee will consider the possibility of holding regular meetings on Mondays and of making arrangements to have the pay sheets signed on Thursday apart from the meeting called to do general business. The pay sheets so signed on Thursday could be brought under review at the following meeting of the Finance Committee.'"

"The Committee unanimously decided not to make any alteration in the day fixed for meeting viz., Thursday."

Confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr Clinch.



Complaint - Supervision Direct Labour  
Building Moortown Cottage.

"The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of the 16<sup>th</sup> July, 1925, was submitted:-

"Colonel C. M. Gibbon, wrote:- 'I enclose copy of a complaint which I have received for investigation:-

13<sup>th</sup> July, 1925.

Colonel Gibbon C. M. G.

Sleedagh, Wexford.

"Sir,

Owing to the lack of supervision over the Direct Labour System re building of Moortown Cottage, I beg to request you to bring the following complaints before the Chairman and members of the County Council. First, John Colfer, carpenter, who being appointed time-keeper did, during the month of June work five days with a local farmer, two of those days being the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June. The other three dates I am not sure of, only that he was employed putting down a parlour floor just previous to the 13<sup>th</sup> June; this date he spent in Wexford and I will go so far as to say he endorsed this day on his time sheets for payment. Whatever about the rest of the dates, I may say they certainly require looking up, as six days during one month is too much for a man to be absent, considering he is paid 5/- weekly as time-keeper.

Second complaint,- According to the Direct Labour rules, this man is bound to be on the job every morning ten minutes before starting time. This rule is in no way carried out. I may say he is never seen there, only once every fortnight - on a Monday forenoon taking down the men's names, chancing their honesty as to what time they may tell him.

Third Complaint,- The same man, John Colfer made a door for Mr Hassett Bridgetown in the workshop of the Council at Little Graigue, sent the same by a cart employed by the Council the same date, thus leaving the mason without window frames, although rather than be idle, the mason secured his own jennet and cart and proceeded a distance of three miles for the frames, although



Fourth complaint is, the concrete posts which is according to specification bound to have steel bars in the centre, is substituted with barbed wire without any crushed granite or coperstone or oil (simply nothing only gravel) cement and barbed wire."

I now conclude hoping your Council will go fully into this matter and try to prevent the dreadful and uncalled for wastage of public money."

It was pointed out that the duties of the R.D. Councils under cottage schemes had been transferred to the County Board of Health.

"It was decided that Colonel Gibbon be requested to give the name of the person making the complaint and to submit name with complaint to the County Health Board.

Confirmed on the motion of Col Gibbon seconded by Mr Clince

### Courthouse Accommodation.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 16<sup>th</sup> July, 1925 was submitted:-

"The Chairman stated Mr Fahy D. J. had interviewed him regarding Courthouse accommodation in New Ross. The premises in which the Court was held at present were unsuitable, and as the former Courthouse was still intact, he thought perhaps an arrangement might be come to with Mr Hamilton, agent, regarding the re-acquiring of the premises by the Council for the holding of the District Courts.

"Mr Elfee mentioned that Mr Hamilton required £50 per annum from the Council for the premises which belonged to the Council previous to their surrender in 1920, and in respect of which the Council formerly paid £10 per annum ground rent."

"On the motion of Mr Hayes, seconded by the Chairman, it was decided that a Committee, consisting of the Chairman, Mr Walsh and Mr Elfee Solicitor, interview Mr Hamilton, Agent regarding the re-acquiring of New Ross Courthouse and that they report to next meeting of the County Council."

"The question of paying an inclusive salary to Mrs McNally, Courtkeeper, Wexford for salary, contingent expenses, coal, gas, etc. was considered. It was pointed out the amounts paid



her last year under these heads amounted to £32-5-8 and in addition she was paid £26 rent of alternative premises."

"On the motion of the Chairman it was decided that no change in the existing arrangements be made pending the re-building of Wexford Courthouse."

"Mr Mc Donagh, Town Clerk Gorey applied for payment of rent due for Town Hall for holding of District Court."

"It was decided on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Hayes, that the amount be paid and that Mr Elgee prepare agreement with Gorey Town Commissioners for the future letting of the premises at £8 per annum, three months' notice on either side to terminate agreement."

"Mr Elgee stated he had been in communication with Mr Brennan regarding claim for malicious injury to the Old Courthouse at Gorey"

"It was decided to authorize Mr Elgee to make whatever arrangements he considered most suitable regarding the claim."

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr Clince, the foregoing recommendations of the Finance Committee were confirmed.

### Architect County Courthouse.

The following extract from Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee of 16<sup>th</sup> July 1925, was submitted:—

"Mr John O'Byrne asked what steps were being taken regarding the rebuilding of Wexford Courthouse."

"The County Surveyor stated he had received offers of Architects but the Committee appointed by the old Council in connection with the matter did not come together. He had written to a number of firms for quotations."

"It was decided on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman that the County Surveyor advertise for architects in the Dublin papers and that applications be submitted to next meeting of the County Council."

Confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Colonel Quin.



### Application for Leave.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 16<sup>th</sup> July 1925 was submitted:-

"The following letter from Mr J. Moore, Clerk in County Surveyor's Office was read:-

"Having obtained a Scholarship at the recent Feis Carman held in Wexford, I beg to make application for a month's leave from duty so that I can attend the course at King College during the month of August."

"The County Surveyor stated, in reply to the Chairman, that he would not require any temporary clerical assistance during Mr Moore's absence."

"On the motion of Mr John O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman, it was decided that the necessary leave be granted, it being understood that one fortnight be regarded as special leave and one fortnight as annual holidays."

Confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr Clinck.

### Revision of Valuation.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 16<sup>th</sup> July 1925 was submitted:-

"Lists of tenements requiring revision of valuation were submitted."

"It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, that Valuation Lists be signed on behalf and submitted to the Commissioner of Valuation."

Confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr Clinck.

### Finances County Board of Health.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 30<sup>th</sup> July 1925 was submitted:-

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Walsh seconded by Mr Jordan:-

"The Finance Committee observe that the estimate of County Board of Health as submitted to County Council has been exceeded by £3300 for the past three months. They view with



grave concern the statement in regard to the finances of County Board of Health as published in local papers in report of last meeting of said Board and trust that the facts therein are not correctly stated. This Committee can hold out no hope that any money in excess of the Demand agreed to by the County Council will be available."

In connection with foregoing resolution, a letter under date 5<sup>th</sup> August 1925 was read from the Secretary, County Board of Health giving the approximate receipts and expenditure to 31st March next. From this it appeared that the deficit on the reduced estimate for the financial year would be £3242.

The resolution of the Finance Committee was approved on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr Clince.

### Collection of Rates

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 30<sup>th</sup> July 1925 was submitted:-

"It was decided that, at next meeting of the Finance Committee, special attention would be paid to the Rate Collection in view of the present financial stringency of the County Council."

Confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr Clince.

### Financial Position of the Council.

Under date, 17<sup>th</sup> July 1925, letter No 8, the Minister for Local Government wrote that in view of the delay occasioned in making arrangements for the amount of the current year's rate through the intervention of the measure providing for the double Agricultural Grant, the Treasury, before refusing the accommodation sought by the Council might reasonably have given greater consideration to the application in view of the ample security which the Council were in a position to offer, and to the fact that the Council had for many years past kept their account in the National Bank and had not at any time failed to meet their due obligations.

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> July 1925, a letter was read from the Manager of the National Bank, Wexford, that as the overdraft



of £40,000 was only sanctioned by his Directors to the 30<sup>th</sup> of June he had no authority whatever from his Directors to permit the Council to have any overdraft.

On the motion of Mr John O'Byrne seconded by Mr Clince, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we desire to point out to the Treasurer of the County Council that it is the earnest wish of the Council to reduce their indebtedness to the Bank at the earliest opportunity. It can be seen from ~~the~~ letter of the Department of Local Government under date 17<sup>th</sup> July 1925, nos. that owing to legislation in connection with the allowance of double Agricultural Grant to County Councils this year, there was a delay in preparing the necessary Receipt and Demand Notes for Rate Collectors. The collection has now been in force over a month, and directions have been given to the Finance Committee to interview each individual Collector on the 13<sup>th</sup> inst with a view to expediting the collection. We request the Directors of the National Bank to continue sanction for the overdraft of £40,000 for the coming three months. In the meantime, as the rates come in, every effort will be made to reduce same as the Council has struck sufficient Rates to pay all their liabilities for the year, and as the account was in credit for a quarter of a century, we consider that there should be no objection on the part of the Directors to comply with the wishes of the Council in this matter."

### Sheep Dipping Order- Public Dipping Stations.

A Scheme for the dipping of sheep at public baths was submitted from the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

It was decided that, as a large number of applications offering to lease existing baths to the Council had been received and had been referred to the Veterinary Surgeons for their reports, consideration of the Scheme be postponed until these reports were to hand.



## Rate Collection.

The state of the Rate Collection was laid before the meeting and referred to the Finance Committee meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> inst.

On the motion of Mr Culleton, seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That poundage fees be paid to all Collectors who have lodged the full amount of their warrants."

## Application for Increase of Salary.

Under date 8<sup>th</sup> August 1925, Mr R. Malone, M.R.C.V.S., Veterinary Inspector, wrote applying for an increase in his salary of £70 per annum. Contrasted with the salary paid to other employees in a similar capacity, the members of the Council would agree that he was entitled to a substantial increase. His area was by far the largest in the County and if an outbreak of any acute disease occurred, his present salary would not cover his travelling expenses.

Mr John O'Byrne proposed and Mr Gaul seconded:-

"That the salary of Mr R. Malone Veterinary Inspector, be increased from £70 to £90 per annum."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the motion - Messrs Boffan, P. Byrne, Clince, Cloney, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Culleton, Doyle, Gaul, Hayes, Kavanagh, Mernagh, John O'Byrne, Shannon, Walsh, White and the Chairman - 19.

Against - Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs D'Arcy, Jordan, Murphy, O'Donoghue and Thorpe - 7.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

## University Scholarship Scheme.

Report as to progress of University Scholarship students was laid before the meeting.

It was decided that the question of continuing Scholarships be considered at next meeting of the Council.

In connection with the application of Mr Patrick J. White, Carcar House, Wexford for University Scholarship, the Secretary mentioned that his application had not



been considered owing to the clause in the University Scholarship Scheme which debarred applications from persons whose fathers were members of the British Army or R.I.C. and who had not retired previous to 1919. This clause was deleted at the last meeting by resolution of the Council and the question of the eligibility of Mr White now arose on Section 10 of the University Act which provided that Scholarships were only tenable by persons whose parents or guardians were in need of assistance in order to afford them University education.

Mr Corish proposed and Colonel Quin seconded:-

"That in view of the fact that only three applicants have been deemed to be eligible for competition for the four University Scholarships, the application of Mr White be accepted without prejudice. "That the Finance Committee be requested to fix a valuation or devise some other means by which the County Council would be able to arrive at some decision as to whether the financial position of parents or guardians would not allow them to provide University education."

Mr Doyle proposed and Mr Cullen seconded:-

"That the Secretary request ex-Head Constable White to furnish the Council with a statement as to his means."

Mr Cloney proposed and Mr John O'Byrne seconded:-  
"That the application be refused."

After some discussion, Messrs Corish and Cloney withdrew their motions in favour of the resolution of Mr Doyle which passed nem. con.

### Application from Teachers for Representation on Educational Committees.

Under date 4<sup>th</sup> August 1925, Mr R.F. Phillips, Hon. Secretary County Wexford Committee, Irish National Teachers' Organisation wrote asking the County Council to appoint members of the Organisation on Committees of the County Council dealing with education or educational administration.

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:- "That Mr Phillips be informed that each of the County Council Committees have been allocated their full number of members and the Council regrets it is not possible to comply with his request."



## County Hall.

The question of disposing of the County Hall was on the Agenda paper by directions from last meeting.

After some discussion, it was decided to refer the matter to the Finance Committee with a view to the appointment of a Special Committee to deal with the matter.

## Slaney Navigation.

The Secretary mentioned that the County Council, Wexford Harbour Commissioners, Wexford Corporation and Enniscorthy Urban Council had now appointed their representatives on the Slaney Navigation Committee. The fishermen of the River Slaney asked that they should be represented on it.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr John O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:—

"That Messrs Owen McCoy, Dylegate, Nicholas Connolly Killurin and James Stafford Ferryer be appointed as representatives of the Slaney fishermen on the Slaney Navigation Committee. That this Committee meet in a fortnight's time."

## Mr P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor and Motor Car.

Mr P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor wrote applying for loan for purchase of two-seater Morris-Cowley motor car, cost £224.

A letter was read from the Department of Local Government under date 8<sup>th</sup> August 1925 (R.S./32) stating that the practice of County Councils granting loans to members of the Survey Staff for the purchase of motor vehicles had been discontinued as from January 1924.

It was decided that a copy of the letter from the Department of Local Government should be furnished to Mr O'Neill for his information.



### Mental Hospital Contract Bond.

The following resolution was received from the Mental Hospital Committee:-

"That the County Council be requested to allow the Committee of Management to adopt the revised form of Contract Bond, submitted by the Ministry of Local Government, and that copies of the revised and present Forms of Bonds be sent to the County Council along with this resolution."

Correspondence was read from Mr Elgee (who had examined Bonds in question) stating that he considered the revised form of bond should be used by the Mental Hospital Committee in future.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr John O'Syone, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That this County Council agrees to the Mental Hospital Committee using in the future for the purposes of their contracts the revised form of Bond submitted by the Department of Local Government."

### County Hospital Reconstruction.

The Secretary of the County Board of Health wrote under date 29<sup>th</sup> July, 1925, that Counsel had advised Mr Dunbar, Solicitor, that it was necessary for the County Council to pass a resolution authorising the Board of Health to incur expenditure involved in the reconstruction of the County Hospital, Wexford and also to accept contract.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr John O'Syone the following resolution was adopted:-

"That this County Council agrees to the County Board of Health carrying out repairs and improvements to the County Hospital at Wexford for a sum of £8156-6-0 as already agreed to by the County Council on plans and specifications submitted to them and approved of by the Department of Local Government and that the Board of Health be empowered to affix their seal to the contract for said works on behalf of the Wexford County Council."



### Courtown Lifeboat House

Letter from the Royal National Lifeboat Institution under date 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1925, which was referred from last meeting was read. This letter pointed out that as the Lifeboat Station was closed, they were prepared to surrender the lease of the lifeboat house which would expire in 1940 for a consideration which would go as a donation to the funds of the Institution.

On the motion of Mr John O'Syane seconded by Mr Murphy, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Royal National Lifeboat Institution be requested to reinstate the lifeboat at Courtown Station as it has been found from experience that the present arrangements are not adequate to deal with shipwrecks in the district."

### Poisons and Pharmacy Act.

On the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Hayes, new licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act was granted to Mr Frank Murphy Kilrane and renewals of licence were granted to Messrs W. H. MacGuire, Commercial Quay Wexford, Edward Brennan, Tashmon, and Edward Brennan, Tashmon and Edward Redmond, The Harrow, Ferns.

### Analyst's Report.

Report of Miss Phyllis Ryan, County Analyst for the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> June last was submitted to the meeting. The total number of analyses carried out during the quarter was 122.

### County Wexford Library Service.

Under date 29<sup>th</sup> July 1925, Mr M. J. Funn, Clerk, New Ross Urban Council, wrote forwarding resolution from his Council agreeing to contribute an amount equivalent to one halfpenny in the £ to the County Council in aid of the County Library Scheme.



Disinterment and Reburial of Body

Under date 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 1925, Mr Nicholas Browne, Home Assistance Officer, Enniscorthy wrote that he could not accept the £2, agreed to by the Council in connection with the disinterment and re-burial of a body at Castle Ellis.

This amount would not cover his out-of-pocket expenses as he had to provide whiskey for the men engaged in opening the grave. He had to leave Enniscorthy at 6-30 am and had to keep a man and car in Castle Ellis till evening.

The Council declined to alter their decision of last meeting agreeing to allow £2.

J. O'Meara



The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 1925.

Present - Mr Thomas Mc Carthy, Chairman, (presiding)  
Also Col. C. M. Gibbon, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Messrs William Boffan, Patrick Byrne, James Cline, Michael Cloney, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, Christopher Culleton, J. F. Darcy, Michael Doyle, James Gaul, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, David Kavanagh, Aidan Mernagh, Nicholas J. Murphy, John O'Byrne, M. M. O'Donoghue, James Shannon, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh and John Whyte.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr Elgee Solicitor were also in attendance.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Notice of Motion - County Council Workers and  
Trades Union - Question of Disqualification of  
Member of County Council.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice stood in the name of Mr D'Arcy:-

"That the resolution of the late Wexford County Council compelling all workers in the employment of the (Wexford) County Council to be members of a recognised trades union be rescinded, and that in future no conditions as to membership of any Union be imposed on any person employed by the County Council of Wexford."

Before Mr D'Arcy moved his motion, Mr Corish raised a point of order - to ask Mr Elgee, Solicitor, as to whether Mr D'Arcy was eligible to be a member of the County Council in view of the fact that he is directly or indirectly working for the County Council, his engine being employed drawing stones from Kerlogue Quarry by Edward Byrne, Clonmore Bree, who was engaged by the Council.

Mr Elgee said that a person was disqualified from being a member of the County Council if he "is concerned by himself or his partner in any bargain or contract entered into with the Council or participates by himself or his partner in the profit of any such bargain or contract or of any work done under the authority of the Council."



Mr D'Arcy held that the disqualification would only apply if it arose during his term of office.

Mr Elgee held that a man in the position which he had quoted from Article 12 of the Application of Enactments Order was disqualified if the bargain existed at the date of his nomination for election.

Mr D'Arcy - If that be the case there is more than myself disqualified. Mr Culleton, for instance, has done work for the Public Health Board.

After further discussion, Mr Elgee read Section 71 of the Local Government Act 1925.

Colonel Quin held that if Mr D'Arcy was disqualified as Mr Corish stated, it was up to whoever felt aggrieved in the matter to apply to the Court.

The Chairman held that it was not within the function of the Council to decide if any member was disqualified. If a person was concerned in any bargain or contract with the Council, it was open to any member of the Council or anyone else to bring the member to Court and to have the disqualification proved. Until this was done they should consider that Mr D'Arcy was qualified to sit.

Mr Elgee - If he is disqualified and acts, he is liable to a very heavy penalty.

Mr Culleton stated he was employed on repairs to labourers' cottages but did not continue this work after he had taken his seat on the County Council. The officials in charge of the work on which he had been engaged, had been notified by him verbally that in the event of his election on the County Council, he would not continue the work.

Mr D'Arcy said he could assure the Council that he had not done anything wrong knowingly. No agreement had been entered into as to the hire of his engine after the election.

Mr Elgee referred to note (d) in Vanston, Volume 1, page 179 as follows:- "A Trustee of a turnpike road let out his horses and carts for hire to a person who had contracted with the trustees to do work on the road. It was held that he was liable to a penalty as being concerned or having an interest in the contract."

After further discussion, the County Surveyor was asked to produce correspondence he had in the matter.

The County Surveyor produced the following letter from



Mr D'Arcy under date 17<sup>th</sup> July, 1925:-

"Would you be good enough to drop me a line and tell how N. Byrne's ap stands. (N. Byrne of Bree). Also if possible state date he started the last time to haul from Kerlogue. I think it was sometime in April last. My engine and waffons (2) are working since then for him, but he hasn't paid me any cash yet, but I'm sure he is honest, though he promised to pay me up to 30<sup>th</sup> June. Of course you would not be able to give the number of yards he has hauled to the two roads. I'd thank you for the above information. I have sent him on Bill Stamp to give the Secretary, so that I won't be getting into trouble or getting you into it."

The County Surveyor then read letter under date 25<sup>th</sup> July 1925 from Mr J. F. Birtchett, Assistant Surveyor, as follows:-

"With reference to Mr D'Arcy's inquiries, re E. Byrne's ap, the following are the figures:-

'Hauled from the 7<sup>th</sup> March to 11<sup>th</sup> July inclusive 2401 c. yds Kerlogue. Payments to 14<sup>th</sup> July £394-15-8. Balance due to Byrne. £29-4-4.'

Mr Thorpe referring to Mr Culleton said the latter had received money from the Board of Health for work on labourer's cottages since he became a member of the County Council.

Mr Culleton said this was for work carried out prior to his taking office as County Councillor. It was his belief that until he signed his declaration of office he was not a member of the County Council.

Mr D'Arcy mentioned that during his term of office as County Councillor he had received no payment directly or indirectly from Mr Byrne.

The County Surveyor pointed out that no agreement had been made with Mr D'Arcy directly or indirectly. He had made arrangements with Mr Edward Byrne, Clonmore to draw material by traction engine. As a large amount of material had to be hauled, Mr Byrne had to employ a second engine which he had obtained from Mr D'Arcy. He (County Surveyor) had no dealings directly or indirectly with Mr D'Arcy in regard to the matter.

Mr O'Byrne moved and Mr Gaul seconded:-

"That the question of qualification of Messrs D'Arcy and



Culleton as County Councillors, be referred to the Department of Local Government for their advice and decision, the Secretary to the Board of Health to be requested to furnish particulars of the payments made to Mr Culleton with the periods covered by same for submission to the Department."

Passed.

Mr D'Arcy stated that he would agree that his motion should be adjourned until the decision of the Department of Local Government in this matter was received.

### Superannuation Officials Abolished County Infirmary.

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> August, 1925 (letter No P. 33371/25 Wexford County), the Minister for Local Government wrote forwarding copy of Order made by him, consenting to a superannuation allowance of £52-13-4 a year to Mr Thomas Hayes, in consideration of his services as Porter of the Wexford County Infirmary.

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> August 1925 (letter No P. 33370/25 Wexford County), the Minister for Local Government wrote, forwarding copy of Order made by him consenting to a superannuation allowance of £11 a year to Miss Mary Hayes in consideration of her services as Laundress in the County Infirmary, Wexford.

### Auditor's Reports.

Reports of Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of the Wexford Rural District Council, Wexford County Board of Health, and Enniscorthy District Mental Hospital for the half-years ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 1925 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 1925 were submitted to the meeting.

### Abolition of District Councils.

Under date 9<sup>th</sup> September 1925, (letter No G 42566/1925 Miscellaneous) the Minister for Local Government wrote that the County Board of Health should now formally lodge with the County Council a demand for the funds required to enable them to carry out the new duties imposed on them during the half-year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March next in consequence of the abolition of Rural District Councils. Such demand should



fall within the limits of the demands already made by the old Rural District Councils, due allowance being made for the discharge of existing liabilities by the County Council.

### Appointment of Authorized Committees.

Under date 9<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, (letter no. G. 35/156/25, miscellaneous), the Minister for Local Government wrote, in reference to the appointment of Authorized Committees under Local Government Act, 1925, that, while he did not wish to hamper consideration of the question from local view points, he would not be disposed to agree to the payment of travelling expenses to a Committee consisting of more than five or six members unless very exceptional circumstances were explained to justify the selection of a larger number.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Patrick Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"We consider that as there are over 2000 miles of roads to be administered in County Wexford, a Committee of less than ten - the present number - would not be sufficient to deal effectively with this head of administration. We are also of opinion that it is essential that eight members should form the Finance Committee, two from each district of the County."

### Meetings - Finance Committee.

On the motion of Mr Thorpe, seconded by Mr Hall, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the general business of the Finance Committee be dealt with once a month, the remaining meeting of the month to deal only with payments out of Subsidiary Account."

### Sheep Dipping.

Under date 21<sup>st</sup> August 1925, (letter no. L. 3056-25), the Department of Agriculture wrote enquiring whether it was the intention to put into operation during the current Autumn, period the Scheme of Sheep Dipping recommended by the County Executive Committee under the Diseases of Animals Act,



or what arrangements had been definitely made in the matter. As regards double dipping in the autumn period, the Department would not be prepared to waive this requirement as experience had shown that it made for greater effectiveness in carrying out the object aimed at under the Sheep Dipping Order.

It was decided to inform the Department of Agriculture that it was not the intention of the Council to enforce any Scheme of compulsory dipping during the present year. The arrangements which obtained for the summer dipping period would continue during the present dipping period.

In connection with the second dipping in the autumn period, Mr Thorpe mentioned that regulations had very recently been issued by the Ministry of Agriculture in England to provide for double dipping between the 15<sup>th</sup> July and 31<sup>st</sup> August; while the Sheep Dipping Order was not put in force in any county free from disease.

A long discussion took place as to the manner in which sheep dipping Inspectors were performing their duties after which the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr Doyle:-

"That the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction be requested to appoint a sub-committee to consider, with the Sheep Dipping Inspectors, the County Superintendent of the Civic Guard and a representative of the Sheep Breeders' Association, the best means of carrying out the Sheep Dipping Order."

### Protection of Animals Act, 1911.

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> August, 1925 (letter No L.3079/25), the Department of Agriculture wrote, asking that the attention of the Veterinary Inspectors of the Council be drawn to the nature and extent of the powers conferred by the provisions of the Protection of Animals Act 1911, regarding animals (especially horses belonging to tinkers or strolling musicians, etc) which had been found in such a physical condition generally as the result of disease that, from the humane point of view they should be slaughtered.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr John O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That copy of the Protection of Animals Act 1911 with copy of letter from the Department of Agriculture dealing with same be



furnished the County Superintendent of the Civic Guard and that he be requested to take the necessary steps to have the provisions of the Act enforced in this county."

### Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee.

Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> August, 1925.

#### Removal of Dangerous Corner.

The following letter was read from Mr Elgee to Mr Barry, County Surveyor, under date 8<sup>th</sup> August, 1925.:-

"In this case in order to settle the matter without going to Court. I suggested to Messrs John A. Sinnott & Co., Miss Sinnott's Solicitors, that they should accept £15 in settlement for the damages done and allow the work at straightening the corner to proceed. I have now heard from them that their client is prepared to accept this sum as compensation for trespass and the taking of her land provided they be paid £4-4-0 as their costs in the matter."

"In my opinion, I think it would be advisable to pay the £15 and the £4-4-0 costs and settle the matter and I will be glad if you bring it before the next meeting of the Finance Committee or Roads Committee whichever will deal with the matter."

"I enclose a copy of Messrs Sinnott & Company's letter."

"Letter from Messrs John A. Sinnott & Co. to Mr Elgee, Solicitor:-

"With reference to your letter of 29<sup>th</sup> May last herein, and our reply thereto of the 30<sup>th</sup>, we have now received instructions to inform you that our client is prepared to accept the sum offered in your letter, viz., £15, as compensation for trespass and taking of her land and to have the fence properly and securely built up, but this is conditional on our client's costs, which we measure at £4-4-0 being also paid as Miss Sinnott stated she must get the sum offered as compensation clear."

"This is, of course, to be taken as strictly without prejudice; if not availed of, with a view to settle the matter amicably."

"After discussion it was decided, on the motion of the Chairman:- "That in the special circumstances, the County Council be recommended to pay the £4-4-0 costs in addition to the £15 offered by Mr Elgee on behalf



of the Council."

"A further recommendation was adopted that in all cases in which land is required by the Council, the County Surveyor have agreement as to price etc., signed by owner as soon as it is decided that the land is required for widening of corners or making of new road, etc."

Considerable discussion took place in regard to the procedure adopted in this case, viz., sending a ganger to the occupier of the land in order to obtain the necessary permission to remove dangerous corners.

On the motion of Colonel Quin seconded by Mr Murphy, the following resolution was adopted:—

"That the recommendation of the Finance Committee relative to removal of dangerous corner on Miss Sinnott's land be confirmed."

"That in future, in cases of this description, permission to take the necessary land should be sought for by the responsible officers of the Council in the first instance."

"That in future, no work on roads involving compensation be commenced until a recognised legal agreement has been entered into between the occupier of the land and the Co. Council."

#### Rate Collection.

"The Finance Committee reported as to their interviews with Rate Collectors concerning the closing of the Rate for 1925 and submitted the following recommendations:—

"That the Sheriff be called upon to expedite the execution of decrees in the case of defaulters as the Council have been informed by their Rate Collectors that many decrees remain unexecuted, the amount of which could be realised if steps were taken to secure the amounts. The Committee consider that if the decrees in the hands of the Civic Guard and Sheriff were executed, the amounts outstanding would be very considerably reduced."

"That the Collectors be instructed to forward Supplemental Irrecoverable Rates Lists in respect of rates due by persons who, in the opinion of the Collectors, have insufficient means to pay or against whom decrees have already been obtained for a previous rate which have been returned, endorsed "No Goods,"

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor be requested to instruct Rate Collectors in procedure regarding seizures under Collection of Rates Act and



that Collectors take full advantage of their powers under the said Act."

"The Committee consider that the Collector James Murphy should make strenuous efforts to reduce the arrears outstanding in his area which compares very unfavourably with other districts."

"That Collector P. O'Byrne be also instructed to make a determined effort to collect all the recoverable rate in his district as the Committee find, on examination of rate books, a number of defaulters who are in a good position to pay and no leniency should be shown to such."

"That particulars regarding the case of James Kavanagh Ballycourseybeg, Glenbrien, who had not paid any rates since 1921 and against whom Rate Collector W. Cummins had obtained decrees for every rate without being able to get anything owing to there being no goods to recover, be brought before the Local Government Department and also before the County Council."

"That solicitors having cash in hands in respect of rates collected on behalf of Rate Collectors be requested to lodge same to the Council's credit."

"That we point out to the Local Government Department that, owing to the absence of District Justice on holidays Courts will not again be held in most centres in the County until the middle of September and request them to extend the period for closing 1925 Rate to 30<sup>th</sup> September next, after which date drastic action will be taken against any Collector who fails to close his collection or to produce evidence that amount outstanding is irrecoverable or under decree."

The foregoing recommendations were confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Cline.

With reference to the case of James Kavanagh, Ballycourseybeg, the Department of Local Government wrote under date 21<sup>st</sup> August 1925, (G.40646/1925 Wexford County) that the Council might consider the propriety of recommending proceedings under Part III of the Enforcement of Law, (Occasional Powers) Act, 1924.

It was decided that a copy of this letter be furnished Collector W. Cummins and that he be instructed to take



the steps suggested by the Department of Local Government  
meeting 27<sup>th</sup> August 1925.

Alleged Wrongful Conversion of Paying Orders.

The following extract was submitted:-

"Robert Cahill, Loughnagar, Foulksmills and Vincent Furlong, Yoletown, Ballycullane, came before the meeting in connection with Pay Orders on Subsidiary Account which they stated they had never received."

"In the case of Robert Cahill, Pay Order 922 was issued to him on 9<sup>th</sup> April 1925, for £1-17-10. This was cashed by Mr. Cahill on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April through Mr John Moran, Ballybrack, Foulksmills."

"On the 26<sup>th</sup> March 1925, Pay Order 16060 for £3-11-8 was issued Mr Cahill. It was cashed on 3rd April 1925. It was endorsed "per pro H. A. G. Davis Ltd - Thomas Cooté." Mr Cahill denied having received the amount. Mr Cooté had explained to the County Surveyor that he had obtained the Pay Order from John Moran, Shopkeeper, Ballybrack, Foulksmills."

"The signatures on orders did not correspond. Mr Cahill stated that the signature on the Order 922 was genuine; the other one was not."

"In the case of Mr Furlong, Pay Order 923 (Subsidiary a/c) was issued to him on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April for £1-17-10. It was cashed on 28<sup>th</sup> April, and Mr Furlong stated he had received the money from Mr P. Power, Ballycullane to whom he had passed the order."

"In regard to Pay Order 929 (Sub a/c), £1-14-8 which was issued to ~~him on 9<sup>th</sup> April~~ Mr Furlong also on 9<sup>th</sup> April, he denied having obtained the money. The signatures on both orders were the same but Mr Furlong stated he generally brought his Pay Orders to Mr P. Powers where they were signed by John Blake, an Assistant in Mr Power's shop. The Pay Order was endorsed "Patrick Power" Ballycullane."

"After discussion it was decided that Messrs P. Hayes and J. Gaul with the County Surveyor investigate the matter and endeavour to interview all concerned."

Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Clinch.



### Rates on Bellevue - Captain Cliffe.

The following extract was submitted:-

"In connection with arrears of Rates on Bellevue (late Capt Cliffe), a letter was read from Messrs O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Wexford, pointing out that the greater portion of the demesne had been sold to the Land Commission and the buildings had been burned down. It was not reasonable to expect the Executors and Trustees of the Will to pay rates for buildings which were now existent and for land which was not in their possession.

"Under date 26<sup>th</sup> August 1925, Mr Elgee, Solicitor wrote that he had interviewed Mr O'Flaherty and the latter was prepared to pay the rates for 1924 and 1925 on the revised valuation. In view of the fact that the premises had been burned down in 1924 the valuation as it then stood was incorrect and he (Mr Elgee) was doubtful if the Rate then struck was collectible. This being so, he considered it would be advisable to agree to Mr O'Flaherty's proposal and accept the rates on the amended valuation."

"The following resolution was proposed by Mr Thorpe seconded by Mr O'Byrne and adopted:- "That as advised by Mr Elgee, our Solicitor, we agree to accept rates in the case of the estate of the late Captain Cliffe, Bellevue, based on the revised valuation of 1924."

Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Cline.

### Holidays - Mr Elgee.

The following extract was submitted:-

~~Under date 9<sup>th</sup> September 1925 (miscellaneous)~~

"Mr Elgee, Solicitor, applied for and was granted a month's holidays."

Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Cline.

### Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> September 1925.

### Proposed Transfer of Officers.

The following extract was submitted:-

"Under date 9<sup>th</sup> September 1925 (miscellaneous) the Department of Local Government wrote asking for early intimation of



the proposals of the Council respecting the employment of transferred officers of Rural District Councils. While considering the cases of officers who through old age or for other reasonable causes, do not wish to continue in office there was imperative necessity to avoid unnecessary expenditure for new appointments with concurrent pensions of existing officials. It seemed clear that the bulk of the transferred officials would be required by the County Board of Health and should be transferred to them. So far as County Councils were concerned the main burden of administration will be connected with road work and the checking of the rate collection. The retention of one or two of the existing Clerks or Assistant Clerks of the old Rural Councils would seem sufficient for this purpose and the Board of Health should be at liberty to select from the remainder such officials as they may require for the conduct of the new duties devolving on them.

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Gaul:- "That we recommend the County Council to transfer to the County Council Service Messrs J. J. Rochford (Clerk New Ross R. D. Council) and Mr John J. Fanning (Clerk Gorey R. D. Council), for work in connection with the checking of the Rate Collection and for Road work respectively; that Mr Aidan A. Connolly (Clerk, Enniscorthy R. D. Council) and Mr Jasper Whitty (Assistant Clerk do.), and all the other officials of old Rural District Councils be transferred to the County Board of Health."

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr Shannon.

### Missing Pay Orders.

The following extract was submitted:-

"In connection with Pay Order 16060 (Sub apc) for £3-11-8 issued to Robert Cahill, Loughnakeer, Foulksmills on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 1925 and Pay Order 929 (Sub apc) for £1-14-8 issued to Vincent Furlong on 9<sup>th</sup> April 1925 and which apparently had not reached the Payees, a report was received from Messrs P. Hayes and J. Gaul County Councillors who investigated the matter with the County Surveyor. - "Cahill's Pay Order was cashed by John Moran Shopkeeper,



Ballybrack, Foulksmills and Furlong's at the premises of Mr P. Power, Ballycullane. These traders accepted full responsibility in the matter and had arranged that the amounts would be handed over to Cahill and Furlong. The Committee gave the traders to understand that if they could find any evidence to connect any persons with the presentation of these orders, the County Council would give all assistance by production of the orders and otherwise in any prosecution which may be instituted."

Confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr Shannon.

### County Finances.

The following extract was submitted:-

"Colonel Gibbon proposed:- "That a statement of the receipts and expenditure of the County Council during the past year be laid before the next meeting of the Finance Committee. That the various bodies financed by the County Council be requested to furnish a similar account to the first meeting of the Finance Committee in November giving proposals and suggestions as to the direction in which curtailment of expenditure may be effected for the following year. The Finance Committee desire to be in a position from their second meeting in November to lay before the County Council meeting in December certain suggestions which will be prepared from the data supplied to the Committee and which will be discussed by the Council with a view to the preparation of the annual budget in January 1926." "Mr O'Byrne seconded the resolution which was adopted." Confirmed on the motion of Col Gibbon seconded by Mr Shannon.

### Rate Collection

The following extract was submitted:-

"The state of the Rate Collection to the 31st August was under consideration and from which it appeared that a sum of £12310-14-0 had been collected out of a total of £13186-13-4 for first moiety of rate for 1925-26.

"The following resolution was proposed by Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr O'Byrne and passed:-

"That while realising that the Rates in the County are necessarily high, we wish to bring under the notice of all ratepayers as strongly as possible that one of the principal factors which



leads to high rates is the non-payment of the rates at the due date. This involves obtaining accommodation from the Treasurer to enable the work of the Council to be carried on which involves the payment of Interest which has also to be raised by way of rate. We would strongly urge upon the ratepayers, and particularly the farmers, who desire to see reduced rates in the coming year, that this will rest with themselves by paying their rates without delay. We are much concerned to notice that within a month of the closing of the first moiety of the current rate that only £12310 has been collected out of £73131 or in other words less than 18 per cent. An overdraft to cover the deficit and to enable the work of the Council to be carried on will involve a considerable sum for interest and which ratepayers could save by paying their rates punctually."

"In connection with the rate collections, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That our Secretary be instructed to issue Circular letter to the Rate Collectors and their sureties, that unless they comply with the terms of their bonds as regards the close of the collection, the Finance Committee will be compelled to consider the advisability of recommending the County Council to apply for sanction to collect the rates through the Post Office as is being done in other counties. The Department of Local Government has written that the Collection must be closed for first moiety by the 30<sup>th</sup> September, and a month prior to that date we find only 18 per cent collected."

The foregoing recommendations were confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr Shannon.

### Financing Public Bodies.

The following extract was submitted:-

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr John O'Byrne seconded by Mr Gaul:- "That our Secretary arrange to transfer what funds are available to the various public bodies which are financed by the County Council."

Confirmed on the motion of Col Gibbon seconded by Mr Shannon.



### Loan for County Hospital.

The following extract was submitted:-

"Under date 9th September 1925, Mr J. D. Sinnott, Secretary County Board of Health wrote asking that the loan of £10,000 for County Hospital should be transferred to the account of the County Board of Health."

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Colonel Gibbon:-" That the Finance Committee decline to recommend the transfer of the balance on County Hospital loan, viz, £8500 to the County Board of Health, but are prepared to have transfers of amounts actually certified to be due out of the loan made from time to time."

The foregoing recommendation was confirmed on the motion of ~~the Chairman~~ Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr Shannon.

### Damage to Property (Compensation) Act 1923.

The following extract was submitted:-

"Under date, 11th August 1925 a letter was read from the Ministry of Finance asking for payment of £14822-19-3 due on foot of the contribution payable by the County Council under the provisions of Section 14 (1) of the Damage to Property (Compensation) Act, 1923.

"It was decided to inform the Ministry of Finance that the amount in question would be remitted as soon as the funds of the Council allow."

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr Shannon.

### Rates on County Hall.

The following extract was submitted.

"Mr James Breen, Rate Collector for Wexford Urban District applied for payment of £23-8-0 amount of poor rates due out of County Hall, the property of the County Council."

"It was decided to inform Mr Breen that he should apply to the landlord of the premises for poor rates as a special agreement existed in this case under which the landlord was liable for all rates and taxes.

The recommendation of Finance was confirmed on the motion of Col Gibbon seconded by Mr Shannon.



Clough Branch Farmers' Union.

The following extract was submitted:-

"The following resolution was received from the Clough Branch of the County Wexford Farmers' Union:-

"That we, the members of the Clough Branch of the Farmers' Union, view with serious alarm the very heavy rates which farmers and all Ratepayers are at present called upon to pay, in many cases almost as high as their rent and in a few cases a little over the rent. We, therefore, with great confidence and every respect desire to impress on the members of the Wexford County Council the urgent necessity of carefully considering all estimates and items of expenditure which will be placed before them from time to time and see how and where a reduction may be made so as to give some reasonable relief to the ratepayers of the County.

"It was decided that the Clough Branch of the Farmers' Association be informed that the County Council are doing all in their power to reduce expenditure."

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr Shannon.

District Court Office. Gorey.

The following extract was submitted:-

"An application was received from Mrs A. Byrne, The Avenue, Gorey asking for an increase of the rent of District Court office, Gorey from 7/6 to 10/- per week.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mrs A. Byrne, The Avenue, Gorey be informed that the Finance Committee cannot see their way to recommend the County Council to make any increase in the present rent of Gorey District Court office."

The foregoing recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr Shannon.



Minutes of meeting of Drainage Committee.

The minutes of meeting of Drainage Committee, held on 18<sup>th</sup> August 1925, were submitted as follows:-

"The first meeting of the above Committee was held on 18<sup>th</sup> August 1925, in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford.

"Present: Colonel Gibbon, Vice Chairman, County Council presiding; also messrs H. J. Murphy, A. Mernagh, John O'Byrne, M. Doyle, and C. Culleton.

"The Secretary and County Surveyor were in attendance.

"Correspondence was read from the Board of Public Works in connection with Drainage systems of Kilmannock, the Low and Cahore.

"The Chairman explained that in regard to old drainage systems, the Board of Works sent down at different periods an Engineer to inspect the manner in which the drains were being maintained. His reports were regarded as confidential and were never communicated to the Drainage Boards concerned. This led to very great difficulties. To take Ballyteigue drainage scheme as an example, - this was constructed in the seventies. The place was at that time drained by a sluice through Cull Bank at the Inish, and the Board of Works cut a channel which ran into Kilmore Quay past Ballyteigue Castle and which goes out through the Inish sluice. It was about 1½ miles in length with an approximate fall of about two feet. In the course of time, weeds grew in the channel and blocked the water. The farmers on the Drainage Board had no technical adviser and when they found a leak in the door of the sluice they closed the latter. Within three years the whole of the Inish land became flooded. This formerly gave immense crops of corn but in consequence of the flooding no corn could be grown on it since. The Board considered the old sluices should be re-opened and that the scour would clear the channel. Last year the Board of Works sent their engineer, Mr Olley, and by sheer luck some members of the Drainage Board were enabled to have a talk with him. Apparently his report was regarded as confidential as the Board of Works refused to supply the Drainage Board with a copy of the report of Mr Olley or that of his subordinates who had made a survey of the place.



Notwithstanding the fact that the Drainage Board understood that the proposed alterations would let them in for an expenditure of thousands of pounds. The two men on whom practically all the expenditure of the system fell were Mr Boxwell and Mr P. White. A single drainage rate was just sufficient to pay the incidental and working expenses: a double rate would be capable of cleaning about a quarter of the drains in a normal year. Mr Boxwell would have to pay £27 per annum for a single rate; £54 for a double rate and £72 for a treble rate which the Drainage Board would be loathe to strike but which might be necessary in a year like 1924. This rate would be struck on land which was supposed to be improved by the system but which had actually gone out of cultivation. The Board of Public Works had the reports of the various systems while the County Council who were now supposed to take them over had no information. They were in the dark as to how the schemes stood at present or as to what works the Board of Works proposed to carry out. Before the present Committee could give any advice to the Council it was necessary they should have before them the required information, viz:- the various reports of the Engineers of the Board of Works, maps, estimates, the names of those ~~benefitting~~ <sup>benefiting</sup> and some idea as to what steps had been taken to put before the ratepayers concerned the proposals for improvement contemplated by the Board of Works.

As regards Kilmannock system, the sluices on the Power property had been always maintained by the landlord. It would appear from the communication received from the Board of Works that the latter were about to include this work as portion of their proposed scheme. He considered the County Council should be informed if the Board of Works intended to relieve the landlords in this case of their liability. Incidentally he mentioned that the people of the district were not aware that a Drainage Scheme was in existence.

After some further discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Culliton seconded by Mr O'Byrne  
 "That Professor O'Sullivan of the Board of Works be requested to arrange for interview with the following sub-committee of the Drainage Committee to ascertain from him all particulars in connection with existing drainage schemes in County Wexford,



including maps, reports of Engineers etc, detailed statements of proposed improvements etc. viz: Messrs Doyle J.D. Corish J.D. O'Donoghue and Colonel Gibbon with the Secretary and County Surveyor. That Professor O'Sullivan be asked to arrange for interview on Wednesday 2nd September at 11 o'clock or on Tuesday 8th September at 11 o'clock.

"That sub-committee arrange for next meeting of Drainage Committee after their interview with Professor O'Sullivan."

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Colonel Gibbon the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the report of the Drainage Committee be received and adopted."

In connection with the proposed interview with Professor O'Sullivan, a letter was read from the Office of Public Works under date 27th August 1925, that Professor O'Sullivan was away from Dublin and was not expected to return before the middle of September. The question of the deputation would be put before him immediately on his return.

It was decided that the Secretary again communicate with Professor O'Sullivan and ask him to name a date for the reception of the deputation. Wednesday, 30th September was suggested as a suitable date at 11 o'clock a.m.

Detailed reports were received from the Boards of Works in connection with Kilmannock, River Low and Cahore Drainage Districts.

It was decided that no action be taken thereon pending report of deputation to Professor O'Sullivan.

Protests were received from a number of ratepayers concerned with the Low Drainage Scheme against the expenditure of any money which would entail payment of additional rates by them. They considered if the Government carried out the restoration as a free grant, it would charge the situation for the land referred to was not at any time worth the rates not to mention the rent.

Mr Corish proposed and Mr Gaul seconded:-

"That in view of the exceptional circumstances in connection with the condition of the Low Drainage, the amount of rate never having been sufficient to cover the necessary work and keep the Drainage Scheme in working order, we request the Minister for Finance to make a grant of 50% towards cost of the work instead of the promised 25%."

Passed. Colonel Quin dissenting.



## Slaney Navigation.

Minutes of meeting of Slaney Navigation Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, were submitted. These contained the following resolution:-

"That in view of the urgent necessity for maintaining Wexford port in an efficient manner and for the general development of the trade of the County, we request the Department of Industry and Commerce to provide the services of an expert Engineer to prepare a full survey of the river Slaney and Wexford Harbour and estimate the cost. The present financial position of the bodies concerned does not permit of this work being carried out at the expense of local funds. In view of the number of people concerned the Conference is convinced that the Government should help to have a proper survey of the port and river Slaney carried out."

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Corish, the minutes of the Slaney Navigation Committee were confirmed.

## Rate Collection.

The state of the Rate Collection was considered but no action was taken beyond approval of the recommendations of 10<sup>th</sup> September of Finance Committee already set out.

The Secretary stated that since the return had been submitted to the Finance Committee a further sum of £6930 had been collected.

## University Scholarship Scheme.

In connection with the applications for University Scholarships received from

Honoraria Bolger, Victoria Place, New Ross.

Donald Mc Auliffe, Johnstown, Clonegal.

Aidan Timmons, 53 Irish Street, Enniscorthy.

the results of the Leaving Certificate Examination, received from University College, Dublin, were submitted to the meeting.

The Academic Council of University College recommended the award of Scholarships to Honoraria Bolger and Donald Mc Auliffe.



On the motion of Mr Thorpe seconded by Mr John O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:-

"That University Scholarship be awarded to Miss Honoria Bolger, Victoria Place New Ross."

On the motion of Mr Cline seconded by Mr John O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That University Scholarship be awarded to Mr Donald McAuliffe Johnstown, Clonegal."

On the motion of Mr Cline seconded by Mr John O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:-

"That continuing University Scholarships be granted to:-

Thomas Keegan, 6 Frances Street Wexford.

Thomas Malone 3 Rose Terrace, Francis Street, Wexford

Patrick Whelan, Island Road, Enniscorthy.

Kathleen M. Bolger, Henry Street, New Ross.

Christopher J. Hall, Cornmarket, Wexford.

John Mooney, Killanne, Enniscorthy.

M. J. Howlett, Shelbaffan, Arthuretoun.

Christopher Whelan, Creywell, New Ross.

Patrick J. Murphy, Station House, Ennis.

In connection with the award of University Scholarships the following letter was read from ex-Head Constable P. J. White, Carcass House, Wexford:-

"In reply to your letter intimating that the County Council desired a statement as to my means, I must say I admire their great solicitude for the ratepayers' interest; it is just what is required. I think, however, they would impress the public more favourably if they extended their request to the parents of all the candidates for Scholarships instead of singling out ~~out~~ one.

"I may be told that the member from Dunfulph knows all about the financial circumstances of the candidate from Clonegal and that the member from the Wicklow Gap possesses similar knowledge with regard to the candidate from New Ross district. I don't believe it and neither will any other person. Still there is not a question asked as to the means of the others. I did not observe that there was much noise made as to the means of the late Mr John Ryan of Taphmon when his son, Dr James Ryan J.D. was a successful candidate for Scholarships-



not in other cases much more recent where both parents were in receipt of substantial salaries, amounting in the aggregate to something more than four times the amount of my pension. Some of the members who are now very loquacious as to my son's application were members then, and did not appear to be any way alarmed as to the result to the ratepayers.

I am quite willing to give a statement as to my means when the parents of all the other candidates are called on to do the same.

### Secondary Scholarships Scheme.

Under date 26<sup>th</sup> August, 1925, a letter was read from the Intermediate Education Commissioners stating that Scholarships under the County Council in Secondary Schools might be renewed in the following cases:-

<u>Name.</u>	<u>School.</u>
Cullen Margaret	Loreto Convent Wexford.
Dunne Statia	" " "
Frayne Margaret	" " "
Harte Laurence	St Peter's College, Wexford
Kenny John Joseph	" " "
Larrissey Thomas B.	" " "
Breen Edward.	" " "
Dillon John Gall	" " "
Hunt John Joseph	" " "
Stafford John	Christian Schools, Wexford.
Berney Margaret	Loreto College, North Great George's Street, Dublin.

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> August, 1925, a letter was read from the Office of National Education forwarding statement showing the result of the examination held in July last for award of Secondary Scholarships, and giving full particulars as to (I) one candidate who passed the examination and (II) those who have failed. The former was eligible for the award of a Scholarship subject to the other conditions being complied with; the latter were not eligible for Scholarships:-



## Table of Marks.

### Obligatory Subjects

### Optional Subjects.

Name.	Irish	English	Arith- metics	History Geography	Total <small>(marks in obligatory sub.)</small>	Algebra	Geo- metry	Draw- ing	Nature Study	needle work	Total marks	Order of marks
(I) Candidate who passed the Examination												
Patrick Joseph O'Keilly	80	133	130	131	474	80	35				589	1.
II Candidates who failed at the Examination.												
Eva Cullen	121	161	120	126	528	0				33	561.	
Elizabeth McLiff	56	90	81	92	319	0				27	346.	
Patrick Murphy	49	90	40	60	239	0	5				244.	
Thomas Murphy	74	120	40	65	299	45	20				364	
Katie O'Brien	111	98	19	77	305				88	21	414.	
Mary M. O'Hanlon	113	145	180	97	535	5				53	593.	

Under date 11<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, a letter was read from the Intermediate Education Commissioners stating that the Scholarship held by Bridget Doyle, Loreto Abbey, Gorey might be renewed for a further year, and that the progress of the undermentioned pupils was not such as to justify a renewal of the Scholarships held by them:-

Name	School.
Berney Bernadette	Loreto Convent Wexford
O'Keefe Kathleen	" " "

On the motion of Mr Shannon, seconded by Mr John O'Syone the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Secondary Scholarship be awarded to Patrick Joseph O'Keilly, Killanne, Enniscorthy."

On the motion of Mr Culleton seconded by Mr John O'Syone the following resolution was adopted:-

"That continuing Secondary Scholarships be granted to:-

Name.	School.
Cullen Margaret	Loreto Convent Wexford.
Dunne Statia	" " "
Frayne Margaret	" " "



Name	School.
Harte Laurence	St Peter's College, Wexford.
Kenny John Joseph	" " "
Larrissey Thomas B.	" " "
Breen Edward	" " "
Dillon John Gall	" " "
Hunt John Joseph	" " "
Stafford John	Christian Schools, Wexford.
Berney Margaret	Loreto College, North Great George's Street, Dublin.
Doyle Bridget	Loreto Abbey, Gorey.

### Overdraft.

Under date 3rd September 1925, the Manager, National Bank Ltd, Wexford wrote that his Directors had sanctioned overdraft of £40000 on Subsidiary Account to 30<sup>th</sup> September 1925.

On the motion of Mr Shannon seconded by Mr Clince, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we request the Directors of the National Bank to extend the period for repayment of Overdraft of £40,000 on Subsidiary Account to 31st December 1925, and also request the Department of Local Government to agree to this extension. We would point out to the Directors of the National Bank that every effort will be taken to reduce the amount of this overdraft between now and the end of December 1925.

### Income Tax - Courtown Harbour.

A letter was read from the Revenue Commissioners, demanding payment of Income Tax, amounting to £12-14-5 for years 1919 to 1925 inclusive.

Under date 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1925, Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor wrote forwarding second letter from the Revenue Commissioners pointing out that proceedings would be instituted unless the tax was paid at once.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Shannon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the amount be paid provided same is not statute barred according to Local Government Order."



### Discharging Boats - Courtown Harbour.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Courtown Harbour Committee of 4<sup>th</sup> September 1925 was submitted:-

"As there is no expectation of any person getting coals loaded here at present, we, the members of the Courtown Harbour Committee do not see the necessity of getting any discharging boat at present."

Approved.

### Courtown Life-Boat House.

Under date 21st August 1925, a letter was read from Royal National Life-Boat Institution stating that the Courtown Station was only closed after the most careful consideration. No objections were raised locally and the Local Committee of the Institution's Branch were unanimously of the opinion that the station had outlived its usefulness. No order.

### No 4 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee.

Under date 12<sup>th</sup> September 1925, a letter was read from Mr John J. Fanning, Clerk, No 4 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee stating that his Committee had unanimously recommended the appointment of Rev William Fortune, C.C. Kilanerin, as a member of the Committee vice Rev Owen Keogh C.C. who had resigned owing to his being transferred to Raheen.

On the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Clince, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Rev William Fortune C.C. Kilanerin be appointed a member of No 4 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee vice Rev. O. Kehoe, C.C. resigned."

### Gorey Rural District School Attendance Committee.

Under date 8<sup>th</sup> August 1925, a resolution was received from the Gorey Rural District School Attendance Committee recommending the appointment on the Committee of Mr Patrick Doyle, Ballytefan to fill the vacancy caused by the disqualification of Mr Michael Kinsella Ballyfad, who had been absent from the meetings of the Committee for over six months.

On the motion of Mr Clince seconded by Mr John O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-



"That Mr Patrick Doyle, Ballytegan, be appointed a member of Gorey Rural District School Attendance Committee, vice, Mr Michael Kinsella, Ballyfad, disqualified for non attendance.

### Welfare of the Blind.

Consideration of Scheme for the Welfare of the Blind, received from the Irish National League of the Blind, was postponed to next meeting.

### Coastguard Station Bannow.

In connection with the proposal of the Board of Works that the Council should take over the Coastguard Station Buildings at Bannow for the purpose of housing the working class Messrs Whyte and Hayes, to whom the matter had been referred, reported that they did not consider it advisable for the Council to take over these buildings.

On the motion of Colonel Quin seconded by Mr Doyle, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the report of Messrs Whyte and Hayes, the Committee who had inspected the Coastguard Station Building at Bannow be received and adopted."

### Nurse O'Brien, Gorey.

Under date 30<sup>th</sup> July 1925, Miss K. N. Price, Secretary, the Irish Nurses' Union, wrote asking that pension of £6-5-0 per annum as claimed in her letters of 20<sup>th</sup> February and 2nd June be granted to Nurse O'Brien for loss of office in Gorey Workhouse.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Patk. Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in view of the decision already given by the Department of Local Government that Nurse O'Brien is not entitled to compensation in connection with the Amalgamation of Unions' Scheme, this Council cannot see their way to make any recommendation as suggested by the Secretary of The Irish Nurses' Union."



### Midwives' Act.

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> July 1925, Miss K. N. Price, Secretary, The Irish Nurses' Union wrote that Miss Johanna Browne, Bewley Street, New Ross was still practising without a doctor, though unregistered, and asked the Council to see that this woman complied with the law.

On the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Cline, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That our Secretary communicate with Miss Johanna Browne and point out to her that if she acts as a midwife without having a doctor in attendance, she renders herself liable to prosecution."

### Poisons and Pharmacy Act

On the motion of Mr Cline seconded by Mr Hall, new licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act, was granted to Alexander Kinsella, Gorey and renewal of licence to R. Rackard Killanne.

### National School Programme.

Under date 12<sup>th</sup> August 1925, Mr Keogh-Nolan, Secretary County Councils' General Council, wrote, (~~submitting list of queries in connection~~) asking for the views of the Council regarding the present programme of Primary Instruction.

The Secretary was requested to submit statement in connection with the matter to the next meeting of Finance Committee.

### Relief of the Poor and Insane.

Under date 12<sup>th</sup> August, 1925, Mr Keogh-Nolan, Secretary, County Councils' General Council wrote, submitting list of queries in connection with evidence to be given by a Special Committee of the General Council before the Commissioner on the Relief of the Poor and Insane and asking for copy of the replies of the Wexford County Council thereon.

The Chairman mentioned that this matter was being dealt with by the Board of Health, and he, as one of the representatives of the Board intended to give evidence in Dublin on 24<sup>th</sup> September in connection with the matter.



### Drinagh Cement Works.

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> August 1925, Mr W.A. Browne, Town Clerk, Wexford wrote that the Wexford Corporation had approached the Minister of Trade and Commerce urging him to take up the question of the reopening of the Drinagh Cement Works in the interests of the unemployed. The Corporation asked for the support of the County Council in the matter.

A resolution was received from the Committee representing the the unemployment section of Drinagh asking the County Council to use their influence with the Government to have Drinagh Cement Works opened as soon as possible.

On the motion of Mr Culleton seconded by Mr Corish, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we call upon the Associated Portland Cement Manufacturing Company Ltd., to open Drinagh Cement Works or sell them; that in the event of their refusing to do so, we request the Ministry of Industry and Commerce to take measures to force this Company to relinquish their claim upon these works.

### Salaries - Government Officials.

The following resolution from the Meath County Council was adopted on the motion of Mr Thorpe seconded by Mr Walsh:- "That we, the members of the Meath County Council, in view of the abnormal depression and serious financial position of the County, call upon the Government to forthwith set up an enquiry (as has been done in England) and appoint three independent men to enquire into the salaries paid to its Officials and their number and expenditure generally."

### Housing Acts.

The following resolution from Galway Co. Council was adopted on the motion of Mr Cline seconded by Mr Corish:-

"That the Trade Department be requested to move the Government in the interest of Irish Trade, to require that Irish cement and Irish slates be used in the construction of houses for which grants or loans are given under the Housing Act."



### House Adjoining Road.

An application was received from Mr James Shortle, Castlebridge in connection with the erection of a house at Castlebridge, which was not the specified distance from the centre of the road.

The County Surveyor stated that no interference with traffic would be caused if the Council agreed to the application as a matter of fact the building would be farther from the road than adjoining houses.

On the motion of Mr Kavanagh seconded by Mr Murphy the following resolution was adopted:-

"That subject to the sanction of the County Surveyor, the County Council will raise no objection to erection of building by Mr James Shortle, in Castlebridge and which is not the requisite distance from the centre of the public road according to Statute."

### Roads Committee.

The Minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 24<sup>th</sup> August 1925 were submitted:-

#### Roads in Clonfeen District.

"Colonel Gibbon read letter under date 12<sup>th</sup> April 1925, which had been addressed to him by Rev M. Hickey P.P. Clonfeen. Father Hickey complained that there was an excess of road material for road from Wellingtonbridge passing Rosefarland farmyard to Roseshill Cross roads amounting to 120 cubic yards. There were still yards of last year's material apparent with grass growing through the stones. He also complained of the wretched condition of some other roads in the district, criticised the manner in which potholes were repaired and made suggestions for improvement."

"Colonel Gibbon proposed:- "That letter from Rev M. Hickey P.P. Clonfeen, under date 12<sup>th</sup> August 1925, relative to road repair be referred to Roads Inspection Committee."

#### Road Grants.

Under date 13<sup>th</sup> August 1925, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (LR/93) forwarding copy of letter which they had stating that £2700 was being paid over



to the Council on foot of grant of £15660.

Grant for £121-16-11 on behalf of British Board of Trade to pay off claims for damage done by extraordinary timber traffic during the European war was also received."

#### Petrol Pumps.

"Under date 14<sup>th</sup> August, 1925, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (LH/93) forwarding copy of letter which they had addressed to the Town Clerk Wexford in connection with Petrol pumps.

"This communication referred to report of meeting of Wexford Harbour Board from which it appeared that the Board had granted permission to Nicholas Browne, Harbour Garage, Custom House Quay, Wexford, to erect a petrol pump and had refused the application of Messrs Cullimore and Moran to place a tank beneath the petrol pump outside South End Garage, King Street, Wexford. If the pumps had not been licensed in accordance with the regulations, the Department wished to know whether the roads on which the pumps had been erected were public roads and if any Council was charged directly or indirectly with their maintenance.  
no order."

#### County Surveyor's Report.

Under date 21<sup>st</sup> August, 1925, the following report was read from the County Surveyor:-

"Under Section 24 of the Local Government Act 1925 it is necessary that arrangements be made between the County Council and the Urban Councils for the maintenance of County and main Roads within the Urban areas.

"I think it will be advisable, at any rate for the present, that the Urban Councils should continue the maintenance of these roads within their areas, of course subject to Financial Agreement as may be necessary."

"On the 20<sup>th</sup> inst. I visited New Ross and have now the work in hands of fixing the mooring chain on the fourth buoy at New Ross Bridge. The diving work is being carried out by the Waterford Harbour Commissioners who are hiring their plant as was done on previous occasion when fixing other buoys, and this fourth one temporarily."

I have made agreement with Mr George Sinnott for the repair of Edermine Bridge at a sum of £65. This work was



put in my charge by the County Council some time ago."

I have noted that some of the rolling work on the Gorey-Arklow Road is becoming "wavy," and I have asked Mr Lelanor, Assistant Surveyor, to make special examination of this and to report to me. I understand from other Surveyors that this sometimes happens in rolling work under present conditions, and I do not think it is of serious consequence."

"As ordered by the Council, I directed Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor to have the necessary repairs carried out in Bunclody Courthouse, and to provide the furniture as requested by the District Justice."

"The Wexford Courthouse Committee met on the 18<sup>th</sup> inst, and I was directed to communicate with Messrs Delap and Orpen in regard to waiving travelling expenses in case they were appointed Architects. I submit copy of Mr Delap's reply."

The road from Wexford to Rosslare is subject to very considerable motor traffic and is now becoming very much pot holed and uneven. The quantity of material available under the Direct Labour proposals and existing Contracts for the upkeep of this road is far short of what the road will require in the future. From time to time I am having the holes filled but without extra material for the continuous surfacing of the road it will be impossible to maintain it in anything like fair condition. I have a lengthened report from the Assistant Surveyor."

"The road from Wexford to Enniscorthy which was so very badly cut up last Spring has been bottomed for almost its entire length and portions of it have been surfaced. The quantity of rubble stone necessary to be put in was so considerable under the Road Grant that the money was insufficient to complete the whole length. I have at present in hands the surfacing of the length from the Wexford Urban District to Ferrycahy, but at present the work is held up for lack of material in Kerlofae Quarry, and I have to knock off the roller for a fortnight. During the recent dry weather I had bitumen spraying work in progress but with the present break this must cease. Under the Direct Labour Proposals I am getting out material which I am having placed along the road where I expect it will be most necessary for



winter repairs and I now wish to note that it is quite possible that sections of this road may cut if we have continuous wet weather at any time, but that the provision of material closely available will help to control this. In the event of the Local Government's large proposal for the reconstruction of Trunk Roads being adopted it is expected that a large amount will be allocated for the surfacing of this road with tar macadam, and until this can be done the road will always be a source of trouble and expense to maintain, even in passable condition."

"I have received from the Great Southern Railway, plan for the suggested siding at Sparrowsland, with an estimate of the cost - £1047. This expenditure at the present time I consider inadvisable, until we know exactly how we can develop and use Ballybrennan quarry."

"In connection with our claims for delapidations for the old jail premises, Mr Elgee has received from the Board of Works a set off claim amounting to £48 for the new range erected by the military authorities. I visited the jail to-day with Mr Elgee, and found no new range on the premises, but there was the appearance of such range having been removed. When the premises were handed over to us, I recommended that a caretaker should be put in charge of them, and I now have to report that the old jail has evidently been broken into from time to time and possibly looted. It will be necessary to have a caretaker, or else to have all the lower part of the building secured against trespass, and this will be an expensive item."

"I submit list of machinery at present owned by the Council. At the present time owing to last year's grant approaching completion and the current year's not being in full swing, some of the machinery is, at present, or will shortly be idle. In the course of a couple of months I shall be able to use all the roller plant either on grant work or in consolidating the ordinary maintenance material, and shall keep most of the breakers at work. In going carefully into the question of this County machinery I believe it will be inadvisable to purchase any further at present, though next year it may be advisable to get a new rock drill, and also to purchase boilers for working with the tar spraying machines."



"I believe it will be necessary in the near future to erect a breaker at Ballybrennan quarry that can deal with 3" to 4" material for bottoming and also provide chippings for using with the Tar Spraying plant."

"As directed by the Council I have arranged with the Assistant Surveyors so that the gangers will not be taken from their work of supervision on Monday mornings. A general uniform system of dealing with Pay Sheets cannot be laid down as each Assistant Surveyor must be allowed discretion owing to the difference of work in his area. In some cases, the Assistant Surveyor meets the ganger on Saturday afternoon, otherwise by appointment on Monday. Each Assistant will be able to explain to the Committee the exact system which he adopts but I should note that the absence of gangers at start of work on any date is exceptional."

"In connection with Gorey-Arklow road, Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor explained that the waviness had been caused by the drifting of the screenings owing to strong wind. He had given instructions to the men to square up the screenings and the wave had now disappeared. It was a purely surface difficulty."

"In connection with Buncloody Courthouse, Mr Ennis mentioned that he had an interview with Mr Doran, Clerk of the Court and the latter wanted a great deal more work done than was understood at last meeting of Roads Committee."

"It was decided that Mr Ennis present report to next meeting of Roads Committee."

"In connection with proposed reconstruction of Wexford Courthouse the following report of Sub-Committee was read for the meeting:-

"The following Committee appointed to consider the appointment of Architect in connection with the reconstruction of Wexford Courthouse met in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 18<sup>th</sup> August, 1925."

"Present, Colonel Gibbon, Vice Chairman, County Council, presiding; also Messrs J. O'Byrne, W. Boffan, and R. Corish."

"The Secretary and County Surveyor were in attendance."

"The County Surveyor submitted applications from the following:-

"Messrs Foley and O'Sullivan, Grafton Chambers 102-103 Grafton Street, Dublin, Architects fees 5% on entire contract, first class travelling and Hotel expenses (actual cost). Quantity



Surveyor's fees at  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$  on entire contract, together with cost of printing Bills of Quantities."

"George P. Sheridan, 1 Suffolk Street, Dublin, Architects fees 5% and £6-6-0 for preliminary survey; also £18 to cover travelling expenses; quantity surveyor's fees  $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ ."

"Messrs Kaye, Parry and Ross, 48 Kildare Street, Dublin, Architects fees 5% plus actual cost of out-of-pocket expenses, Quantity Surveyor  $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ ."

"Vincent Kelly, Manfield Chambers, 43 and 44 Lower O'Connell Street, Dublin. Architects and Quantity Surveyor's fees  $6\frac{1}{2}\%$  inclusive."

"Orpen and Delap, Northern Bank Chambers, 115 Grafton Street Dublin. Architects fees 5% and actual out of pocket expenses incurred. Quantity Surveyor  $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ ."

"Robinson and O'Keeffe 8 Merrion Square Dublin, Architects fees 5%, and on lowest tender should the work be abandoned 3%. Quantity Surveyor  $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ ."

"Donnelly and Moore 14 Lower O'Connell Street Dublin, Architects fees 5%; Quantity Surveyor."

"D. M. Turner, 4 Rathmines Park, Rathmines, Dublin £175 inclusive fee or £135 exclusive of Quantity Surveyor."

"George O'Connor, Mansion House Chambers 27 Dawson St, Dublin Architects fees 5 per cent; Quantity Surveyor  $1\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. Notes for preliminary plans £10-10-0. If tenders invited and Scheme be abandoned 3% on amount of lowest tender and 1 per cent for quantities. If Scheme be abandoned and no tenders invited  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$  on approximate cost of building. First class travelling expenses to be paid."

"F. J. McCauley, 24 Nassau Street, Dublin - inclusive fee of £150 and if further expenditure be incurred an extra fee of £50."

"John L. O'Hanlon, Parknasilla, Dublin Road, Malahide, Dublin 10% on total cost of the work."

"J. F. Slewin 23 Stephen's Green Dublin, Quantity Surveyor offered his services in that capacity but did not name a fee."

"John J. O'Hare 6 Cavendish Row, Parnell Square, Dublin: Architects fees 5% and Quantity Surveyor  $1\frac{1}{2}$  per cent."

"After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Corish:-

"That Messrs Orpen and Delap be appointed Architects in connection with reconstruction of Wexford Courthouse on the terms and conditions set out in their letter of 21st July 1925,



to County Surveyor provided that they are prepared to carry out the work for  $6\frac{1}{2}$  per cent on amount of tender; this amount to cover travelling expenses."

"The County Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs Orpen & Delap under date 20th August 1925, in which it was stated that Mr Orpen would agree to waive the question of travelling expenses and would accept the terms proposed by the Courthouse Committee."

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr O'Byrne:- "That the report of Committee appointed to deal with the matter of the appointment of Architect, County Courthouse, Wexford, be received and approved."

"Bearing on this matter the following report of Committee appointed to provide suggestions as to use of County Hall premises was read:-

"The County Hall premises were inspected on 18<sup>th</sup> inst. by the following Committee:- Colonel Gibbon, Messrs R. Corish, Wm. Boffan and John O'Byrne with the Secretary and Co. Surveyor."

It was decided that the Co. Surveyor prepare rough sketch of the premises in order that the Committee could carefully consider the manner in which they could be allocated for.

1. County Council Chamber and Offices
2. Wexford Corporation Offices
3. Courthouses and Offices
4. Civic Guard Barracks
5. Portion at rear which could be let to tenants"

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon, seconded by Col. Quinn:-

"That this meeting approves of the recommendations of the sub-committee which inspected County Hall."

"As regards Wexford Rossloe Road the County Surveyor stated there were two sections under contracts which would not expire until 1927 and two under direct labour. It would cost about £300 to bring the road to a proper condition."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Shamon:-

"That the Roads Inspection Committee be requested to inspect the four sections of Wexford Rossloe road and that the Co. Surveyor arrange for the attendance of the two road contractors concerned on the occasion of the inspection."

"Regarding Ennisconny Wexford road it was decided that the Co. Surveyor



pay particular attention to the portion between Lady Gray's gate and Edmunt as it was beginning to show signs of disintegration.

"In connection with proposed railway siding at Sparrowland the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quinn seconded by Col. Gibbon:-

"That the question of having a railway siding provided at Sparrowland be postponed for the present."

"In respect of claim for £48 from Office of Public Works as to stove erected by the military in County Hall a letter was read from Mr. Elger, solicitor, under date 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 1925, pointing out that the damage estimated to have been done to County Hall premises while in occupation of National Army was, according to County Surveyor's estimate £354:16:0 and the Board of Works offered £299:1:0. He (Mr. Elger) had gone into details with the Co. Surveyor and found that, in the main, the difference was in the cost of glazing. The Co. Surveyor charged 4/- per superficial foot for this and the Board of Works had allowed 2/-. The Co. Surveyor was satisfied that the latter is now the correct price, and, this being so, the Co. Surveyor believed that the sum of £299:1:0 was fair and should be agreed to. The Board of Works, however, propose to deduct £48 in respect of a six foot range which they allege was installed by the military. He had gone over the premises with the Co. Surveyor and could not find any such range tho' there was a space in the front kitchen where it could have been and from which a range had evidently been removed. The County officials had no knowledge of a range having been removed since the premises were taken over by the military. He (Mr. Elger) had accordingly written to the Board of Works for further information on the subject.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon, seconded by Col. Quinn:- "That the Board of Works be informed that Wexford County Council have no knowledge of the range in County Hall for which the Board have made a claim of £48 and that there was nothing to show that there was a new range in the premises when they were taken over by the County Council."

"As regards machinery Col. Gibbon mentioned that if any arrangements could be made relative to road tax on engines used for haulage it might be possible to get a cheaper hireage rate so that they could be used in the "rush" period in the summer months when horses were being used on the land."

"The County Surveyor said that arrangements were made for haulage where possible by engines. The cost per yard mile was from 10d to 1/- by engines and from 1/- to 1/4d. for horses. He required for the machinery yard in Enniscorthy a punching and shearing machine costing £37:10:10 and a handmill costing a similar amount.

Col. Gibbon proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Shannon and adopted:-



"That a sum of £75 be set aside (subject to the sanction of the County Council) for the purchase of punch and shearing machine and also a handmill for machinery yard Ennisceorthy."

"In connection with proposed electric light installation for machinery yard Ennisceorthy the County Surveyor was instructed to procure quotations for submission to next meeting."

"The proposal of Co. Surveyor to procure stonebreakers for Ballybrannigan Quarry was adjourned."

"Regarding the arrangements for examination of time sheets of gangers by Assistant Surveyors the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:-

"That we approve of the arrangements which have been made by Co. Surveyor for examination of gangers' pay sheets by Assistant Surveyors."

"In connection with roads in his district Mr. Shannon called attention to various matters."

"The following were referred to the Co. Surveyor:- Condition of gullies leading into field Clonroche; footbridge on road 72 R; Co. Surveyor to submit estimate of cost at first available meeting in connection with bridge on 225 E."

"Col. Gibbon called attention to conditions of Ballymartin Hill near Castlebridge; potholes on road from Derr to Duncannon; liability of County Council for accidents which might be caused by allowing heaps of stones to remain on the travelling surface. In regard to this matter Mr. Elgee said that the Co. Council was clearly liable, and it was decided that the Co. Surveyor should direct Assistant Surveyors to see that material was not placed on the roads in such a manner as to cause danger to the public."

"The necessity of having hedges cut at dangerous points was also referred to by Colonel Gibbon."

"It was also decided, on the suggestion of Col. Gibbon, that the Co. Surveyor should prepare a coloured map of the Trunk Roads of the County."

"Col. Gibbon stated that when annual estimates of expenditure were being considered he would press for a coherent plan to show not only what road policy would be for a year but for the life of the present County Council."

"Col. Quinn mentioned that in India, road contracts were arranged for 40 or 50 miles at a time and ten or twelve miles were completed thoroughly in every detail each year."

"It was decided that Mr. Elgee take proceedings in connection with the flooding of the road at Newtown between Haggards Quarry and Duncannon on Road No. 46 R. The persons concerned were notified to take the necessary steps to abate the flooding over six weeks ago."



*Farm Workers and Employment on Roads.*

"under date 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 1925, the following letter was read from Mr Alfred Haughton, Rockspring, Terns." :-

"I see by the Guardian newspaper, dated August 15<sup>th</sup> that at your Council meeting, one of the members, Mr S. O'Byrne, is reported as having said "There was a definite order made that no man was to be given work who left a former for the purpose of getting work on the roads. In the face of that one of the Council's gangers John Burke, came to one of my men, Michael Ryan on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August and called to him over the fence from the road to go work in Carrigeen Quarry the next day."

"To notice whatever was given me. John Burke some time ago asked one of my other men to leave but he did not go. It is a most extraordinary state of affairs that men can be called off in the harvest to work on the roads."

"I wish you to bring this before the next meeting and have it sifted to the bottom."

"Mr Haughton, (who was in attendance) said that Ryan had been in his employment for about a year."

"Mr Emmis said that at the last meeting of the Roads Committee Ryan and a man named Kearns came before the meeting asking for employment. He decided to employ Ryan as he had experience of quarry work. If he had known that Ryan was in permanent employment he (Mr Emmis) would not have taken him on."

"Mr. Boggan considered it was the duty of Mr. Emmis to have found out if Ryan was in employment before giving him a job in the quarry."

"Col. Gibbon proposed: - That Michael Ryan, at present employed by the County Council, be informed that he must return to his work with Mr. Haughton and that unless he remains for the necessary harvest work that he be not further employed by the Council."

"Mr Hall seconded."

"Col. Gibbon pointed out that Burke, the ganger, must have known that Ryan was in Mr. Haughton's employment."

"Mr O'Byrne proposed that Ryan should be discharged unconditional and told to return to Mr. Haughton."

"Col. Gibbon withdrew his resolution in favour of this proposal which was seconded by Mr. Hall. The latter said that it was probable rather the ganger than Mr. Emmis took Mr. Haughton as they did other people. They appeared to have some spleen against Mr. Haughton."

"Mr Emmis denied absolutely that he had any spleen against Mr. Haughton."

"The resolution of Mr. O'Byrne was then put and passed."

"Mr Boggan considered that Burke, ganger, should be dismissed."

"Mr Emmis said that Burke had to carry out his instructions, and in view



of the statements which had been made at last Roads Committee meeting he (Mr. Ennis) had decided Burke to employ Ryan."

"Col. Sibson proposed: "That the Chairman, Messrs. Shannon and Hall, be appointed a sub-committee to take an explanation from Burke as to his action in this matter. If this sub-committee be satisfied that Burke wilfully took Ryan from Mr. Haughton's employment his services are to be dispensed with."

"Col. Quinn seconded the resolution which was adopted, Mr. Peggan dissenting as he considered, in view of how Burke acted on the occasion, he was quite cognizant that Ryan was in the employment of Mr. Haughton."

The Chairman stated that he and Mr. Hall had interviewed the ganger in connection with the man who had been taken from Mr. Haughton's employment. The ganger stated that Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor met him on the road and told him to employ this man Ryan. He happened to be passing by Mr. Haughton's nest day, saw the man in the field, called him over, and told him he had got instructions to employ him on the roads. Ryan stated he would not leave Mr. Haughton, but that night he went to the ganger and told him he was willing to work for the County Council. The ganger held he was working under the orders of his superior, Mr. Ennis, and, in the circumstances, he (Chairman) and Mr. Hall did not consider it desirable to recommend any definite action but cautioned him to exercise more care in future."

#### *Superannuation Mr. Jones, Assistant Surveyor.*

"It was decided that the Secretary again communicate with the Department of Local Government in connection with the proposed superannuation of Mr. Jones, Assistant Surveyor, and should a favourable reply be received, the Co. Surveyor be instructed to arrange for Mr. F. O'Neill, B.E., to take up duty in new Ross District."

#### *New Road Crosslough - Wexford*

"The Co. Surveyor submitted letter received from Mr. Meldon, owner of the South Slob, under date 9<sup>th</sup> August 1925, stating that, when he visited the South Slob on 8<sup>th</sup> August, he was surprised to find men working on the new road. He wished to know if any written guarantee had been given to build wall to protect farmyards and to make up all fences along the road to the satisfaction of Mr. Joyce, Manager of the Slob. Until this was done Mr. Meldon did not think the Co. Surveyor should proceed with the work. He did not want to stand in the way of the construction of the new road but he was bound to look after his own interest and not to have a Commons made of the land."

"Under date 8<sup>th</sup> August, 1925, Mr. Joyce, Manager for Mr. Meldon wrote that the latter required the Council to fence 6 acres 0 rods: 2 perches statute."

"Mr. Elger, Solicitor, submitted further letter from Meldon & Co. Meldon."



Square North, Dublin, under date 14<sup>th</sup> August, 1925, stating they naturally expected when the County Council had matured their plans, the latter with specification and tracing, would have been submitted with an agreement. The County Council without permission or authority had entered on the land and proceeded with the building of the road. This was irregular and the Council were trespassers. They asked for details to enable them to see what was exactly proposed and also for the necessary agreement."

"Mr. Elgee said that he had a letter from Messrs. Teldon & Co., under date 8<sup>th</sup> June that he could take it the Scheme had the approval of the Teldon Estate."

"It was decided that the Co. Surveyor arrange with the Managers of Mr. Teldon for the necessary fencing."

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> August, 1925, (letter No. R/24/32) the Department of Local Government wrote asking whether the Council had been advised that there was a public right of way for wheeled traffic across the railway line at Drinagh accommodation crossing. In the absence of such a right it might not be possible to compel the Company to allow the new road to cross their permanent way.

The Co. Surveyor stated that he had furnished the Department with evidence that wheeled traffic had been using the level crossing for some time.

Mr. Culliton complained he had submitted names of men for employment on this road to the Co. Surveyor. Eight men were to be employed on the road and seven men in Kerlogue Quarry. Five men were only employed on the road and no man employed in the quarry, and the most necessitous cases were not selected according to the list which had been submitted to the Co. Surveyor by him (Mr. Culliton).

The Co. Surveyor stated he was employing as many men as possible and would have inquiries made as to the statements made by Mr. Culliton.

### Wages on Grant Work.

"Under date 19<sup>th</sup> August, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (R/1463/32) as follows:-

"With reference to your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> instant and enclosure relative to the rate of wages payable to workmen under the above mentioned grant (£450,000 Junk Road Grant), I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the rate of 28/- per week already authorised represents the average rate payable on grant work and no sufficient reason has been advanced to warrant an increase in this amount. The Minister is therefore unable to sanction the proposal of the Wexford Co. Council that the rate of wages be increased to 30/- per week."

"No order"



### Bradford Bridge

"At the meeting of the County Council on 10<sup>th</sup> August, 1925, Mr. Connor complained of house being flooded in the vicinity of this bridge which is between Lemo and Camolin, and considered that the necessary permanent repairs of the structure should be carried out."

"It was decided that the matter be dealt with when the steam rolling work in the neighbourhood of the bridge had been completed."

### New Ross Courthouse.

"Under date 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 1925, Mr. Elgee, wrote that he was making arrangements for interview with Mr. Hamilton, agent to the Tottenham Estate, in connection with resuming possession of New Ross Courthouse."

### Telegraphic Line Kingsbridge - Cullenstown.

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gibbons, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:—That the Roads Committee on behalf of Wexford Co. Council hereby consent to the erection of overhead telegraphic line on the road from the existing line at Camig-on-Bannow to existing line at Kingsbridge and from a point on the existing line near Kingsbridge to the Mr. 1. man's residence near Cullenstown."

On the motion of Mr. Clince, seconded by Mr. Gibbons, the minutes of the Roads Committee were confirmed, Mr. Boggan dissenting from the confirmation of the recommendation relative to Mr. Haughton's case.

### Matters - Re Roads and Quaries

Mr. Thorpe complained that three months had been spent by men hand-drilling in Longarrow and Camigbyrne Quaries last year. The rock drill came afterwards and bored independent holes with the result that the money paid for hand drilling was wasted.

The Co. Surveyor stated that some of the hand drilled holes had not been used.

Mr. Conry raised the question as to the Co. Surveyor having dispensed with the services of men in Ballinabola Quarry.

The Co. Surveyor explained that these men were not on the permanent staff and had received notice because he had no work for them. He would take them on again when blasting would be carried out.

Mr. P. Byrne asked when work at Tara Hill Quarry would re-open.

The Co. Surveyor mentioned that there was a large quantity of material in this quarry and Camiganeagh was covering a large portion of the work done in the past by Tara Hill. The men usually employed in the latter would be absorbed on road work later on.

Mr. Havanagh called attention to the manner in which heaps of road material had been allowed to remain on the roads particularly at dangerous corners.

The Co. Surveyor stated he would inquire into the matter.

The attention of the Co. Surveyor was directed to minor matters in connection with



road administration.

*Supernuation of Mr. W. H. Jones, Assistant Surveyor.*

Under date 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 1925, letter to R/R 1/32 was read from the minutes for Local Government, stating that he had consented to payment of supernuation allowance to Mr. W. H. Jones, Assistant Surveyor at the rate of £133:6:8 per annum.

*Erection of Railing at Camolin.*

Under date 21<sup>st</sup> August, 1925, Mr. M. O'Sullivan K.J., Camolin, wrote, asking the Council to grant him permission to erect a railing opposite his house in Camolin.

Referred to Roads Committee.

*Thos McCarthy*



The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Lortview, Wexford, on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 1925.

Present: Mr Thomas MacCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also present: Colonel Gibbon (Vice Chairman); Messrs William Boggan, Patrick Byrne, James Clinice, Michael Cloney, Patrick Colfer, John Connor, Thomas Cooney, Richard Drish, Christopher Cullerton, T. J. D'Arcy; Michael Doyle, James Gault, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, David Kavanagh, Aidan McEneaney, Nicholas J. Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Mr. M. O'Donoghue, James Shannon, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh, John White, and Colonel R. P. Wemyss Quinn.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor and Mr Elgar, Solicitor, were in attendance.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### *Qualification of Mr. Cullerton as Co. Councillor*

The Secretary stated as directed by last meeting he had asked the Secretary County Board of Health to inform him as to the dates on which Mr. Cullerton had been paid for work by County Board of Health.

He had received the following letter from Secretary Co. Board of Health under date 25<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, and had forwarded same to the Department of Local Government for their information:-

"In reply to your letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant on the subject the following are the payments made to Mr. Cullerton and the periods covered by the payments:-

£3:3:9 from the 16<sup>th</sup> March to 20<sup>th</sup> March, 1925.

£5:17:3 from the 13<sup>th</sup> April to 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 1925.

£2:2:2 from the 8<sup>th</sup> April to 10<sup>th</sup> April, 1925.

£6:16:1 from the 27<sup>th</sup> April to 9<sup>th</sup> May, 1925.

£7:8:10 from the 11<sup>th</sup> May to 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

£5:16:7 from the 25<sup>th</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

£6:16:1 from the 8<sup>th</sup> June to 20<sup>th</sup> June.

£6:9:4 from the 22<sup>nd</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

All the payments were made by the Wexford Rural District Council.

Mr. Cullerton resigned his membership of the Council on the 7<sup>th</sup> March, 1925 and his resignation was accepted by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health by letter No. G. 12545/25 dated the 21<sup>st</sup> March, 1925."

#### *Vacancy on Committee of Mental Hospitals*

Under date 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (G. 44215-1925 Miscellaneous) that it was desirable that all salaries of Officials should be paid up to the 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1925. The Clerks of R. D. Councils should be informed that they would be expected to have the accounts of their District prepared for audit and abstracts of same submitted to Local Government Department by the middle of October as it was contemplated to arrange for early audits. Any debts which remain



undischarged at 30<sup>th</sup> September would be transferred to the Co. Council and lists of same should be furnished to the County Secretary.

The following resolution was adopted, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne: - That the attention of Clerks of R. D. Councils be called to Circular Letter of Department of Local Government (L. 44215/1925 Miscellaneous) - (23<sup>rd</sup> September, 1925) relative to the abolition of R. D. Councils and the closing of the a/c's of same to the 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1925. That, as recommended by the County Board of Health, we hereby transfer all existing officers of the Rural District Councils of Ennis corby, Gorey, New Ross and Wexford to the service of County Wexford Board of Health, with the following exceptions: - Mr. John J. Tanning, Clerk R. D. Council, Gorey, who is transferred to County Council office, Wexford, and Mr. John J. Rochford, Clerk R. D. Council, New Ross, who has been appointed by the County Council to act as Rate Inspector."

### Tuberculosis Scheme - Salary of Nurse O'Connor

Under date 16<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H. 43549/25 Wexford County) that as the declaration under section 71 of Local Government Act of 1925 made by Nurse O'Connor, Chief Tuberculosis Nurse, in respect of the increase in her salary was not signed within one month after the date of the resolution passed by the County Council on 10<sup>th</sup> August, 1925, the resolution was therefore void. It was open to the Council to pass a further resolution when a fresh declaration could be made by Nurse O'Connor. In considering the matter the County Council might also deal with the question of granting the nurse an allowance for travelling expenses, which would enable her to do considerably more work in connection with the Tuberculosis Scheme and would render her services available for attendance on tuberculosis patients in districts not served by "part time" nurses. Arrangements might also be made by which the "part time" nurses might attend the local branch and dispensaries and thus obviate the necessity for Nurse O'Connor visiting these.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Boggan:

"That we confirm the resolution of County Council meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> August, 1925 agreeing to increase of salary to Nurse O'Connor, Chief Tuberculosis Nurse, from £100 to £125 per annum, increase to be counted as from 20<sup>th</sup> June 1925 - date of meeting of Co. Tuberculosis Committee agreeing to same.

In connection with proposal to allow travelling expenses to Nurse O'Connor the following resolution was submitted from meeting of Tuberculosis Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> October, 1925 -

"That the question of proposed allowance of travelling expenses to Nurse O'Connor be referred to the County Board of Health. This Committee, in view of the short time it is proposed they should function, do not desire to make any recommendation in the matter. We believe it was understood that "part time" nurses at Ennis corby, Gorey and New Ross should attend the Tuberculosis Dispensaries and direct our Secretary to communicate with Dr. O'Connor, Tuberculosis Medical Officer, and ascertain



from him if this is the case. If not, why the practise was discontinued, and if "part time" nurses are still attending the branch dispensaries in the three towns why it is necessary for the Chief Tuberculosis nurse to visit these dispensaries."

The above resolution was confirmed on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. D. O'Gara.

#### Dental Treatment.

Under date 19<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H. 4332) forwarding letter which had been sent by the Department to the Co. Tuberculosis Committee in connection with dental treatment. Subject to ratification by the County Council the Council approved of the proposed arrangements for this treatment on the same terms as heretofore by the following dentists, viz: Wexford Mr. J. W. Bailey; Enniscorthy Mr. J. Byrne; New Ross Mr. B. J. Dunne.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. R. Corish seconded by Mr. Walsh:-

"That we ratify the arrangements for dental treatment of patients attending the Tuberculosis Dispensaries at Wexford, Enniscorthy and New Ross. That in the event of the Co. Board of Health considering continuance of this treatment for 1926 we are of opinion dental treatment should be afforded to patients attending the Tuberculosis Dispensary at Gorey."

#### Treatment Advanced Cases.

In connection with home for advanced cases of tuberculosis at Enniscorthy the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H. 42167/25 Wexford County) directing attention to their letter of 30<sup>th</sup> June 1924, as to the recommendations of Dr. Boyd Barrett, Medical Inspector, regarding the development of the old Fever Hospital premises at Enniscorthy for use as a hospital for the reception of advanced cases of tuberculosis. The County Board of Health were unable owing to the state of their finances to carry out the repairs necessary to render the premises suitable for the proposed purpose. If a lease of the buildings were granted to the County Council it would be possible, subject to the consent of the Minister for Finance, to make the County share of the Sanatorium grant available to meet the cost of necessary work. The Minister would be glad to have the observation of the County Council in the matter.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:- That the County Surveyor be instructed to visit old Fever Hospital Enniscorthy and present to next meeting of the Council a preliminary sketch and report as to the additional accommodation necessary for treatment of additional advanced cases of tuberculosis. The County Council will be prepared to take a lease of the buildings but they are not prepared, in view of present high local rates, to agree that any sum should be spent on the erection of additional premises or renovation of those at present existing beyond what can be obtained from the Sanatorium Grant or from any other sums which the Government may be in a position to provide."



*Continuation of Existing Tuberculosis Committee in office.*

Extracts from minutes of meeting of County Tuberculosis Committee in respect of meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, was submitted. This covered letter from Mr. J. D. Shinnott, Secretary, County Board of Health, requesting the Ministry for Local Government to approve of the existing Tuberculosis Committee functioning until the 31<sup>st</sup> December and Mr. Fyelle, the present Secretary to the Committee carrying on the duties until that date. also letter (No. P.H. 45/129-25 Wexford County) under date 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 1925 from the Department of Local Government that there was no objection to the proposal of the Board of Health being adopted provided these were ratified by the County Council.

The Co. Tuberculosis Committee submitted the following resolution for confirmation: "That provided the Wexford County Council approve, this Committee is prepared to carry on the work of the Tuberculosis Scheme until 31<sup>st</sup> December 1925."

Under date 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H. 45/929-15 Wexford County Board of Health) forwarding copy of letter addressed to the Wexford Co. Board of Health regarding the proposal to retain the services of the Secretary of the former County Tuberculosis Committee until 31<sup>st</sup> December next.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sears O'Byrne:—

"That we approve of the present Tuberculosis Committee carrying on the work of the Co. Tuberculosis Scheme until 31<sup>st</sup> December 1925 and that the present Secretary continue in office for the period."

*Re-appointment Secretary.*

The following resolution was submitted from the meeting of County Tuberculosis Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 1925:—

"That Mr. T. J. Fyelle, be re-appointed Secretary to this Committee as from 15<sup>th</sup> July, 1925, to the termination of office held by this Committee."

The following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Conish, seconded by Mr. Hall:— "That we approve of the re-appointment of Mr. T. J. Fyelle as Secretary to County Tuberculosis Committee as from 15<sup>th</sup> July, 1925, to the termination of office of present Committee — remuneration £1 per week."

*Auditor's Reports.*

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, the Department of Local Government forwarded copy of report of their Auditor, Mr. J. J. Healy, on his audit of the accounts of Grey R.D. Council for the two half years ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1925.

*"Authorised" Committee*

Under date 7<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (S44465/1925 Wexford County Council) as follows:—

"With reference to your letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> ultimo, I am directed by the Ministry for Local Government and Public Health to state that he consents to contributions in aid of travelling



being paid by the Wexford County Council to members of the following authorised Committee.

	no of members	Quorum
Finance Committee	8	3
Roads Committee	10	5

As regards the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, I am to state that a communication has been addressed to the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, and to the Ministry of Education, as to whether this Committee is to be recognised as an authorised Committee.

I am to request you to submit for the approval of the Minister regulations under section 58(5) of the act."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Leary, seconded by Mr. Boggan:-  
 "That we protest against the regulation made under the Local Government Act of 1925 by which a contribution towards the travelling expenses of members is made for one way only." Everybody, except members of the Dail who attended the debate on the Bill, was under the impression that the actual travelling expenses of members would be refunded and we fail to understand why this was not done. The Local Government Department should take steps to have this injustice remedied."

#### Damage to Property Compensation Act, 1923.

Under date 6<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, the Department of Finance wrote (1746/16) pointing out that the first moiety of the amount under the provisions of above act for current financial half year, £4933:4:4, was due for payment on 15<sup>th</sup> instant. Payment was requested.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:- "That payment of Rate under Damage to Property Act, 1923 due by this Co. Council be considered when Rate Collection for half year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1925 has been closed."

#### Navigation River Slaney and Wexford Harbour.

At a conference of interested Local Bodies, including County Council, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That, in view of the urgent necessity for maintaining Wexford Port in an efficient manner and for the general development of the trade of the County we request the Department of Industry and Commerce to provide the services of an expert Engineer to prepare a full survey of the river Slaney and Wexford Harbour and estimate of cost. The present financial condition of the bodies concerned does not permit of this work being carried out at the expense of local funds. In view of the number of people concerned the Conference is convinced that the Government should help to have a proper survey of the port and river Slaney carried out."

The following reply under date 17<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, (J. 53008) was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to acknowledge receipt of



your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> instant, transmitting a resolution adopted by a Conference representative of a number of public bodies on the 7<sup>th</sup> idem, in regard to the preparation of a full survey and estimate of cost for the development of Wexford Harbour and the River Slaney.

"It appears to the Minister that an improvement of Wexford Harbour is a necessary preliminary to consideration of development of the River Slaney dealt with by the Canal Commission. For the latter there is already an estimate available, referred to by the Commission, which would at least provide a starting point for consideration of the finances of the matter.

"With regard to the primary question of improving Wexford Harbour, the Minister feels that, if the economic advantage to the community in the neighbourhood of an efficient harbour at Wexford is sufficiently great to outweigh the advantages of adjacent harbours such advantage will be sufficiently material to warrant the community concerned providing at least the preliminary expenditure involved in obtaining the necessary survey and estimate.

"The Minister hopes that on further consideration of the matter the conference of public bodies will see its way to take further action in the desired direction on its own initiative."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Conish, seconded by Mr. Doyle:-

"That the Conference of Local Representatives appointed to consider the questions of the navigation of the River Slaney and the improvement of Wexford Harbour be summoned on a convenient date to deal with communications from the Department of Industry & Commerce under date 17<sup>th</sup> September, 1925 (T. 53008)."

#### *Motor Car Administration.*

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Conish, seconded by Colonel Gibbon:-

"We consider that in order to provide for proper payment of motor tax, a "hold up" of all motor vehicles should be arranged by the Garda Síochána once a quarter or oftener if Garda consider it necessary. The present method of arranging "hold ups" from headquarters in Dublin is unsatisfactory and is responsible for non-payment of full amount of motor tax in some instances.

#### *Finance Committee Recommendations.*

##### Overdue a/c

The following was submitted from meeting of Finance Committee on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 1925.

"In connection with account for £62:2:0 received from Enniscomby Co-operative Agricultural Society for goods supplied to Enniscomby Board of Guardians and to County Board of Health, Mr. J. D. Sinnott, Secretary Co. Board of Health wrote that the Board of Health was responsible for £12:4:3 and the balance £49:17:9 was due by late Enniscomby Board of Guardians."



"under date 18<sup>th</sup> September 1925,, the Department of Local Government, Cork (A.25875-1925 Wexford County Board of Health), that the items in question were supplied in pre-amalgamation days, and might be paid by the County Council."

"It was decided that account be referred to Solicitor to the County Council as to whether the items in question were statute based according to Local Government code."

The decision of the Finance Committee was confirmed, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne.

*Meeting of Finance Committee 8<sup>th</sup> October, 1925*

*Payments*

The following was submitted from meeting of Finance Committee 8<sup>th</sup> October, 1925:-

"Treasurer's advice note for £ 6580.17.10 was examined and signed."

"In connection with issue of pay orders the following recommendation was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by J. O. Byrne: - That payments to men working in quarries or on Road Section be made out in future in the name of the ganger who will supply receipt in connection with each payment from each worker on prescribed form."

after considerable discussion the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, and seconded by Mr. Kavanagh:-

"That payments to road and quarry workers be made to the ganger in each case in which the amount involved does not cover more than £ 50, the ganger obtaining a receipt from each employee concerned and furnishing same to County Surveyor's office: that in the case of payments of £ 50 and over pay orders be forwarded to Assistant Surveyor of the District concerned."

Mr. Hall proposed: - That no payments be made to gangers unless the latter furnish appropriate security.

A show of hands was taken on resolution of Mr. O'Byrne when it was found that it was carried by 18 to 2.

It was decided that inquiries be made of Insurance Brokers as to the cost of covering the gangers in this instance by fidelity guarantee.

*Rate Collection*

The following was submitted from meeting of Finance Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> October, 1925:-

"The Secretary submitted the following letter from Department of Local Government, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, 64464-1925 Wexford County."

"With reference to the Council's proposal on the 14<sup>th</sup> instant to extend to the 30<sup>th</sup> idem the date for the final closing of the 1925 rate, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he feels obliged on numerous occasions in recent years to comment adversely on the manner in which the Wexford Rate Collectors have been performing their duties. A course of procedure was suggested in the final paragraph of the Department's letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup>



July last and it is assumed that action of the nature indicated will be taken by the Council after the 30<sup>th</sup> instant in the light of the position then disclosed."

The final paragraph of the letter of the Local Government Department under date 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 1925, (L.G. 284-25) was as follows:

"The Minister is satisfied that the time has now definitely arrived when the Council should show no further leniency to any collector who has not closed all his accounts or does not do so after final warning by the 31<sup>st</sup> July. The Minister suggests that a small Committee be appointed with plenary powers to dismiss on that date any collector who has not closed all outstanding accounts by lodgment of all recoverable arrears and by accounting for the balance on Form 58 of all items shown to be clearly irrecoverable or vouched in each case by deems obtained by the collector but not executed through no fault of his."

"The following recommendation was adopted:—That in the case of any Rate Collector who fails to close his warrants by 31<sup>st</sup> October, 1925, the Co. Council consider the advisability of enforcing the terms of the letter of the Local Government Department of the 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 1925 (L.G. 284-25 Wexford County)."

"In connection with the foregoing resolution the amounts collected by each collector were very carefully gone into."

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Colonel Quinn.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Quinn, seconded by Mr. Cloney:—That the Finance Committee be empowered to deal with the case of any Rate Collector who fails to close his warrants by the 31<sup>st</sup> October and that they be empowered to dismiss any collector who is not, in their opinion, giving satisfaction in the performance of his duties."

Colonel Gibbon gave notice that he would propose the following at the next meeting of the County Council:—

"That the amount of interest on overdrafts incurred on money uncollected by Rate Collectors be deducted from their poundage in future."

### Proposed Payment of Poundage

The following extract from Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, was submitted:—

"Mr James Dwyer, Rate Collector, wrote under date 6<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, on behalf of the Collectors of the County asking the Council to obtain sanction for payment of all arrears of poundage due as collectors found it very hard to carry on at the present time for want of funds."

"Under date 6<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, Mr John J. O'Reilly, Rate Collector, wrote in a similar strain in connection with the Gorry Collectors."

"It was decided to recommend the Council to apply to the Local Government Department for sanction to the payment of the outstanding balance



of 25% poundage on the Rate to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1925 and 80% of poundage to any Collector who has collected 60% of the current Rate for September 1925."

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Sean O Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quinn.

#### Refund Rates Vacant House

The following extract from minutes of Finance Committee of 5<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, was submitted:-

"In connection with application for refund of £8:6:6 rate paid for vacant buildings on 149 C (Fethard E.D.) by Mr. Thomas Wallin, a certificate was received from Rate Collector Cloney that the buildings were vacant from March 1924 to March 1925."

"It was decided to make refund as per certificate of Rate Collector Cloney"

The recommendation of Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Cloney, seconded by Mr. Hall.

#### Insurance of County Council

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 5<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, was submitted:-

"A discussion took place as to the advisability of transferring the County Council's Insurance from the Hibernian Insurance Co to an Irish Company. It was pointed out that of the total annual premium of £1000:19:6 paid by the County Council a sum of £965:12:0 was paid to the Hibernian Insurance Co."

"It was decided that the County Council be recommended to advertise for tenders from Irish Insurance Companies for their Insurance as from 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1926."

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Gaub.

#### Insurance Rosepark.

The following extract from minutes of Finance Committee of 5<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, was submitted:-

"The Secretary stated he had received an account for the Insurance of Rosepark the residence of the Surgeon County Infirmary. He had referred the matter to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, who wrote under date 1<sup>st</sup> October, 1925, that he was of opinion as the Surgeon is only in occupation of the premises as part of his emoluments while acting as Medical Officer of the Hospital and was not responsible for the upkeep of the buildings he should not be asked to insure them but that same should be done by the Council."

"It was decided to recommend the County Council to agree to the payment of the premium in this case, viz. £3:17:0."

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of



the Chairman seconded by Colonel Quinn.

### *Sanction Overdrafts*

The following extract from minutes of Finance Committee of 8<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 25<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (L. 44472/1925 Wexford County) sanctioning the continuance of overdrafts not exceeding £40,000 on the account of the Wexford County Council to 31<sup>st</sup> December next. Interest thereon could be paid at a rate not in excess of  $\frac{1}{2}$  % under Irish Bank Rate with a minimum of 4%."

### *Financial Accommodation Local Authorities*

The following extract from minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> October, 1925 was submitted:-

"Under date 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (L. 44438/25 Miscellaneous) calling attention to the fact that the Irish Banks Standing Committee had now agreed that as from 1<sup>st</sup> October, 1925, in cases in which overdraft accommodation is granted the normal rate of interest will be  $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent under the existing discount rate subject to a minimum charge of 4 per cent and that where debit and credit balances exist simultaneously the credit balance will within the limit of the overdraft be set off against it prior to assessment of interest."

"If the balance be in favour of the credit amount interest at the deposit rate will be allowed on the difference and this rate of interest will also apply to credit balances where there is no overdraft. But the stipulation has been made that this arrangement is not to be applied to more than two current accounts."

### *Superannuation of Mr Jones, ex Assistant Surveyor*

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 8<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 24<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (R/R. 1/32) enclosing copy of sealed order consenting to the payment of an annual allowance of £133.6.8 being paid by Wexford County Council as superannuation to Mr W.H. Jones, late Assistant Surveyor."

### *Superannuation Mr John J. Rockford*

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 8<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 26<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (P. 34554/25 Wexford County) forwarding copy of sealed order determining the amount of compensation to be received by Mr John J. Rockford, Clerk R.D. Council New Ross for loss of emoluments as Superintendent Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages for New Ross District to be £24.2.4 payable as



from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1924.

### Payment Income Tax.

The following extract from minutes of Finance Committee of 8<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, was submitted:-

"In connection with bill for £2:14:5 from Revenue Commissioners for Income Tax (Courtown Harbour) portion of which was statute barred, the Department of Local Government's order under date 25<sup>th</sup> September 1925 (S. 44761/1925 Wexford County) that section 51(7) of the Local Government's Act 1898 did not apply in cases of debts due to departments of State."

It was decided that the amount be paid.

### University Scholarships

The following extract from meeting of Finance Committee of the 8<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, was submitted:-

"Miss Kathleen Corry, 16, George Street, Wexford applied for an extension of her University Scholarship for a year to enable her to obtain her B.A. degree."

"It was decided to recommend the Council not to agree to the application."

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

### Roads Committee Recommendations.

#### Preliminary Report: Roads Inspection

The County Surveyor submitted a preliminary report of Roads Inspection Committee detailing the various districts inspected by the Committee. The report which evoked no comment is set out in full on minutes of Roads Committee meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> September, 1925. It does not contain anything beyond detailed references to the routes taken. The full report of Committee will be furnished to next meeting of the Co. Council.

#### Road Scrapings accumulation.

The following is an extract from minutes of Roads Committee of 28<sup>th</sup> September, 1925:-

"Colonel Guinness complained of the manner in which road scrapings were allowed to accumulate, blocking the water tables and flooding the roads."

"Mr. Boggan said that the County Council would find themselves let in for heavy damages if they did not take some steps to have accumulations of road material removed. This was becoming a great nuisance than the heaps of stones on the travelling surface. The stuff was, in some cases, absolutely dangerous."

"The County Surveyor said that the accumulated stuff was being all gradually removed."

"Mr. Elgee mentioned that he did not think the Council would be liable for an accident in regard to a normal amount of road scrapings being allowed



to remain on the road for a limited time, but, if an abnormal quantity was allowed to remain so as to cause an obstruction, he was afraid the County Council would be liable for any accident which might occur."

"It was decided that the matter be referred to the Roads Improvement Committee."

Mr. Boggan said that if some means was not devised to have the stuff taken away it would resolve itself into a very dangerous problem."

Colonel Gibbon mentioned that he was passing along the New Ross Bary road at 7.55 a.m. recently and found gangs and all men ready to begin work."

Mr. Boggan said the road from Bortown to Taghmon was in a disgraceful condition: the road scrapings for years had been allowed to accumulate on it.

The County Surveyor said that enormous quantities had been removed from time to time, but unless the County Council put up a proposal involving a considerable amount the stuff could not be removed at once.

Mr. O'Donoghue mentioned that in the north of the County there was no accumulation of road scrapings, they were thrown up on or over the fences.

Colonel Gibbon said it appeared from Mr. Elger the Council had no power to compel the owner of adjoining land to remove the stuff from the roadside; they should ask powers to give the farmer the option of removing it, and if he refused that the County Council should be empowered to put it on the fences.

Mr. Doyle - you would require legislation for that.

Mr. Conish believed the County Surveyor should approach the landholders in districts most affected and ask them if they would allow the Co. Council to put the stuff on the fences.

Mr. Doyle considered the matter had been greatly magnified: there was no accumulation of road scrapings throughout the Barony of Forth.

### Trunk Road Grants.

The following extract from Minutes of Roads Committee of 28<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 26<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote that a payment of £100 would be made on Road L. 7 Works No. 255. This was in respect of Trunk Road Grant of £450,000 for work being carried out by New Ross Urban Council under the full grant of £1400 to them allocated by the County Council to the Urban Council."

"In connection with this matter a letter under date 13<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, was read from New Ross Urban Council asking for a grant of a further £500 as



the £100 allocated had not been found sufficient to complete the spraying of the roads with sprayers."

It was decided to inform the New Ross Urban Council that the Roads Committee cannot recommend the Council to make any further grants beyond the £100. The Committee considers that the New Ross Urban Council should have kept the cost of the work within the £100. They also desire to point out that New Ross is the only one of the Urban Districts in the County which received any subvention from the Rural Road Grant."

The recommendation of Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Cloney, seconded by Mr. Shannon.

### Cutting Hedges.

The following extract from minutes of Roads Committee of 28<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 25<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, (2.R.199) the Department of Local Government wrote calling attention to the provisions of section 34 of the Local Government Act 1925 with respect to hedges and trees prejudicial to roads."

"In certain circumstances a hedge or tree may not only be trimmed and cut but removed altogether."

"Apart from the fact that overhanging trees and hedges tend to keep the road surface wet and soft, thereby nullifying the surveyor's efforts to drain a road thoroughly, the existence of high hedges at road bends or crossroads, where perhaps a school was situated, is a source of danger to both pedestrians and vehicular traffic."

"The County Surveyor stated he had notified the Assistant Surveyors that they must take effective steps in this matter at once."

"It was decided that Assistant Surveyors should interview occupiers of land on which it was proposed that hedges (which were considered prejudicial to a road) should be cut."

Approved on the motion of Mr. Cloney seconded by Mr. Shannon.

### New Ross - Wexford Road.

The following extract from minutes of Roads Committee meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, was submitted:-

"Dr. Heam, Solicitor, New Ross, who was in attendance on his request in connection with above road, stated he was over the road seven or eight times a week and pointed out that the different sections required different treatments. If it were steam rolled in a general way on a basis of £13000 grant it would not be possible to make a good job."

"The County Surveyor explained in detail how he proposed dealing with each section."

"Dr. Heam said that he considered with the amount of money at his disposal the Co. Surveyor was doing all that could be expected."



*County Surveyor's Report.*

The County Surveyor presented the following report to Roads Committee meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, 1925:-

"I beg to report that Mr Jones has now definitely surrendered duty, and Mr O'Neill, the newly appointed assistant, has taken over the work as from the 21<sup>st</sup> instant. In connection with this Mr O'Neill asks if arrangements can be made for him to obtain office accommodation at the old work house premises, and also storage for tools and sundry road appliances.

"The work of fixing the new mooring chains to the warping buoys at New Ross Bridge has now been completed by the Waterford Harbour Commissioners, at a cost of £51.16.0 which with the previous expenditure makes a total cost of £251.16.1. On this occasion besides fixing the mooring chain on the fourth buoy I had the mooring chains of the other three buoys examined, and the chains and shackles of the four buoys are now in a thoroughly sound condition. The Waterford Harbour Commissioners are prepared to purchase old anchors etc., either on valuation or agreement, and I ask for authority to deal with them and report as to terms.

The New Ross Urban Council submitted to the Local Government details regarding the grant expenditure, and as I was not satisfied with same I wrote to the Local Government and to the Urban Council. I now have a letter from the Town Clerk stating that the Council is prepared to go on with the work as required by me. I shall submit correspondence at the meeting."

"I have now received from the manager of the Slab Reclamation a memo in regard to the requirements of Messrs Treddon (I shall submit same at the meeting)

In regard to the fencing I am generally in agreement with the work, in fact the details are more or less on my own suggestion, but in regard to being responsible for drainage I am absolutely opposed to the terms. I suggest that the matter be placed in Mr. Elgee's hands, and that in conjunction with myself he should draft suitable agreement to submit to Messrs Treddon."

"Complaint was made to me through Mr. Elgee of defects in the water supply pipes in the house occupied by Mrs. Furlong - part of the County office premises belonging to the Council. I have had these defects made good, but there is also a matter which may, in the immediate future, require attention and that is part of the gable of the house on Katts Strand Lane.

"I have particulars from the Urban Council in Ennis corby in regard to the taking in of electric lights to the teaching yard premises, and I have invited tenders for the work from several contractors. up to the present, only one applied, and he declines to undertake the work on account of being already fully occupied."



"It will be necessary for the Committee to make recommendations in regard to three houses recently erected within the prohibited limits of the County Roads Centre. One is in Blackwals, on 55 E; another near Castlebridge, on 70 W; and the third at St. Leonards on 49 R. The Roads Inspection Committee are acquainted with the three cases."

"There are two further cases of flooding of County roads owing to defective drainage; one near Carne on 248 W, and the other at Rafter's Tree Bridge, on 44 W. In both cases the owners have been notified, but they have not carried out the cleaning work, and proceedings should be ordered."

"Mr Treanor writes me that the Contractor with whom he made agreement for supply of gravel on road 25 E has failed to carry out the work, and I think proceedings should be taken against him."

"Mr Brinkistie drew my attention to the small balance remaining available in Section "D" Wexford owing to having to meet the claims for Ballynabridge out of maintenance proposals to the extent of £283. I ask for authority to supply this deficit by Damage Order."

"On 14 and 21 E which are very important roads, Mr Treanor reports that there will be increased tonnage necessary to maintain them up to proper standard, but provision was not made for this for the current year."

"Last year I was authorised to purchase water proofs for the men working on the rollers, and these are now in a more or less worn condition. I consider it would be advisable for all the surface men to be provided with water proofs, and I am sure that this would prove economical, as the men could work in wet weather when otherwise they would get paid without giving any return."

"We had in our store a spare jaw stick for the breaker, and recently this had to be put into one of the machines, and I ask for authority to purchase a spare which will cost about £16."

"I am arranging to purchase a supply of 'Colas' for filling pot-holes, particularly on bitumen sprayed roads. I purpose leaving a supply of this in charge of each Assistant so that the work can be carried out from time to time as required. I believe it would be advantageous to have a small hand truck or barrow for moving the barrels of Colas along the road, and with this implement one man could attend to the work. I am asking for quotations for these barrows and shall submit same later."

"On Monday last, the 21<sup>st</sup> instant, one of our men working on the rolling work at Jerry's road was killed, but the cause leading to his death was outside of his proper work. I have formally reported the matter to the Insurance Company, but do not consider the Council is in any way liable."

"Recently on inspection of Poulduff Pier I found repair necessary to some of the protection walls, and I have ordered these to be carried out. The life buoy also



requires repair which I am having done. It will be necessary to cover the costs of this work by Damage order or special resolution."

The following recommendations of Roads Committee meeting of the 28<sup>th</sup> September, 1935, in regard to County Surveyor's reports were approved on the motion of Mr. Cloney seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

*Office for Mr. O'Neill Assistant Surveyor.*

"It was decided that the County Surveyor submit to next meeting of the Roads Committee a report as to the portion of New Ross Workhouse premises he considered could be used as an office by Mr. O'Neill and also for the storage of tools etc."

*Turning Chain New Ross Bridge.*

*approved.*

*New Ross Urban Council and Grants.*

"The County Surveyor submitted letter from New Ross Urban Council that they were prepared to go on with the work according to the proposals laid down by the County Surveyor. He (County Surveyor) considered the letter rather indefinite as nothing was said by the Urban Council in respect of material. They did not say whether they were prepared to accept Ballybrennan material or adhere to their decision to procure the material from Glansisew quarry which was in the County Kilkenny. He had no objection to the use of the latter material provided it was up to the sample which had been supplied to him and was of uniform quality."

"It was decided that the Urban Council be informed to this effect."

*Wexford Rosslare Slab Road.*

"After discussion it was decided that the County Surveyor and Mr. Elgee draft an agreement relative to the liability of the Council with Messrs Tieldon as to fences and drainage and submit same for approval to next meeting of Roads Committee."

*Water Supply Pipes &c Fortliew.*

"The County Surveyor stated there was a bulge in the gable of the house occupied by Michael Furlong. There was no immediate danger that the gable would collapse and as there was a possibility of the Council vacating Fortliew it might be advisable to take no action for the present."

"It was decided that no action be taken."

*Electric Light Machinery Yard.*

"It was decided to adjourn this matter to next meeting of the Roads Committee."

*Houses adjoining public roads.*

"The County Surveyor stated that the persons concerned were matchers Murphy, Blackwater (55E): John Walsh, Taloughli, Ballycullane (49R) and James Shottle, Castlebridge (70W)."

"It was decided that permission be given to Messrs Walsh and Shottle to erect houses as these could not be considered an obstruction to the public."



"In the case of Matthew Murphy, Blackwater, the Committee adopted a resolution that as the proposed building would interfere with the road, and with the line of other houses, the County Council be recommended to refuse the application and to communicate with Mr. Murphy and inform him that the portion of the house which he has erected must be removed."

### Flooding of Co. Roads.

"It was decided to instruct Mr. Elger, Solicitor, to take proceedings against the persons who were responsible for the flooding on Roads 248 W and 44 W."

### Gravel for Road 25 G.

"It was decided that Mr. Elger, Solicitor, proceed against Pats Heane, Bruce, Clonavan, for failure to perform his contract for supply of gravel on this road."

### Section "D" Wexford District.

"It was agreed to issue sudden damage order for £280 for repair of this road."

### Roads 14 G. and 21 G.

"The former being from Clough to Camolin and the latter from Gorey to Courtown Harbour. It was decided as money for the repair of these roads was not available the County Surveyor deal with them in next Road Estimates."

### Watiproofs for Employees.

"It was resolved that the County Surveyor submit estimates to the next meeting of the Committee for oil skin coats to the number required for men working with steam rollers."

### Spare jawstock.

"The proposal of the County Surveyor in this matter was approved, cost not to exceed £16."

### Hand Trucks etc., for distribution of "Cola."

"adjourned to allow County Surveyor to procure quotations."

### Fatal Injury to Road Worker.

"The County Surveyor stated he had communicated with Messrs the Donaghy Boland, Insurance Brokers, and had received from them, under date 26<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, the following letter:-

"We are in receipt of yours of the 23<sup>rd</sup> instant notifying me of an extraordinary accident which terminated fatally. While we regret the unfortunate occurrence - we must confirm that there is no liability on your Council as the accident did not arise out of and in the course of the deceased man's employment."

### Goulduff Riv.

"The County Surveyor stated that the work would cost £7 or £8. It was decided that sudden damage order for a sum not exceeding £8 be issued."



*Wexford Courthouse - Reconstruction Committee.*

"The following report which was considered at Roads Committee meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, was submitted and read for the meeting:-

"On the 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 1925, the first meeting of the Committee with the architect was held in the Council Chamber at 10.30 am. There were present: Colonel Gibbon; J. O'Byrne; Secretary County Council and County Surveyor. Messrs O'Connell and O'Brien were also in attendance."

"After discussion regarding the accommodation required the Committee with the architect and the County Surveyor visited the old Jail premises, and made a thorough examination of same. Subsequently, the Committee and architect visited the Courthouse and discussed possibilities of the two premises."

"On the previous day the architect had made a preliminary examination themselves and taken measurements of the Courthouse. They will go into the question of the two premises and submit preliminary particulars in regard to each which will be available for the County Council meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> proximo."

"Colonel Gibbon explained in detail the steps which had been taken by the Committee and Messrs O'Connell and O'Brien in connection with the Co. Hall (the old jail) and the Courthouse site. The architect informed the Committee that the grant allowed for the reconstruction of the Courthouse would not cover the cost of reconstruction as all the old walls would have to come down and be re-erected. The project for the conversion of the old jail to cover offices for County Council, Wexford Corporation, &c., mentioned, the architect said, very careful scrutiny and there was a possibility of securing these very suitable premises instead of rebuilding the Courthouse and of being able to obtain better value for the County at a lower or equal cost. No one could have taken more trouble or given more assistance to the Committee than Messrs O'Connell and O'Brien who were coming down again next week to go into the matter in greater detail. They would prepare a rough outline of the possibilities for next meeting of the Council. The old jail was absolutely useless for any other purpose than what they proposed. It could not be converted for a Home or Hospital or other kindred institutions."

"Mr O'Byrne pointed out that on the Courthouse site the Council could not secure accommodation which was desirable. A point which required to be cleared up, however, was as to the responsibility of the Council to the ground landlords in connection with the reconstruction of a building on this site."

"As regards the condition of the Courthouse Mr O'Byrne stated that on the day the Committee saw it it was a case for a Sanitary authority."

"Colonel Gibbon said the previous Court had been held on a Wednesday. When the Committee inspected it on the following Tuesday there was a heavy



loads of filth in it. The condition was disgusting.

"It was decided that the Secretary call the attention of the Under Sheriff and the Court Keeper to the statements which had been made at the meeting as regards the condition in which the Reconstruction Committee found the Courthouse on the day of their visit."

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The Chairman mentioned that a meeting of the Reconstruction Committee had been held on that morning. The architects had definitely turned down the proposals in regard to the jail but had submitted a plan for offices in the old Courthouse site. They would later on submit a detailed plan & estimate.

Colonel Gibbon pointed out that the walls in the old jail were so solid that it would cost a great deal of money to remove them.

The Committee had agreed to write to Messrs. Delap & Orpurn to trade them on 20<sup>th</sup> October (Tuesday) or 24<sup>th</sup> October (Saturday) and had arranged that Mr. Fahy, Assistant Justice and Mr. Scallan, Clerk of the Peace, should be present at the interview. They would have to get a move on to dispose of the old jail. There were valuable materials evaporating and disappearing from it.

Mr. Doyle proposed, Mr. Shannon seconded, and it was passed:— "That the County Surveyor be instructed to appoint a caretaker for old jail premises and do the best he can as regards amount of remuneration in the matter. That the County Surveyor call the attention of the County Superintendent, Garda Síochána to the necessity of having close attention paid to the premises to prevent them being looted or injured."

It was also decided that the Secretary communicate with the Government and ask them if it would be possible for them to utilise the premises for any purpose.

The minutes of Roads Committee as regards the matter were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Cloney, seconded by Mr. Shannon.

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The following letter was read from Patrick Dunbar, Riverchapel, Contown Harbour:—

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"It was decided that application be granted subject to confirmation by the Roads Inspection Committee."

### *Proposed Erection of Railing at Camolin.*

"The following letter was read from Mr. M. O'Sullivan, Camolin:— I would be grateful to you if you put the following application before the County Council as soon as possible, namely to grant me their permission to erect a railing opposite my house at the side of the street in Camolin."

"It was decided that the necessary permission be granted subject to the sanction of the Roads Inspection Committee."

### *Irish Motorists' Union — "White Line."*

"The above Union called attention to the advisability of the device of the "White Line" at dangerous crossings. The Union would be prepared to supply any detailed information upon any special difficulty which might present itself in connection with the matter."

"It was decided that the County Surveyor lay down as an experiment a "White Line" under Railway arch near Ferrycong Bridge."

### *Castlown Harbour Life-Boat.*

"The following letter under date 17<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, was submitted from the Royal National Life-Boat Institution:—

"Your letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> August forwarding a resolution adopted by your Council on the subject of the closing of the Castlown Life-Boat Station was considered by the Committee of Management at their meeting to-day and I am directed to inform you that they have given very careful attention to all the factors in the case, and see no reason to cancel their decision to close the Castlown Life-Boat Station."

"The Castlown Life-Boat was not required for service on any occasion from 1911 to the date of its removal, and on the occasion to which you refer when a vessel recently went ashore at Castlown, the Wexford Life-Boat was able to render all the assistance that was necessary. The Committee are confident that the needs of the section of the coast in question will be amply and adequately met by the powerful motor Life-Boats which are now stationed at Arklow and Wexford, especially as an efficient system of electrical communication has now been established by the Free State Government."

"Two orders"

### *Gaelic League and Signposts in Irish & English.*

"The following minutes of Roads Committee of the 28<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, were submitted:—

"An application was read from the Gaelic League asking that signposts should be erected in Irish and English. It would not cost much additional the League pointed out to have this done."

"The County Surveyor stated he had been informed unofficially that the automobile association would supply sign posts and have them erected at places indicated by the



Committee. But so far as he knew there was no intention to have the signposts in the two languages.  
 "It was decided that the County Surveyor ask the automobile association if they would be prepared to have signposts lettered in Irish and English."

The County Surveyor stated that he had interviewed the Secretary to the automobile association and was informed that the signs could be put up in bilingual character but the Irish would be in Roman lettering. But the main difficulty was that the signs were made to provide for names of four subsidiary places and if Gaelic characters were used as well as those in English there could be only two places dealt with. The association would provide the signs but were not prepared to pay for the cost of erection. This would mean an expenditure of from 8/- to 10/- in each case. They would want about 30 for the principal roads tho they could put up 200 with advantage.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Conish seconded the following which was adopted:-  
 "That the automobile association be asked to supply a specimen road sign in English and Irish Characters and that the matter be referred to the Roads Committee to deal with."

Colonel Gibson said that the Gaelic League could be asked to give a specimen of the sign they wished to have erected.

#### *Complaint by Haulage Contractor.*

The following minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 28<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, was submitted:-

John Dake, Corlishall, Bannow, came before the meeting and complained that Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, had cancelled a haulage contract for sea gravel entered into with him. He said he was not able to carry out his contract owing to an injury to his mare."

Mr. Kehoe explained that the contract had been entered into three months ago and Dake did not do anything until the contract had been cancelled and given to another man.

"After discussion it was decided to uphold the action of Mr. Kehoe in the matter. A letter was read from John Dake stating that Mr. Kehoe at the Roads Committee meeting had mentioned that he (Dake) was the only man who had not his work done but he (Dake) could prove this was not the case.

It was decided to refer the matter to next meeting of the Roads Committee, the County Surveyor to arrange for the attendance of Dake and of Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor. It was also agreed that the County Surveyor would take over any material which Dake had prepared for the road.

#### *Defaulting Road Contractors.*

The following extract from minutes of Roads Committee of 28<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, was submitted:-

"A resolution was adopted that proceedings be instituted against the following road contractors on their roads be taken up under the 54 section of the Grand Jury Act:-



Timothy Hinsella, Loughnager, Foulksmills. (178 R).

Patrick Hinsella, Loughnager, Foulksmills (180 R).

Thomas Odeh, Kilderry, Ballymitty (144 W.)

The recommendation of the Committee was approved, on the motion of Mr. Cloney seconded by Mr. Shannon.

#### Coniger Quarry.

The following extract from minutes of Roads Committee of 28<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, was submitted and approved on the motion of Mr. Cloney seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"Memorials were read from Ratepayers and men out of employment in the neighbourhood of Coniger Quarry protesting against the bringing of men five or six miles to work in this quarry."

"The County Surveyor explained that the men now employed in the quarry would be employed working on the roads near their residence in the winter. The County Council were in favour of having continuous employment for these men and the road work would not be satisfactorily carried out by having one set of men working the quarries and another on the roads."

#### Employment of Non-Union Labour.

The following extract from minutes of Roads Committee of the 28<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, was submitted:-

"The County Surveyor raised the question of the employment of 'non-union' men on Rosdore Westford Stret road at the Rosdore end. He asked instructions in the matter because so far as he could see he could not enforce the instruction to employ union men only on a grant which was given for the relief of unemployment. Of course the men who were working in connection with ordinary improvement grants were members of a trades union."

"After considerable discussion it was decided that the matter be referred to Mr. Elger, Solicitor, for his opinion, the County Surveyor to carry on the work, retaining in employment for the time being any non-union men in service. That the secretary on receipt of the opinion of Mr. Elger communicate same to the County Surveyor for his information and guidance."

In connection with this matter the following letter under date 1<sup>st</sup> October, 1925, was read from Mr. Elger, Solicitor to County Council:-

"With reference to the question which has been raised as to the employment of non-union labour on the above road, contrary, as is claimed, to the resolution of the Council that only Union Labour should be employed by the Council."

"I have gone carefully through the minutes of the Council, and the only resolution directly bearing on the question of Union Labour, that I could find was one passed on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 1922, in connection with Landed Labour Scheme and it is to the following effect:- all men employed to be members of a recognised Labour Union."



"This resolution having been passed in connection with a certain definite scheme i.e. "The direct Labour scheme" in my opinion only binds the Council as far as that scheme is concerned, and cannot effect them in the work in connection with the slab road, which is an entirely different position being work under a grant from the Government for the definite object of relieving unemployment in the district. No conditions are attached to the grant, save that preference was to be given to Ex. National Army men, and presumably that the persons to be given work, were unemployed at the time."

"Further it appears to me that this is not employment by the Council at all, but work under a grant for the Relief of Unemployment which has been placed in their hands for administration, that the work is, in fact, Government work and there is the grave possibility that, if the Council were to insist on adding conditions to the grant as to Union Labour, the Government might withdraw the grant altogether."

"Taking all these facts into consideration I am of opinion that it is open to the Council to employ non-Union Labour in the construction of this road."

#### Proposed Improvement: Burrow Road.

The following minute of Roads Committee of 28<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, was submitted and confirmed on the motion of Mr. Cloney seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"Mr. James Bent, The Burrow, Rosslare, wrote pointing out that his houses and lands were flooded by the sea and if the Council would deliver 200 tons of stones to the spot the flooding could be prevented. Or a small concrete wall costing £200 would allow him to pass in and out of his premises."

"It was decided to make no order on the letter."

#### Dangerous Turns on Roads.

The following minute of Roads Committee of 28<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, was submitted and confirmed on the motion of Mr. Cloney, seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"Mr. James Clinch, Mr. C.C., wrote calling attention to the dangerous turn at Tronglass, Kiltrea. The R.D. Council of Ennis county agreed to the work but it was never carried out. Three accidents had happened at the place when motor traffic was not as heavy as it now was."

The County Surveyor stated that the work was necessary but there was no money available for it."

"Mr. Clinch also called attention to the dangerous turn at Verona opposite Mr. Hall's gate."

"The County Surveyor said that this would also be an improvement but money could not be found for it at present."

#### Verona Bridge

The following minute of meeting of Roads Committee of the 28<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, was submitted and confirmed on the motion of Mr. Cloney, seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"Mr. Clinch, Mr. C.C., wrote pointing out that Verona Bridge was in a dangerous condition and it would be well if it were inspected."



Referred to County Surveyor for inspection and report.

### Breaking material in Quarries.

The following minute of Roads Committee of 28<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, was submitted and approved on the motion of Mr. Cloney seconded by Mr. Shannon:

"Mr. Clinch, Mr. C.C., wrote that at a recent meeting of the County Council it was decided to have material broken in quarries by hand where feasible. All stones in Kiltrea quarry were handbroken but this had not been carried out in other quarries. The nine men who had been employed in Kiltrea had been dismissed. Five of them approached Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, for employment but he did not engage them. This was very unfair. There were 200 or 300 yards of "scabbings" etc. The men who had been employed in this quarry were prepared to break these at a price per cubic yard. It was a terrible state of affairs to see men going around idle and refusing work which they were willing to perform. Hand broken material cost no more than material broken by machine."

"Mr. Clinch also stated that it was mentioned at last meeting of the Council that stones could be drawn by engine for 10<sup>d</sup> to 11<sup>d</sup> per yard mile. This was not the case as he understood that the County Council men loaded the wagons."

Referred to County Surveyor who is to give employment to men recently engaged at Kiltrea quarry provided he can possibly do so.

### Dangerous Corner near Ballycorney

Mr. D. Any called attention to dangerous corner on the north side of Ballycorney Bridge on the turn for Lerna.

Referred to Roads Committee. County Surveyor to present a report dealing with the matter.

### Road near New Ross.

Mr. Walsh complained of the condition of the road from New Ross to Lacken through the nauldins: the surface was very bad, the water table neglected and the road in an impassable condition at present.

The County Surveyor stated he was in communication with the Assistant Surveyor as to the repair of this road. It was hollow all the way in the middle.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Roads Committee.

### Limecarrying Bridge.

Mr. Murphy called attention to flooding of land adjacent to above and which had occurred since the last repairs had been carried out to the structure.

Referred to the County Surveyor for report to next meeting of Roads Committee.

### Injured Workman.

Mr. P. O'Shane raised the question of payment of compensation to James Doyle a workman who had been injured in Clologue Quarry.

Referred to County Surveyor to report to next meeting of Roads Committee.



### Assistant Surveyors' Application - Increase of Salary.

The application of Assistant Surveyors Birchall, Kehoe and Cullen adjourned for three months at July meeting of the County Council was submitted.

The Chairman proposed: - That the application of Assistant Surveyors Birchall, Kehoe and Cullen, be adjourned for a further three months.

Mr Hall seconded.

Mr Horpe proposed and Mr D'Arcy seconded the following amendment: - That the application of Assistant Surveyors Birchall, Kehoe and Cullen be rejected.

On a show of hands eight members voted for the amendment and nine against.

As a further amendment Mr Conish proposed the following which was seconded by Mr. Hayes: -

"That the application of Assistant Surveyors for increase of salary be referred to the Finance Committee and that the latter report to next meeting of the County Council."

On a show of hands this was carried by 11 to 8.

### Scholarship Schemes.

#### University.

In connection with award of University Scholarships recommendation was read from the President, University College, Dublin, that a Scholarship be awarded to Aidan Timmons, 53 Irish Street, Ennis, Co. Kerry.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Murphy: - "That University Scholarship for 1925-26 be awarded Aidan Timmons 53, Irish Street, Ennis, Co. Kerry, in accordance with recommendation of President University College, Dublin."

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr Patrick O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted: -

"That in view of the fact that fourth Scholarships under University Scholarship Scheme has not been awarded and we consider the pupils to whom scholarships have been awarded for current academic year, are not of the type to succeed in Agriculture we do not insist for this year on laying down a Scholarship to Agriculture as provided by the Scheme."

A letter under date 25<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, was read from Donald Macauliffe, Johnstown, Clonagall, that he intended to study at the University for the higher diploma in Education.

In connection with University Scholarship of Mr Stephen J. Furlong, 16, South Main Street, Wexford, a letter was read from the President University College, Dublin that it had been the custom of the College of Science where the third and fourth year courses are taken out by students in Agriculture to hold an examination at the end of the third year. The result of the third year Examination in Agriculture in Mr Stephen J. Furlong's case was as follows: - Passes in



agricultural Biology, Agricultural Zoology, Agricultural Engineering, Building Construction, Agricultural Economics, Veterinary Hygiene. Failed in agriculture, agricultural Botany, and agricultural Surveying.

Under date 29<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, Mr. Furlong wrote that it had been impossible for him, as suggested, to present himself for examination at the supplemental examination to be held in October as he had only five days' notice of this examination. He did not anticipate failure in his exam. and therefore was not studying during the months which had elapsed since he sat in June. He did not know of any University student who succeeded in passing the exam. in which he had failed and they had all to present themselves at the supplemental exam which was held later in the year. An agricultural student had two examinations, the first University and the Final, the first named occupying a period of two years. The third and fourth years of the course are spent at the College of Science and while there the student sits for the term exams of the college with a view to obtaining an Associateship of the College which was independent of the National degree and was not compulsory for the student. The Exam. which he was asked to sit for would have nothing to say to his completing his degree exam. out of 1500 students at the National University he was the only one doing agriculture.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Corish:— "That University Scholarship be continued in the case of Mr. S. J. Furlong, 16 South Main Street, Wexford, provided he be successful in passing at first available supplemental examination held after the date of the meeting. That in the event of his failure at the forthcoming exam. his scholarship lapse automatically."

#### Secondary Scholarship Scheme.

Under date 1<sup>st</sup> September the Ministry of Education wrote stating that Secondary Scholarship held by Bridget Funge, Hilbride Gorey, at Loreto Abbey, Gorey, could be renewed for a further year.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. P. Byrne:— "That Secondary School Scholarship be renewed for academic year 1925-26 to Bridget Funge Hilbride, Gorey."

In connection with refusal of Department of Education to agree to continuing scholarship to Bernadette Bernay, Foxcross, Thurrock, Gorey, on the grounds that the progress of this student was not satisfactory, a letter was read from Mrs. Mary Bernay, mother of the girl, asking the Aunty Council to reconsider the matter of granting the scholarship. She said her girl was young enough to do the examination next year and she was unwell while examination was on.

In view of the fact that award of scholarship was contingent on approval of Department of Education and which was not forthcoming for this student the Council felt they could not take further action.

It was decided to appoint the following Scholarship Committee to deal with



University and Secondary Scholarship Schemes and present report to next available meeting of the County Council:— Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Sean O'Byrne, R. Conish, W. Boggan, J. F. D'Arcy, and the Chairman on behalf of County Council: also Messrs E. P. Foley and Seumas Doyle on behalf of the Gaelic League; Rev W. J. Murphy, President, St. Peter's College, Wexford, Canon William Gibson, Rector, New Ross, Rev Broderick E. C. Morley, Christian Schools, Wexford and R. J. Phillips, Hon. Sec. F. R. S. D., Baldinestrin, Wexford.

### Sheep Dipping Order

#### Explanation from Inspector.

Mrs. Morgan Flaherty dipping inspector, wrote with reference to a report which appeared in the Press after the last meeting. He said that a member was reported as stating that he never heard of an inspector attending sheep dippings. As he (Mr. Flaherty) happened to be the inspector referred to he would like to state that he was in a position to supply the list of 46 sheep owners alone whose dippings he attended during the summer period. He could also supply a list of persons who sent him notice, and when he turned up no dippings were in progress. In one case he had to compel the people to unyoke horses and get the sheep dipped. As regards attending all dippings this was impossible. He could also prove to the members that he attended not a mile from the member's place on five occasions last summer where there were dirty sheep and which had to be dipped five times.

It was decided to refer the letter to the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

### No. 4 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee

Under date 7<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, Mr John J. Lanning, Clerk to No. 4 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee wrote that at a meeting of the Sub-Committee on the 6<sup>th</sup> he had handed in his resignation as Clerk and the Sub-Committee appointed Mr James Mcweeney, Stewards Cottage, Gorey, as their Clerk.

### Standing Orders Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Shannon:—

"That the Chairman and Messrs R. Conish, Sean O'Byrne and Colonel Gibbon be appointed a Sub-Committee to examine the existing Standing Orders of the Council and that they be requested to submit any amendments they may consider necessary in regard to same to next available meeting of the Council."

### Rural District School Attendance Committee

Emiscomby Under date 26<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, a communication was read from the office of National Education that the School Attendance Committee for the Rural District of Emiscomby to serve for three years as from 6<sup>th</sup> July, 1925, would be comprised of the following:— Messrs James Hull, Mr. C. C., Grogan, Boolavogue; James Clinie, Mr. C. C., Cairn; James Shannon, Mr. C. C., Rathnure Lower, Emiscomby; John Connors, Mr. C. C., Hillthomas, Ferns; Michael Tolson, Rathnure,



Emis corby: Rev W. F. Wilkinsons, The Rectory, Killybegny, Emis corby, Rev Fr. J. Twomey, C.C., Castledockrell, Ballycorney: Rev Fr. Wallace C.C., Cairns Emis corby, Rev H. Taltott, B.A., Killelme Rectory, Emis corby; Rev R. Gaul C.C., Courtmacuddy Emis corby.

*Gorey*

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. P. O'Byrne:— That the following be appointed representatives of Wexford County Council on Gorey Rural District School Attendance Committee to act for three years as from 6<sup>th</sup> July, 1925:— Messrs Patrick Byrne M.C., Camolin, Sean O'Byrne, M.C., The Avenue, Gorey, James Kehoe, Clonatten, Gorey, Patrick Doyle, Ballyegan, Gorey, Mr. J. Bolger, Coolnakeen, Camolin.

*New Ross*

Mr. Thorpe gave notice of his intention to move the following at next meeting of the County Council:— That New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee be discontinued.

### *Drainage Scheme.*

In connection with request of Drainage Sub-Committee relative to interview with Professor O'Sullivan of the Board of Works the submitted the following report of interview with Professor O'Sullivan:—

"At the meeting of the Drainage Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> August, 1925, the following resolution was adopted:— That Professor O'Sullivan of the Board of Works, be requested to arrange for an interview with the following sub-committee of the Drainage Committee to ascertain from him all particulars in connection with existing Drainage Schemes in County Wexford including maps, reports of Engineers &c, detailed statements of proposed improvements, viz., Messrs Mr. Doyle, J.D., R. Conish, J.D., Mr. O'Donoghue and Colonel Gibbon with the Secretary and County Surveyor. That Professor O'Sullivan be asked to arrange for interview on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 11 O'clock or Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 11 O.C.

"Professor O'Sullivan was unable to arrange for interview on either of the dates named but received the deputation at the office of the Board of Works on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1925."

"The following were in attendance representing the County Council:— Messrs Mr. Doyle, J.D., R. Conish J.D., Colonel Gibbon, the Secretary and County Surveyor. Representing the Board of Works:— Professor O'Sullivan, Mr. Philip Hanson, Messrs Balchen Olley and Le Lanu."

"The Deputation pointed out that no point arose in connection with new schemes in regard to which there was every opportunity for promotion and opposition, all interests being apprised as to the work to be done and proposed cost in every detail. But in connection with existing drainage schemes the deputation pointed out that very little information had been afforded the County Council or the ratepayers concerned as to works of improvement."



which were being carried out at present in the drainage districts of the Sow and Kilmannock."

"It was a source of dissatisfaction that these works should have been entered upon and practically no information given to County Council or the landowners except a bare statement of the amount of money involved and the acreage rate for repayment. The Board of Works under section 2 (2) of the Drainage Act of 1924 were acting within their legal rights in exercising their functions independently of any consultation with the local people but it was not a business like procedure because (a) the County Council had to take over the future maintenance of all schemes and (b) were obliged under the Drainage Act of 1925 to raise the amount of rate necessary to pay off the loan in each case."

"In the course of the discussion it appeared that the following are the existing Drainage Schemes in the County, viz., Kilmannock, The Sow, Cahore and Ballyteigue. With the exception of Ballyteigue (regarding which no question of improvement is at present contemplated) copies of the original schemes had been furnished to the County Council."

"Professor O'Sullivan explained that in connection with the works at the Sow and Kilmannock it was necessary there should be no delay: if everybody interested was consulted the works would have been held up and could not have been started until next year and this delay would have caused the scheme to be more expensive. As regards reports of the Engineers of the Board being supplied to the County Council no Government Department would supply these reports in full but he would be prepared to supply any particulars dealing with actual construction. In regard to the schemes of Kilmannock and The Sow he was satisfied that the improvements would be remunerative and would besides help to relieve unemployment which was acute in Wexford County."

"The question of Cahore district was discussed at considerable length. Mr. Corish pointed out that if the place was allowed to continue in its present state it would become dangerous to health."

"Professor O'Sullivan held that it would not be possible for the Board of Works to promote any improvements in existing schemes unless it could be shown that they were financially sound. The Cahore district had been gone into very minutely but if the local people submitted representations in the matter they would be carefully considered."

"After prolonged discussion Professor O'Sullivan stated that as regards all future improvements to existing schemes the Engineer of the Board of Works would consult with the Drainage Committee of the Wexford County Council and also with the County Surveyor. All maps and reports so far as they covered actual work done or proposed would be furnished to the County Council."

Mr Murphy complained that £400 had been invested for the repair of the bank at Kilmannock by the Land Commission while the Board of Works were carrying out this work at the expense of the tenants."



The bank had been repaired by the landlords and the latter were bound to maintain it under the Land Act of 1923.

A long discussion took place in connection with the position at Cahore. Mr. O'Donoghue said the landlords of the Cahore flooded lands were:— Mrs. George, Major Pender, Mrs. White and others and they constituted the Drainage Board. As the result of the drainage not being carried out, six or seven hundred acres of land were flooded. How could they expect rates from the people when their land was in that state and useless for the past two years.

Mr. Corish stated that if nothing was to be done about the drainage in Cahore something should be done about the road. There was a wide area under water and as they were satisfied that it could not be drained through the ordinary channels they should make representation to the Local Government Department which had money available for the purpose towards trying to get some for the relief of unemployment which could be utilised on the work.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. O'Donoghue:— "That the Drainage Sub-Committee be requested to inspect Cahore Drainage District; that Professor D. Sullivan be asked to send down an Engineer from the Board of Works to meet the sub-committee and that the Trustees of the Drainage Scheme be informed of the date of the visit of the sub-committee."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by the Chairman:—

"That as the trustees of Ballylague Drainage Board are anxious to carry out improvements to the Drainage system the County Council would be obliged if they were supplied by the Board of Works with any technical reports available in regard to this area."

A petition from six ratepayers occupying land in connection with drainage scheme for the Ford of Lyng was presented by Mr. Doyle. He then proposed the following resolution:— "That we approve of the petition from land owners in the neighbourhood of Ford of Lyng for the formation of a separate drainage district to improve the river or stream running thro' their lands and thereby render possible the better drainage of the holdings and prevent flooding upon them."

Colonel Gibbon seconded the resolution which was adopted unanimously.

#### Promised Men and Employment.

Mr. Culliton asked by whose authority four married men were dismissed from employment on Rossac Woodford Slab Road last week, while five single men were retained. This was not in conformity with the resolution of



the County Council.

The County Surveyor stated that the work was in charge of Mr. Bickisell, Assistant Surveyor.

Colonel Quin suggested that the matter be referred to the next meeting of the Roads Committee.

In reply to Mr. Conish the County Surveyor said that Mr. Bickisell was not available: he had gone on leave the previous Thursday: this was the first leave Mr. Bickisell had taken since his appointment. There was no one particularly doing his duty.

Mr. O'Hanlon, ganger, was sent for and explaining the reasons for the dismissal of the men said that one (Tenton) did not keep good time, (Maddock) was impertinent when spoken to, and the other two (Hopson and Tynchen) were very hard to manage. He had to be on the job to keep them at their work. One of the single men who had been kept on was a good cement worker.

Mr. Culliton stated that Maddock was on various jobs and had always given satisfaction.

In reply to the Chairman, the ganger stated the men had been noticed three times.

Mr. Culliton asserted that the men informed him they were not noticed.

Colonel Quin proposed the acceptance of the ganger's explanation. Mr. Walsh seconded.

Mr. Pittenger proposed that the men be heard as statements had been made against them and might militate against them in getting other employment.

Mr. Gaub seconded the amendment which was carried on a show of hands by twelve to ten.

The men were brought before the meeting and each in turn denied the allegations of the ganger. Tenton stated that the only time he ever lost was when his wife was unwell. No further action was taken.

### *Use of field as Play ground.*

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, the Secretary, County Board of Health, wrote forwarding an application from Rev. Ross Christian Brothers for use of field on the left of the entrance to the Workhouse buildings as a football ground for the boys of their schools at present temporarily in the Workhouse.

Permission was given on the motion of Mr. Conish, seconded by Mr. Hall.

### *Dinaghl Cement Works.*

Mr. J. A. White, Secretary of the Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers, Ltd., London, wrote under date 29<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution regarding the sale or re-opening of Dinaghl Cement Works. He stated they were prepared to sell the Works even at a substantial monetary sacrifice of its cost to them: that they had already offered the works and were in treaty for their sale at the moment. If their offer was not accepted, and the Council could introduce a purchaser they would be pleased to negotiate.

### *Rate Collectors' Surveys.*

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Patrick O'Byrne:—

"That the Council approve of the following as surveys for personal bonds of



Mr. Sean Sumner Public Collector for No. 10 District: - Messrs John Connors, Tara Hill, Long and Patrick Murray, Ballinacorney, Long.

### Wages of Workers on Grant Work.

Under date 8<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, the following letter (L/44B/32) was read from Roads Section of Local Government Department: -

"With further reference to your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> August last forwarding copy of a resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council on the 10<sup>th</sup> idem with respect to the maximum rate of wages authorised in the case of the Grant Road Grant, viz., 28/- per week, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has again looked into the matter and he will raise no objection to the rate of wages being increased as from the 5<sup>th</sup> instant to 30/- per week."

### National Programme Conference.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, the following replies in connection with questionnaire from General Council of County Councils were adopted: -

1. Wexford County Council are in favour of having a school programme of a broad general type - managers and teachers to frame detailed syllabuses each year to suit local circumstances.

Programme for rural schools should have a strong rural bias, and be drawn up in such a way as not only to provide for elementary matters dealing with agriculture but for other subjects being taught in such a manner as to be of agricultural practice so far as possible. Thus, simple arithmetical problems could deal with current prices of live stock, butter, poultry, eggs etc. The teaching should be made really interesting to the pupils.

2. The present programme appears to be overloaded. So far as rural schools are concerned attention should be concentrated on the three "R's". It would be advisable that pupils should be encouraged to cultivate the reading habit. At present, beyond the local newspapers, comparatively little reading is done in rural districts. A small school library should be found useful.

3. Nature Study, Rural Science, Drill and Elements of Citizenship should be taught as additional subjects to boys and girls. Elementary Science to boys in all stages and Book-keeping and Manual Instruction to Higher Grade boys, Cooking and Needlework to be dealt with in Girls' Senior Classes.

4. County Council considers that all rural schools should have school gardens attached. The teachers with the assistance of County Inspectors in Agriculture, Horticulture &c., would be enabled to impart most useful information in relation to the calling which 95 per cent at least of pupils in rural schools will pursue in afterlife.

The County Council are not in a position, owing to insufficient knowledge, to deal with other matters set out in questionnaire.



*Cinema Licence.*

an application was received from Mr Michael Hassett, Bridgetown, for Cinema Licence for Hall.  
The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean Byrne:— "That Cinema Licence be granted to Mr. Michael Hassett for Hall at Bridgetown, provided he carries out the suggestions offered him by the County Surveyor."

*Criminal Injuries Act.*

The following resolution was received from Wicklow County Council:— "That the operation of all Criminal Injuries Act in the Irish Free State be rescinded or repealed, so that the condition of things shall be that all damage to Property shall be paid through the medium of Insurance Policies only."

Mr D. O'Byrne proposed the adoption of the resolution. Mr R. Conish seconded.  
After a long discussion a show of hands was taken when six were found against it.  
The Chairman declared the resolution carried. Mr Thorpe asked to be taken as dissenting.

*Female Searcher Lati O Wexford Infirmary.*

Under date 10<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, Mrs E Hayes, late female searcher, Co. Wexford Infirmary, wrote asking that she should be given a bulk sum as compensation in regard to the abolition of her office as female searcher in abolished County Infirmary and for which she received £5 per annum.

Referred to Finance Committee.

*Appointment Deputy Coroner North Wexford.*

Under date 8<sup>th</sup> October, 1925 Dr. W. C. Lawlor, Coroner for North Wexford, wrote that owing to advanced years Dr. R. J. Lurlogh, Enniscorthy, had asked to be relieved of the duties of Deputy Coroner. He recommended the appointment of Dr. Patrick Denis Murphy of Enniscorthy to the vacancy. The Chairman said he approved of the appointment of Dr. Murphy.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cloney seconded by the Chairman:—

"That we approve of the nomination by Dr. W. C. Lawlor, Coroner for North Wexford, of Dr. P. D. Murphy Enniscorthy to the position of Deputy Coroner vice Dr. R. J. Lurlogh resigned."

*Benedictine School at Mount St. Benedict.*

Mr O'Donoghue moved the following resolution:—

"Resolved that this Council, being conscious of the high value of Benedictine education to the County, regrets the closing of Mount St. Benedict and the removal of Benedictine foundations from the County Wexford."

Mr Gaul seconded.

After considerable discussion Mr Conish proposed the following which was seconded by Mr. Hall and passed:—

"That a deputation from this Council wait upon most Rev. Dr. Codd, Lord Bishop of



Learn, and ascertain from him if the Benedictine Monastery at Mount St. Benedict can continue to function under any circumstances, or, can any satisfactory arrangement be reached under which it will continue to function."

Mr. O'Donoghue then withdrew his resolution.

The following were appointed as the deputation: - The Chairman, Messrs R. Corbett, Mr. Mr. O'Donoghue and L. J. O'Connell.

Thos Mearns



The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Office, Fortview, Wexford on 9<sup>th</sup> November 1925.

Present:- Mr. Thomas McCarthy, Chairman, presided. Also:- Messrs. William Boggan, James Blince, Michael Bloney, Patrick Bolger, John Bonners, Thomas Bloney, Richard Borish, Christopher Bulleton, J. F. Darcy, Michael Doyle, James Gaal, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, David Kavanagh, Aidan Wernagh, Nicholas J. Murphy, John Byrne, M. M. O'Donoghue, James Shannon, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh, John Whyte, Colonel B. M. Gibbon and Colonel R. P. Weymes Quin.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, were also in Attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

### Notice of Motion - Mr. Thorpe

Mr. Thorpe moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee be discontinued."

Colonel Gibbon seconded.

After some discussion, it was decided that the motion be postponed, and that the County Councillors representing New Ross Area should submit five names as members of New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee to the next meeting of the County Council.

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, a letter was read from the office of National Education that on receipt of the names of the persons appointed by the Wexford County Council to their moiety of the new School Attendance Committee for New Ross Rural District, the Department would take steps to have the other moiety of the Committee appointed.

### Disqualification of Councillors

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (G45551/1925 Wexford County) that the position of Messrs Darcy and Bulleton as County Councillors was one for the Council to deal with as they might be legally advised under Article 12 (10) of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898. If the County Council were not satisfied with the opinion of their Solicitor, they could take Council's advice.

The Secretary stated that, on receipt of this letter, he had communicated with Mr. Elgee, their Solicitor, who had written as follows, under date 24<sup>th</sup> October 1925:-

"First as to Mr. Darcy."



In Mr. Darcy's case, as I understand it, Mr. Darcy supplied Traction Engines to a contractor of the County Council, for the purpose of drawing road material, from amongst other places. Killoge Quarry, and received payment from the contractor for the hire of such engines, this hire continued, as I am instructed, until after the date of the Election.

"By Article 12 Sub Article 4(e) of the Application of Enactments order 1898 it is provided that "a person shall be disqualified for being 'elected or chosen, or being a member of a council of a County, if he is concerned by himself or his partner in any bargain or contract entered into with the Council, Board of Commissioners, or participates by himself or his partner in the profit of any such bargain, or contract, or of any work done under the authority of the Council, Board of Commissioners and for the purposes of this provision any bargain or contract with a Council in respect of any public work in a district shall be deemed to be also a bargain or contract with the Council of the district."

There have been many legal decisions on the question as to when a person is "concerned in a contract" and they all tend to the view that a person who had been employed to do part of the work, which another person had contracted with a Board or Council to do, was concerned in that contract. This being so I am clearly of opinion that Mr. Darcy is disqualified from election to the County Council, that is that his election, as a member is absolutely void.

Mr. Bulleton's case is on a different basis to Mr. Darcy's.

Mr. Bulleton was a member of the Wexford Rural District Council and resigned his membership of that Council, as I am informed on the 7<sup>th</sup> March, 1925, prior to the date of the County Council Elections.

While a member of the District Council Mr. Bulleton had been doing work for the District Council in connection with the repairs to Labourers Cottages and continued such work under the County Board of Health and continued to receive payment from them for such work down to the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1925, that is after the date of the County Council Elections which were held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June 1925.

With reference to the question of disqualification as set out in Article 12 Sub Article 4(e) above referred to for being concerned in any bargain or contract with the Council.

Mr. Bulleton was plainly at the date of the Election doing work for a Department of the County Council. i.e. The County Board of Health and continued to do such work, and received pay



for same, after the date of the Elections, and it has been that the word "concerned" used in Article 12. Sub. Article 4 (c) comprises all dealings between a member of a local Body with the local Body itself and further the work was a "Public work in a District and consequently Mr Bulleton is also in my opinion disqualified from election to the County Council he being concerned in a bargain or contract with a Department of the Council and was also doing Public work in a District."

Accordingly there would be two vacancies on the Council, and under Article 12 Sub Article 10. of the Application of Enactments Order the Council should forthwith declare the Offices to be vacant, and signify the vacancies by notice to be signed by three members of the Council and the Secretary, and notified as the Council shall direct and thereupon the offices will become vacant."

As to the election to fill the vacancies, there are not in my opinion "casual vacancies" (as the Elections were void) and the Council have therefore no power to coopt new members, and it appears to me that the proper procedure to adopt is, to ask the Local Government Department to order a new election and give the necessary directions for holding it as provided by Article 7 (1) of the Application of Enactments Order 1898"

Mr Bulleton explained the circumstances under which he had taken up work for the District Council. Until he came into the County Council Chamber and signed his declaration of acceptance of office, he did not believe he was a member of the Council.

Mr Darcy stated he had taken legal advice in the matter and he believed there was a doubt as to whether he was disqualified or not.

Mr. Hayes raised the question whether Mr Hall who, he understood held a premium for a Bull from the County Committee of Agriculture, was disqualified

The Secretary stated that Mr Hall had transferred the premium to another person.

Mr. Cloney proposed and Mr. Hall seconded:-

That, in connection with the qualification of Messrs Darcy and Bulleton to act as members of the County Council, Council's opinion to be taken.

As an amendment, Mr. Doyle moved:-

That Messrs Darcy and Bulleton be disqualified as County Councillors and that the Local Government Department be requested to arrange for an election to fill the vacancies thus created.



said election should not be arranged until Mr. Elgee had had time to look into the qualification of Mr. James Hall: who sits for the same electoral area as Mr. Darcy."

Colonel Gibbon seconded.

A. poll. was taken with the following result:-

For a amendment:- Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Boggan, Blince, Bolger, Bonners, Booney, Borish, Doyle, Gaul, Hayes, Jordan Kavanagh, Munnagh Murphy, John OByrne, ODonoghue, Shannon, Walsh White, and the Chairman - 20.

Against - Colonel Quin, Messrs Bloney and Hall. - 3.

Did not vote - Messrs Darcy and Bulleton - 2.

Mr. Lhope was not present during the taking of the poll.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried and on being put as the substantive motion is passed *men. con.*

Messrs. Darcy and Bulleton then left the meeting.

The following Notice was then read by the Chairman:-

Whereas at a meeting of the County Council of the County of Wexford held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1925, it was resolved that Timothy F. Darcy and Christopher Bulleton, who had been elected members of the County Council were disqualified at the time of the Election from being so elected and that the offices held by the said Timothy F. Darcy and Christopher Bulleton as members of the County Council be declared vacant"

Now therefore, we hereby give notice pursuant to the Provisions of Article 12 (10) of the Application of Enactments Order 1898 that the offices of the said Timothy F. Darcy and Christopher Bulleton as members of the County Council of the County of Wexford are vacant.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 1925.

(Signed) Thomas McCarthy

John OByrne

James Blince

(Countersigned) N. J. Ingelle Secretary, Co. Council Wexford

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. John OByrne the following resolution was adopted:-

"That notice of the disqualification of Messrs Darcy and Bulleton as County Councillors be published in the three local papers."

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr ODonoghue the following resolution was adopted:-

"That vacancies on committees created by the disqualification



of Messrs Dany and Bulliton be not filled until after the proposed new election for County Councilors

### Finance Committee.

The following minutes of meetings of Finance Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 1925, and 5<sup>th</sup> November, 1925, were submitted:—

#### Rate Collection.

The State of the Rate Collection was submitted when the following resolution was adopted:— "That Rate Collectors be reminded the Finance Committee have definitely decided that in no circumstances can they advise the Council to retain in their service any collector who is not discharging his duties with punctuality and efficiency. They find it is absolutely necessary, in the interests of the Ratepayers of the County, to have the collection placed on a sound business foundation and this must be recognized by everybody concerned.

#### Claim re. Local Elections.

In connection with recent County Council Elections the Secretary reported that Mr. Martin Baulfield, Grange, Kullanne, had been appointed poll clerk at Templeudigan Station. A few days previous to the election a letter, purporting to be written by Mr. Baulfield, declining to act, was received at County Council Office and in consequence the Deputy Returning Officer appointed Peter Byrne, Templeudigan.

Mr. Baulfield attended polling station and now claimed payment and threatened proceedings. The bogus letter had been handed over to him and he stated he had given it to the Sergeant of the Civic Guard at Kullanne.

"It was decided to refer the matter to Mr. Elgee for his advice for next meeting of Finance Committee"

Meeting— 5<sup>th</sup> November 1925

#### Transfer of Officers - position of Mr J J Rochford, late clerk of R.D. Council.

Correspondence was read from Mr. John J Rochford, late clerk New Ross R.D. Council he considered it a matter of fair play that he should be told what duties he would have to perform. If the present system of checking the Rate Collectors Books in the four towns of the County was continued the travelling expenses would be considerable and consequently he wished to know what amount the County Council proposed to allow for expenses. He could not take over duty at County Council



Office until the audit of the accounts of the New Ross R.D. Council had concluded.

The Secretary stated that Mr Rockford had 43½ years service of which 12½ were unofficial. He would attain his 60<sup>th</sup> year on 27<sup>th</sup> April 1926.

The following resolution was agreed to:- That the County Council be requested to ask the Local Government Department to allow Mr Rockford to retire on superannuation. That should this proposal be agreed to we recommend that the present arrangements for checking of Rate collectors Books be continued to 31<sup>st</sup> March next. That should this proposal be not sanctioned work to be carried out from County Council office by Deputy checker for Wexford on condition that this proposal means no increase in amount at present paid for this work, no travelling expenses to be paid by the Council.

### *Insurance of Road Gangers.*

In connection with the above Messrs Mc Donagh & Boland, 51, Dame Street, Dublin, Insurance Broker's wrote that the Irish National Insurance Company which held the Rate collectors policies at present were prepared to quote a premium of 5/- per head - total premium £11:15:0. The Ocean also a first class tariff Company quote the same premium.

The following recommendation was adopted:- That we recommend the County Council to accept the proposal of Messrs Mc Donagh & Boland Insurance Broker's 51, Dame Street Dublin, to insure the Road Gangers (as regards payment to Road workers) at an annual premium of £11:15:0.

On the motion of Mr Bloney, seconded by Mr Sean Byrne, the recommendations of the Finance Committee Meetings were confirmed.

### *Tuberculosis Scheme.*

Letters from Local Government Department under dates 24<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, No P.H. 49943/25 Wexford County and 29<sup>th</sup> October 1925, No P.H. 50831/25 Wexford Co., Approving of N. J. Frizelle's services as Secretary Tuberculosis Committee to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1925 were read.

Letters from Local Government Department under date 26<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, No. 49395/1925 Wexford County relative to correspondence with County Board of Health regarding temporary arrangements for administration of Wexford County Tuberculosis Scheme was read.

Letters from Ministry of Local Government under date 20<sup>th</sup> October, 1925 No P.H. 48703/1925 Wexford Co. Approving of increase in Nurse O'Connor's salary from £100 to £125 per annum as from



20<sup>th</sup> June, 1925 was read.

Regarding Miss O'Connor's travelling expenses the ministry wrote, as follows in the same letter (20<sup>th</sup> October 1925). "I am, at the same time, to draw attention to the Minister's letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> ultimo and to inquire whether the County Council have considered the question of granting Miss O'Connor travelling Expenses."

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, that this matter be referred to Tuberculosis Committee for report.

### Scholarships Committee

The following minutes of meeting of Scholarships Committee of 31<sup>st</sup> October, 1925 were submitted:-

The County Council at their meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> October 1925, decided to appoint the following Scholarship Committee to deal with University and Primary Scholarship Schemes and to present report to County Council:-

Representatives of County Council - Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Sean O'Byrne, R Borish, W Boggan, J F D'Arcy and the Chairman.

Representatives of Gaelic League:- E P Foley and Seamus Doyle.

Representing Teaching Profession:- Rev. W. F. Murphy, President St. Peter's College, Wexford, Rev Br. E. B. Markey, Christian Schools, New Ross, Mr R F Phillips NT., Baldwins town, Hon Sec. Irish National Teachers Association (Wexford Branch) and Rev Dean Gibson New Ross.

The conference was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 1925 when the following were in attendance:-

Mr. Thomas McCarthy, Chairman County Council, presiding. also Rev W F Murphy, President St. Peter's College, Wexford, Colonel Gibbon, John O'Byrne, W Boggan, Seamus Doyle and E. P. Foley.

The Secretary to the County Council was also in attendance.

A letter of apology for non attendance was read from Canon Gibson owing to a severe heart attack.

"Mr. Phillips was unable to be present in consequence of a motor break down"

Dr. Patrick H Gallagher, D. Sc., Ph D., 1, Royle Road Dublin, wrote under date 27<sup>th</sup> October 1925, forwarding article which had appeared over his name in 'The Irish Statesman' of 17<sup>th</sup> September 1925. Dr Gallagher stated that in the article in question he had briefly outlined a scheme under which portion of the money at present expended on the training of undergraduates should in



future be devoted towards enabling the best graduates to apply their training to problems of local and of national importance.

Had an effort been made in the past to enable and induce University graduates to perfect their training on special lines of national requirement the country would not at present be suffering from the lack of technical experts which is the only possible justification for the intensive foreign economic penetration which was taking place. The meeting debated the letter and article furnished by Dr Gallagher at considerable length. The members were much impressed by the views put before them.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

That this Committee desire to express its appreciation of the efforts of Dr Gallagher to improve the University Scholarship Scheme of County Councils in order to provide for matters of really national importance. They would be glad to have the promised development of the scheme as outlined by Dr Gallagher.

Mr. Boggan proposed Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded and it was passed:- That for the coming year University Scholarships be not awarded to students who intend taking up studies in Law or Medicine as these professions are overcrowded. We are of opinion that University Scholarships should not be looked upon as a means to assist students to obtain a cultural or professional training but to secure the training necessary to assist in National development.

It was also decided to recommend the County Council to provide for two Agricultural Scholarships for award in 1926, one of the ordinary type and the second to have attached a well designed post graduate course which will allow of the successful holder carrying out valuable research work for agriculture. If no pupils are available amount of Scholarships to go to general funds.

In the event of the County Council not being able to put in force the suggestions of Dr Gallagher, a recommendation was adopted that the two remaining Scholarships should be awarded to students who take Engineering or who are prepared to study for the higher diploma in Education.

The provisions of the Primary Scholarship scheme for 1925 were confirmed with the following addition:-

That immediately on the conclusion of each school term the Principals of the Schools at which Primary Scholarships are held must furnish the County Council with a report as to progress and attendance of students holding these Scholarships.



"The Committee then adjourned to 11<sup>th</sup> November, 1925, at 10 o'clock."

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr O'Donoghue, the following resolution was adopted:-

That the minutes of the Scholarship Committee be received and confirmed

Under date 21<sup>st</sup> October 1925, Mr. Aidan Simmons, University Scholarship holder wrote that he was taking up Engineering."

### Sheep Dipping - Programme for 1926.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction of 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 1925, was submitted:-

"At the meeting of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction held on 5<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, the following resolution was adopted:-

That Messrs Thorpe (New Ross District), G. Colleton (Wexford District), Bryan O'Connor (Enniscorthy District) and Colonel Quin (Gorey District) be appointed a sub-committee to consider with the Sheep Dipping Inspectors, the County Superintendent of the River Guards and representatives of the Sheep Breeders Association, the best means of carrying out the Sheep Dipping Order."

The conference was held on 20<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, in County Council offices, Fortview, Wexford, when the following were in attendance:-

Representing the County Committee of Agriculture:-  
Colonel Gibbon (Chairman) Messrs George Colleton and William Thorpe.

Representing Sheep Breeders Association:- Messrs R.A. Latta, Ballinakill, Feens and Joseph Poole, Ballybeg House, Feens.

Representing the Department of Agriculture:-  
Mr. Finlay Kerr, M.R.C.V.S.

The Secretary of the County Committee, Mr R. Malone M.R.C.V.S. and the following Sheep Dipping Inspectors were in attendance.

Enniscorthy District - James Murphy and Myles Roban

Gorey District - Messrs Morgan O'Flaherty and Thomas Pendergast

New Ross District - Mr M.J. Hennessey

Wexford District - James Hayden

Mr R. Downey, Wexford, District Superintendent Garda Síochána, was also in attendance.

The General question of the necessity for a scheme of compulsory dipping was debated. It was recognised that the attitude of the English Ministry of Agriculture in connection with the



importation of disease in animals and particularly in view of recurring outbreaks of foot and mouth disease, rendered it necessary that everything possible should be done to have a clean bill of health for animals sent from this country across the channel. With present arrangements no guarantee could be given as to security for sheep industry, and any country might be scheduled by the English Ministry if cases of sheep scab could be traced back to it. It was admitted that dipping was carried out in a number of cases in a haphazard and perfunctory manner and that as every sheepowner could give notice to dip for any day he selected in the dipping period it would be impossible to provide effective supervision. At the busy period of the dipping season an Inspector might receive twenty or thirty notices of dipping for the same hour on one particular day.

The Conference recognised it was a hardship to compel the careful sheepowner (who habitually dipped his sheep in a proper manner) to drive his animals to a public bath but the Conference had also to recognise the justice of the statement made by the Department of Agriculture that "the prevalence of sheep scab not only imperils the stability of the export trade in sheep on which the Irish sheep industry so largely depends but seriously hinders the normal development of the industry in other ways".

Having considered the various arguments for and against compulsory dipping the Conference unanimously decided that in order to protect the sheep industry it was necessary to devise a system of compulsory dipping.

A discussion then took place as to how best the permission to use suitable baths on private premises could be brought into line with a scheme for compulsory dipping. It was realised that if sheep owners with pedigree flocks, or who were exhibitors at Shows were obliged to send their animals to public dipping stations when they were in a position to utilise a suitable private bath the procedure would impose a great hardship.

In order to meet the point the following was agreed to:— That applications for permits for use of private swim baths for sheep be made to the County Council as Local Authority not later than 1st of May of each year: these applications to be transmitted to Pay Inspectors for report. No private baths will be recognised unless a permit for their use has been obtained. That private dipping be arranged on a five days notice from Pay Inspectors by transmission



or penshes as Inspector may find most convenient during the dipping periods, such fixtures to fit in as far as possible with dates of local shows in respect of sheep which are about to be exhibited thereat. Special facilities to be given to these sheepowners and to men with pedigree flocks. In case of uncertain weather Lay Inspector to decide whether or no dipping should take place. Sheepowners dipping at private baths can use any approved dip on the Department's list but they are recommended to procure a suitable dip of Irish manufacture. Lay Inspector to give certificate of satisfactory dipping.

"Persons who desire to utilise private baths for their flocks must notify the County Council to this effect when applying for permits for use of bath."

"In the event of a person dipping sheep at a private bath for which no permit has been obtained, or, carrying out dipping in an unsatisfactory manner, he shall be obliged to send his animals to such public dipping station as shall be directed."

In regard to compulsory dipping the following decisions were arrived at:-

"Existing dipping periods to continue."

"A Veterinary Inspector and Lay Inspector to be present during dipping."

"That dates of dipping and townlands from which sheep will be taken be advertised in local papers and by posters; these particulars to be drawn up by Lay Inspectors"

In the case of uncertain weather Veterinary Surgeon to decide if dipping shall be carried out or postponed.

"That a charge of 2<sup>d</sup> per sheep be made at each bath."

"That the Department of Agriculture issue Order under Article 1 of the Sheep Dipping (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order of 1916 making it compulsory on all sheepowners who have not obtained permits to utilise private baths, to have their sheep dipped at public dipping Stations."

"That the County Council be requested to fix the allowance and expenses to be allocated to their Veterinary Surgeons in charge of the Scheme."

"That the County Council be recommended to make arrangements with owners of existing baths suitable for public dipping. It is suggested that they be allowed to charge 2<sup>d</sup> per sheep on condition that bath will be recognised by County Council as an approved public bath, and which is to include



## **GENERAL WARRANT TO COLLECT AND LEVY POOR RATES.**

To Mr....., Collector of the Poor Rate for No.....Collection District, in the  
County Health District of Wexford and County of Wexford.

You are hereby authorised and directed to Levy the several Poor Rates, set forth in the annexed Collecting Book of Receipt and Demand Notes from the several Persons liable to pay the same, so long as the same remain due and payable, by all such ways and means as by law you are empowered to use in the levying of the said Rates.

The Amount to be collected under this Warrant is :—

In respect of the Poor Rates made for the service of the year ending 31st day of March, 19 .. £.....

The Total you are required to collect in the Half-year ending 30th September, 19 .., is the sum of £.....  
being half the said sum of £.....in respect of the Rates made for the said year and the total you are required to Collect in the said  
year is the said sum of £.....

Sealed with the Common Seal of the County Council of Wexford, and signed on behalf of the Council this.....day of.....19.....

.....Chairman of the day.

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.....  
.....} Two other Members present  
at the Meeting.

.....Secretary of the County Council.



the provision of approved dip to such an amount as will be required by Sheep Dipping Inspector. Or, in the alternative that County Council procure dip and owner of bath be responsible for cost of amount used.

In connection with assistance from Burd Guards it was mentioned that they could not supervise dipping which which was not considered police duty. But they would give assistance in the following way.

1. By supplying a list of Sheepowners of the County with the approximate number of sheep kept by each.

2. By keeping order at public dipping stations when hours of dipping came into period covered by ordinary petrol.

3. By comparing in selected cases the number of sheep on farms with the number appearing on certificate of dipping.

4. By careful scrutiny of declarations at fairs.

In respect of public baths it was agreed that, even with the licensing of those existing, at least 24 would be required to start the Scheme.

The Centres which had been selected by the Finance Committee of the County Council were:-

Emmerty District - Blohamon, The Harrow, Marshelstown, Kiltally, Chape and Glenbrin.

A report was read from Mr. Hays. V.S., that he had not come across any bath in the District which he considered suitable for public dipping.

It was considered by Sheep Dipping Inspectors that in addition to the above it would be necessary to have a dipping station at Blackwater.

Gory District - Gory, Inch, Wicklow Gap, Askamore, Camolin and Vullenagh.

The Inspectors considered it would be also necessary to have stations at Monamolin and Monaseed. No recommendation had been received from Mr. Munnagh V.S., as to the existing baths in this District. One on the premises of Mr. John Tomkins, Munnagh Camolin might be found suitable and a bath at Dubart on the premises of Mr. John Cooney had been used as a public Bath.

New Ross District:- Haggard (Ransgrange) Adanstown, Ballygarvan, Aughclare, Ballywilliam, and Vallowen (Whitchurch).

It was considered that Ballywilliam could be replaced by a station at Templeudigan and that arrangements might be made with Mr. J. Deacon, Camross for use of bath for public dipping.



"Mr. Taylor, V.S. reported the following baths would be suitable for public dipping:-"

Ballycop - property of Mr Vincent Doyle Quay Street New Ross.

Arnstown:- property of Mr William Gannon.

Hesthpark Ballinaboola:- property of Mr Luke Dwyer.

Mr. Lynch V.S. reported in favour of the following:-

Garrynchara - property of Mr. M. L. Hickey.

Nesh - property of Mr Michael Boregan.

Wexford District. Lagoat, Duncormack, Kilmore, Bannow Loughmore and Crossbeg.

"It was agreed that it was advisable to have a public station at Puncstown or Kilmacree.

Mr R. Malone reported in favour of baths on the premises of the following:- Sean Bullen, Duncormack, W H Lett, Ballyoughlin, Bannow, N Brien Camy-on-Bannow and William Larkin Hametown.

It was decided that the Lay Inspectors be asked to submit a list of the various private baths in their district with a statement as to the approximate number of sheep which could be dealt with in an ordinary working day."

A preliminary estimate of cost was as follows:-

24 dipping tanks @ £20

£240.

Inspectors: Lay. £122

Veterinary £200.

£322

£802

"Mr. Sean OByrne proposed and Mr Ennis seconded the following That the report of Conference re Sheep Dipping of 20<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, as presented to this meeting be received and adopted.

Mr Thorpe proposed and Mr Ennis seconded the following which was agreed to:-

"That the following provisions be added to the recommendation of Conference on Sheep Dipping:- "That a 'bath' under this Scheme shall be taken to mean a properly constructed swim bath in which a sheep can be perfectly immersed and fitted with an appropriate drains."

The resolution of Mr Sean OByrne as to acceptance of Report of Conference on Sheep Dipping was then put and passed *un. con.*

On the motion of Mr John OByrne, seconded by Mr Hall the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the report from the County Committee of Agriculture



and Technical Instruction, containing proposals for Sheep Dipping Programme for 1926 be received and adopted. That the County Committee be requested to make further recommendations with regards to the places at which public dipping stations should be established.

### *Rate Collection.*

The state of the Rate Collection was submitted, and after discussion, it was decided that the matter be referred to the next meeting of the Finance Committee to which all the collectors are to be summoned.

### *Auditor's Reports.*

Reports of the Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the County Council for the half year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1925, of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for the half years ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1924, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1924 and 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1925; and of the County Tuberculosis Committee for the half years ended 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1924, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1925, and 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, were submitted to the meeting.

### *Audit Fee.*

Under date 31<sup>st</sup> October, 1925, (Letter No. 49653/25 Wexford County), the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote, applying for payment of £85, amount of fee payable by the Council for the audit of their accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1925.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:-

That the sum of £85, amount of fee fixed for the audit of the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1925, be paid to the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

### *Appointment of Medical Officer of Health.*

Under date 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 1925, (Letter No P.H. 49401/25 Miscellaneous) the Minister for Local Government and Public Health wrote, drawing attention to the provisions of Section 21 (1) of the Local Government Act 1925, relative to the appointment of County Medical Officers of Health, an essential qualification for which would be the possession of the Diploma of Public Health or equivalent degree which should be supplemented by practical experience of administrative functions. Arrangements had been made to enable existing Tuberculosis Officers possessing the D.P.H. and seeking appointments as County Medical Officers of Health to acquire further administrative experience and a more intimate knowledge of the manifold activities of Public Health work. The principle of a Selection Committee would apply to all such appointments.



and a Bill would shortly be introduced to regulate the future procedure concerning appointments of officers of local authorities. Due notice would be given to the County Council as to when the preliminaries with a view to an appointment should be undertaken but it was improbable that the appointment could become effective before the 1<sup>st</sup> April next.

No order.

### Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act, 1925.

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health wrote that he proposed in pursuance of Section 12 (b) of above Act to make regulations determining standards of quality for commodities for which he had appointed or intended to appoint official contractors. He requested to be furnished with observations as to any changes or alterations in existing standards which from experience might have commended themselves to the Council.

Referred to County Surveyor.

It was also decided that the County Surveyor and the Secretary to the County Board of Health furnish particulars to the Department of Local Government and to the County T.D.'s, in all cases in which the quality of articles supplied under the combined purchasing system are not satisfactory.

### Poundage.

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, (Letter No. G. 49219/1925 Wexford County) the Minister for Local Government and Public Health wrote that he would raise no objection to the payment of the balance of poundage fees due to Rate Collectors in respect of the collection to the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1925, provided the full amount of their warrants be irrecoverable and had been lodged. He also sanctioned payment of 50% of poundage fees due to collectors who had lodged at least 60% of the rates for the half year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. John O'Sullivan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That all collectors who have lodged 60% of their collections to the 31<sup>st</sup> October, 1925, receive poundage as per letter from the Minister for Local Government under date 24<sup>th</sup> October, 1925. (No. G. 49219/1925 Wexford County)"

### Authorised Committees.

Under date 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 1925, letter (No. G. 49466/1925 Wexford County) was read from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health approving of the arrangements made by the



bounty council regarding the conduct of proceedings of committees appointed by them under Section 58 of the Local Government Act, 1925.

### *Rosslare Battle Boat.*

The following resolution passed at the meeting of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 1925, was submitted:-

That in view of the statements made in the memorandum of the Department of Agriculture (LH 43-25) as to the manner in which Irish cattle are placed on the English markets it would be to the interests of the County Wexford to have the port of Rosslare re-opened for the shipping of live stock. We recommend to the Department that action should be taken by them at once to enable this to be done. That the County Council be requested to appoint a deputation to wait upon the Minister of Industry and Commerce to urge upon him the necessity which exists for the reopening of a live stock service which affords transport for cattle second to none in Ireland. Colonel Gibbon proposed and Mr Murphy seconded, the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Doyle supported.

Mr Bonish stated that he could not support the resolution as the Harbour Board were engaged in a campaign to try and get back trade into Wexford. If he supported the resolution he would be allowing the Cork Steamship Co. to get out of certain of their obligations as regards the provisions of a battle Boat for the Wexford - Liverpool service.

Colonel Gibbon then proposed:- "That representatives of the Wexford Harbour Board and Cork Steamship Co., be invited to a conference with the County Council with a view to endeavouring to secure a cattle service from Wexford. In the event of it being found impossible to arrange for a service from Wexford, that representations be made to the Government to take steps to release the Great Western Railway Company of England from the provisions of the Act of Parliament under which they are bound to run a daily cattle boat from Wexford."

Mr Bonish seconded the motion which was passed.

On the motion of Mr John O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Shannon, the following were appointed as representatives of the County Council: The Chairman, Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs M. Doyle, R. Bonish, and W. Thorpe to meet on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 1925, at 2 o'clock p.m., in the County Council Chamber Fortruw Wexford.



The resolution from County Committee of Agriculture was adjourned pending report from conference with representatives of Harbour Board and Cork Steamship Co.

### *Petrol Lorry.*

Under date 9<sup>th</sup> November, 1925, the County Surveyor reported that the crank axle of the petrol lorry, taken over from the Enniscorthy Rural District Council, broke at Ferrybank on 4<sup>th</sup> instant whilst returning from blasting operations in the New Ross area. He had received a quotation for £21, plus carriage, for a new axle and he asked for authority to have repairs carried out to the lorry as it would be useless otherwise.

On the motion of Mr Shannon, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the necessary repairs to make petrol lorry effective be carried out."

### *Allocation of Agricultural Grant.*

The following resolution was submitted from the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:-

"That only farmers who till at least thirty three and one third per cent of their arable land be entitled to get the benefit of the Agricultural Grant in future, thereby ensuring that all who till the required acreage will receive about 6p in the £ and that hay will count as tillage only when first crop."

Mr Thorpe proposed and Mr Blince seconded the adoption of the resolution.

Colonel Quin, Colonel Gibbon, and Mr Doyle opposed.

On a show of hands 16 voted in favour of the resolution and 7 against.

The Chairman declared the resolution passed.

### *Drainage Maintenance Act 1924.*

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, the Commissioners of Public Works forwarded (No 11526/1925) report which they had furnished to Mr Patrick White, Beckville House, Bridgetown, Secretary to the Ballyteigue Drainage District and to Mr S. W. Bonwell, Sawhill, Vilmore, Secretary to the Ballyteigue and Vilmore Drainage District, dealing in extenso with both these districts.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Drainage Committee.

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, (19230/1925) a letter was read from the Commissioners of Public Works asking whether the Council had decided to give any contribution towards the cost.



of the works in Kilmannock and Low Drainage District.

It was decided that this matter be considered specially at the next meeting of the County Council.

#### *Salary of Mr. R. Malone M.R.C.V.S.*

Under date 10<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, letter No L 3351-25 was read from the Department of Agriculture approving of the proposal of the Council to increase the salary of Mr R. Malone M.R.C.V.S., Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts for Wexford District, from £40 15s 9d per annum.

#### *Weights and Measures Inspection*

Under date 29<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, the following letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce:—

The Ex officio Inspector of Weights and Measures will require by the 1<sup>st</sup> January four sets of date stamps for 1926 for your area. For the convenience of the Councils concerned we have obtained inclusive tenders as follows:—

	Price per set
Messrs John R. Rooney, 8 College Street Dublin,	6/2
Messrs De Grave Short & Co Naylor Rd London	6/6.
Messrs W & J Avery Ltd Soho Foundry Birmingham.	7/1.

Subject to your approval we propose to accept the lowest tender that of Mr. Rooney, Dublin.

Each of the Inspectors also requires two special sets of stencils and for this we have obtained tenders as follows:—

Mr. J. Rooney, 8 College Street Dublin	2/6 each
Messrs Avery & Co Birmingham	2/3 "

"As there is only a difference of 6<sup>d</sup> for the Irish manufactured article in both requirements for your area, we propose, with your approval, to accept the tender of Mr Rooney, Dublin."

As the matter is urgent an early reply will be greatly esteemed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Colonel Quinn the acceptance of the tenders for supply of date stamps and stencils as proposed by the Department of Industry & Commerce in their letter of 29<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, was approved.

#### *Travelling Expenses of County Councillors.*

Under date 28<sup>th</sup> October 1925, letter (No 49003/1925 Wexford County Council) the Minister for Local Government and Public Health wrote acknowledging the resolution of the County Council relative to the question of travelling expenses, and stating he was bound by the specific terms of the Statute passed by An t-Oireachtas.



On the motion of Mr John Byrne, seconded by Mr Hall, the following resolution was adopted:-

That in the opinion of the County Council, all their committees should be authorized committees, the members of which should be entitled to receive contribution towards travelling expenses, as without the aid of these committees, the Council would find it impossible to carry out their duties with efficiency.

### Food and Drugs Acts

Under date 19<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, the Chief Superintendent, An Garda Síochána, Wexford, wrote recommending Garda Cecil Geary (4660) for appointment as Inspector under Food and Drugs Acts, Wexford District, vice Sergeant B. Keogh, transferred to Waterford County.

On the motion of Mr John O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

That Garda Cecil Geary (5660) be appointed Inspector under Food and Drugs Acts, Wexford District, vice Sergeant B. Keogh, who has been transferred to Waterford County.

### Analyst's Report.

Report of Miss Phyllis Ryan, County Analyst for quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, was submitted showing that 85 samples were analysed during the quarter, the number adulterated being:- new milk 1; Drug, 1.

### Mount St Benedict School.

Under date 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 1925, the following letter was read from his Lordship, the Bishop of Ferns:-

"The points raised at meeting of the County Council on the 12<sup>th</sup> instant in regard to Mt. St. Benedict's have already received careful consideration.

"The matter has been decided by the Holy See.

"In the circumstances I fail to see what useful purpose can be served by the Deputation from your body."

### Complaint Re Wexford Courthouse

Relative to above, the following, under date 26<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, was read from Mr. McNally, Court-keeper:-

"I have your complaining of the condition of Wexford Courthouse.-

"The Court which is used for judicial business has been always kept in proper order and I am sure those using it, including the District Justice, will admit this-

Of course I cannot help the condition of the ruins, and as these are practically open to the public it would be impossible



for me to keep them free of trespass, much less have them in a clean and tidy condition - I would be glad to know what portion of the premises the complain refers to. I am sure it cannot be the court proper. I have acted as bountkeeper for 30 years, and this the first complaint which has been made as to the manner in which the place has been kept.

Mr. John O'Byrne said that when the Committee inspected the bounthouse, the bount proper, floor and galleries were in a very bad condition, and evidently had not been swept for weeks. Colonel Gibson seconded.

### Bounty Council's General Council.

Under date 8<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, the Secretary, Bounty Councils, General Council, wrote that the annual meeting of that body would be held on 9<sup>th</sup> December, 1925, and notice of any matters which the County Council might desire to have included on the agenda should reach on or before 9<sup>th</sup> November.

### Price of Barley.

A resolution was read from Fildare Bounty Council protesting against the unfair and oppressive treatment which was being given to the Barley growing industry by a monopoly which had the power of fixing the price at which the crop must be sold and which had made use of that power to compel the producer to sell at a ruinous figure, barely covering the cost of production.

On the motion of Mr Murphy seconded by Mr Bonish, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Government be requested to make representations to Messrs Guinness in connection with the purchase of Irish barley and the price paid therefor. We feel that Messrs Guinness should, in the interests of the country, take steps to stabilize the market for this crop and also offer such a price as will not deter the farmer from including in his future crop rotation. This very much desired end might be brought about if the Government could lay the present deplorable circumstances of the Agricultural community before Messrs Guinness."

### The Dole.

A resolution was read from Tipperary S.R. County Council requesting the General Council of Bounty Councils to summon a Conference to devise a scheme by which the valuable labours of those at present unemployed and receiving unemployment insurance might be utilised for the Nation in schemes of



road making, Bridge Building, Housing etc. the "dole" being supplemented or increased by such amount as might be considered fair and reasonable. The present system of doles, while necessary in cases of emergency and while a scheme of employment or works of public or national importance was being formulated, was, if continued, in its effects wasteful and demoralising, ultimately increasing the ranks of unemployed and unemployable and throwing on the rates the burden of maintaining those who could and should be employed.

The resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Blinice, seconded by Mr. Thorpe.

### Vaccination

A resolution was read from Wickinny Corporation, calling upon the Government to bring in an Amending Bill which would provide that Irish parents who had a conscientious objection would not be compelled to have their children vaccinated.

Mr. Blinice proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the adoption of the resolution.

Passed - Colonel Quin dissenting.

### Public Bodies Insurance

A resolution was read from the Clare Mental Hospital Committee requesting the Executive Council to undertake an inquiry as to ascertain the feasibility of Public Bodies of Ireland holding in combination all Insurance risks on public property and the possibility of retaining all insurance or re insurance business in the country either by a system of State guarantees or by means of the State holding all re-insurance risks or otherwise.

On the motion of Mr. John O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That this County Council is in favour of the establishment of a Public Bodies Insurance Scheme."

### Roads Committee

The following minutes of Meeting of Roads Committee of 26<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, were submitted:-

### County Surveyors Report

The following report was submitted by the County Surveyors:-

The Roads Inspection Committee have now completed their rounds, having visited Mr. Cunis and Mr. Moran's Districts during the week. They will have their report prepared for the next County Council meeting. Amongst other places visited they inspected several which are matters of consideration on the agenda.



for the meeting, and will report on same.

I have application for permission to erect a house on 94E at Kilmushal. The Roads Committee inspected the place and approval of permission being granted.

"On the 15<sup>th</sup> instant, with Dr. Connor, I inspected the new Hospital, Enniscorthy, with a view to the proposed additions, but have not been able to prepare a detailed report up to the present.

"On the 23<sup>rd</sup> instant Mr Walsh M.B.E., and Mr Elgee, Solicitor and myself interviewed Mr Hamilton, agent for the New Ross Courthouse and Mr Elgee will put in report giving the result of our interview.

The Wexford Courthouse Committee have had a interview with the architects and will report to the meeting.

I am at present going fully into the estimates for road work for the coming year, and hope to be able to submit complete detailed schedule at next meeting of the Committee.

Recently when carrying out blasts there has been a certain amount of danger owing to flying stones, and I propose getting a much longer electric cable, so that the men firing the shots may be able to keep further away from the danger zone. A new cable of sufficient length will cost £5 or £6 and I ask for sanction to get this.

In regard to the memorial for cutting of corner on Road 45 G, near Boolgreany, I beg to report that the Roads Inspection Committee visited this place and do not consider this a road on which much money should be spent. Some small improvement may be made at the place, and the Assistant Surveyor Mr Treanor was directed to arrange for this.

I have a letter from Mr A Ryan, Curraun Ballywilliam with reference to repair of a lane-way. This matter was mentioned at the last meeting of the New Ross District Council, and I was asked to arrange with Mr Ryan. At the present time I do not consider it would be advisable to put any more roads on the board.

"There is a letter from Rev Mr Vandaleur, asking to have a sign post erected near Kiltanel School. The whole matter of these signs will be fully considered later, but, in the meantime I shall ask the Automobile Association for a sign and have it erected if you consider it advisable."



### House at Kilmyschal.

The bounty Surveyor stated that the road wall in this case projected on to the road. Hugh Kavanagh, Kilmyschal, the man who applied for the permission to erect the house intended to put the building behind the present line of the road wall and in this way the road would be widened. The necessary permission was agreed to on the motion of Mr. Sean Byrne, seconded by Mr. Bolger.

### Yever Hospital.

The bounty Surveyor explained that it was proposed to provide for an additional ten beds for advanced cases.

"It was decided to adjourn this matter to afford the bounty Surveyor an opportunity of examining a plan for new building and which had been prepared by Mr Flood, Engineer to Ennisorthy R.D. Council."

### New Ross Courthouse.

The bounty Surveyor stated that the Committee had inspected the premises. Mr Hemilton, agent, explained that the former rent was £24 and now asked for a rent of £50. He, however, appeared more anxious that the Council should purchase the premises and a figure of £1000. was mentioned by him. Pending any settlement Mr Hemilton would allow the District Justice to use the courthouse once a week.

Mr. Hall proposed, Colonel Quin seconded, and it was passed: - "That the bounty Council be recommended to purchase New Ross Courthouse premises at £600."

### Wexford Courthouse.

Colonel Gibbon explained that the Committee, with Mr Scallan, Clerk of the Peace, Mr Gregory, District Clerk, and the bounty Secretary and bounty Surveyor had spent some time examining the plans which had been prepared by Messrs Owen and Delap. The Committee found they could provide ample accommodation for everybody concerned and satisfaction was generally expressed as regards the proposals - personally he thought the necessary accommodation had been provided better than he anticipated. The plans had been returned for some minor alterations. The Council would, he considered, have to make up their minds to provide a system of central healing



Electric Cable.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Bolger:-

"That, as recommended by County Surveyor, an electric cable of sufficient length to protect those engaged in blasting operations be purchased at a cost not exceeding £6"

Road 45 G.

The County Surveyor explained that the corner in question was near Freeman's house.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne:- "That the report of County Surveyor relative to corner on 45 G be adopted: steps should be taken as soon as convenient to have the hedge which is obscuring the view, cut".

Laneway a banawn.

It was decided that the application be refused. Mr Ryan to be informed that should he refuse to pay his rates he will be prosecuted.

Sign Posts.

" It was decided that the letter from Mr. Vandeleur for erection of sign post at Kiltunnel school be dealt with when location of new sign posts was under consideration.

In connection with proposal to have signs erected in Irish and English, the Irish Secretary, Automobile Association, wrote that the Association had no signs done in Irish characters. If these were included it would curtail to utility of the sign as only his names would be in smaller characters they would be less legible. Signs were put on cross roads for the sake of guiding the Foreigners not the people of the County. These matters were explained so that the Roads Committee would not make a decision against their own interest.

Colonel Quin proposed:- "That we accept the offer of the Automobile Association to provide road signs in English characters. That the posts for these signs be so constructed as to each take two signs. That the Gaelic League be invited to provide signs done in Irish and which can be attached to post".

Mr Boggan seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Taxation of Road Vehicles.

" The General Council of County Councils forwarded copy of the interim report of Sub-Committee of the Roads Advisory Committee re above. This report would be considered by the



Executive Committee of the General Council on 25<sup>th</sup> November and their recommendations would be submitted to the Annual meeting of the General Council on 9<sup>th</sup> December, 1925.

Colonel Gibbon considered that a copy of the Report should be obtained for each member of the Roads Committee.

Colonel Quin proposed:— This Committee is in favour of a tax of 5/- per annum being placed on pedal cycles.

Mr Hall seconded.

Mr Bolger proposed:—

"This Committee recommends the imposition for an annual tax of 2/6d each on all pedal cycles."

This was seconded by the Chairman and on a show of hands was carried by four to three.

The Chairman proposed, Mr Bolger seconded, and it was passed:— That the interim report of Sub-Committee of Roads Advisory Committee on the taxation of Road Vehicles be approved.

#### Public Bodies Insurance.

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, the Secretary, General Council of County Councils, wrote that their Executive Committee had under consideration the question of the insurances effected by Public Bodies. A suggestion for the formation of an Association of Public Bodies for mutual insurance had been referred for expert advice and it was hoped to have a concrete proposal considered at the Annual meeting of the General Council.

#### Motor Car Administration.

Report was received from Civil Guards that Patrick Byrne, Irish Street, Buncloody, was found, on the 29<sup>th</sup> July last, using a hackney motor car for commercial purposes.

Colonel Quin proposed and the Chairman seconded:— That as we believe Patrick Byrne, Irish Street, Buncloody, used his hackney motor car for commercial purposes, through ignorance of the law on the matter, we agree to accept a mitigated penalty in this case.

As an amendment, Mr Boggan proposed and Colonel Gibbon seconded the following amendment:— That a prosecution be instituted against Patrick Byrne, Irish Street, Buncloody, for having used his hackney motor car for commercial purposes.

This amendment was carried on a show of hands.

Under date 21<sup>st</sup> October, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (R/M/204) that the matter of having periodical "hold up" by the Garda Síochána of mechanically



propelled road vehicles had been brought under the notice of the Minister for Justice for any action which he may consider necessary.

### Heavy Motor Cars - Reduction in weight.

Under date 16<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote that the Minister for Local Government had made an order fixing the maximum laden weight of a heavy motor car in certain cases at nine tons instead of twelve tons at hitherto. The new order applied to vehicles outside a County Borough and to vehicles which up to the date of the order had not been licensed.

In the case of vehicles already licensed the maximum laden weight would remain at twelve tons.

### Brownwood Quarry.

The following was read from M. E. Monaghan, M.C.C. under date 19<sup>th</sup> October 1925:-

I ask you to bring under the notice of the Roads Committee at their next meeting a grievance lodged here on Sunday evening by Peter Kehoe, Nathaniel Carthy, Joseph Ballen, Patrick Reay and Patrick Russell, who were carters working in the employment of the Council up until June last when work ceased. As those men are labour carters they want to know how it is they do not get day work when there is work in that district as there are some of those men working with County Council since 1918 while there are other carters who are not a year in the employment from the very first, and those men are farmers or tradesmen who are well able to live without this work. As well those labour carters have nothing to fall back on when they are thrown idle. Whereas if they were on day work they would have their cards stamped and be entitled to unemployment benefit when out of work. It is a terrible thing to see these men without any means of living since last year. They also told me that John O'Gorman, the ganger in Brownwood area, told them last February he would leave the job sooner than have those men labour carters - work on day work. Those men asked him for an explanation and he would not give them any explanation, while he had his own horse and cart working day work at the same time probably under an assumed name in Brownwood quarry. Another case - there is the main road from Edgewine to Enniscorthy which was given to Patrick Reay to put on the tonnage on it in October 1923 for 4/3 per cubic yard, and he put the required tonnage on it, 200 yards, and must have done it satisfactorily.



as there were no complaints. Now this road in 1924 was given to a farmer at 1/9d a cubic yard without even telling Pat Leary. Why was it necessary to increase from 1/3 to 1/9? we do not understand. Another point I would like to raise when those men were carting to steamroller their loads were measured neatly while other carters got off without measurement. Surely there is favouritism in this. How was it there was a form to be signed by order of Mr Barry. Some of the carters had to sign it under threat of being dismissed and others were not asked to sign it. Why such distinction? There were also cards handed to Gorman to send to Council office for Pat Leary in July 1924. Now neither the unemployment card nor the Health card can be traced. There must be negligence here on someone's part but it is Pat Leary who has to suffer. He was dismissed last June through slackness of work - about 13 weeks - and is without any means of living. Another matter I would like to mention when breaker was working in Brownswood Quarry. From the first commencement of quarry opening there was a son of Nathaniel Barty used to be drawing the water to engine. I believe there was no fault to be found with this boy and yet the drawing of the water was taken from him and given to another man. What excuse can they give for this? Hasnt Nathaniel Barty a big family as well as the other man. Those men are prepared to prove this statement if required.

In connection with this matter the following letter under date 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 1925. was read from John Dancy, Ballyroe, Glenbrin:-

Will you kindly have this question raised at next Monday's meeting. It is in connection with the water supply to engine in Brownswood Quarry. I had it at last breaking when Nat Barty raised a big row over it it was <sup>with</sup> the result Mr Shannon put on a resolution on the books to employ some person who was not working in the Quarry. Now the job has been given back to Barty who has a horse drawing out of the same quarry. He also takes his bit out of a job to draw the water. I am an employee of the Council for the past five years. I take charge of the work in the ganger's absence without any remuneration. I have a son idle also a donkey and cart. I think I am entitled to something as well as Barty. Mr O Gorman, the ganger of Brownswood Quarry will be at the meeting. He will answer any questions asked in connection with this statement. I hope the Council will settle



this definitely as I do believe there is a lot of under hand work attached to it.

The following reply to Mr. Munnagh's statement was submitted from Mr. Bullen, Assistant Surveyor:-

**Bartus on Daywork.** "There is one man in question on day work now. He has eight children to provide for and no land.

**Re Farmers and Liablemen.** - When rolling on Oylegate road I had a cartier employed whose invalid mother has a farm and who is in very straitened circumstances. The employment of this cartier met with approval of ratepayers in locality. There was another man on day work who was formerly a blacksmith. He had to relinquish his trade owing to bad health.

**Haulage 25<sup>th</sup> E.** In 1923 I asked for offers for haulage to this road. Leamy offered at price mentioned by Mr. Munnagh and got the work. In 1924 a former contractor on this road, James Brin, Gentague, carried out the work and the price was the same as Leamy received.

I deny that favouritism was shown to any haulier in the way of checking roads.

"Haulage agreement forms were made out for every man on the job at the time and I have not heard anything about alleged cheats until now."

Continuing Mr. Bullen said that the Union objected to Leamy taking the contract a second time for the road at 1/3<sup>d</sup> per yard so that there was very little probability of Leamy taking the road.

It was decided, after considerable discussion, that the Committee regarded the charges made by Mr. Munnagh as unsustained. As regards haulage of water they decided to allow Bartus's son to continue the work.

### **Gullat at Cross of Mye**

The following was read from M. A. Munnagh, M.B.C. under date 19<sup>th</sup> October 1925:-

I wish to bring this gullat at cross of Mye under the notice of the Roads Committee. As I understand Mr. Heating was at great inconvenience by the place flooding last winter and I believe he lost some fowl with the floods of water that used to be around the place. Now I hope the County Surveyor will look to this at once and not have a recurrence of the flooding of this man's place this winter. When out inspecting the roads I would advise Committee of Inspection to go over to this place and see for themselves. P.S. Knockrathkyle is the proper name but it is called the cross of Mye.

The County Surveyor said it was agreed to move out the



fence and deal with the drain alongside the road so that they would have control of it. The owner of the land (Mr Heffernan) was agreeable but he considered the fence should not be moved until the end of October to give it a chance to grow.

"Mr Boggan said this was a private matter and the Council should not have anything to do with it.

"Mr Elgee pointed out that negotiations had taken place already between the County Surveyor and Heffernan as to the cleaning of the drain.

"It was decided to adjourn the matter to enable an inspection of the place to be made by Mr. Elgee, Solicitor. If he considers County Council are responsible, work to be carried out without delay. If not that the County Surveyor present a report to next meeting of Roads Committee."

### *Van for men with Tar Sprayers*

Mr John Connor's M.B.C., wrote that he would move at next meeting of the County Council the following motion: - "That a van be supplied for each tar spraying machine under supervision of County Council for holding coal, tools, etc, and for the use of the gang thereon."

The County Surveyor thought it was not necessary to have a van for the purpose mentioned. He would go into it more fully and report to next meeting."

### *Overalls for Tar Spraying outfit*

"The following notice of motion by Mr J Connor M.B.C. was read: "That five suits of overalls be supplied to the men holding the hose of the tar spraying machine and the men opening the drums and filling machine as the tar was very injurious to men's clothing."

It was decided that the matter be referred to the County Surveyor for report."

### *Road works near Ferns*

Colonel Gibbon reported that on 29<sup>th</sup> September last he noticed the men in charge of tar spraying plant near Ferns were idle as he passed by. He had been informed that it was necessary men should wait while tar was heating: if this was the case a second machine might be found necessary.

Mr Ennis (Assistant Surveyor) said that on the occasion in question the men had been filling holes on old stoan road section and were preparing to move on to Ferns end to do regular tarring. He was satisfied the work was going on fairly well.



### Missing Stone County Hall.

Under date 13<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, the Board of works wrote that it had now been ascertained that the range at County Hall was removed by the Military and the Board were accordingly being advised that an addition of £48 should be made to the sum of £243:12:9 already agreed to in connection with the question of compensation to the County Council.

### New Ross Urban Council and Road T.Y.

The following resolution was read from New Ross Urban Council:-  
That the County Council be informed this Council was not in office when the work referred to was being carried out, and they would 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 again earnestly request the County Council to reconsider their decision in the matter and grant the additional £50 asked for so that the Urban Council may be enabled to carry out the necessary work on the road."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Quinn, seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That the County Council be recommended to refuse the application of New Ross Urban Council for a supplemental allocation of £50 in connection with carrying out the work of application of 'Spraman' to Road T.Y. The Roads Committee can see no reason why the work was not carried out within the amount of the grant already given New Ross Urban Council, viz. £100."

### Footpath adjacent to New Ross Urban District.

Under date 4<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, the following letter was read from Mr M. J. Finnan Town Clerk New Ross:-

I am directed by the New Ross Urban District Council to draw the serious attention of the Wexford County Council to the condition of the surface of the footpaths adjacent to Urban Boundary, especially that of Brandon Well Road, and also the overhanging hedges. They cannot understand why the Brynwell Road footpath was not put in a proper state of repair when the road itself was being repaired, and they hope that it will receive the necessary attention as soon as possible."

The County Surveyor stated that the surface of the footpath at Brandon Well was not particularly bad but



material to roll the road was lying up against the edge of the path. The hedges required attention and they would be seen to at once. The path at Breywell was as good as ever it had been and the County Surveyor did not see any reason for complaint at all.

### Complaint - Haulage Contractor.

The following letter under date 12<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, was read from John Dake, Boolisball, Wellingtonbridge:-

In reference to the cancelling of my contract which was before the last meeting of the Roads Committee I beg to state that Mr Kehoe made a statement which was not correct. He said that the material was out on the road from Duncormack to Boolisball through Rough. He also said that I was the only man who had not the work done. I can prove that such is not the case. I think it is very unfair to cancel my contract when others were in as bad a position and I am a poor man with a large family. I would be very grateful if you would consider the matter at your meeting to-day."

The following report was received from Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, under date 20<sup>th</sup> October 1925:-

In reference to the statement made by John Dake to the Roads Committee and afterwards repeated in a letter read at the last County Council meeting viz., "that no material had been put in depots on the road leading from Boolisball to Duncormack". I beg to state that there was at the time 55 cubic yards of sea gravel in the depots. This quantity was there in 11 depots from the early summer and no one knows it better than Dake. It is there to be seen still. With regard to his further statement to the Committee that he had 20 cu. of sea gravel banked at Bullinstown for road No 4-5 W. I beg to state that on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> instant I went from one end of the Strand to the other and didn't find even one load of gravel banked there either by Dake or anyone else."

Mr Dake came before the meeting and made several statements which were denied by Mr Kehoe.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted:-

That this Committee have no reason to alter their decision to uphold the action of Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, in regard to haulage contract of John Dake, Boolisball, Wellingtonbridge.



Wire Cable across Gory Street.

The following, under date 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 1925, was read from Mr. Francis, Assistant Surveyor:-

"Mr. Peters, Proprietor, Railway Hotel, Gory, has asked permission to carry an electric cable over street adjoining hotel in connection with electric lighting installation for hotel and premises generally.

I told him would write you in the matter to have it brought before County Council for their consideration."

The following resolution was adopted, on the motion, of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. Hall:-

That permission be granted Mr. Peters, Proprietor, Railway Hotel, Gory, to run electric cable across street in Gory y adjoining Hotel provided that the cable be carried 25 feet over the road and the Mr. Peters signs an indemnity to be responsible for all claims that may arise in connection with an accident which may occur in connection with the cable - whether in erection or when working:-

Verona Bridge

The County Surveyor reported that he did not think it would be possible to start work then at present. He would keep the place under observation but he did not consider there was any immediate danger. The bridge would have to be rebuilt in the Spring and cost would run to about £200.

Dangerous corner Ballycaney.

The County Surveyor said that the Roads Inspection Committee had examined this corner and they recommended that the hedge at one corner be cut down and also the trees on the ditch. He would have this carried out.

Ballyvergin crossing.

Colonel Gibson called attention to the dangerous crossing at Ballyvergin on the Camross-Adams town road.

The County Surveyor was directed to report in the matter.

Nelson Bridge.

A similar order was made in the case of Nelsons Bridge & the dangerous condition of which the attention of the County Surveyor was called by Mr. Bolger.

Ballylannon level crossing.

Mr. Bolger stated that in consequence of the manner in which the Railway Company had raised the tracks at above



level crossing persons could not get over them with a load.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

### Lacken Road.

"The County Surveyor stated he had been over the road on 23<sup>rd</sup> October and found its condition very bad. He had instructed the Assistant Surveyor (Mr O'Neill) to move the large stones and would have the road improved as much as was possible in the circumstances.

### Yennacanny Bridge

"The County Surveyor reported that the contractor for this bridge had left a good deal of debris behind. He had been notified to have it removed."

### Injured Workmen Blologue Quarry.

"At last meeting of the County Council Mr Patrick O'Byrne M.B.C., raised the question of the payment of compensation to James Doyle, a workman in Blologue Quarry. Mr O'Byrne contended that this man was not paid the amount to which he was entitled

"The County Surveyor stated he had examined his records and found that Doyle was incapacitated for 13 weeks. He was entitled to £1.6.0 compensation for one week and this had been paid him. When a man was incapacitated for less than a fortnight he did not receive any compensation in respect of the first week.

### Buncloody Courthouse.

"Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, reported that the structural alterations would cost about £5. This did not include furniture which the District Court Clerk considered should be provided.

A resolution was adopted that a sum not exceeding £5 be allocated for necessary structural alterations to Buncloody Courthouse.

### Ennisworthy Road at Moyne.

"Colonel Gibson complained that the road near Mr Deane's at the Moyne was still flooded.

The County Surveyor stated he was having a drain at the other side of the footpath deepened and intended to put a pipe across this he believed would obviate the flooding."

### Ryland Hill.

"Colonel Gibson called attention to the ravelling of surface at Ryland Hill - Road Ennisworthy to Buncloody.

Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said he was keeping



this particular portion levelled and he did not think it would go any more than at present."

### Broadford Bridge.

Under date 6<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, James Breslin, St. Aidan's Demesne, Ferns, wrote complaining that his house was flooded in the winter owing to the condition of Broadford Bridge destroyed by the Irregulars three years ago. The temporary repair was not supposed to deal with the floods.

Mr Ennis said the bridge was undergoing repairs: it was very difficult to believe that Breslin's house was flooded owing to the condition of the Bridge."

### Motor Lorries and Pneumatic Tyres.

A resolution was received from Monaghan County Council calling upon the Government to put into force after twelve months the recommendation limiting the use of motor lorries to those using pneumatic tyres.

Colonel Gibson proposed that the Monaghan resolution be marked read.

"The Chairman seconded this which was adopted."

### Lomnakeely Bridge

Under date 17<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, the following letter was read from Mr Charles Barty, Lomnakeely, Inch:-

"I cannot accept the enclosed cheque for £5/- as fair payment for the stuff raised and drawn off my land for filling for Lomnakeely Bridge."

"To realise the inadequacy of the sum you are giving me, you have only to ask the County Surveyor for an estimate of the cost of the same number of yards of "filling" if raised and drawn from Tara Hill Quarry which was the only alternative if I had refused to give him the stuff off my land."

I estimate at the ordinary rate of cartage and carting wages for raising the Tara Hill stuff that the cost would have been not far short of one hundred pounds.

I told Mr Trianor when he asked for the filling that I would gladly facilitate the Council in any way I could and as to payment that I looked to him to give me a decent cheque when he had the job finished.

I could not accept a cheque of £5/- as such.

"Needless to tell you I could have used the material for filling pits on my own land."



"Trusting you will give the matter your consideration and take into account the large sum you have saved by getting the materials on the spot."

"I feel sure in justice you will kindly allow me a reasonable cheque."

The following report, under date 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1925, was read from Mr. J. Treanor Assistant Surveyor:-

"I arranged with Mr. Bartly when work commenced at Bridge to use an old mould adjoining Bridge for filling purposes. Mr. Bartly agreed to let me have stuff, price for same to be fixed by me when work done. When he agreed to give material I informed him I would pay him what I considered reasonable for it, and the amount paid £2:5:0, is my opinion, full value for the stuff. I will have measurements at meeting showing quantity in mould."

Mr. Treanor said there were 45 loads of clay in the mould and in giving 1/2 a load for it he felt he was paying a very good price. When the bridge was about to be built everyone in the locality was greatly pleased and promised all kinds of help. As a matter of fact he (Mr. Treanor) hadn't the best idea that Bartly would have charged for the clay."

The meeting considered that 40/- was ample payment for the stuff taken.

Under date 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 1925, the following was read from Mrs. Maria E. Keys:-

"I respectfully beg to apply to you for £10 compensation for loss of part of my land which has been acquired by you and the District Surveyor representing the county council of Wexford for the construction of a new water course whilst erecting a new bridge at Tomraskilly also damage to the ditch and a hedge of thorns. This was taken without my knowledge or consent. I am writing this so you can put it before the meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> inst."

Colonel Quin said he had inspected this place at the request of Keys. The latter said he had given a small corner but the officials of the council had taken 100 square yards more than this. The fence had been cut down and the place left in a very dangerous condition. Keys would be satisfied if he was paid £2 and the fence put up.

Mr. Treanor said the whole amount taken would not exceed two square perches. Keys had given permission for the corner to be removed, he saw the work going on every day and never objected



If he (Mr Treanor) had known that Keys was not the owner of the land he would have dealt with Mrs Keys.

"Colonel Gibson proposed:- That the County Surveyor be instructed to erect a fence adjoining Linnahilly Bridge on the lands of Mr & Mrs Keys. If in addition to this Keys will accept £2 in full settlement of any claim they may have against the County Council the County Surveyor be authorised to pay this amount."

"Mr Boggan seconded."

"Mr OByrne proposed. That the County Surveyor be instructed to have fence erected on Keys land but that no compensation to be paid in this case."

"The Chairman, seconded and on a show of hands it was carried by four to three."

#### *Signed Agreement for work on Roads etc.*

The following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by the Chairman:- That in future agreements in writing be made with owners of land in connection with removal of dangerous corners or in any other cases in which it is found necessary to take land for road improvement purposes."

#### *Machinery Yard Ennisclorthy Electric Light*

The County Surveyor stated that he had received three quotations to instal electric light in machinery yard, Ennisclorthy, viz. Inch Engineer Francis Street Dublin, £28. P. O'Leary Nintomberry £25:10:0 and from Electric Supply Stores (Quigley) Bachel Hill, Ennisclorthy £18:10:0.

The tender of Electric Supply Stores was accepted on the motion of Colonel Gibson, seconded by Mr Sean OByrne.

#### *Wexford Rosslare Slot Road.*

"The County Surveyor stated he had had several interviews with Mr Joyce, agent on the Slot, and with Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, and he had not been able to complete the agreement between The Meldon Estate and the County Council in this matter up to the present. He would, however, have it ready for next meeting of the Roads Committee."

#### *Telegraphic Line Camolin.*

The Minister for Posts and Telegraphs applied for the consent of the Council to the erection of a telegraphic line over and along the road from Camolin Post Office to Camolin Bus & Garda Station.

Permission was given on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr OByrne.



### Waterproofs for Employees.

The County Surveyor submitted samples of waterproofs for steam rolling staff but the meeting did not approve, and a resolution was adopted asking the County Surveyor to communicate with Mr R. Bonish M.B.C., and endeavour to obtain information as to where waterproofs made locally could be obtained.

### Gorey Workhouse.

Mr. OByrne called attention to the fact that some slates needed replacement on roof of Gorey workhouse.

It was decided that the attention of the Department of Local Government be called to the matter in view of the fact that the State claimed to be owners of Workhouse buildings.

### Road Diversion Bamolin.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr OByrne:—That the seal of the County Council be affixed to the lease of one rood and thirty perches of the lands of Bamolin Park between the County Council and the Department of Agriculture. rent £1 per annum.

The Chairman proposed and Mr John OByrne seconded the confirmation of the minutes of the Roads Committee of 26<sup>th</sup> October 1925.

Mr Mernagh complained as regards the working of Brownswood district that John Gorman had never sent in insurance card for Aidan Kinsella, Scarlockbush, who had been working for nearly twelve months up to last June for the County Council.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

Mr Blinze complained that men with large farms were drawing stones in the Ferno District while men with small farms were allowed to remain idle.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

Mr Mernagh stated that in Brownswood Quarry, Philip Harris, of Brownswood who had 60 acres of land and house property in Wexford was employed as a haulier.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

Mr O'Donoghue called attention to the road from Oulart to Blackwater at Aughangall Bridge which was flooded.

Referred to County Surveyor for report to next meeting of the Roads Committee.

Mr Shannon stated that the road at Sparrowland was flooded from Carrigaline Hill to Water's House on the road to Killystown.



Referred to County Surveyor for report.

Referring to the Minutes of the Roads Committee, Mr. Cooney stated that the footpaths adjacent to New Ross train were disgraceful.

Mr. White mentioned that in connection with haulage contract of John Dake he had referred to two contractors of whom Dake was one: the latter had to put out 42 cubic yards of material and the other man 60 but neither had any material out at the time the contract was cancelled. Both contractors got three weeks notification on 21<sup>st</sup> September and on the 24<sup>th</sup> Dake's contract was cancelled and the contract of the other man was allowed to remain. Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, had stated in his letter the 55 cubic yards were provided for the road from Boolaskeen to Duncormack but this material had been obtained last spring and had nothing to do with this year's haulage.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall, it was decided that Mr. White's statement be referred to the County Surveyor for report.

Mr. Doyle raised the question of the flooding at Ballybro and asked if nothing could be done by their solicitor Mr. Elgee, and the County Surveyor. The action of the owners of the Slob was flooding the whole barony of Forth. The roads of the locality were being destroyed by floods owing to the neglect of the Slob company to clean their lands. They were now trying to have the work done through a drainage rate.

Mr. Elgee explained that they had been endeavouring since the formation of the Council in 1898 to get this particular place drained but they could not get anything done because the owners of the Slob lived in England.

Mr. Doyle stated that under the agreement under which the Slob people obtained the land they were supposed to do no injury to any land adjoining. He proposed.

"That our solicitor take the necessary proceedings at once to compel the owners of land, particularly in the neighbourhood of Ballybro Lagoat, owing to the condition of which grave injury has been caused to the roads by flooding, to have their land properly drained."

Colonel Gibbon seconded the motion which was passed and recommended that, if possible, summary proceedings might be taken in order to avoid delay and expense.

In connection with the paragraph in the Committee's



report dealing with the flooding of house near Bradford Bridge Mr Blinn said he was prepared to prove the house was flooded as he was in it on the occasion.

The Chairman pointed out that this matter had been already referred to Mr Linnis, Assistant Surveyor, for report, and permanent repairs to the bridge had been agreed to.

The resolution confirming the minutes of the Roads Committee was then put and passed.

### X Main Roads Declaration.

The following minutes of Special meeting of the Roads Committee of 5<sup>th</sup> November, 1925, were submitted:-

"Colonel Gibson wrote apologising for absence from the meeting owing to business in Belgium while the Chairman was giving evidence before the Poor Law Commission."

"On the motion of Mr Boggan, seconded by Mr Hall the Chair was taken by Mr Stoner."

"The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed."

### Main Road Scheme.

Under date 27<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (LRD/201) that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health proposed to make an Order to come into operation on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1926 declaring the roads mentioned in Schedule, accompanying his letter, to be "Main Roads" in County Wexford for the purposes of the Local Government Act 1925. The Minister was prepared to consider any representations which the County Council may desire to offer concerning the inclusion in the proposed Order of any of the Roads described in the Schedule, or the addition or subtraction of other roads.

Any representations which it was deemed to submit should be communicated to the Local Government Department within fourteen days from the date of the letter (27<sup>th</sup> October).

The following is copy of proposed Main Road Declaration.

### Wexford County

### Main Road Declaration - Schedule

Route No.	Description	Length in Miles.
	Wexford County Area.	
3.7.	From County Boundary at Bando Br. via Inch, Gorey, Camolin, Ferns, Booladorna and Kilkannon to Ennis - Worthy & D Boundary at Blackthops Road.	



Route No	Description	Length in furlongs
Y. 7.	From Enniscorthy U.D. Boundary near bliff House via boole-munny, Ballymackery, blonroche, Ballyanne mills, and Mount Ganett to New Ross U.D. Boundary at Ardross.	
Y. 8.	From Enniscorthy U.D. Boundary at Wexford via Blackesth, Edumine do., Oylgeti and Sadly, Ferrycamig and Park to Wexford U.D. Boundary at Boat Blab.	
Y. 8.	From Wexford U.D. Boundary at Mandalintown via Brinagh, Disaly Br., Killinick, Taget and Kilbane to Rosslare.	
Y. 12	From Ferrycamig via Cullenra Ho., Laskins Cross Roads, Camross, Ballynabola and Maryville to New Ross U.D. Boundary at Southknock.	
Y. 16	From boolnahorna via Tornacany, Mountfin Ho, and boolaltin to County Boundary at Newtownbarry.	
L. 18	From Ballyanne three roads via Ballynacodagh to County Boundary at Ballymounth Br.	
L. 29.	From Gorey via Montague cottage, Ballycanew, Ballyedmond, Garrymore, Castlebridge and Knotturn to Wexford U.D. Boundary at New Bridge.	
L. 30.	From Kyle four Roads via Dulast, boobally and blonhaaten Ho to Enniscorthy U.D. Boundary at Templeshannon.	
L. 30	From Enniscorthy U.D. Boundary near convent via Milkhouse, boolyconey, Doran's Cross Roads and Kiltealy to County Boundary at Scallogue.	
L. 31	From Gorey via Camgbeig Ho. Cranford and Ballypamel to County Boundary at Ballyellis.	
L. 32	From County Boundary at Prospect via boolmela, booragh, Newtownbarry blonylawn and Bolamore to Doran's Cross Roads.	
L. 159	From Wexford U.D. Boundary near convent via Mullanow, Waddington, Wellingfordbridge, burraghmore, Ramaparg, Arthurstown, Dunbrody, Ballykelly and Samlin to Southknock three roads.	
L. 160.	From Wexford U.D. Boundary near Mill Race, via Barnstown castle and Davids town to Laskins Cross Roads.	
L. 160	From Knockahone three roads via Kiltavin camyuanan, Ballyrackery and Knocknord to Kiltealy.	



Route No.	Description	Length in perches.
<i>Enniscenthy Urban Area.</i>		
Y 7.	From U D Boundary at Blackstrops Road via Island St., Slaney Place and Mill Park Road to U D Boundary near bluff house.	
Y 8	From junction with Island St., via Shannon Quay to U D Boundary at Wenford Road.	
L 30.	From U D Boundary at Templeshannon via Templeshannon Slaney St., Market Square, Market Street, Cathedral St., and Duffry Road to U D Boundary near convent.	
<i>New Ross Urban Area.</i>		
Y 4	From U D Boundary at Ardross via Braywell Road, John St., and Swivel Br., to U D Boundary at Rakeen.	
Y 12	From U D Boundary at Southknock via Henry St., Priory St., South St., and North St., to junction with John St.	
<i>Wenford Urban Area.</i>		
Y 8	From U D Boundary at Boat Club via New Ross, Redmond Place, Commercial Quay, Custom House Quay, Crescent Quay, Paul Quay, Trinity St., William St. and Mandolinbar to U D Boundary at Mandolinbar.	
L 29	From U D Boundary at New Bridge to junction with New Road.	
L 159	From junction with Harpers St. via Gibson St., School St., and John St., to U D Boundary near convent.	
L 160	From junction with Gibson St., via Main St. South (part) King St. Upper and Distillery Road to U D Boundary near Mill Race.	

The committee approved of the declaration and suggested that the following additional roads should be included in the Declaration and be classed as "Main Roads".

Gorey to Bowntown - 21 E.

Ferns Railway Station to Boleamon Part 4 E + 34 35 + 36 E.

Baile Ellis Cross to Blackwater 33 E

Coopers Cross (Ballinbeg) to Ballinabanague via Villanne and Ballywilliam 48. 59 E, 7, 6 + 5 R.

Ashfield Turn (Villinick) to Rosslare Strand, 232, part 233 and part 235 W.

Sheep Walk Parting roads to Kilmore Harbour, 28. 29. 30. + 31 W.

Knockeen Cross to Harpurs town via Taghmon, 14. 15. 109 and 110 W



Doctor's Cross at Riverview to Dame amon 36 and part 3 & R.

Finger Post at Slaght to Fethard, 25, 54, 26, 27, 28, 29, & 30 R.

Piggott's Cross to New Ross Urban Boundary 11 R.

The following resolution was adopted: - That the County Council be requested to apply for Order under Section 24(3) of the Local Government Act 1925, whereby the three Urban Districts will be responsible for the maintenance of the main roads in their districts; said Order to provide that the amount which is to be spent on Main Roads by Urban Councils must receive the approval of the County Council and that all Main Roads in Urban Districts be kept in a condition which will meet with the approval of the County Surveyor.

In relation to Wexford Urban District the Council should point out that the quays of Wexford and the "approches thereto" have been always maintained by Wexford Harbour Commissioners and no steps should be taken in connection with Main Roads Declaration or otherwise which would relieve the Harbour Commissioners of their responsibility for the maintenance of the highways which they are at present bound to maintain.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin seconded by the Chairman: - "That in cases of reconstruction work on Roads, tenders should be invited from contractors who are prepared to take up 10 to 15 miles and that outside of expert staff local labour be employed under such contracts."

On the motion of Colonel Gibson, seconded by Mr Hall, the following resolution was adopted: -

That the Minutes of Special meeting of Roads Committee of 5<sup>th</sup> November, 1925, be confirmed with the following exception: -

"That we delete from the Schedule main roads referred to in Urban Districts, as we understand the Urban Council in each instance is making representations as regards its own roads"

### Report of Roads Inspection Committee.

The following report of the Roads Inspections Committee and which was signed by Messrs John O'Byrne, James Hall and M. Blony was submitted: -

The Committee desires to lay before the Council their Report of inspections made throughout the County with remarks and recommendations.

The Mayor, Alderman Bonick, was unable to attend on any of the inspection days, but the three other Members of the Committee were present on each of the six inspection days. The Chairman County Council took part in the inspections on one day.



On each day the County Surveyor accompanied the Committee and the Assistant Surveyor for the District inspected was also present.

A start was made on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September, and the final inspection was on the 21<sup>st</sup> October; the extended period was unavoidable owing to Council and other meetings etc., that the several members had to attend. In all there were six days devoted to inspections (one in each Assistant's District) and one to tabulating the results and drafting this Report. It was out of the question that the Committee should make an exhaustive inspection of all the roads and works. However, an endeavour was made, by careful selection, to obtain a good general idea of the condition and progress of the work. When possible roads and works adversely reported on last year were re-visited.

The following is a summary of the works inspected:-

(1) Most of Trunk Roads, (2) A number of Main Roads, (3) A number of Local Roads (4) A few fourth class or contract Roads, (5) Machinery etc. work. 4 Rollers, 2 Breakers, 2 Rock Drills, 2 Sprayers.

(6) Querns visited:- Brownwood, Tubberferris, Camryfoyle, Kerlogue, St Helen's, Haggard, Ballybrennan, Palace, Ballykelly, Old Grange, Campile, Ballewabrook, Camockbyrne, Ballyconnigar, Sea Stones, Kiltrea, Blonkaston, Ryland, Slologue, Samigun, Ballyellis, Summer, Annagh Gap, Tara Hill.

(7) Harbours:- Kilmore, Fethard Slade, Duncannon, Bourtown.

(8) Special works:- New Road, Protective Sea wall Binnor Bay (48W) New Road near Fethard (215R) Side Slip Bagin-Bun (284R), Sea wall Boyce's Bay (42R) Taylors town Bridge (196R) Flooded Road Newtown (46R). Sparrowsland Sliding (47E) Proposed Bridge Ford of Kilmuckridge (53E), Ballymoty Bridge (30E), Kiltrea Bridge (280E) Flooded Hollow (1E), Dangerous cross Roads Ballycamy (6 and 7E) Braaford Bridge (5E), Flooded Hollow Bellfield (14E) Road Diversion near Camolin (1284), Dangerous corner near Ballypad (454) Boolgreany Drainage (274), Tomnahely Bridge (834) Flooded Road (Newtown, Cahore) 1774.

#### *Mr Birtchell District*

Grant work was in progress on the Ferrycamy Road. We inspected both rolling and spraying, and on a later day returned to examine the surface being sprayed on first visit which appeared satisfactory. We consider that only half the width of roadway should be sprayed at a time, and where possible, having in view the cost etc., the travelling surface should be



sprayed out to the margins to prevent growth on sides and eventually tend to economy in upkeep. It is advisable that a night man be employed so as to have the boiler at full temperature in the morning - this is now being done. Larger size screenings are necessary for the best results and we recommend special screens be attached to the breakers to provide these. From Farnogue almost to Ferrycamig Bridge has been bottomed and most of the length surfaced and sprayed. Last year this section was badly cut up and almost impassable: it is now a good road.

From Ferrycamig to Whitefort has been bottomed and part surfaced and is now a sound road though rough in parts. There is material dumped on sides so that immediate repairs can be put in hands if any sections cut up this winter. We have pointed out to the County Surveyor the great necessity of carefully watching this road and the adjoining sections in Mr Bullen's District on to Enniscorthy. Sufficient material should be provided at once to cope with any conditions that may arise, pending a further Grant for the completion of the surfacing.

We inspected Tubberfinnisk Quarry and walked over the line of proposed new road to quarry, and do not recommend its construction. Materials from this quarry are required mostly on the further side and the existing roadway there should be sufficient if properly maintained and used only in dry weather.

We travelled over the Road from Kyle to the Deeps which was so badly cut by engine traffic last Spring. A great deal of restoration work has been done and the road is now in good order.

The decking of the Deeps Bridge is now restored.

Ardeanagh to Rerkin's Cross - material going out for Grant work and being hand broken on the road side: this material is from Banaghfoyle Quarry which we next visited, and found Rock Drill at work. This is a good quarry and well worked, but we think it may be possible to avoid the heavy hill by opening lower down - this should be examined into.

From Bannwin to Wexford shows good attention to drainage.

Vesogue Quarry - Breakers at work. This Quarry is now well worked and the gangs of men are giving satisfaction.

Mo's New Road - we visited both ends of this road and saw the work in satisfactory progress. We approve of fencing to be carried out as set out by the County Surveyor, and of the building of a concrete wall opposite farmyard. No back drains behind mound fences



should be cleaned or interfered with in anyway.

Rosslare Road - this is much potholed though otherwise sound. It has been regularly attended and pot holes filled, but will never be a satisfactory road until tar surfaced - this work should be undertaken at an early date when funds permit.

St Helen's Quarry - being after hours only the bargehand was present. The Quarry is being well worked and is good material. The small bridge adjoining requires repair and should be attended to at once.

Battlebridge Road - good drainage work has been done on this road. The surface is now becoming uneven but there is a good deal of material in the depots and with judicious spreading the surface should be improved. The road is sound.

At Fahys Cross - (beginning of 3W) there is a dangerous corner. We recommend a road diversion at this place as soon as funds permit of the expenditure, which is estimated by the County Surveyor at £80.

The Currahee and Blackwater road drainage is much improved since last year. The former inspection committee complained of this as well as lack of material in depots. Now both causes of complaint are removed.

Generally we found that recommendations in last year's report have been attended to, and good work done. The drainage is much improved, and on almost every road there is a good supply of material. Mud heaps and banked margins are gradually being removed, though much remains yet to be done. The Quarries are well worked. The Duncannon line requires further attention to drainage to allow of the surface water freely running into the back channels.

#### Mr. Kehoe's District

Kilmore Road - attended and materials fairly out - short on some sections. Margins and mud heaps being removed.

Kilmore Harbour - recent repairs have been well carried out. Maintenance will always be a charge which may be much reduced by close watching and immediate repair of small damage.

We visited the end of 201W where flooding was reported at Blackhross. This is more a matter for the drainage Board, and we make no recommendation except ordinary maintenance of the slope to the water.

Protection work Bannow Bay - this is a most necessary job and probably will serve to protect the road. The adjoining



retaining wall has recently been repaired, and the foundations undamaged.

We travelled the Rosegairland Road (188R) referred to in Father Hickey's complaint. The extra work and surplus material was covered by a British Government Grant against damage by Timber Traffic, and the money would have been lost to the bounty if the work were not done. The adjoining contract road 178R is bad it requires much more attention to drainage and more material. The bounty Surveyor should supply this latter to the contractor from the surplus on 199R and the contractor should spread it.

Harsmud Bridge - on the contract road has been restored and is a good job allowing for heavy traffic.

Repair of Taylorsville Bridge - this is a contract job and its commencement is unduly delayed. The contractor should be compelled to carry out the work which is most necessary and pressing.

Corner at Poulpar R. b. Church - this is at the junction of No 212R with 30R and there is a great deal of traffic to the Church and School and to Fethard. We recommend that two dangerous corners be removed, and the road widened provided satisfactory arrangements can be made regarding the necessary land.

New Road near Fethard - (215R) this was a necessary work to replace road carried away by the sea - it is a good job. We recommend that the sharp corner at the north end be eased off.

Fethard Harbour - we approve of the contemplated repairs and recommend further pointing where necessary. The roof of the adjoining storehouse has recently been repaired.

Pettit's Bay - the end of the old carried away road above the cliff at approach road to sea should be fenced off similarly to the other end. There is a side slip in the cliff more to the westward this must be kept under observation and in case the road falls away provision must be made for fencing and diversion. At present nothing can be done without very large expenditure.

Boye's Bay - the new protection and retaining wall is a good work and further extension will not we think, be necessary. The original masonry wall should be pointed and repaired where necessary.

Glade Harbour - pointing required - also close observation as at other Harbours so that small damage may be repaired at once. The proposed railing is most necessary and should be erected as possible.

The recent side filling and widening at junction of Fethard



Duncannon and Hook- Duncannon Roads (39 and 40 R) is an improvement and should be extended when material is available.

Duncannon Harbour.- pointing and observations as at Slade. New Railing also necessary here. We examined the shed recently erected by Mr Downes and consider it is no obstruction at present. However it should be removable on demand.

Flooded road near Newtown - (46 R) - The road has been raised here and the gullet improved. - flooding still takes place and the drains must be cleaned. The Solicitor should be asked to report on this and similar cases as to powers of the County Council and procedure to be adopted. The County Surveyor should get outlet on strand cleaned with harrow or by other methods.

Haggard Quarry - this has proved a useful quarry. There is great difficulty in getting rid of water and the clay cover is very heavy; this tends to expensive working. The quarry appears well worked.

Generally in this Assistant's area there has been a good deal of work - margins and mud heaps removed and drains opened. More drainage work is required on hills and in particular we refer to the Duncannon line from Wellingtonbridge to Loddington. Plenty of side cuts are necessary and skew patches to divert the surface water. Most of the roads have a good quantity of material out in the depots. Many defective bridge parapets have been repaired.

#### Mr Bullen's District.

Brownwood Quarry - the entrance floor should be lowered to give better access to bottom of face and reduce labour in handling. The present practice of building up loose stones to keep the clay from the face is wasteful, as this must all be removed later, otherwise the quarry is well worked.

Wenford Enniscorthy road. - part of this road near Edromine which has been repaired to by Col Gibbon is very uneven and requires a great deal of attention - nearer Wenford parts have not been bottomed. There is we believe, insufficient material on the road sides to provide for the winter upkeep and we recommend that more be put out. Similar remarks refer to this as to the section in Mr Butcher's District. Much more attention is required on the road and the Assistant should keep it constantly repaired or levelled.

Sparrowlane siding - we inspected the proposed siding and do not consider that the work should be undertaken at present.



Road at Sparrowsland - there has been good work done in restoring this road which was badly cut by engine traffic to the Hye road and it is now good.

Ballybunnan Quarry is well worked - there is a lot of material available - both broken and unbroken.

Blonroche - Palace Road - one section of this appeared short of material, but Mr. Bullen explained that most of this year's stuff had already been rolled in patchwork and that the balance would be down as required later. The hill at R. D. Bounds is water torn - this should be attended to at once and proper drainage done.

Palace Lane - part in Mr. O'Neill's District. This is very narrow and the hedges margins and banks should be cut back to give as great width as possible.

Blackwater - Kilmuckridge road is improved both as regards drainage and surface - we approve of the use of broken sea stones.

In Blackwater we examined the site of a house being built on the Street and recommend that it be put back so as not to project beyond the line of adjoining houses.

Ballyconnigar - adjoining the Gap there is a depot for broken sea stones - these are most serviceable. We inspected the timber foot bridge at the Gap, and we are satisfied that the recent claim in connection with accident was properly rejected. Protective work has been recently carried out at end of road and probably further work will be necessary. The road from Blackwater to the Gap is narrow and overhung, and we consider that better drainage and surface attention, as well as hedge cutting is necessary.

Kilmuckridge - a river crosses the road here at a ford with a foot bridge adjoining. We recommend that a bridge be built as soon as funds allow.

Island Road - towards Oulart. The hedges along almost the entire length are very bad - immediate steps should be taken to have them cut.

Oulart Road to Lunnacosthy - this road is mostly very fair and drainage has been attended to. It has been patch rolled in various sections during the past twelve years and the surface is mostly sound.

Ballymotey Bridge - the repair of this bridge is now complete and is a good work. It is a very high bridge and the abutments and arch split owing to giving away of the foundations. There is now a solid mass of waste in the river bed holding the toe of the



abutments, and four piers with openings for the river have been built within the archway - these are approximately opposite the cracks in the old masonry, and will prevent further movement.

On No 27E going into the town of Enniscorthy the drainage is very defective. Materials are already out for purpose of raising the centre of the road. Proper drainage channels along the whole length also gullies and french drains where necessary must be put in before any permanent improvement can be expected.

~~rebuild~~ Kiltrea Bridge - this damaged bridge has recently been rebuilt in reinforced concrete and is a semi elliptical arch of 36 feet span. It appears to be a good job, but the finish on the exposed surface of the concrete is not good. We recommend further attention to this.

Kiltrea Quarry - quarry work has been carried out too near the road - we consider this should stop as soon as the present block of stones is taken out, and the hole must be filled and sloped to floor of quarry - the quarry is otherwise well worked.

The drainage work in this area is improved, but a great deal remains to be properly dealt with. Mud banks and margins are being gradually removed, and the roads improved thereby - this work should be continued as money allows. Most of the roads have a good quantity of material in the depots. The Quarries are all in a satisfactory state.

#### *Mr O'Neill's District.*

Palace Lane - (see Mr Bullen's) part of this is in Mr. O'Neill's District and similar remarks refer to it. Above the quarry the water is ponded back on side of road and in wet weather lies across road. There should be a pipe laid under side of road to take away the water towards quarry.

Palace Quarry - The high banks on side of road should be removed where possible and the adjoining quarry holes filled and sloped to road. Work proceeding in quarry in satisfactory manner.

District Bounds - Bourvans Cross - this road is being rolled under Grant - there were two rollers at work. At one place there was delay waiting for bottoming from Palace Quarry. - also side channels were cut too deep to get blinding and these required refilling. Part of finished surface appears to have too little camber. The Engineer's explanation regarding delay etc., not satisfactory or convincing although work generally of fair quality. Material going out on road further on for completion of job.



Ballyanne Cross - The sprayer had been at work, was stopped on our arrival owing to rain. A retaining wall here requires immediate repair and drainage from yard must be provided for by a gullet. The drainage of hill from Poalmonty requires special attention as pointed out to the County Surveyor.

Ballyanne to New Ross. - this is all rolled under Grant and most of it sprayed. Adjoining the town there is a section very uneven - the recent rain showed up small depressions which will cause deterioration if not attended to at once. We recommend that the surface be gone over with some cold bitumen mixture and screenings to level it up.

Ballybally Old Quarry - This Quarry has not been used lately - the County Surveyor informed us the material was of very uneven quality and that the new quarry material was better. We are of opinion in view of its convenient position that the quarry should be re-opened for a period on trial.

Road to Kilmannock - this is improving but there are a number of bad turns particularly on the narrow section beyond Horewood. These should be improved and two turns should be cut off and widened. At some of the bends hedges have been cut with advantage, but the whole length requires hedge cutting.

Grange and Campile Quarries - these have both been well worked and there is a large supply of material in each - they are not being worked at present.

New Ross - Wenford Road - (Elybalks). The drainage on this road is very neglected, though some little recent work is shown. We gave directions to the County Surveyor and assistant Surveyor to have this immediately attended to. Material for Grant work is being put out.

Ballinaboola Quarry. - this is a difficult quarry to work the face is not high and there is a great deal of cover over the rock - moreover after large blast it is necessary to joint holes and re-blast a great number of boulders.

Canigbyrne Quarry - this is being worked by piece work under agreement. We examined several heaps of material supposed to be hand broken and consider them too coarse. The County Surveyor stated this was for strengthening the crust under Grant work and would be surfaced with machine broken material and that a reduced rate of 5/- was allowed. The total earnings for 8 men



during 22 weeks has been £254 which averages 29/- per week for each man.

This District was formerly in charge of Mr Jones now retired, and Mr O'Neill had only just taken up charge. It is the most backward area in the county - drainage, hedge cutting and improvement works are lacking in many cases. In a few places attempts have been made to get good work done but such improvements are not general, or continuous. All the quarries appear to be fairly well worked, and the "Damaged Bridges" have all been restored. The County Surveyor should pay special attention to this area and give full directions and instructions to the new Assistant, and see that these are carried out.

### Mr. Ennis District

Newtownbary Road - we inspected the flooded hollow on No 1 E and recommend the opening of the side drain be continued, and improved, and that a pipe be laid across the road to take the water from the footpath side. Also later on the road might be raised somewhat at this place.

Scarawalsh - Ballycarney - this road has been rolled under Grant and a good job made. It is much improved and several bends eased off. More complete cutting of hedges is necessary.

Ballycarney Cross - This is a dangerous crossing, and some improvement has been made by hedge cutting on the S.E. corner. We recommend that the hedge with trees in it be cut on N.E. corner. Buildings on the other two corners prevent improvement without heavy expense.

Ballycarney - Newtownbary Road - Sections of this road have been improved under Grant, and good work done. The sections improved under British Road Grants have stood up well and with some surface attention and spraying could be made good. One section has recently been bottomed, but not surfaced though the material is available on the side. This is owing to the running out of the Grant money, and we recommend it be finished off if possible out of the Direct Labour Proposals.

Kilmyshall - we inspected site of proposed house in the village, and approve of the building, provided the road be widened as suggested.

Rylana Quarry - This is being well worked, and there is a large supply of material available.



Barnes Road - there is good drainage work on this road. At the County Bounds there is rubble material out for rolling, and improving a bad section.

Ballingale - Tombrack - the hills on this line have had the drainage well attended to in all cases, and damage by flood prevented.

Ferns Struth - At Haughton's corner there is liability to damages by flooding, and special attention should be given to the galls - channels and drains. There is a bad spot over the recently opened water pipe requiring attention.

Ferns - Bamolin. This road is being rolled under grant. part is finished, and sprayed, and the work was in progress. A better system of dealing with the bottoming should be adopted. Coarse stones should be belled out by the roller at once, and space left for the passage of traffic:- when we were present it was almost impossible to pass - otherwise the work is good.

Broadford Bridge - this bridge is not yet rebuilt though the temporary structure is of full width, and sound. The Assistant stated he was making arrangements to rebuild now. The reported flooding of a house was probably at the time the bridge was only partly passable, and the debris left in the archway. Now there is a fairly clear waterway, and much better than through the land below. We recommend that the bridge be permanently restored at once, and the eye thoroughly cleaned out.

Barrigreen Quarry - here the rock drill was at work. The old entrance is now fenced off, and a good face shows to the new entrance. Here we saw a deputation of local men looking for employment in the Quarry. Mr. Ennis stated they cannot be taken on unless the old hands be discharged. It is complained that some of the old hands come from a distance, but their winter work lies near their home. Under the circumstances we cannot see how a change would be advisable.

Flooded Road Belfield, Enniscorthy. This has now been made good - the pipe drain is in working order, and some rolling work to raise the crown of the road to be carried out.

Generally the drainage in the area has been well attended to and margins, and mud heaps have been removed in many places. The hills have been particularly attended. In places hedges require cutting, and this should be seen to at once.



### Mr. Heanor's District

Blologue Quarry - this Quarry is well worked - the breaker was running and turning out material, mainly for Mr. Ennis Grant work. The smaller gauge stuff is being reserved for ordinary repairs.

Banolin - we interviewed the owner wishing to erect a railway opposite his house, and cannot recommend that permission be granted as he requires it.

Banolin Park Road. - The proposed road diversion is a necessary work, and should be put in hands at once, now that the case has been approved. There are several other bad turns on this road to be improved as funds permit; one turn at top of hill near "Diversion" will not cost a great deal, and should be done at once.

Blonee Road - at the cross near the district's bounds there is an overhanging tree which should be removed.

Road at Barnew - through Bullring and Ballytarsna - there is a very hilly road, and very liable to be water worn. There has been exceptional drainage work done, with the result that it is now practically free from damage.

Wine Bridge - this is one of the "Damaged Bridges", and has now been well restored in reinforced concrete.

Ballyellis Quarry. - a useful quarry of medium quality material for third class roads. The approach is difficult, and may be improved by cutting into it at a lower level. Material has to be carted to the road for breaking. A few men were finishing off hand breaking for this year's material. The material for the main road adjoining is brought from Summer Quarry.

Barnew - Gory Road (124). - this is an improved road by attention to drainage and the good Summer material. Margins have been removed in places and in others further work of this sort should be done.

Summer Quarry. - the approach to this quarry from the main road at Ballypanell is very narrow, hilly and long. It is maintained as well as possible. The Quarry is of good material but very out of the way near the County Bounds, and at a height of between 600 and 700 feet. About 700 c.y. is obtained from the quarry each year, and the haulage is arranged for at a low rate.

Annagh Gap Quarry - this is not a solid rock Quarry - the mountain side is a mass of boulders and stones



and these are picked out, the waste stuff being used to make a floor in the quarry. The material is good and the quarry well worked.

Blonroe to Ballypad. - this road is improved and the drainage attended. we inspected a deep gully which had recently been cleaned out by tunnelling without disturbing the road surface. A good job has been done.

borner at Newtown (454). - we do not recommend heavy expense on this unimportant road. The Assistant Surveyor should make reasonable improvements by hedgecutting etc.

boolquarry - we recommend that a concrete channel - covered opposite each house be constructed to take the stream at the lower end of the village.

Gorey Arklow Road - from Inch to the County Boundary. we inspected the rolled and sprayed surface. A workman was bushing on screenings where the surface is ridged. we recommend that this work should be discontinued and that the consolidated ridges of screenings be scraped off, as they tend to accentuate the defect.

Linnahely Bridge. - this is a recently built bridge at a ford and is a good job. The owner of the adjoining land complains of the line taken by the stream diversion, and the danger to cattle. He stated that permission was not given to remove the former old fence, and that the stream should have been at the north side of it. There is a concrete retaining wall to the diversion and only a small mound on top. we are satisfied that the existing line is proper and recommend that a post and wire fence be erected on top of concrete wall.

Lara Hill Quarry - not at present worked. - we recommend that the portable engine be taken to Ballyhenman or other similar quarry, if the immediate future extensive working of Lara Hill be not in contemplation. The Quarry is a good one and well furnished with all necessary machinery: engine and breaker, weighbridge ropeway, sheds stores, etc, but is rather out of the way being too close to sea.

Gorey Bourtoun Road. - complaint was made that this road was in bad order. we are satisfied that care and attention has been given - pot holes have been regularly filled; and considering the constant motor traffic causing these we do not think better surface could be maintained. Near Bourtoun the hedges on both sides should be cut.



Bourtown Harbour. - the recent protective works have proved most satisfactory - the work is most creditable.

Riverchapel - we recommend that permission be granted Mr Dunbar to erect a wall opposite his house provided the line as set out by us is followed.

Bahore Drainage - we inspected the road liable to flooding and consider that the Drainage Board should be required to remove the cause. To raise the road would be of prohibitive cost.

Throughout this district there has been good attention to drainage and many hedges have been cut in recent years. Mud heaps and margins are being gradually removed. There is a good supply of material in the depots.

Generally we found that attention has been paid to the matters referred to in last year's report. The drainage of roads in the northern or hilly portions of the County is well attended to - to a lesser extent in the southern part, but throughout the County there is a great improvement.

Almost everywhere there is a good quantity of material in the depots - and most of the quarries hold a reserve. This is in spite of the very large quantities put out for Grant and Special works.

Margins and mud heaps are gradually being removed but it is not possible without great expenditure to have the accumulations of years removed at once. No new deposits should be allowed.

The Quarries are generally well worked and with the minor improvements we suggested on the spot they should be quite satisfactory. We have to note the great length of haulage to roads that is necessary. Where possible new quarries should be opened to reduce this haulage, but we believe, that suitable sites are increasingly difficult to find.

We must again impress on all the Officials the need for "push" in getting hedges out, and most particularly at dangerous corners. In many parts the hedges shade the road and obstruct the view. In New Ross area this is most noticeable.

The Gangers and workmen, in all cases that came under our observation appeared to be giving good attention to their work.

Signed: John O'Keefe, James Hall, Michael Slone

County Surveyors Office  
Fortham

9<sup>th</sup> day of November 1925



On the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr Thorpe the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the report of the Roads Inspection Committee be received and adopted and that the best thanks of the Council be offered to the members of the Committee for the valuable report which they have presented."

Mr Thorpe mentioned that he would have liked to have seen a recommendation from the Inspection Committee that the grass banks should be sloped so as to prevent springs of motor cars being broken, when they were obliged to make room for another vehicle to pass, also to the practice of allowing stones to be dumped in the roadway instead of in depots.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Colonel Quinn the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be requested to submit the cost of the various recommendations set out in the report of the Roads Inspection Committee before incurring any expense in connection therewith."

### Motor Car Acts.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr John O'Brien the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we delegate to the Roads Committee of this Council all questions in connection with administration of Motor Car Acts and Finance Acts relating thereto and including prosecutions, acceptance of mitigated penalties etc."

### Jaw Stock.

Under date 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 1925, the County Surveyor wrote that at a recent meeting of the Council he had been authorised to get a jaw stock as a spare for the Breaker and he expected the cost would have been about £16. He had now received a quotation from Goodwin Baskby & Co., Leicester at £28. He asked the Council to sanction the increased costs.

On the motion of Mr Shannon, seconded by Mr John O'Brien the County Surveyor was empowered to procure jaw stock, cost not exceed £28, work to be done locally - at Messrs Joseph Davis & Co Ennis county.

Thomas Carthy



The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortwinn, Wexford on 14<sup>th</sup> December 1925.

Present:- J. McCarthy, Chairman, (presiding); also present:- Messrs William Boggan, Patrick Byrne, James Cliner, Michael Cloney, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, Michael Doyle, James Geary, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, David Kavanagh, Aidan Wernagh, Nicholas J. Murphy, John O'Byrne, M. M. O'Donoghue, James Shannon, William Thorpe, Colonel S. M. Gibbon, Colonel R. P. Wemyss Quin and John White.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, Mr Elgee, Solicitor, and the Assistant Secretary, were also in attendance.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

### Notice of Motion.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by the Chairman:-

"That minor matters of administration be dealt with in future by the County Secretary or County Surveyor, as the case may be without reference to meetings of the Council or its committees."

In moving this motion the Chairman said that he found a considerable amount of time was spent in dealing with very minor matters with the result that it was impossible to give serious questions the attention to which they were entitled. Minor repairs to roads etc., could be carried out by the County Surveyor without waiting for the special sanction of meeting. Then there were items of trivial correspondence, and internal management of departments which he considered it unnecessary to submit to a meeting.

Colonel Quin seconded the motion which was adopted.

### Qualification of Mr Hall as Co. Councillor.

Under date 7<sup>th</sup> December, 1925, the following was read from Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council:-

As instructed I have now looked into the question of Mr Hall's qualification for election as a member of the County Council.

Section 12 of the Application of Enactments Order 1898, governs the qualifications for election of persons as members of the Council.

Sub Section 4 of that Section provides that a person shall be disqualified for being elected or being a member of a Council



if (Sub head (c) He is concerned by himself or his partner in any bargain or contract entered into with the Council, or participates by himself or his partner in the profit of any such bargain or contract.

Sub Section 6 of the same section provides that the foregoing provisions of this Article shall apply as if any Committee of a Council were that Council.

"Mr Hall, as I am instructed was at a meeting of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction (which is a committee of the County Council) on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 1925, awarded a continuing premium for a Shorthorn Bull.

"As the owner of the Premium Bull Mr. Hall was bound to give the services of the Bull to a certain number of cows for which service he is paid on making a return of services to the Department and when they have sanctioned the amount same is paid by the Committee.

"I am also instructed that on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 1925, Mr. Hall applied for liberty to transfer the premium to his son, and this was agreed to by the Committee."

"The claim for payment for the current year's fee has not, as I am informed, been made as yet."

"It was been decided by the Courts that a committee appointed under the Agriculture and Technical Instruction Act, is a Committee within the meaning of Sub Section 6 of Article 12, above referred to and in a case of *Keeffe v O'Shaughnessy* which was decided in the year 1915. it was held that Mr O'Shaughnessy who had been awarded a premium under a cattle Breeding Scheme was liable to a penalty for having acted as a member of a County Council when disqualified by reason of being concerned in a bargain or contract with a Committee of the Council.

"This is an exactly similar case to Mr Hall's and in my opinion under the above mentioned circumstances Mr Hall is disqualified for Election to the Council and that his election as such member is void"

Colonel Gibbon pointed out that a similar case to that of Mr. Hall had arisen in the County of Waterford and the Department of Agriculture agreed that when the man had surrendered the premium he should not be regarded as any longer disqualified. Would Mr Hall be prepared to forego any claim for payment.



for the service of any cows that were served by his Premium Bull since the date of Election?

Mr Hall replied in the affirmative.

Mr Elger quoted a case to show that the waiving of the payment to a bargain or contract did not in any way remove the disqualification.

Mr Sean OByrne proposed: - That we accept the opinion of our Solicitor (Mr Elger) as to the disqualification of Mr. Hall, as County Councillor, and ask the Department of Local Government to allow the County Council to co-opt Mr Hall who had surrendered his premium to Bull and had no further connection in any bargain or contract with the County Council or any of its Committees.

Mr Boggan proposed and Mr Bloney seconded the following:

"That the facts in connection with the qualification of Mr. James Hall, County Councillor, be referred to the Department of Local Government for their opinion."

Colonel Gibbon proposed and Mr Sean OByrne, seconded the following:-

"That the facts in connections with the qualification of Mr James Hall as County Councillor be referred to the Department of Local Government. That they be informed that no claim for payment of premium had been made since the election of County Councillors, that Mr Hall had disposed of his Bull, and that the County Council request in this case a special permit to be allowed to over-ride the opinion of the Solicitor to the County Council."

After some further discussions all motions in the matter were withdrawn except the last set out and which was proposed by Colonel Gibbon and seconded by Mr Sean OByrne.

This on being put to the meeting passed. men con.

### Disqualification of Two Councillors and Co-Options.

In connection with the disqualification of Mr. J. F. Darcy and M. Bulleton as County Councillors, the following letter was read from the Department of Local Government:-

In reply to your letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is advised that a vacancy declared by the County Council under Article 12 (10) of the Local Government (Applications of Enactments) Order, 1898 is a casual vacancy and is due to be filled by the Council."



Under date 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 1925, the following was read from Mr W P Keegan, Esmonde Street, Gorey:-

"In connection with the disqualification of Mr T F Darcy I would feel obliged if you would put it before your council and let me know how I stand as you'll remember Mr Darcy only beat me by 14 votes. I demanded a recount from you as Returning Officer for the county but you refused.

"Thanking you in anticipation"

The Secretary stated it was true that Mr Keegan had demanded a recount but this was outside the time when a recount was legally possible.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor said that neither of the disqualified councillors was eligible for co-option. It was quite in order for the vacancies to be filled at the present meeting as the vacancies had been declared and published.

Mr Doyle asked would the vacancies be filled by the co-option of a farmer in the case of Mr Darcy and a labour representative in the case of Mr Cullen.

Mr Sean OByrne stated that Mr Darcy had stood for election as a member of the Agricultural co-operative Union. Mr John Pender stood on the same ticket and he (Mr OByrne) considered this vacancy should be filled by the election of Mr Pender whom he now proposed.

Mr Shannon seconded the motion.

Mr Doyle objected. He could not agree to this co-option without consulting the members of the Farmer's Party.

Mr P Byrne said he would oppose any co-options being carried out on that day.

Colonel Gibson proposed and Mr White seconded the following.

"That the co-options of members to fill the vacancies created by the disqualifications of Messrs Darcy and Cullen be adjourned to next meeting of the Council."

A poll was then taken for or against the adjournment and which resulted as follows:-

For adjournment: Messrs Boggan, Blaney, Doyle, Gibson, Hall, Kavanagh, Murphy, Quinn and White. - 9.

Against adjournment:- Messrs Blinn, Bolger, Connors, Doish, Dooney, Geary, Hayes, Wernagh, Sean OByrne, Shannon, P Byrne and the Chairman. - 12.



Messrs Thorpe, Jordan and O'Donoghue were not present for the poll.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Sean O'Byrne and seconded by Mr Shannon:-

"That as Mr John Pender, Ferns, stood at the County Council Elections in the same interests as Mr Darcy, viz., representing the Agricultural Co-operative Union, we hereby co-opt Mr Pender to fill the vacancy in the County Council created by the disqualification of Mr J. J. Darcy."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the co-option of Mr Pender: Messrs P. O'Byrne, Blinn, Bolger, Bonners, Booney, Bonish, Gaul, Hayes, Wornagh, Sean O'Byrne, Shannon and the Chairman - 12

Against:- Messrs Boggan, Bloney, Doyle, Gibbon, Hall, Kavanagh, Murphy, Quin, and White. - 9.

Messrs Thorpe, Jordan and O'Donoghue were not present when vote was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Hayes, seconded by Mr Booney:- That Mr Thomas Rossiter, Dempsey's Terrace, Wexford, be co-opted a member of Wexford County Council vice Mr B. Bullock, disqualified, as Mr Rossiter represents the same interests as Mr Bullock.

Mr Doyle proposed and Colonel Gibbon seconded the following resolution:- That at the late Co. Council elections for Wexford District Mr William R. Devereux was the last candidate to be eliminated we hereby co-opt him as a member of Wexford County Council vice Mr Bullock disqualified.

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Messrs Thorpe, O'Donoghue, and Jordan were not present for the poll.

The Chairman declared Mr Rossiter co-opted as a member of the Council.

Before the termination of the meeting Mr Thorpe handed



in the following notice of motion: - I hereby give notice that I will move at our meeting in January that the resolution co-opting two members in place of Messrs Darcy and Bulleton be rescinded and that we proceed to co-opt two members, one for Wexford and one for Gorey, after each member has got notice that the co-option will take place.

In accordance with existing standing orders of the Council this motion had to bear the signatures of seven other members of the Council.

It was signed by the following in addition to Mr Thorpe: - Messrs M. Bloney, J. Kavanagh, N. Murphy, M. M. O'Donoghue, Colonel Quin, Mr Doyle and Mr. Jordan (7).

### Appointment of Committees

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Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> November. 1925.

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3 per cent.

This collector said that the majority of those in arrears would be proceeded against and instructions to this effect had been given to Mr Elgee. Nearly all the old arrears were under decree. He had no objection to seize under his warrant if he could not obtain payment of the rates in any other way.

Thomas Sutton No 2 Collection District. Collected 89 per cent, outstanding 11 per cent.

This collector was directed to act under his own warrant in specific cases.

Patrick Walsh No 3 Collection District. Collected 88% outstanding 12 per cent.

There were several cases of arrears in this collection in the hands of Mr Elgee, Solicitor. The collector was not satisfied to act under his warrant as regards seizures. He would not become a bailiff and would prefer to resign before he would seize on anyone.

P. J. Minnott Collection District No 4. Collected 84 per cent outstanding 16 per cent.

This collector referred to a decree which he obtained in 1924 and which had not been executed. He would not like to seize under his own warrant but would be agreeable to do so if every other collector was prepared to act in a similar manner.

Charles McBarthy Collection District No 5. Collected 88 per cent Outstanding 12 per cent.

Collector explained that he expected to get all outstanding by the end of the month. A number of ratepayers in the District were to sell their barley in order to pay their rates. He would not seize under his own warrant and had not yet taken any proceedings this year for the recovery of rates.

The Committee recommended that a sum of £24 odd of 1922 Rate be struck off as irrecoverable. They were also of the opinion that Mr McBarthy should take proceedings against defaulters.

Matthew Kelly Collection District No 6. Collected 85 per cent Outstanding 15 per cent

This collector explained that many ratepayers were unable to pay owing to the difficulty of disposing of their corn. Tom Lennan owed about £100 in rates. He did not object to utilize the power under his warrant as regards seizures in one



case as he had the good will of his neighbours, but he would not like to seize in other cases.

Michael Deegan Collection District No 7. Collected 92 per cent.

Outstanding 8 per cent.

Mr Deegan said that his collection was now at a standstill as people had no money to pay until they sold their barley. The Sheriff had decrees in hand but they were not executed. He would not have any objection to seize under his own warrant in certain cases but he would in others. In desirable cases he would be prepared to seize.

Joseph Cummins No 8 Collection District Collected 89 per cent

Outstanding 11 per cent.

Mr Cummins said a number of people in his district who in the past had paid their rates with great punctuality were unable to do so now, as they were unable to sell their barley. He would have an objection to exercise the power he had under his warrant to seize on a poor man.

Patrick Byrne Collection District No. 9. Collected 84 per cent.

Outstanding 16 per cent.

This collector explained that people could not pay until they sold their corn. He had obtained several decrees but no attempt had been made to execute them. He had made one seizure under his own warrant on the mountain but failed as he had no one to help him. He would be prepared to make seizures under his warrant.

Sean Gannon Collection District No 10. Collected 93 Per cent.

Outstanding 7 per cent.

The collector stated he had handed a list of defaulters to his solicitor to proceed against, others were really unable to pay until they sold their barley. If the rates could not be obtained by any other means he would be prepared to seize on his warrant.

Walter Cummins Collection District No 11. Collected 95 per cent Outstanding 5 per cent.

Mr Cummins said the names of all defaulters had been furnished his solicitor three weeks ago. Decrees had been in the hands of the Sheriff for four or five weeks and had not been executed. He would be prepared to seize under his warrant in certain cases. He would not seize in a case in which he considered it would be a hardship to make a man pay



Patrick Donohoe Collection District No 12 collected 81 per cent  
Outstanding 19 per cent.

This collector said that the District was very poor and people were waiting to sell their corn. He expected to get a great deal of arrears at next fair of Enniscorthy. He had obtained some decrees and those for 1925 were in the hands of the Sheriff. He was prepared to seize under his warrant.

John J O'Reilly Collection District No 13 collected 98 per cent  
Outstanding 2 per cent.

This collector said he would not like to act on his warrant as he always found he had been able to get the rates through the court.

John J Kelly Collection District No 14 collected 98 per cent  
Outstanding 2 per cent

Mr Kelly said he was prepared to seize on anyone who would not pay his rates.

Patrick J Fitzpatrick Collection District No 15 collected 93 per cent  
Outstanding 7 per cent.

Mr Fitzpatrick explained that he was accepting from a number of town tenants the rates in instalments. Formerly these were paid by the landlord and there was difficulty in getting the tenants to recognise their liability. He was prepared to act on his warrant if he could not get the rates in any other way.

John J Sennott Collection District No 16 collected 94 per cent  
Outstanding 3 per cent.

Mr Sennott mentioned that any decrees obtained by him had been executed. If he found it necessary to act on his warrant he would do so.

E. J. Murphy Collection District No 17 collected 91 per cent.  
Outstanding 9 per cent.

Mr Murphy said that the people in his district were waiting to sell their barley. He had handed the names of all defaulters to his solicitors. He had no objection to seizing under his warrant.

Thomas Rowe Collection District No 18 collected 75 per cent  
Outstanding 25 per cent.

Mr Rowe said he had handed cases representing about £300 to his solicitor for proceedings to be taken. If he was unable to obtain the rates in any other way he would have no objection to proceeding under his warrant.



James Murphy Collection District No 19. Collected 59 per cent  
 Outstanding 41 per cent.

This collector stated that he had £1.60 collected within the past two days. People could not pay as they were depending on the sale of their barley. He would not like to seize under his own warrant, unless he was dealing with a man who was trying to beat him.

The chairman pointed out that although Murphy had practically the smallest amount to be collected, he had only half as much as the other collectors collected on foot of his warrant.

Mr Murphy said he was doing his best.

The chairman said this was an excellent district when Mr Banville acted as collector.

John Burke's Collection District No. 20. Collected 92 per cent  
 Outstanding 8 per cent.

People in his district were unable to pay, according to Mr Burke until they had sold their barley. He was prepared to seize under his warrant.

Bernard Bleary Collection District No 21. Collected 92 per cent  
 Outstanding 8 per cent.

Mr Bleary said he had given practically all outstanding rates to Mr Bolger solicitor for collection. He did not receive a return in connection with decrees which had been handed to the Sheriff a considerable time ago. He would act on his warrant in every case in which a rate payer would not pay.

It was decided that the Secretary ask the undersheriff for particulars of various decrees for poor rates which he has in hands and the dates upon which they were taken out. Also for a return of particulars of decrees which had been tried for poor rates during the past two years with the result of every case.

The Committee desire to call the attention of the County Council to the general reluctance on the part of the collectors to use the powers of seizure held under their warrant, in fact two collectors stated that they would not act under these powers. In the opinion of the Committee, by acting on their own warrant, not only would the rates be collected with greater despatch but the ratepayers concerned would suffer less loss than by application to the Court for a decree.



### Salaries Assistant Surveyors.

In connection with the adjourned application of Assistant Surveyors Kehoe, Birrhielle, Ennis and Bullen for increase of salary it was decided that the application be adjourned to next meeting of Finance Committee and that in the meantime the Committee be furnished with the amount of travelling expenses paid these officials for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September last.

### Application for compensation.

Under date 16<sup>th</sup> October 1925 Mr Bernard J O'Flaherty Solicitor Ennisecorthy wrote that he had been duly appointed solicitor to the Gorey Rural District Council by resolution and was entitled to a pension under the Local Government Acts 1919 and 1925. He had received notice that his services as such solicitor would not be required after the 30<sup>th</sup> September 1925. He pointed out that he had "opted" out of the Local Government Act of 1925.

A similar letter was read from Messrs Bolger & Son Solicitors, New Ross in respect of the discontinuance of their services as solicitors to the New Ross Board of Guardians.

It was decided that both applications be referred to Mr Elgee for report to next meeting of the County Council.

### University Scholarship Scheme.

In connection with award of University scholarship to Christopher Whelan, Breywell, New Ross, a report was received from University College that this student had failed at the second University Examination in Engineering.

Professor Purcell, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering University College, Dublin, wrote recommending the continuance of the scholarship. Mr Whelan's attendance had been satisfactory but he appeared to have been a bit unfortunate in second Engineering Examination in so far as he passed in mathematics and Engineering in June and in the remaining subject in Autumn but failed in the two subjects in which he had passed in June. This was a case in which he considered the scholarship should be renewed.

Dr Denis J. Boffey President, University College, Dublin, under date 10<sup>th</sup> November 1925, wrote that Mr Whelan is a very good and regular student and it would be a hardship if the scholarship were not continued. The engineering subjects in the three year course were difficult and a good student may fail without want of diligence or industry. He (Dr Boffey) recommended that the scholarship should be renewed.



It was decided that the resolution of the county council agreeing to award of University scholarship in the case of Mr Christopher Whelan be allowed to stand.

### Primary Scholarship Scheme.

It was decided that a sum of 18/2 expenses of Eva Bullen who sat for primary scholarship examination in July last, in attending this examination be paid as provided by the Primary Scholarship scheme.

### County Infirmary Officials.

Under 10<sup>th</sup> October 1925, Mrs E Hayes late female searcher county Wexford Infirmary wrote asking for a bulk sum in compensation for abolition of office.

It was decided that Mrs Hayes be informed that the county council had already decided that as she had been paid a sum of £5 per annum only as female searcher in county Infirmary it was manifestly impossible she could have devoted her whole time to the duties of the office under which she claimed superannuation or compensation.

The Finance Committee having further considered the matter failed to find any reason why the decision of the council could be altered under the existing law.

### Electoral Act 1923.

Mr Scallan, Registration Officer applied for £300 to enable him to pay current expenses in connection with the preparation of the Register of Electors for the year 1926.

It was decided that a sum of £250 be advanced to the Registration Officer in connection with expenses incurred in the preparation of Register of Electors for 1926.

### Claim re Local Elections

In connection with claim by Martin Baulfield, Grange, Villanure for expenses and fee for poll clerkship at Templemaddy polling booth, Mr Baulfield was prevented acting owing to receipt of a bogus letter by Returning Officer that Mr Baulfield was leaving the district and would not be able to act.

The Finance Committee had referred the matter to Mr Elger, Solicitor to the county council, who wrote under date 14<sup>th</sup> November that as it had been found impossible to trace the bogus letter and while not admitting that the county council had any liability in the matter, he thought that under all the circumstances, as the amount involved for the



was only £8, it would be advisable to pay Mr Baulfield this amount. Mr Elgee would not advise that Mr Baulfield be paid travelling expenses. If proceedings were taken the matter would appear in the press as an advertisement against the County Council for not paying their debts.

After discussion it was decided to recommend the County Council to act on the advice of Mr Elgee and offer Mr Baulfield £1 in settlement of the matter this offer to be without prejudice.

### Wexford Courthouse.

The Under Sheriff in forwarding bill for 13/- for storm lamps etc for Wexford Courthouse enclosed a letter from the Clerk of the Peace Wexford under date 29<sup>th</sup> October 1925. which stated that it was so dark in the hall of the Courthouse while the Court was sitting that people were in danger when leaving or entering the building. To prevent accidents two storm lamps should be procured one for the central hall and one for the steps leading off the street.

The Committee recommended that the 13/- be paid.

### Printing Abstract of Accounts.

The following tenders were received for the printing of three half year's Abstracts of the County Council.

Messrs English & Co	£ 35
Free Press	£ 12 : 12 : 0
People	£ 17 : 19 : 6
Messrs Hamman	£ 15 : 0 : 0.

It was decided to accept the lowest tender, the Free Press at £ 12 : 12 : 0.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Shaw seconded the following resolution:— That the minutes of Finance Committee of 19<sup>th</sup> November 1925 be and are hereby confirmed.

Mr Hall said he would oppose any proposal that the Rate collectors should make seizures on their warrants; the Council should not make bailiffs of their Rate collectors.

Mr Borish and Colonel Quin pointed out that if the Council was going to interfere with the powers which Rate collectors had and to apologise for people who would not pay their Rates they would get in very little money. The Council should make it clear to the Rate collectors that they must do their duty.

Colonel Gibson pointed out that owing to uncollected Rates the Council were paying £ 2,500 Interest on overdraft.



They should insist on the collectors taking every step possible against ratepayers who were in a position to pay and who would not.

Colonel Quin proposed: - That the two Rate Collectors, Messrs McBarth and Walsh - who stated to the Finance Committee they were not prepared to make seizures under their warrants be requested to inform the Council if they still declined to use this power for the recovery of rates; if they refuse that they be dismissed.

Mr Thorpe seconded

Colonel Gibbon proposed that Rate Collectors McBarth and Walsh be informed that the Council do not desire Rate Collectors to seize under their warrants except in cases in which it is not possible to secure payment of Rate by other process. But the Council wish to point out that in seizing under their warrant the collectors are incurring his costs for themselves and for the ratepayers concerned. In these circumstances the Council desire the Rate Collectors to inform the Council if they are prepared to utilise the powers of seizure conferred by their own warrant on Rate Collectors. That the matter be brought before next ordinary meeting of the County Council for final decision.

Mr P. Hayes seconded.

Colonel Quin then withdrew his resolution and that proposed by Colonel Gibbon was put and passed unanimously

Mr Bloney proposed and Mr Boggan seconded the following resolution which passed unanimously. That Mr James Murphy, Rate Collector No 19 Collection District, be called upon to close the first moiety of collection for 1925-26 by the close of the present year.

The resolution of the Chairman as to confirmation of Minutes of Finance Committee of 19<sup>th</sup> November was then put and passed.

The following Minutes of Finance Committee of 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1925, were confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Blaine:-

*Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1925.*

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortnew, Wexford, on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 1925.

Present Messrs Sean O'Byrne, James Gault, P. Hayes, William Thorpe and Mr. Jordan.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor and the Assistant



Secretary were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr Gaul seconded by Mr Hayes, the Chair was taken by Mr Sean Byrne.

Letter was read from Mr Thomas McCarthy, Chairman County Council apologising for his absence from the meeting. He was in Dublin on business.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4,703.16.11 was examined and signed.

### County Library Service.

In connection with payment of £11.10.0 to Miss Murphy, Assistant to Librarian, County Library Service for a fortnight overtime, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That if anything out of the ordinary routine, viz., extra clerical assistance or goods be required for County Library Service, the sanction of Finance Committee must be obtained before any expenditure be incurred. That in the present instance the £11.10.0 included by Librarian as overtime for her assistant be allowed."

### Recnt to Council Elections claim by Garda Pothchene.

A bill for £4 under 3m in Schedule of Order of Local Government - 7<sup>th</sup> April, 1925 (711061/1925 Miscellaneous) Local Elections, representing a charge of 5% subsistence allowance for each Garda at Polling Stations was received.

It was ordered that the amount be paid.

### Insurance of County Courthouse.

Quotation was read from Messrs McDermagh & Boland Insurance Brokers, 51, Dame Street, Dublin for Insurance of County Courthouse at £3,000 and furniture £500, amount of premium £2.16.9 was received and accepted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Gaul.

### Preliminary consideration of Rate Estimate

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr Havanagh:-

"That a Special meeting of the County Council be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January, 1926, at 10 o'clock a.m., for consideration of figures for Rate Estimate."

### Special Meeting of Finance Committee.

It was decided on the motion of Mr Shannon, seconded by Mr P. O'Byrne that a special meeting of Finance Committee be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 1925, to enable the road and quarry workers receiving a water's wages up to 18<sup>th</sup> December 1925.



on account of the Christmas season.

### Christmas Holidays.

A discussion took place as to allowing the road and quarry workers of the Council to have St. Stephen's Day as a holiday.

The Secretary pointed out that in the event of this being agreed to the Auditor of the Local Government Department would surcharge the councillors who were in favour of the proposal as the Council would be paying money without having had any services rendered for it.

Mr Shannon then proposed: - "That employees of the County Council who are prepared to work a full day on the Saturday half holiday of 19<sup>th</sup> instant be allowed to have St. Stephen's Day as a holiday. The latter falls on a weekly half holiday and under this proposal the Council are given a full week's work in each case and no loss can be incurred by the Council."

Mr Hall seconded the motion which passed.

### Roads Committee.

The following minutes of a meeting of the Roads Committee held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1925 were submitted: -

#### Proposed Battle Boat Service.

The following report of conference in connection with proposed Battle Boat Service was read: -

The conference was held in the Council Chamber Wexford on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 1925; Col Gibson, Col Quin, Messrs M Doyle, J.D. and Wm Thorpe (representing the County Council) Messrs Houston W J Dollar James Bellington and John Browne (representing Wexford Harbour Commissioners). Mr J. P. Richill Manager Cork Steamship Company Wexford wrote apologising for his inability to be present at the meeting.

The Secretary to the County Council was also present.

The following resolution was adopted at the meeting of Wexford County Council on 9<sup>th</sup> November 1925: -

That representatives of the Wexford Harbour Board and Cork Steamship Company be invited to a conference with the County Council with a view to endeavouring to secure a cattle service from Wexford. In the event of it being found impossible to arrange for a service from Wexford, that representations be made to the Government to take steps to release the Great Western Railway Company of England



from the provisions of the Act of Parliament under which they are bound to run a daily cattle boat from Waterford.

On the motion of Col Gibson seconded by Col Quin the Chair was taken by Mr Michael Doyle J.D.

The Chairman pointed out that some considerable time ago Rosslare cattle boat service was abandoned in favour of Wexford as an agreement had been entered into for the Cork Steamship Company to provide a boat. Unfortunately this boat was lost and nothing had since been done in the matter. So far as could be ascertained there did not appear to be any chance of a boat for Wexford, a united effort should be made by town and country to secure a boat from Rosslare which is the natural port and which was best equipped for cattle exports considerably better than Wexford, yet those concerned were satisfied to waive this and to support a boat from Wexford if found feasible. The farmers and dealers were suffering enormous losses by the fact that the Rosslare port was not used for shipment of cattle owing to the freight charges and that better facilities with a shorter sea passage were available through Rosslare. Under the new cattle shipment regulations and persons concerned might be driven to utilise the best port which was certainly Rosslare.

Col Gibson said he had been responsible for putting up the resolution at the meeting of the County Committee of Agriculture which had initiated the conference. Had they been unanimous in the past, the boat in Rosslare could have been retained. Relying on the assurances which had been received that Cork Steamship Company would provide a boat, they allowed the service at Rosslare to be withdrawn a week before the "henore" was to come into service on the Wexford station. Instead of coming to Wexford she was put on the Waterford service and was unfortunately lost. The farmers would be prepared to give every support to a boat from Wexford provided they could be guaranteed regular sailings.

Under the new cattle Regulations the position was made much more difficult because if in the opinion of the captain of a ship, the weather was unfavourable for shipment, cattle would be held over and considerable loss would result. The damage done to cattle on the voyage from Waterford across Channel was much more than via Rosslare. In a recent trip from Waterford twenty five horse and forty six



cattle had been killed, while the extra handling and racking of cattle to Watford meant an additional charge of 5/- per head. Besides cattle could be sent from Rossare from certain fairs in the evening to reach the English markets the following morning, whereas on the Watford service these cattle would be held up till next day. The farmers had now waited for a boat from Wenford from 1919 - over six years and so far there did not seem much prospect of a boat materialising. By the withdrawal of the boat from Rossare, over 50 men had been thrown out of employment so that the labourer was suffering as well as the farmer by the cessation of the Rossare service. If the latter service could be reopened, an outlet could be had for many men now out of employment. To have a proper service from Rossare, it would be necessary that the act of Parliament compelling the Great Eastern Railway Company of England to run a daily service from Watford should, to that extent, be repealed.

It was a moot point if the Dail had power to repeal an Act of Parliament passed by the British Parliament. Farmers considered that if it is found impossible to have a cattle service established from Wenford, the project should be dropped and an attempt made to have the service at Rossare reopened and which would be done if the people were unanimous.

The railway appeared to be giving Watford the pull over Wenford. For instance dead meat was charged from Wenford to Smithfield Market in London 88/- per ton while it could be sent from Watford for 82/- a ton.

Mr Houston said that the statements which had been made at the Conference dealing with the facts up to the time that the "humour" was lost were correct, but it was not recognised that the Cork Steamship Company had promised to build another boat and that plans had been prepared and he believed the actual contract placed but something occurred in the meantime - someone said it was the issue of Government regulations insisting on a different class of boat and the fact that the cattle trade was in a bad state which affected the situation and the Cork Steamship Company backed out.

The only way in which, in his opinion, they could be got to reconsider the matter was by proof that sufficient traffic would be forthcoming to make the service profitable.



It was a matter of L. S. D. with the Cork Company. It was up to the farmers and cattle dealers to show what trade could be made and to show the Cork Steamship Company that they would be prepared to support a boat from Wexford so long as a direct sailing could be observed and freights were no more than elsewhere. This, in his view, was the only way in which they could approach the Cork Steamship Company. The last boat cost them £30,000 and her loss took the heart out of the Company. Cattle could be shipped as well from Wexford as from Rosslare, the only disadvantage being that a sailing might be occasionally missed through bad weather. If however they went into the project of having a boat for Wexford with heart and soul and show they really meant business, they would be successful.

Col Gibbon said all possible information in regard to cattle shipments was in possession of the Cork Steamship Company prior to the loss of the "Lismore". Nothing could really be done for either Rosslare or Wexford until the restrictions which Wexford had, could be removed, and he did not believe they would be removed in favour of Wexford.

The Chairman pointed out that one of the reasons advanced for not replacing the "Lismore" by another boat was on account of the condition of Wexford Harbour. Were the Harbour Board satisfied that Wexford would be able to comply with the new regulations which the Government had made?

Mr Browne mentioned that the reason why the "Kilmine" was not put on the Wexford service immediately after she was built was because the inspection yard was not ready.

Mr O'Leary said the Harbour Board had a letter from the Cork Steamship Company under date 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1924 proposing to build a boat larger than the "Lismore" but sinister influences were then brought to bear against the Wexford boat and in favour of Rosslare. The Harbour Board out of their own meagre funds had spent a considerable sum of money to make the Harbour suitable.

Col Quin said that the Harbour Board had taken up the attitude that if a boat could not be provided for Wexford they would give no help or assistance in having a boat from Rosslare though they knew perfectly well how those concerned in the cattle trade were being mulcted under existing conditions.

Mr Bellington mentioned that the Cork Steamship Company



had stated that they would build a new boat if a certain depth of water could be guaranteed. That depth was got but the promise was not carried out. The improvement had continued and the Bar was never better than now.

Col Quin said he spoke for a number of people like himself who had no direct interest in Rosslare or Wexford but who wanted an outlet for their cattle under favourable conditions.

Mr Bellington said if something was not done for Wexford all the trade would go via Rosslare and Wexford port would be closed up.

Mr Houston said the channel was as good as when two cross-channel boats a week were running from Wexford.

Col Gibbon stated there was an impression that he was the evil influence in the matter. It did not make any difference to him whether the boat ran from Wexford or from Rosslare. The farmers did all they could to induce the Cork Steamship Company to put on a boat but the company complained of the condition of the Harbour and of the manner in which it was lighted. He would ask that the Cork people should come here and give them a straight answer as to whether they intended to secure a suitable boat for Wexford. If the Steamship Company turned this request down, he (Col Gibbon) considered that the Wexford Harbour Board should be prepared to accompany the County Council to the Government and use all the influence they could in having a boat put on at Rosslare.

The Chairman pointed out that the Cork Steamship Company were offered temporary facilities at Rosslare for the "hummie" before she went to Cork.

Col Gibbon said that the next meeting of the County Committee of Agriculture would be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> December and he expected the Harbour Board should be in a position to produce by then a definite undertaking from the Cork Steamship Company that they would put on a boat.

Mr O'Leary said the Harbour Board had no influence with the Cork Steamship Company; it was a matter for the County Committee of Agriculture and the farmers.

Mr Houston said that the boat was withdrawn from Rosslare because sufficient bath were not obtainable.

Col Gibbon said that owing to the Waterford restrictions, the Wexford people could only go as far north



as Macmine and as far south as Bampile for cattle and also the Waterford boats had to secure a full cargo before the boat in Rosslare could be utilised. If there was a determined effort made to lift the Waterford embargo, the Cork Steamship Company would find it to their interest to put on a boat at Waterford.

Mr Billington favoured a move by all the bodies concerned to put pressure on the Cork Steamship Company.

Col Gibson raised the point that if the project of having a boat from Waterford was not successful, the Waterford Harbour Board should realise the position of the cattle shippers and help to have a cattle boat put on at Rosslare.

Mr Dollar said that they could not ask the Harbour Board to support a port which was in competition with Waterford. He would not as a Harbour Commissioner be prepared to do anything to help the farmers to get a boat at Rosslare.

Mr Houston said that if the Cork Steamship Company refused to provide a boat the position could be reconsidered.

After further discussion the following resolution was agreed to:— That the representatives of the Waterford County Council, Waterford County Committee of Agriculture, Waterford Harbour Commissioners Farmers Union and Cattle Dealers present a joint Memorial to the Cork Steamship Company requesting them to reconsider the question of providing a suitable cattle boat to be placed on the Waterford station. That the Waterford Farmers Union and all others concerned in the shipment of live stock pledge themselves to give their entire support to this route so long as it is properly maintained and offers equal facilities to those at Rosslare. That in the event of the Cork Steamship Company giving an answer in the negative, to this request, this conference to be summoned to a future meeting and the whole matter considered de novo. That the representative of the Cork Steamship Company (Mr Summitt) be requested to meet at deputation from this conference before the end of the present year. The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Gibson seconded by Mr Sean Byrne:—

That the report of conference relative to proposed cattle boat service presented to this meeting be received and recommended to County Council meeting for adoption.



### *Navigation of River Slaney and Deepening of Wexford Harbour.*

The following report of conference held in County Council Chamber Wexford on 13<sup>th</sup> November 1925 was presented:-

A meeting of Slaney Navigation Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview Wexford on November 13<sup>th</sup> 1925.

Present:- Messrs R. Malone (representing Wexford Corporation) J.P. Keihill and J. Armstrong representing Wexford Harbour Board. O. McBoyle and James Stafford representing Slaney Fishermen. Neither the County Council nor Enniscorthy Urban District were represented.

The Secretary County Council and the County Surveyor were also in attendance.

The Chair was taken by Mr R. Malone.

Mr Armstrong pointed out that the Harbour Board were endeavouring to get the trade back to the port of Wexford. They wanted the Slaney properly dredged so that they could compete with the railway company which at present could practically impose what charges they liked.

The freight for coal from Rosslare to Enniscorthy was 5/- per ton or 2/8 less than pre-amalgamation: from Wexford to Enniscorthy 3/6. Rosslare had an advantage of 2/- per ton over Wexford in other ways besides railway freight so that unless they could get freight from Wexford to Enniscorthy fixed at 3/- per ton, Rosslare would still be the more favourable port.

Traffic to Enniscorthy by gabard had been carried at 2/6 per ton and there was no doubt if the Slaney was properly dredged, the fact of having a competitor to the railway would secure a favourable rate.

The Secretary read the following letter from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> inst transmitting a resolution adopted by a conference representing a number of public bodies on the 7<sup>th</sup> inst, in regard to the preparation of a full survey and estimate of cost for the development of Wexford Harbour and the River Slaney.

It appears to the Minister that an improvement to Wexford Harbour is a necessary preliminary to consideration of development of the River Slaney dealt with by the Canal Commission. For the latter there is already an estimate available, referred to by the Commission, which would at least provide a starting point for consideration of the finances



of the matter.

With regard to the primary question of improving Wexford Harbour, the Minister feels that, if the economic advantage to the community in the neighbourhood of an efficient harbour at Wexford is sufficiently great to outweigh the advantages of adjacent harbours such advantages will be sufficiently material to warrant the community concerned providing at least the preliminary expenditure involved in obtaining the necessary survey and estimate.

The Minister hopes that on further consideration of the matter the concurrence of Public Bodies will see its way to take further action in the desired direction on its own initiative.

Mr Armstrong said that from April to date 7000 to 8000 tons of traffic which formerly passed through Wexford now went from Rosslare. Mr James J. Stafford who formerly used the port of Wexford sent another 7000 to 8000 from Rosslare. It was peculiar that though the freight from Rosslare to Wexford was 2/6 per ton, that from Wexford to Kilbrannigan which was only a mile distant from Rosslare was 3/1.

Mr McBoyle pointed out that there was abnormal unemployment in the Dyegate district. Through the closing down of Powers Distillery 55 families in the Dyegate district were affected. There were 1352 dependants on fishing in the district and the majority of them worked in Powers Distillery during the summer months.

After considerable discussion the following resolution was agreed to:- "That Messrs Borish J. D. and Mr. Doyle J. D. be asked to arrange with the Minister for Industry and Commerce to receive a deputation from this joint conference in connection with securing Government aid in having a survey made of Wexford Harbour and the river Slaney. We have already pointed out to the Government that the financial position of the public bodies concerned does not allow of their making any contribution to this expense, and we are of opinion that the dwindling of trade through Wexford port is a matter of National importance.

The following were appointed as the Deputation:-  
Representing County Councils - The Chairman (Mr McEarty) and Vice-Chairman (Bob Gibson) and Mr M. Doyle J. D.  
Representing Wexford Corporation - Mr R. Borish Mayor.



Representing Wexford Harbour Board - Messrs James Bullington and W J Doller.

Representing Ennisecrothy Urban District - Mr Timothy O'Hill.

Representing Slaney Fishermen - Mr Owen McEoy.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Col. Quin:-

'That the report of Conference in connection with proposal regarding the navigation of the river Slaney and the deepening of the Harbour at Wexford as presented to this meeting be received and recommended to the County Council for adoption.

### *County Surveyor's Report.*

The following report was submitted from the Co. Surveyor:

'I submit draft of my estimate for works in my charge for the year 1926-27. I shall be able to go into full details for the information of the Committee.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> inst, I made inspection of the bascule of Ferrycairig Bridge and found that apparently there is still movement of the abatements on the north side of the river, and this movement has fractured the pedestal supporting gear pinion. The ducking of the bascule bay on the north side has gone out of line with the other side, and I have arranged to have the flooring altered to meet the altered levels. At present, there could be no demand for opening of the bascule as the river is blocked at the Wexford Bridge, but provision will have to be made in future to deal with this.

I submit agreement with caretaker of the old jail premises and ask for your approval of same, and your decision on the wages to be paid.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> inst I visited the cross of Wye with Mr Elgee Solicitor and he will submit his report.

On the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> inst, Mr Quigley, Chief Engineer, Local Government Department visited Wexford and inspected the various Grant works in progress. The Grant for the Wexford - Ennisecrothy road has been fully expended and the work carried out, though not on the original lines, and full payment has now been made to the Council; other road works are in satisfactory progress. On the 7<sup>th</sup> inst, Mr Quigley inspected the slab road with Mr Birtwistle, and he is satisfied with the works carried out.



except in so far, as he considers that the heavy fencing required by the Slob Company should not be charged to the grant.

Under the new blasting regulations between October and May all gelignite used requires to be thawed in a special warming pan. We already have a pan, but it is small and we cannot deal with the quantity we require for large blasts. If arrangements could be made with the Military Authorities in Wexford so that we could thaw the gelignite overnight, we would be able to carry on properly, but otherwise, we shall have difficulty in doing winter blasting work. I ask for authority to try and make arrangements.

I have to report that on the morning of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst it was found that the engine in Longarrow Quarry had been muddled with. However the Machinery Overseer reported that the damage is of no serious consequence. I have notified the overseer and the engine drivers that the machinery must not be left unprotected over Sundays and Holidays.

I find that the machinery and stock in the County Council Yard, Enniscorthy is not covered by Insurance, and ask for direction to obtain quotation. It will be advisable also, that oil cabinets should be obtained for storing oil and petrol as there is more waste and danger with the present system. I have quotations for cabinets which I shall submit.

I have been in communication with a local person in regard to waterproofs and am getting samples.

I now have the railings for Slade and Duncannon harbours in our workshops in Enniscorthy and shall arrange for their erection at once.

Recently we obtained drain pipes from a Dublin firm and a number of these pipes reached Gorey in a damaged condition. The firm repudiates liability as the goods were sent carriage forward, and I suggest the Solicitor should be consulted with a view to making a claim against the Railway Company.

I have arranged with Messrs Graves Waterford to supply a quantity of "Larkold" for treating New Ross-Mountgarrett road and hope to put work in hands during the week. Messrs Graves have been asked by the Department to give demonstration (experimental) of this material and I am arranging with them to do a section of the road near Fernogue Wexford. They will supply the "Larkold" and we



will supply the screenings and labour. It is expected that surveyors from other counties will be invited for demonstration.

I ask for sanction for payment of the motor hireage in taking around the Roads Inspection Committee.

Mr. Kearns Assistant Surveyor writes me that for family reasons, he requires some days leave, which I have granted him and he will not be present at the Roads Committee meeting.

### Road Proposals.

From the particulars of proposed expenditure submitted by the County Surveyor, it appeared he proposed that £25850 be allocated for main roads, £600 for Courthouses, £770 for Harbours, £1323 for Bridges, £54415 for Local Roads £3500 for Sudden Damage Orders and contingencies, and £27523 for balance of loss on quarries and machinery due by Rural District Councils. Total £71698.

After some discussion, it was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall that the County Surveyor submit in print full details of his proposals showing what he proposed doing as regards the maintenance of each particular road in the County, to each member of the Council in order that the Road Budget for the financial year 1926-27 could be fully discussed at the next meeting of the Roads Committee. The outline of Road policy for the life of the Council was also to be given by the County Surveyor.

Mr. Boggan pointed out that some reduction in the amount of present rates was imperative as the ratepayers were unable to meet the demands of the County Council. He did not say they should in any way curtail labour so long as it was required on the roads and could be properly utilized, but to give an instance of the road at Whitmill was paying 3/- per load for road material or about 3/4 per cubic yard. If this man was providing stones from a County Council quarry, he would be paying 10/- per cubic yard. He (Mr. Boggan) considered that similar arrangements could be made as regards a number of bye roads. There would not then be interference with the employment of a single man on the roads.

The County Surveyor stated that the average cost of material in County Council quarries for this year was 8/- but it was 10/- per yard last year. For all contract roads approved material was specified and contractors were not bound to take material from a particular quarry if suitable metalling could be procured elsewhere.



### Henrycamp Bridge.

The County Surveyor mentioned that the condition of the abutments at the far side of this bridge had never been satisfactory. He had tried to tie it back but there was still movement. The bascule had become jammed and, as he had reported, the pedestal had been fractured. The cause of movement was owing to the weight of the foundation of the heavy retaining wall at the far side of the bridge. It was perfectly safe as regards traffic.

It was decided that the County Surveyor present a further report on the matter to next monthly meeting of the Roads Committee.

### The Caretaker of Old Jail (Co Hall)

The County Surveyor read particulars of the agreement which he had made with Francis Wadding, the man whom he had provisionally appointed to the position of caretaker of the old jail and which provided for a wage of £1 per week.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Col. Quin:— That we approve of the terms of agreement entered into between the County Surveyor (acting on behalf of Wexford County Council and Mr Francis Wadding as to the position of caretaker of the old jail (Co Hall). and also of the rate of wages proposed to be paid, viz:— £1 per week, which is subject to confirmation by the County Council and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

### Gullet at Cross of Moge. Knockrathkyle.

In connection with this matter, the following report under date 20<sup>th</sup> November 1925 was read from Mr Elgee:—

As instructed, I attended at the above cross with the County Surveyor on Monday last, 16<sup>th</sup> November, and inspected the place. The position seems to be as follows:— on one side of the road leading down to the cross, there is a small house with a garden. In the corner of this garden there is a large open well, with apparently a strong spring in it, which overflows into a drain. This drain and the overflow from the well is then brought under the road by a pipe drain (recently made by the County Council in place of a stone drain which was previously there) into Mr Hanahan's land which is on the opposite side of the road. There is a deep gripe or drain on this land which runs down along the side of the ditch for about 100 yards until it reaches the cross roads where other drains run into it, and then still along the ditch.



for a few feet, when it runs into another man's land. I think his name is Foley. It appeared to me that if the drain on Heffernan's land was cleaned, there would be ample passage for the water to clear away.

I have made inquiries from the County Surveyor and also from Mr Bullen and it seems that the road itself is never flooded at this point, the only flooding that takes place is on the cottage on the opposite side of the road from Heffernan's, and that this flooding is entirely caused by the overflow from the well which is on the cottage garden.

The occupiers of this cottage appear to have had some trouble with Heffernan over the water and allege that he assaulted the woman of the house by throwing her into the drain and nearly drowning her as she alleges. She brought him to court for this and he was fined (as she states) £3. On the whole, therefore, I am of opinion that this is a purely personal matter between Heffernan and the owners of this house, and as the public road has not been flooded, I do not think the Council should interfere in the matter at all.

With regard to moving back the fence, as has been suggested and running the drain which is at present on Heffernan's land, along the side of the road, I do not think that this would be a safe course to adopt, because if it were done, you would have a gripe of water about three feet deep along the side of the road for at least 100 yards, and as the road is narrow at the place, there would be the possibility of accidents by cars running into this gripe for which the Council would be responsible.

The County Surveyor stated that the District Council had decided to move back the fence in this case as they believed it would be a way out of the difficulty which existed. Mr Elgie was of opinion they could take proceedings if necessary if the property of the Council was injured by Heffernan in any way.

Mr Boggan proposed and Mr Birch seconded the following resolution which was adopted: - "That acting on the advice of our Solicitor, the County Council be recommended to take no further steps in connection with the flooding of the cross of Myle at Knockrathkyle."



### Blasting Operations.

In connection with blasting operations, the County Surveyor mentioned that heretofore it had been a practice to thaw out gelignite which appeared to be frozen, but in consequence of Government regulations, it would be now necessary during the cold weather to thaw out all gelignite used. They used from 200 to 400 lbs of gelignite in a blast and it would take nearly a whole day to thaw out the quantity. They had no control over the gelignite until it was taken out to the quarry, as it was in military custody until then.

It was decided that the County Surveyor endeavour to arrange with the military authorities to thaw gelignite at Military Barracks on day previous to blast and that he procure a suitable warming pan for the purpose.

Col Gibbon said that a man named Bunan had shown him holes in his residence and out buildings in Ballingly caused by blasting in Ballingly Quarry. The house was in a dangerous position.

Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, said that Bunan had received full compensation for anything which had been done in his premises owing to the blasting.

The County Surveyor mentioned that something would have to be done in connection with house occupied by Mr Hawthorn who was owner of Cherry Orchard Quarry; it was impossible to prevent stones injuring the house and he (the Surveyor) thought they would have to open a face for the quarry at the other side.

### Engine Longarrow Quarry.

The County Surveyor stated he had notified the engine drivers that they would have to remain with engines in future over the weekend. The damage at Longarrow was trifling but the precedent set up would have to be continued. There was a local dispute as regards men who thought they should have got employment and who did not.

### Insurance Machinery and Stock.

It was decided that Mr Barry, County Surveyor submit quotations for Insurance of the machinery and stock in Machinery Yard connecting with those which he held for oil cabinets to next meeting of the Roads Committee.

### Drain Pipes Damaged

In connection with damaged drain pipes, the County Surveyor stated that a number of these were damaged in



rail transit from Dublin to Gorey. Mr Freeman, Act Surveyor, had refused to accept the consignment, but vendor pointed out that as the pipes had been sent carriage forward, the railway company were responsible. The amount involved was £3.11.0.

It was decided that the bounty surveyor make a claim against the railway company for the amount of damage.

### Garkola.

The meeting approved of the proposed demonstrations with this material as arranged by bounty surveyor.

### Motor Hireage - Roads Inspection Committee.

It was decided that the amount of motor car hire not exceeding £21 for conveyance of Inspection Committee be paid.

### Old Fever Hospital Ennisorthy Accommodation for Sanatorium.

The following report was read from the bounty surveyor as to additional accommodation at the old Fever Hospital at Ennisorthy for sanatorium purposes:-

The main block at present is a three storey building. On ground floor there is entrance porch-hall and staircase in centre, with kitchen, surgery and pantry on right and sitting room on left. Back of staircase there is a small room used as a dining room for the maids. On first floor, there is on right a female ward about 25 ft x 17 ft, and on left a male ward about 25 ft x 17 ft, both with through lighting. Over the maids dining room there is a small room used as nurse's bedroom and over the entrance porch there is a bath and W.C. On second floor the accommodation is similar to first floor except that there is no bath. In this building there are thus two male wards and two female wards.

I suggest that a wing be built on to the west ward removing existing structures. This will be two storeys - on the ground floor providing small entrance hall, oratory, nurse's sitting room and three bedrooms for nurses, one bedroom for maids and W.C. Overhead on first floor, there will be two new wards. Adjoining this wing there will be a lean-to with small kitchen and bathroom for nurses.

The re-arrangement of the hospital will be as follows:- Entrance Hall, staircase, kitchen, pantry, surgery, and maids dining room as at present. The sitting room on left ground floor will be dining room etc for patients. On first floor



on right female ward, and on left three male wards opening one out of the other - the outer two being new.

The existing bathroom over entrance porch will serve for male patients and the small room over wards dining room will be a single bed room for male or female as maybe required.

On second floor, both existing wards will be for female patients and the small room will be converted into bath and w.b. for females.

There will be thus three wards for male and three wards for female patients accommodating about 15 of each, and each sex will have separate bath and w.b. accommodation.

The patients' dining hall will be common, but can be used separately if desired.

There should be also provided two out door shelters.

I estimate the approximate cost as follows:-

New Buildings-----	£185 0.
Baths, w.b.s., Plumbing etc	15 0.
Refitting Laundry etc	6 0.
Repairs old buildings	15 0.
Distemping and painting	5 0.
Lighting	10 0.
Shelters	8 0.
Contingencies	26 0.

Total £240 0.

note:- This estimate does not cover furnishing or outside drainage, water supply or electric light installation.

I have examined Mr T. W. O'Connell's plan and note he does not provide for extra patients accommodation nor for patients' dining hall. Moreover I do not consider it advisable to extend the building to the front or south. Such projection will interfere with lighting of existing wards.

The County Surveyor mentioned that he had discussed the proposals with Dr O'Connor, Tuberculosis Medical Officer, who suggested some changes in plan as to lavatory accommodation and with which the County Surveyor was in agreement.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall:-

That the report of the County Surveyor re accommodation at Enniscorthy Old Fever Hospital for Sanatorium purposes be approved with alterations as to lavatory



accommodation etc. as suggested by the Tuberculosis Medical Officer. That the County Council be recommended to approve of this report on the understanding that the cost of all improvements and alterations be provided from Sanatorium Grant.

### Flooding on Road 16 G.

The County Surveyor submitted report from Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor re above. Mr Treanor stated that on several occasions Mr Cousins, Sawmills, Ballycale, Gorey had been warned by him to open and keep open sluice gates at dam adjoining the road to prevent serious flooding and injury. Cousins promised to have this done, but on the 7<sup>th</sup> November, the road was covered by about nine inches of water causing very serious inconvenience to the public, besides damaging the surface of the road. Notice should be given to Cousins to have the sluices open until the 1<sup>st</sup> May, or any time that may be necessary to prevent the recurrence of the flooding.

It was decided that the County Surveyor be instructed to take proceedings against William Cousins to have the sluices which were flooding the road kept open permanently.

### Flooding - Aharne Bridge

Under date 11<sup>th</sup> November 1925, the following was read from Mr James Maguire, Moneygarra, Inch:-

"Going to the fair of Gorey on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November with cattle, two of my cattle went through the broken down place in the wall at Aharne Bridge and one was drowned. I saved the other with the assistance of a neighbour. The beast that was drowned was about a year old and its value would be about £7. Hoping you will kindly consider my loss."

The following report in connection with the matter was submitted from Mr Treanor Assistant Surveyor:-

On the 8<sup>th</sup> November 1925, Gauger Patrick Byrne reported the matter to me and it was arranged that I should visit the place on the following day. When I arrived at Aharne Bridge, I learned that Mr Maguire and his brother were driving two yearlings heifers to Gorey on the 7<sup>th</sup> inst. at about 6-30 a.m. and upon reaching the flood, decided to turn back. Before they had gone very far, they met Mr Christopher Munay Kilmurray, Inch, who was also on his way to the fair with some heavy cattle when apparently, they (the Maguires)



again changed their minds and turned their cattle in with the others and drove through the flood which had reached top of parapet walls adjoining. On emerging from water it was discovered that Maguire's heifers were missing and they again returned to look for them. One was found struggling in water on field side of road near parapet breach. This one was saved but it was some time until daylight had set in, that the other was seen floating on flood well out on land on the other side of road. When recovered it was found to be dead.

There is no breach in parapets at place where heifers drowned and it would be difficult to state how cattle got into fields adjoining which were also well under flood.

The road and lands adjoining at this place are liable to heavy flooding owing to outfall at sea getting silted up, and there must have been about two feet of water on road at the time animal drowned.

The County Surveyor stated that he had placed all the facts in the matter before the Insurance brokers (Messrs. McDonagh & Boland) and they had written that the Council were not under any liability to Mr Maguire.

A memorial signed by 23 ratepayers of the district was laid before the meeting. The memorial pointed out that on the date of Gorey cattle fair on the 7<sup>th</sup> November, those who were driving cattle to the fair had to walk along the walls of the bridge, the cattle perforce having to be driven through the water. The road was deteriorating and the fields adjoining were under water for months during the winter leaving them useless. Further a gradual erosion was taking place on the north side of the mouth of the river, the sea taking a yearly toll until now it touched the fields where there was formerly a wide strip of sand between the fields and the sea.

The flooding was caused by the silting of the sand into the mouth of the Thare river and the remedy which the Memorialists proposed was to build two walls one on either side of the river.

The County Surveyor said the cost of the proposed work would be about £250. There was no breach in any part of the bridge.

The meeting considered the County Council had no liability in the matter. They were of opinion that the persons



concerned should form a drainage district and should do the work themselves.

### Flooding at Aughangall Bridge. 184 G.

The following report under date 21<sup>st</sup> November 1925 was submitted from Mr Bullen, Assistant Surveyor:-

"On the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst. I inspected this road after heavy rain on the previous day and found road badly flooded. I directed road contractor to clean up drain by roadside and it will be necessary to put in new gullet across road 180 E to prevent further damage, and I estimate the cost of this work at £15.

It was decided to approve of construction of gullet, not to exceed £15.

### Flooding at Sparrowsland 321 E.

Under date 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1925, Mr Bullen, Assistant Surveyor reported that he inspected this road recently and could not find any trace of flooding. After next spell of wet weather he would make a further inspection and report.

Mr Shannon said that since last meeting he had ascertained that the flooding occurred on an adjoining road called Rahunahone Lane.

Mr Bullen admitted that that particular road was flooded but there was no money available to carry out the necessary work to abate the flooding. The cost would be about £20 and would be included in the estimate for next year.

### Flooding at Ford of Lyrq.

A letter under date 20<sup>th</sup> November 1925 was read from Mr Elgie, Solicitor stating that proceedings against the owners of adjoining lands to abate the nuisance which existed owing to the drains on the slab land having been allowed to get choked up, should be taken in the Chancery division of the High Court.

It was decided to refer this letter to the County Council.

### Flooding at Riverchapel.

Ten residents of Riverchapel wrote complaining that in heavy rainfall their premises were flooded owing to the arch-way under the road at Riverchapel being insufficient to carry off the water except in normal times.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

### Roller Gangs on R.R.

The following report to the County Surveyor re above



under date 11<sup>th</sup> November 1925 was submitted by Mr. O'Neill, Asst. Surveyor, New Ross district:-

Ganger Wilkinson reported to-day that the roller gangs on 9R were from 15 to 20 minutes late this morning. He therefore did not allow them to start work. He told them to turn up at one o'clock. When I returned in the afternoon neither gang had turned up to work. The roller had stem up during the whole day and consolidated some patches along the margin of the road.

The County Surveyor submitted his reply to Mr. O'Neill in which it was pointed out that it would be quite right when the men were late for work in the morning to send them away and deduct half a day's pay, when they do not return in the afternoon a whole day's pay should be deducted. In such a case the men should be suspended. However when attending on roller it should be noted that to have a machine idle without the men is a very serious matter. A week's notice of dismissal should be served on the men and if the men had any explanation or excuse to offer, they should send a deputation to the meeting of the meeting of the roads committee.

Mr. O'Neill said he had informed the men they could attend the meeting and they would not send a deputation to the meeting.

Mr. Bloney proposed and Mr. Hall seconded:- That the action of the County Surveyor as regards roller gang 9R be approved.

Bob Gibbon mentioned that when men were being dispensed with, bad time keepers should be the first to go.

### Ballyvergin Cross Roads.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report under date 21<sup>st</sup> November 1925 from Mr. John Kehoe, Asst. Surveyor:-

I inspected above cross and measured width of roads there yesterday and enclose rough sketch of same.

There are two owners of land adjoining the cross. I saw one of them (Mr. O'Connor) and he is quite willing to let us take off the corner opposite his house. The other owner (Mr. Kennedy) I tried to see on two occasions but he was away from home. It will be necessary to put in a long six inch pipe gullet at the junction between No 18R and 13R. The work should be done for about £15 or £16.

It was decided to adjourn the matter in order that Mr. Kehoe Assistant Surveyor, should interview Mr. Kennedy and report to the Council.



### Ballylannon Level Crossing.

The following report under date 20<sup>th</sup> November 1925 was submitted from Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor:-

I inspected the level crossing at Ballylannon on yesterday and do not see anything wrong with the place. There is a steep gradient from the railway to Duncannon line, but it cannot be avoided. The turn on the Wexford side of Nelson Bridge could certainly be much improved if we could get the landowners on the south side to allow us to take about three feet off the top of his fence for about ten yards in length. This could be done without any injury to the adjoining land. If you approve of this I would see the landowners on the matter.

It was decided that the County Surveyor make representations to the Railway Company to have removed a further portion of the borrow at the railway side.

### Proposed Agreement Rosslea-Wexford Stb Road.

Mr Elgie solicitor, read the proposed agreement as to fencing on the Wexford-Rosslea Stb Road.

The County Surveyor stated that the cost of the fencing would be about £250 and of the annual upkeep £15. There was a portion of fencing proposed which he was not in favour of having erected at the expense of the County Council. Leaving that out, the cost would be about £120.

Col Libbon proposed that the County Surveyor be instructed to again interview the agent for the Meddon Estate and point out to him the very valuable asset which the new road would be for the estate and in view of which they should be satisfied that the proposed agreement need cover only the amount of fencing which the County Surveyor considered necessary.

Mr Shannon seconded the motion which was adopted.

### Haulage Contract 204 W.

In connection with the cancelled haulage contract of John Dake, Colishall, Bennow, the following further report was submitted by Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor:-

In reference to the haulage of material to no 204 W for this winter use, I beg to report as follows:-

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March when all last year's material was spread, a man named James Whitty came to me with a letter from Mr Scallan of Lough asking me to give the



been some haulage as he was in a bad way financially. I told Whitty that I had fined 120 cubic yards as sufficient for No 204W for the coming winter and that I would give him half the haulage. This road was by Whitty's house. I drew up an agreement which I hold, giving Whitty the haulage of 60 cubic yards @ 3/9 per c. yd.

Whitty reported the material about on April 4th and I measured it at once. I found 55 cubic yards in 11 depots and I signed a certificate for payment of £ 10:6:3 and he was paid on April 9<sup>th</sup> 1925. Afterwards on the 19<sup>th</sup> May, I arranged with James Barty, Ballygow to haul 60 cubic yards more on 204W. Barty reported the material out on October 14 and it has since been measured and paid for.

Mr White, County Councillor is reported to have said at last meeting of the County Council that there was no material on 204W when he went over the road about the end of September. This seems to me an extraordinary statement (to say the least of it) in view of the facts given above.

Mr White, who was present, said that Dake and Barty had haulage contracts for the road. Both were given notice by the ganger on 21<sup>st</sup> September that they should carry out their contracts at once. Dake's contract was cancelled on 24<sup>th</sup> September and Barty was allowed to stand although the latter had not drawn any material to the road.

The County Surveyor explained that the surveying staff had arranged with Barty to draw material to another road which was badly in need of it at the time. They had already 55 c. yds on 204W.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr. Hall:—

That no further action be taken by the Roads Committee in connection with haulage contracts on Road 204W.

### Haulage work.

Under date 18<sup>th</sup> November 1925, the following was read from Mr Munnagh M.B.C. in connection with haulage work at the Brownwood Quarry:—

The carters wish to reply to Mr J. Bullen's letter to the Roads Committee. They state the contents of the letter from Mr Bullen are absolutely false and misleading. Those carters are prepared to prove this any place or any time, if they get a chance to do so. They quote one instance in regard of favouritism.



In the last of February or the first of March, there were two engines working on the road, one at Edermine and the other four or five hundred yards from the quarry. At this time there were carts earning 24/- to 27/- per day while there were others not earning half that amount. The pay sheets will bear out this if traced. The Union did not object to Leary hauling on Ennisworthy and Edermine road in 1923, but John Gorman sent in a man to Union office, Ennisworthy, to bring out delegate to stop Pat Leary drawing. This is another case they can prove. This unwieldy woman mentioned in Mr Bullen's report has 25 acres to be let for tillage in this week's paper. Give those carts a chance of proving their charge.

The County Surveyor stated that at the time referred to by Mr Mernagh, no hauliers had been refused work; in fact sufficient hauliers were not available. They were all employed on the same terms and averaged a wage of £3 to £3-10-0 a week.

Col Gibson proposed and Col Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

'That this Committee is satisfied with the manner in which work has been carried out in Brownswood Quarry.'

#### Insurance Cards - Workmen.

In connection with a complaint made by Mr Mernagh M.C. at the meeting of the County Council on the 9<sup>th</sup> November that John Gorman, Overseer, had neglected to lodge Insurance cards for Aidan Kinsella Scullockbush, Gorman came before the meeting and stated he had given this man's cards to Mr Bullen, Assistant Surveyor.

Mr Bullen said any cards he received had been lodged by him in the office of the County Surveyor, but Kinsella's card could not be traced. Gorman told Kinsella to procure a temporary card, and Mr. Moore, Assistant in the office of the County Surveyor gave him the same advice, but Kinsella did not provide the card.

It was decided that the County Surveyor be instructed to provide temporary cards in all cases in which employees neglect to provide the regular card for Insurance.

#### Application for use of Old Jail.

A letter was read from Mr James Bellington, Tolly House, Wexford, applying for the use of County Hall on St. Stephen's day to use as a Reception Hall for the entertainment of about 1000 Wexford children to tea and Christmas Eve. Last year over 700 were entertained in the Town Hall which was not large enough to entertain them.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the chairman seconded by Mr Sean OByrne:-

That the Committee which is carrying out Christmas treat for the children of Wexford town be afforded the use of Central Hall in the Old Jail premises for 26<sup>th</sup> December 1925: provided they agree to be responsible for the premises while in their occupation and that same be delivered to the caretaker in a clean and tidy condition after the entertainment has been held.

### Erection of House at Murninburn.

The County Surveyor submitted an application from Mr Charles McBarthy, Murninburn for permission to erect a building within the limits of the centre of the road. He did not consider they should be any objection to giving the necessary permission.

Col. Gibson proposed and Mr Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- That permission be given to Mr Charles McBarthy, for erection of building at Murninburn, as we are of opinion that the building in question will not in any way cause inconvenience to the public.

### Lamps for Bourtown Harbour.

Under date 7<sup>th</sup> November 1925, the following was read from Mr Sean OByrne Assistant Surveyor, Gorey District:-

The two Coleman Quick-like lamps approved of by Council for lighting of Harbour have been a great advantage to the place and afford a splendid guide to fishermen at night. I would be glad if Council would agree to permit of two more such lamps being supplied, as on dark nights the corner at Gorey road in Bourtown and that part of harbour adjoining basin wall are very dark and dangerous, particularly for strangers. The erection of a lamp at each of these places would be a work of great utility.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the chairman seconded by Mr OByrne:- That the County Surveyor be instructed to provide two additional Coleman Quick-like lamps for Bourtown Harbour.

### Tomnahely Bridge

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> November 1925, a letter was read from Messrs P. J. O'Leary & Son, Solicitors on behalf of Mrs Maria Keyes. Tomnahely, stating that portion of Mrs Keyes' land had been taken without her permission and without proceedings to acquire it compulsorily, unless a fair arrangement was made at once proceedings would be taken against the Council.

Referred to Mr Elgee for report and advice.



### Motor Car Act.

John Degan, Bndiswell, Braanford, who had been fined £20 for a breach of Motor Car Act which had been mitigated by Finance Committee of County Council to £5:10:9 applied for a further reduction.

The costs in the case were £5:10:6 and in view of this the Committee could not see their way to recommend any further reduction.

### The Old Jail (Go Hall)

Under date 12<sup>th</sup> November 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (L.G. 52949/1925 Wexford County) that the suggestion of the County Council as to use to be made of old jail had been referred to the Department of Public Works for their consideration.

### Handbreaking Material in Quarries etc.

A letter from Mr. Blince M. B.C. as to the hand breaking of materials in quarries. Dangerous corners at Wenglass, Vultia and Moneytucker (Road 21E) was referred to County Surveyor for report.

### Typewriter for Co Surveyor's Office.

Under date 8<sup>th</sup> November 1925, the County Surveyor applied for new typewriter. He stated he had received an offer of an L. B. Smith machine. the vendor agreeing to accept "Kappel" machine in part payment. By allowing £10 for this machine, the new machine would cost (all) £18:10:0

It was decided that permission be given County Surveyor to purchase L. B. Smith typewriter at £18:10:0 giving in exchange the "Kappel" machine at present in use in his office.

Colonel Quin proposed and Mr. Sean O'Syone seconded the following:- That the Minutes of Roads Committee of 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 1925, as submitted to this meeting, be and are hereby approved.

Mr. Munnagh did not approve of minute re Brownwood Quarry and employment of hauliers. He wished the men concerned would be brought face to face with Mr. Bullen, Assistant Surveyor, and Mr. O'Gorman the ganger.

The County Surveyor stated that all the men employed at Haulage were paid the same mileage rate.

Mr. Munnagh contended that one man had earned 27/- a day which was denied by County Surveyor. The latter stated that if a man had two horses at work he might possibly receive this figure.

Mr. Munnagh was not able to mention the name of the man who received the 27/- a day.

Colonel Gibson pointed out that at the allowed mileage rate a man would receive about 8/- for himself and



horse for an eight hour day.

No action taken.

Mr Thorpe mentioned that some members of the steam rolling gangs which had been dismissed had apologised to him and in the circumstances he considered any black mark against them should be removed.

The County Surveyor said he would note the matter.

In connection with haulage at Bangbyrne quarry the County Surveyor in reply to queries stated that the mileage rate paid carts was 1/- per mile. Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor had pointed out to the men that the Council could have haulage done by their own lorry at 10<sup>d</sup> per mile but County Surveyor did not know if Mr Kehoe had informed contractors they would be compelled to accept the 10<sup>d</sup>.

Mr Sean O'Byrne pointed out that the Council had agreed to 1/- per mile. They found that in reality the horse haulage at that rate was cheaper than haulage by lorry owing to the damage done to road by lorry.

It was decided that County Surveyor should report definitely in connection with this matter to next meeting of the Roads Committee.

Colonel Quin said that some men had been with him offering to break material at Tara Hill Quarry at 3/- per yard and they could not get the contract. They complained that while the stone at Tara Hill was the best in the County, inferior material was being put on neighbouring roads from Drishlow Gap.

The County Surveyor stated there was not a great difference between the material in these two quarries and, of course, the cost of haulage had to be taken into account. They had no men working at Tara Hill now as they had a large quantity of material in the quarry. Unfortunately the quarry was situated on the sea coast and it was costly as regards haulage.

Mr Somers complained that Dorrans Hill Quarry was not being worked.

The County Surveyor said that there was from 12 to 14 feet of cover on this quarry which to his mind was really worked out. They never got more than from 100 to 200 cubic yards of material from it in any one year; it was not economic



to work. Mr Bonners said there was a quarry at the other side of the road which the Council could lease or purchase and from which a large quantity of material could be obtained.

Referred to County Surveyor for report to next meeting of Roads Committee.

In connection with Cherry Orchard Quarry, Mr Blinn complained that although the County Council had decided men should be employed to break scabbings by hand the directions of the County Council had not been carried out.

The County Surveyor stated that one man had been employed for some time past at this work and Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor was starting four others this week. It was not possible to get proper chippings by hand breaking.

Colonel Gibson proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted unanimously:-

That the County Surveyor be instructed to meet Mr Blinn M.B.C. at Cherry Orchard Quarry and discuss the best methods of working the quarry, the former to report to next meeting of Roads Committee.

The resolution confirming the minutes of the roads committee was then put and passed.

### Mountgarrett Bridge.

Mr Booney enquired when the work of re-erection of Mountgarrett Bridge would commence.

The County Surveyor mentioned that the work was at present in charge of a Joint Bridge Committee consisting of four representatives of Kilkenny County Council and four from Wexford County Council. The Wexford representatives were:- Messrs John J. O'Byrne, Bushinstown, Ballinabola; James Byrne Boley, Ballycullane, John Cummins, 64, O'Connell Street, Waterford, Michael Byrne Ballynabearney Ballywilliam.

On the motion of Colonel Gibson seconded by Mr Thorpe the following resolution was adopted:-

That the Department of Local Government be requested to inform the County Council of the four representatives for County Wexford on the Joint Bridge Committee for the re-erection of Mountgarrett Bridge, not being members of the County Council at present, are eligible to act on this Committee.

In connection with this work, it was decided that the County Surveyor get in touch with the County Surveyor of



Kilkenny and ascertain how the matter stands at present.

### Public Bodies Order 1925.

Under date 26<sup>th</sup> November, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote calling attention to certain articles in the Public Bodies Order 1925 and which changed the form of procedure in connection with estimates for roads, consideration of amounts for road maintenance and tenders for same etc.

### Auditor's Reports.

Reports of Auditor on his audit of the accounts of Camuswarry Rural District Council for the three half years ended 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1925 and of Gory, New Ross and Wexford Rural District Councils for the half year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1925, were submitted to the meeting.

### Drainage Committee

The following minutes of Drainage Committee of the 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 1925 were submitted:-

### Cahore Drainage System.

In connection with the visit of the Drainage Committee, to Cahore on 10<sup>th</sup> November 1925, correspondence was read for the meeting.

From the original award of 13<sup>th</sup> October 1851 made by the Commissioners of Public Works, it appeared that the area of the drained lands covered by the system was 617 acres 1 rood and 24 perches, the original value being £28:4:2, and the increase per annum owing to drainage £22:2:0.

The original amount spent under award was £4315 14 11 of which the County at large contributed £45:11:6 for roads and the balance £4270 3 5 was advanced to the Drainage Board Trustees on loan which had been repaid. Practically fifty per cent. of the drainage rate was paid by the George Estab. The loan was repayable at £4:11:0 per cent. to cover Principal and Interest. The award provided that the landowners concerned should in future be annually charged towards the cost and expenses, which from time to time might be incurred in connection with the maintenance of the system and of any repairs to same.

In 1881 an additional sum of £2000 was obtained to further improve the system. The Trustees held that the actual amount potentially available for improvements was 363 acres. The length of main drains was 4½ miles on the three sections.

The Trustees stated that the bottom of south end of Ballinacorney drain and floor of tunnel discharging at Poulduff Pier were actually on the same level. They also held that the trampling by heavy cattle was



responsible for the lowering of banks especially at Kavanagh's of Templederry. This had been made much worse since 1911 when Mr. Kavanagh was prosecuted for allowing it. The case was dismissed because tenants still paid poor rates on land occupied by embankments and drains. The flooding at Templederry was responsible for the flooding at Newtown.

A report from the County Surveyor made on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 1924 as to inspection of the system was read. This was made as a result of inspection in company with Messrs O'Donoghue and Conish members of the County Council.

The report pointed out that the area was in a deplorable condition, lands which were amongst the best grazing lands in the county having become worthless owing to flooding. The public road through Newtown was also deeply flooded rendering almost impossible the passage of farm produce and sea gravel which was the only road material available in the area. The County Surveyor estimated that a sum of from £2500 to £3000 would be required to thoroughly restore the system, and the County Council were recommended to make application to the Government for a free grant to carry out the work, it being of national utility and as there was a great deal of unemployment in the Locality.

Reports were read from the Board of Works pointing out that to restore the embankments and drains would cost between £4000 and £5000. but such restoration would not be sufficient to preserve the lands from severe and serious flooding unless the outfall could be improved substantially.

This would cost another £5000 or £6000. The lowest figure at which restoration of works and improvement of outfall could be carried out was £9000 and assuming that the maximum free grant viz: - £4500 was made by the Ministry of Finance - the balance repayable by loan in 15 years would represent a drainage charge of 15/- per acre for an improvement of perhaps something in excess of 3/- per acre. If restoration alone was dealt with, the annual charge per acre would be 6/- and the estimated benefit would not be more than 3/- per acre.

Mr. Gibbon said the Committee had two distinct problems to deal with (1) the flooding of the road (2) the condition of the existing drainage scheme. There would be also the improvement of the system but this did not arise at the moment. The land was hopelessly flooded and the sluice gates were worked only on spring tides instead of on every tide in the twenty four hours as at Kilmore.

The system was run by the Pander and George families while the White family at Peppard's castle were concerned to a limited extent.

It had been openly admitted by the Trustees that no money had been spent this year, and that the amount spent for years had been under £60 per annum. It would take the whole time of one man to look after the sluice gates and do part of the work on the drains, and also one or two



then to do the cleaning on the drains during the summer months. The wage bill would be practically £150 and allowing £10 for cement and boards, the cost of properly maintaining the system would be £160 per annum or 4/8 per statute acre.

There seemed to be an inclination on the part of the Drainage Trustees and owners of land to consider that by allowing the sea to run over the system the weeds would be cut down by the salt water. There was also a suggestion that at Newtown a channel should be cut across the bank to enable the sea to enter but this would be absolutely useless and would turn the place into a salt marsh. The point they had to consider was could they or should they force the Drainage Trustees to effect certain repairs to the area.

The sluice boards in many cases were stopped and did not appear to have had attention for a considerable time. The main sluice gate was all right but it was not raised or lowered except spring tides. The upper sluice gates did not appear to have been opened at all. In one important sluice gate, a bed of muds had grown outside the gate making a difference of 24 inches in the water level. There was at least 12 to 18 inches decrease in water level to be obtained by simply cleaning up the drains.

If the Trustees were forced to do this work, it would cost between £200 and £300. Admittedly on the other hand they had raised no rate this year but they said they were going to raise £60 which was inadequate to do the work. Practically nothing had been done to maintain the system since 1919. The new improvement proposals would involve an expenditure of £9000 which would mean a drainage rate per annum of 15/- per statute acre. Some of the tenants appeared to be under the impression that this would be borne by the landlords, but under the new Land Act, the cost of any improvement of an existing system must be borne by the tenants. Nothing practical could be done unless Rappardocastle Channel could be disintegrated to the sea and a pumping outfit provided. Mr (Col Gibbon) believed the County Council would not be in favour of a big expenditure on the system. In other part of the County, land which needed drainage could be found to give a much more remunerative return for considerably less outlay.

The Drainage Trustees should however be called upon to abate the nuisance caused by the flooding of the road.

Col Quinn said he believed it was the business of the tenants to clean the side drains.

Col Gibbon did not consider much good would be done by cleaning side drains unless the sluices were put in proper order and maintained.

Col Quinn said that the Trustees complained that the banks had been broken down by cattle.



Col Gibbon held that if the system had been properly looked after, the damage caused to the banks by cattle would have been immediately repaired as was done at Kilmore. It would cost £300 now to clean up the drains and £100 per annum to maintain the system in future.

The County Surveyor pointed out that work on side drains could not be carried out until the main drain was cleaned up.

In connection with proceedings against the Trustees to abate the flooding on the road, Mr Elgee held that these would have to be instituted in Chancery. This would not cost the Council anything if they were successful.

Mr O'Byrne considered there was an obligation laid on the Council to see that the Trustees of the Drainage system carried out their responsibilities.

Mr Elgee said that the land was now vested in the Land Commission for the tenants while Major Rounden held his own portion. The Estate Commissioners took an average of the cost of drainage work over a period of years and retained from the rents an amount sufficient to produce annually the average expenditure.

Mr Doyle pointed out that it was to the interest of the landlords to have the expenditure as low as possible for some years past in order to provide a low yearly average of expenditure. Would the landlords be allowed to escape their liability under the award to have the system properly maintained or was there power to compel them to do this before any responsibility for future maintenance was put on the tenants?

The Chairman considered that the Drainage Board had been guilty of a serious breach of trust by not keeping the system in fair working order and by their neglect to raise the necessary rate.

Col Gibbon said Major Rounden appeared to be under the impression that once the amount of loan had been paid off, the Trustees had no further responsibility.

After further discussion, the following resolution was adopted:—That the Cahore Drainage Trustees be called upon to at once take the necessary steps to obviate the flooding of Newtown road, otherwise the Council will carry out the work at the expense of the Trustees.

It was also decided that the Committee did not consider the proposed new improvements would warrant the expenditure that was suggested, but recommended that the main drain should be cleaned by whoever was responsible.

Col Gibbon pointed out that in connection with the Kilmore system,



the Trustees were obliged to hold a public meeting once a year to consider the statement of accounts and the proposals for levy of rate, while every three years every one owning land affected by the system was summoned to a meeting to elect Trustees. The meetings were called by advertisements in the Press. In Cahore no public meeting appeared to have been held and no public notice prepared as to consideration of a balance sheet.

### Ballyteigue and Kilmore System

Col Gibbon submitted reply which had been submitted to the Board of Works in connection with their report of 13<sup>th</sup> October 1925.

It was decided to await reply of Board of Works to the statements made to them on behalf of the Trustees before taking further action.

### Taking over Scheme

Under date 19<sup>th</sup> November 1925, the Commissioners of Public Works wrote that under Section 3 of the Arterial Drainage Act 1925, if the County Council pass a resolution either approving of the proposals contained in a petition or declaring that such proposals require further investigation the resolution should include an undertaking to maintain the drainage works of a drainage district if constituted and to collect and pay the terminable annuity, drainage rate, etc.

A recommendation was agreed to that the particulars asked for should be embodied in resolutions dealing with all schemes taken over, but that it should be also distinctly pointed out that the Council will not provide money for repairs or maintenance of any system unless through a drainage rate raised from those benefiting by the particular system.

A letter was read from Mr. Elger, Solicitor, that in order to compel the Trustees of the Cahore Drainage District to obviate the flooding, proceedings would have to be instituted in Chancery.

Under date 7<sup>th</sup> December, 1925, letter was read from the Commissioners of Public Works (No. 21972-1925) stating that the Trustees were responsible to the owners of the benefited land in the district for the maintenance of the Drainage works. The Commissioners agreed that the district had not been properly maintained and that it would not be profitable to carry out works under the Act even if the Government were prepared to give a substantial contribution. No sum had been retained by the Lands Commission for the future maintenance of drainage works as Trustees' responsibility was a continuing one. A new Drainage District could be formed and the cost of any works in connection with same would be a charge on the County Funds,



but recoverable from the benefited occupiers. If any new scheme were prepared they would send their Engineer for inspection and report.

Under date 1<sup>st</sup> December, 1925, Major Colly Pender wrote that the Trustee disclaimed all responsibility for the flooding of the Newtown Road. However he inspected the place on November 20<sup>th</sup> and found that, owing to fine weather <sup>and</sup> favouring tides, the floods had gone down so that there were only four inches of water on the road, while the sluice was running freely though no attempt had been made to clear it. As conditions were favourable some cleaning had since been done on the main drain, but this work, he pointed out, was done without prejudice, and the Trustee still repudiated all liability for the flooding of the road.

Mr O'Donoghue was of opinion that the necessary work of putting the district into an efficient condition would cost no more than £1,000.

On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman, the minutes of the Drainage Committee including the recommendations agreed to by this Committee were adopted.

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> October, 1925, letter to 19230/25 was read from the Commissioners of Public Works, asking if the Council had decided to give any contribution towards the cost of restoration works which were at present being carried out in the Kilmanock and Low Drainage Districts.

Mr. Murphy denied that there had ever been a Drainage Board established in connection with the Kilmanock system. He proposed that the Commissioners of Public Works be requested to give the names of the persons who acted as Drainage Trustees for the Kilmanock Drainage District, when they were appointed and how long they continued to act.

It was decided to reply the letter from the Commissioners of Public Works re contribution to Kilmanock and Low Drainage to the next meeting of the Drainage Committee.

Under date 19<sup>th</sup> November, 1925, a letter was read from the Commissioners of Public Works calling attention to Section 3 of the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925, from which it would be observed that a resolution, passed by the County Council either approving of the proposals contained in a petition or declaring that such proposals required further investigation, should include an undertaking to maintain the drainage works of a Drainage District if constituted and to collect and pay the terminable annuity, drainage rates etc., and that, in every case, a copy of the petition received by the Council should be forwarded to the Office of Public Works.

On the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Clince, the following resolution was adopted:—

That in connection with letter from Commissioners of Public Works, under date 19<sup>th</sup> November, 1925, provided the Drainage District is properly established



and that the County Surveyor reports it can be maintained by a reasonable levy from the owners of benefited lands, thus entailing no expense upon County Funds, this Council will be prepared to take over such system and wish to inform the Commissioners that as they believe the proposed formation of a Drainage system for the Lord of Lymg would come within the above category, they are prepared to collect and pay the terminable annuity, drainage rate etc. When the Engineer of the Board of Works is visiting the County in connection with Drainage Systems we request that he should communicate with the County Surveyor in order that they would be in a position to confer in relation to these Schemes.

In connection with a petition received from ratepayers of Blackstone, Duncormack, relative to the formation of a new Drainage District, Mr. White, Mr. C. C., was asked to have the petition relative to same set out on the proper form.

#### *Disused Workhouse.*

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> November, 1925, letter No. F. 53916/1925 Wexford County was read from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health forwarding copy of order made by him, appointing the County Council to keep disused Workhouse Buildings in repair.

The County Surveyor was instructed to present to the next meeting of the Roads Committee an estimate for repairs to the slating of Gorey Workhouse and also report as to any repairs which are necessary at Kesh Workhouse.

#### *Rating on Small Houses.*

Under date 19<sup>th</sup> November, 1925, (letter No. G. 54552/1925 miscellaneous), the Department of Local Government wrote asking for the opinion of the Council on the question of the transfer of the responsibility for the payment of rates levied on small houses from the occupier to the landlords and for the reasons which induced them to recommend the acceptance of a limit of valuation of £4 or such other limit as they might consider appropriate.

Mr. Conish proposed and Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded:-

"That we request the introduction of legislation, transferring the responsibility for the payment of rates on small houses from the occupier to the Landlords up to a valuation of £6 in urban areas in which Town Commissioners function."

Passed, Colonel Quinn dissenting.

#### *The Rating of New Buildings Order 1925.*

Under date 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 1925, (letter No. G. 50172/1925 miscellaneous) the Minister for Local Government wrote, transmitting copy of "The Rating of New Buildings Order 1925" which set forth the rules to be observed in



carrying into effect the provisions of section 69 of the Local Government Act, 1925. The preparation of the list of new buildings affected by the section should be placed in hands immediately as the reduction of valuations for assessment purposes commenced with the rate for next year. In case of doubt or dispute as to whether a building is or is not a new building for the purpose of the section the matter can be referred to the Minister for decision.

On the motion of Mr. Thorpe, seconded by Mr. Conish the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in connection with the administration of the Rating of New Buildings Order, 1925, no case for reduction of rates be considered except where a claim in writing is made and that our Secretary insert the necessary advertisements in the local papers calling attention to the terms of this order."

#### Gorey Rural District School Attendance Committee.

Under date 18<sup>th</sup> November, 1925, a letter was read from the Office of National Education stating that the Gorey Rural District School Attendance Committee would consist of the following members for the period of service dating from 5<sup>th</sup> July, 1925:-

Patrick O'Byrne, Mr. C. C. Camolin, Ferns.

Sean O'Byrne, Mr. C. C., Gorey.

James Keogh, Abnatten, Gorey.

Patrick Doyle, Ballyglan, Gorey.

Mr. J. Bolger, Coolnaleen, Camolin.

V. Rev J. J. Canon Rosier P. P., Gorey.

Rev W. E. Vandeleur, Mr. A., Killinell, Gorey.

Rev J. O'Grady C. C., Courtown, Gorey.

Rev W. L. Mc Cormick Mr. A., Hollyfort, Gorey.

Rev Sylvester Allen, C. C., Gorey.

#### New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee

At the meeting of the County Council on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 1925, it was decided that a motion in the name of Mr. Thorpe to discontinue the New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee be postponed and that the County Councillors representing New Ross area submit five names as members of New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee to the next meeting of the County Council.

Mr. Thorpe mentioned that as he understood a new School Attendance Bill was about to be introduced about March, he did not consider it necessary to take any steps in regard to having a new Committee appointed.

It was pointed out to Mr. Thorpe that the School Attendance Inspectors were visiting the schools at present and it would be impossible to have their work carried on properly without a School Attendance Committee.

After some further discussion the following were appointed as representatives of the



County Council on New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee:-

W. Thorpe M.C.C., Knockree, New Ross.

M. Cloney, M.C.C., Dungulph Castle, Duncannon.

J. E. Walsh, M.C.C., New Ross.

Patrick Condon Treelarrow, Clonroche.

Madam O'Brien, High Hill, New Ross.

### Scholarship Scheme.

#### University

Colonel Gibbon mentioned that the Committee dealing with University Scholarships had held two meetings but it decided upon adjourning for a further month in order to obtain some information relative to certain proposals in connection with agricultural education. When the Committee had had an opportunity of going further into the matter they would present a detailed report.

#### Secondary Scheme

##### Date for Receipt of Applications.

Under date 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 1925, a letter was read from the Office of National Education approving of the Scheme for 1926 but suggesting 30<sup>th</sup> April instead of 15<sup>th</sup> May as the latest date for receipt of applications.

The meeting approved of the change of date as suggested.

##### Renewal of Scholarships.

Under date 26<sup>th</sup> November, 1925 a letter was read from the Intermediate Education Commissioners, enclosing copy of a communication received by them from Sister M. J. de Paggi, Raleigh, Loreto Convent, Wexford, regarding their refusal to sanction the renewal of the County Council Scholarships awarded to Bernadette Berny and Kathleen O'Keefe and enquiring if the County Council desired to make any representations in the matter. The Commissioners considered that the pupils referred to were not deserving of scholarships in view of their apparent want of progress but careful consideration would be given to any representations which the Council desired to make.

The letter from Sister M. J. de Paggi, Raleigh pointed out that four experienced teachers were engaged in the education of these two girls and were of opinion that, intellectually, morally and socially the pupils had profited much by their residence at Loreto Convent, Wexford. In 1924 they had passed Junior Grade in one year's study in which they began French and Science. This year they followed the classes for Intermediate Certificate and their teachers did not wish to preclude them from the examination even though B. Berny was only fifteen last April. They were completely disheartened by the mathematics papers and fretted so much that they were unnerved for the other papers. In reply to an enquiry as to whether failure in above examination was the cause of the withdrawal of the scholarships the reply was given that in reports from Department of Education there was no reference that the girls failed any examination. The County Council did not require scholars to pass an examination. Moreover a Wexford boy of their year and attainment had had his scholarship



renewed presumably on his Teacher's report while the girls in question necessities and drawing, and with, at least, as reliable testimony, were deprived of them. The two girls had fully answered the requirements of the County Council.

on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Sydney, seconded by Mr. Conish, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Intermediate Education Commissioners be requested to reconsider the granting of Scholarships to Bernadette Berny and Kathleen O'Keefe in view of the explanation given by Sister M. J. McRaggy Raleigh, Loreto Convent, Wexford. The Council would be pleased if the Commissioners could see their way to agree to the renewal of the scholarships in these two cases."

#### *Application for Extension of Scholarship.*

Under date 7<sup>th</sup> December, 1925, Mr. Edward Green, Suncannon, wrote that the Secondary Scholarship for three years awarded to him expired next June. As his course was not finished he applied for a fourth year to enable him to qualify for a position at the expiration of that time. He would not be able to do this unless the Council sanctioned the renewal of his scholarship for a fourth year; his mother (his only surviving parent) not being in a position to defray the cost of the year's education.

Referred to the Scholarship Committee.

#### *Remission of Surcharge.*

Under date 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 1925, the Minister for Local Government wrote (S. 40100/25) that he had decided that the reasons stated by the Local Government Auditor for making the surcharge of £70 in respect of payments of a University Scholarship to a student who did not comply with the conditions of the Scholarship Scheme were lawful but as it appeared there was some misapprehension on the part of some members of the Council as to the extent of the discretionary powers of the Council under the Scholarship Scheme he had, on this occasion, decided to remit the surcharge.

The Minister deprecated the manner in which the award of a Scholarship was made in this instance by the former Council and in making future awards the conditions of the Scholarship Scheme should be adhered to.

#### *New Member of County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.*

The following resolution was received from the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:-

"That the Wexford County Council be requested to appoint at their next meeting Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Poulfur, Fethard-on-Sea, as a member of this Committee to fill vacancy created by the resignation of Johnson Pasha."

on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Sydney, seconded by Mr. Oney, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Poulfur, Fethard-on-Sea, be appointed a member of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, vice Johnson Pasha resigned."



*Re-Afforestation.*

on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr. Hayes, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we view with great satisfaction the decision of the Government to plant the mountain of Foch and are of opinion that the work of Re-afforestation generally should be taken up wholeheartedly by the State. We call upon our local Representatives in the Dail to have the Forestry Scheme extended to the County Wexford."

Mr. Doyle J.D. mentioned that he had seen the Minister for Lands and Agriculture who was prepared to take a favourable view of the matter.

Mr. Conish J.D., stated that the report of Mr. Forbes, Forestry Inspector, in connection with the mountain of Foch was under consideration by the Department of Lands and Agriculture.

*New Ross Courthouse.*

Under date 4<sup>th</sup> December, 1925, Mr. Hugh R. Hamilton, wrote that he offered the Courthouse at New Ross to the County Council for £1000 not £600. His offer had the approval of the Tottenham Trustees, provided the County Council paid for the cost of the conveyance.

Mr. Cooney proposed and Mr. Havanagh seconded:-

"That the Council carry on their business in the present temporary Courthouse, and, in the meantime, communicate with very Rev. W. Canon Rossiter P.P., New Ross, with a view to obtaining accommodation in the Town Hall."

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Cooney seconded:-

"That Mr. Hamilton, Estate agent New Ross, be requested to inform the Council if he would be prepared to allow the purchase price for New Ross Courthouse to be settled by arbitration or by a valuer."

On a show of hands the latter proposal was carried by 11 to 8.

*Loan County Hospital Improvements.*

Under date 26<sup>th</sup> November, 1925, the Secretary to the County Board of Health applied for the balance (£4763) of the loan of £14763 required to meet the cost of improvements at the County Hospital Wexford. The structural alterations cost £8156, and as the purchase of the surgeon's residence had been also debited to the loan, there was not sufficient balance in the £10,000 already given to meet the Lighting, Heating and Sewerage portions of the Contract.

on the motion of Mr. Clinch, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Shane the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in order to complete the renovation of the County Hospital, Wexford, we apply to the National Bank Ltd., Wexford, Treasurers of the Council, for an advance of £4763 on the same terms and conditions as applied to loan of



£10,000 already advanced for this purpose"

*Unemployment Act.*

A report from Miss H. V. Price of the Irish Nurses Union as to the qualification of Miss Johanna Broome Bently Steel, New Ross, to act in midwifery cases was referred to the County Board of Health for consideration.

*Wexford Unemployed.*

The following resolution was received from a meeting of the unemployed in Wexford:-

"That the meeting wishes to call the attention of the Government to the serious plight of the unemployed in this area and demand as a right that they either promote scheme of work, or extend the provisions of the Unemployment Act."

"That we are satisfied that if protection were afforded to the agricultural implement manufacturers of Wexford, there would be sufficient work to supply the needs of all the unemployed in Wexford, and call upon the Government to afford such protection in next year's Budget."

Colonel Gibbon proposed that the resolution be marked "Read" because he considered it came within the sphere of politics, and also because the implement manufacturers of Wexford had taken no steps as far as he knew to consult farmers as to their requirements, although farmers were only too anxious to help them in every possible way.

After some further discussion, it was agreed that the second portion of the resolution dealing with protection for implement manufacturers be deleted. The first portion was then adopted on the motion of Mr. Conish seconded by Mr. Shannon.

*Land Purchase Loans.*

The following resolution was received from the Galway County Council.

"That the County Council call on the Land Commission to extend the terms for re-payment of loans for Land Purchase to 120 years."

marked "Read"

*Rings, Combines & Trusts.*

Resolutions were received from the City Farmers Union requesting the Government (a) to take immediate steps to criminally prosecute all rings, combines and trusts which interfere by illegitimate trading to deprive the producers of barley and other agricultural products of its commercial value; and (b) to immediately introduce a Bill limiting the amount of profits payable to shareholders of Limited Companies to 20 per cent; the reserve derived from the excess profits to be earmarked and set aside as a subsidy for the industry from which in the opinion of the Government these excess profits were derived.

marked "Read"

*Printing of Road Schedules Etc.*

For the printing of 500 copies of the County Road Schedule the following tenders were received:-



The People Newspaper Ltd. Wexford £38: 19: 0

The Free Press Wexford 17: 17: 0

on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Shannon, the tender of the Free Press at £17: 17: 0 being the lowest was accepted.

In connection with preparation of maps for Road Scheme the County Surveyor was directed to procure the necessary Ordnance maps at a cost of £9: 7: 0.

*Poundage.*

on the motion of Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Lamb the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Department of Local Government be asked to agree to the payment of deferred amounts of poundage to Rate Collectors in respect of amounts collected and lodged to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 1925."

Thomas Barry



a special meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortine, Wexford on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 1926, for the purpose of considering the preliminary figures in connection with rate estimate for 1926-27, and minutes of Roads Committee in reference to proposed re-election of Wexford County Council.

The following were present:— Mr J. Mc Carthy (Chairman), also Messrs William Boggan, Patrick Byrne, James Cliner, Michael Cloney, Patrick Colfer, John Connor, Thomas Conroy, Richard Corish, Michael Doyle, James Gaub, Col. C. W. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, Aidan Treanagh, Nicholas J. Murphy, John O'Byrne, James Shannon, William Thorpe and John Whyte.

Messrs Thomas Rosair and John Pender, new members, were also present and subscribed the usual declaration of office.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the County Surveyor and the six Assistant Surveyors were also present.

It was decided on the motion of Mr Doyle seconded by Col. Gibbon that the business of the meeting be transacted in Committee.

#### *Rate Estimates 1926-27*

Under date 30<sup>th</sup> December 1925, the following letter was read from Mr Nicholas Pettit, Rathmore, Broadway:—

"At a public meeting held at Lady's Island on Tuesday night, the following was passed unanimously:— That we call upon the County Council to strike the coming rate more in keeping with the circumstances of the people - we are of opinion that if an extravagant rate is struck, there will be very much difficulty in collecting it."

Under date 28<sup>th</sup> December 1925, a letter was read from Mr James F. Kelly, Secretary, Co. Wexford Tourist Assocn, asking the County Council to include in their estimate a rate of 4d in the £ to advertise the amenities and attractions of the County Wexford, as the Council were empowered to do under the Health Resorts and Bathing Places (Ireland) Act.

In connection with Government Grants, the following letter was read from the Department of Local Government under date 31<sup>st</sup> December 1925:—

"In reply to the queries in your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> inst. on the above mentioned subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that: (1) Section 2 of the Local Government (Rates on agricultural Land) Act 1925 enacts that the Minister for Finance shall in the financial year beginning on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 1925, and in every subsequent financial year, increase the agricultural grant by such amount as shall be provided for the purpose in such financial year by the Oireachtas.

Until the provision is made in respect of the coming financial year has been decided by the Oireachtas, no particulars as to the exact amount of the supplementary grant can be furnished.



(2) In view of the commitments on the road fund, and the uncertainty as to the rate of progress of the scheme already authorised, it is not at present possible to indicate to Local authorities the scope and extent of grants from the Fund for the year 1926-27.

Under date 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1926, the following was read from the County Surveyor:-

"Herewith I send you schedule of all the County roads and forms in connection with the estimate."

In regard to the schedule, I have followed the division of the County into sub-districts as formerly agreed upon when the Direct Labour Scheme was adopted, and it will be quite easy for the Councillors to identify any road. In each sub-district I have set down the main Roads first, which now include first and second class. Following these are the third class roads which are usually repaired by direct labour, and at the bottom of the section, I have put in the 4<sup>th</sup> class or contract roads. The numbers run consecutively for each class of road in each sub-district. The main roads approved of by the County Council but not sanctioned by the Local Government Departments follow the sanctioned main roads. In my Estimate Form, I have set out, district, sub-district and numbers covered by each group of roads.

I have carefully gone over the whole of the works and I am satisfied that the money I have set out for each group is necessary to properly maintain the roads. I believe that these sums expended for the next three years on the entire roads of the County will bring them into fair condition. This excludes Special Improvement Work to be done under the Road Fund Grants, and for this year I have taken no account of such grants, but estimate that we should get at least a sum equal to that which was allocated during the current year, namely £15,600.

I propose with the coming year's grants to allocate the larger part to bring up the Wexford-Enniscorthy road. Smaller proportion of Grants may be distributed elsewhere, and I suggest that £3000 or £4000 of such Grant should be expended on the Wexford-Rosslare road.

The figures in Part 1 of the Estimate include also minor repairs for upkeep of existing bridges and other structures and in Part 2, I have set out completely new works, and also larger reconstruction or repair jobs. I thought it better to set out these separately rather than add them to the sums in Part 1. I have a list of a large number of improvement jobs such as cutting corners, but I have not brought them in as recommendations at the present time, so as not to unduly raise the Estimate at this period. All these works will undoubtedly require to be done within the next few years, and will entail an expenditure of £3,000 or £4,000.

In regard to the Urban districts, I have omitted figures at the present time, but I have set out in my summary a figure to cover maintenance only. I have not dealt



with scavenging work, as I am doubtful if this should be included.

As regards improvements in the Urban Districts, I have already provided for the greater portion of the main roads in New Ross Urban, and a good part of Wexford Urban has been already done. Ennis-cocky Urban Council have estimated for improvement works to the extent of £2000, and we shall probably be able to allocate some of the current year's Grants to this work.

You will note that I have items under the heading, "Stock in Quarries." These figures are to cover expenditure already made but not specifically raised for this work. It is essential that we should commence each financial year with a quantity of material in each of our quarries, and this item will not be recurring, as the payments out of the Road Proposals will reconstitute the quarry stock each year.

The four Rural Districts in the past were indebted to the County Council for deficit on the Quarry and Machinery accounts amounting in all to £27,523, and this now forms part of the Bank overdraft, and I understand should now be raised.

In dealing with the Wexford Courthouse, I have provided for the money being raised on loan extending over ten years, to cover the cost estimated by the architect. For the County-at-Large Works (Harbours and Bridges), I have estimated at a low figure, but it is impossible to state in advance the extent of these works as they are subject to special damage.

The expenditure on quarries and machinery must be covered by the ordinary proposals, and accordingly I have set out no separate items against these. I have gone into the estimated expenditure on the machinery and have struck a balance sheet setting out receipts from cash to be paid out of Road and Quarry accounts. Last year the charge for rollers was 6/- per hour, for breakers 10/- per hour, for rock drill 10/- per hour, and for steam lorry 5/- per hour.

For the current year I propose increasing these rates so that there may be no deficit on the machinery account, and I ask for your approval to the following rates:-

Rollers 7/- per hour,  
Breakers 12/- per hour,  
Rock Drills 12/- per hour,  
Lorry 6/- per hour.

The former rate of 8/- per cubic yard for material from the County Quarries I propose to continue, and with those rates I estimate that the refund out of the Road proposals will balance the machinery and quarry account. I enclose you sheet showing estimated receipts and expenditure on the machinery.

In regard to 4<sup>th</sup> class or contract roads, I have set out a figure opposite each particular road, and in Col 5 of the Form, I have stated the renewal period for the expiring contracts. I suggest that three years be the term for which contracts should be set.

From the statements of receipts and expenditure submitted for 1926-27 by



the County Surveyor, it would appear that expenditure was estimated at £13554 and receipts at £13660.

Colonel Gibson mentioned that one of the keys to the situation was the amounts withheld by the Government on account of deferred Land Purchase annuities which he believed would represent about 1% in the £. He understood that these had been admittedly been paid well in County Wexford. He proposed:-

"That a deputation from Wexford Co. Council wait upon the Minister for Agriculture and the Minister for Finance and ask them to endeavour to meet the anomalous position in which we find ourselves financially owing to the fact that the county is mulcted by Land Purchase annuities in other counties not meeting their liabilities under this head. That the deputation also endeavour to ascertain from the Department of Local Government what is the exact amount of grants which this Council may count on for the coming financial year. Without this information it is not possible for the Council to arrive at correct figures for their annual budget."

Mr Murphy seconded the resolution which was passed.

Mr. Conish considered that the Government were standing in their own light in not helping counties such as Wexford in which Land Purchase annuities were being well paid.

Mr Doyle said he could not say what the position was now, but when he asked the question in the past, the position was favourable. He then proposed the following resolution:-

"That our Secretary ascertain from the Land Commission what is the percentage of arrears due by Land Purchase annuitants in County Wexford."

Mr Cloney seconded the resolution which was adopted.

The meeting then took up the consideration of Road Estimate as presented by the County Surveyor which was made up as follows:- Main Road, £22124: Works in Quarries, £2000: Insurance £400: Sudden Damage and Contingencies, £2000, Total £26524. District Roads £57784. In addition, the following arrears were due by the Rural Districts for losses on Quarries and machinery as follows:- Enniscorthy £7517, Gorey £4854, New Ross £6935 and Wexford £8217. Total £27523. Carhouses, Bridges, Harbours, etc. £4569. Gross total £116,400.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Hayes seconded the following resolution:- "That a road estimate not in excess of last year be provisionally drawn up and that the County Surveyor be instructed accordingly. Further, that arrears due by late Rural District Councils for quarries and machinery be extended and that amounts under this head be included in the Estimate as was agreed to last year, viz:- one-sixth of arrears for the Districts of Gorey, New Ross and Wexford and one-tenth for Enniscorthy district."



Col. Gibbon proposed as an amendment:— "That the rate struck for roads including amount to cover portion of arrears for losses on quarries and machinery be limited to 3d. in the £."

Mr. Hall seconded the amendment.

The County Surveyor said if he was limited to the amount raised for last year, the roads would deteriorate.

After further discussion, the amendment was withdrawn and the resolution was adopted nem. con.

It was agreed that a special meeting of the Roads Committee be held on 15<sup>th</sup> January for the purpose of considering the revised estimate of the County Surveyor.

The general Estimate of the County Council for services directly administered by them and excluding roads was considered. It was decided on the motion of Mr. Thope seconded by Mr. Murphy to strike out a sum of £500, salary of Medical Officer of Health provided for under the Local Govt. Act 1925.

The Estimate is £60213 as against £64798 last year, a reduction of 3d. in the £. The demands from the Mental Hospitals showed an increase of £2164 over amount which was allowed by County Council last year.

It was pointed out that although for the two years past, the estimate of this body had been reduced by the Co. Council, the Committee had lived within their income for the first year. In the second year of reduction, the amount of deduction by the County Council was £3294 and on the working for the year there was a debit balance of £500 only on the year's working.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by Colonel Gibbon that the Mental Hospitals Committee be allowed same figure as last year plus £500 debit balance or a total of £21946.

The Estimate of the Board of Health was for £54,988 made up of £3000 debit balance and £51968 for current year's working. Last year the amount raised by the Council under this head was £9000 debit balance and £49218 for current working, a total of £58218. The reduction of rate under this would be 2d. in the £.

No alteration was suggested in this Estimate, but it was decided to ask the Board of Health to give further consideration to expenditure which might have been included for the installation of a system of cold storage for butter which was unlikely to be established.

With regard to Rural District work now carried on by the Board of Health and the repayments of Rural District loans, the amounts when contrasted with those agreed to by the Co. Council last year showed an increase of £52 in Ennis-cocky and £64 in Gorey, a decrease of £279 in New Ross and an increase of £2270 in Wexford or £1677 over original estimate submitted by Wexford District Council.

It was decided that the Secretary, County Board of Health be asked to supply particulars making up the amount of increase in Wexford district.

The estimated amount for grants for next year showed a reduction of £10877 from last year and the rural district grants £1802. This will represent an increase of rate of



practically 8½% in the £.

It was pointed out that the difference in the amounts of grants for the two years arose from the fact that last year there were arrears of grants available for inclusion in the estimate.

It was decided that no action be taken for the present pending result of deputation to Government departments regarding payment of arrears of grants withheld owing to nonpayment of Land Commission annuities.

Separate charge table covering amounts of decrees for malicious injury, etc. was considered.

As regards the rebuilding of Wexford Courthouse, the plans, etc. submitted by architect provided for an expenditure of over £13,000. This would necessitate the borrowing of £7,000 as the grant for compensation is only £5,000 and the balance would be provided from other sources.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following:—  
"That the County Council agree to the re-erection of Wexford Courthouse at a cost of £13,000 to cover building, furniture, etc. That application be made to our Treasurer (National Bank Ltd.) for a loan of £7,000 to meet cost to be borrowed for 20 years at ½ per cent. under ordinary Bank rate. That the Department of Local Government be asked to sanction this proposal and that as soon as sanction of Department to Loan and consent to allow same by National Bank has been received, Treasurers open & relaps, architect be instructed to proceed with the preparation of detailed plans, bills of quantities etc."

Mr. Doyle proposed and Col. Sibson seconded the following amendment:—  
"That the Wexford Courthouse be restored so far as the grant of £5,000 compensation will allow. That the matter be referred back to the architect for their opinion as to how best this can be done and that their reply be considered at next meeting."

A poll was taken with the following result:—  
For amendment:—Col. Sibson, Treasurers Thorpe, Murphy, Hall, Whyte, Cloney, Boggan, Doyle and Jordan — 9.

Against:—Treasurers Gaul, Hayes, Connors, Ternagh, Cooney, Colfer, Byrne, Rowley, Corish, Pender, Clince, Shannon, Sean O'Byrne, and the Chairman — 14.

The amendment was declared lost and the resolution on being put was carried without a division.

#### Erection of Cottages - Enniserry District.

Mr. Shannon proposed:—That the Local Government Department be requested to sanction the allocation of £2,000 (portion of demand of Enniserry Rural District which would not be required to meet current expenses) for the erection of labourers cottages in Enniserry district."



The Chairman seconded. Passed.

### Haulage of Road Material

In connection with haulage, the Clerk raised the question that hauliers should be confined to the same number of working hours as men employed on the roads, but the meeting considered that a strict ruling on this matter would not be advisable.

It was decided that the County Surveyor submit to next meeting of the Roads Committee a statement showing the average earnings of hauliers in the district of each deputy surveyor.

### Advertising.

The question of having a contract with local papers instead of by lineage rate was referred to the Roads Committee for consideration.

John McCarthy



The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortineu, Wexford on 11<sup>th</sup> January, 1926

Present:— Mr Thomas Mc Carthy (Chairman) presiding; also:— Messrs William Boggan, Patrick Byrne, James Clinie, Michael Cloney, Patrick Colfer, John Connor, Thomas Conroy, Richard Cronin, Michael Doyle, James Gaub, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, David Kavanagh, Aidan Lennagh, John O'Byrne, Mr. M. O'Donoghue, James Shannon, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh, John White, Thomas Rossiter, John Pender and Mr. R. P. Wemyss Esq.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor were in attendance.

Minutes of ordinary meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> December, 1925 and of special meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> January, 1926, were read and confirmed.

A letter was read from Colonel Gibbon apologising for non attendance in consequence of absence in Paris at meeting of Directors of Sugar Ref. Factory.

### Validity of Co-options.

Mr. Thorpe moved the following of which he had given previous notice:—

"That the resolution co-opting two members in place of Messrs O'Arcy and Culliton be rescinded and that we proceed to co-opt two members, one for Wexford and one for Gorey, after each member has got notice that the co-optation will take place."

Mr. O'Donoghue seconded.

Colonel Quinn proposed:— That the question of the legality of co-optations of Messrs Rossiter and Pender as members of the Co. Council be referred to the Department of Local Government for decision, the matter having been referred to on the agenda paper for meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> December, 1925 as follows:—

Letter from Local Government Department:—  
vacancies on Council to be filled by co-optation."

Mr. Walsh seconded the amendment.

A poll was taken with the following result:—

For: Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Hall, Jordan, Kavanagh, O'Donoghue, Quinn, Thorpe, Walsh and White — 11

Against: Messrs P. Byrne, Clinie, Colfer, Connor, Conroy, Gaub, Hayes, Lennagh, Sean O'Byrne, Shannon, Rossiter, Pender and the Chairman — 13.

Mr. Cronin did not vote as he had "paired" with Colonel Gibbon.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

Mr. Thorpe asked that his protest should be registered against allowing the votes of the two members the legality of whose co-optations were challenged.

The Chairman said even if these men had not voted the amendment and resolution would have been defeated. He had, however, ascertained from Mr. Elgee, that the co-optations had been legally carried out and that Messrs Rossiter and Pender having signed



their declarations of office were quite entitled to vote.

*Superannuation of Mr. J. J. Rockford, Late Clerk R. D. Council New Ross.*

The following notice of motion particulars of which were issued to the members of Council on 8 December, 1925, was moved by Mr. Thorpe:-

"That the question of the amount of superannuation to be granted Mr. J. J. Rockford, Late Clerk to New Ross Rural District Council, be considered and fixed, which action is necessary owing to the abolition of the office of Clerk to New Ross Rural District Council."

Mr. Cooney seconded the motion which was adopted.

After discussion the following resolution was moved by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. O'Donoghue and carried:-

"That Mr. John J. Rockford, Clerk to late New Ross R. D. Council, who has devoted his whole time to the service of that Council and whose office has been abolished by Local Government Act 1925 be granted a superannuation allowance of £181:7:11 d. per annum said allowance to be subject to the consent of the Council for Local Government and Public Health."

The amount is calculated on an average salary for the three years ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 1925 of £346:8:6 d. with a three years average of £14 or £4:13:4 d. for Fees under Labourers Act's fifth Scheme, on official service of 31 years. Mr. Rockford also claimed on emoluments of £38:4:0 as Deputy Returning Officer for Local Elections but this was not included by the Council. The maximum amount which could have been allocated under Section 8 of Local Government Act of 1919 was £246:2:4 d. not taking into account the fees of £38:4:0 d. paid Mr. Rockford as deputy Returning Officer for Local Elections.

*New Member Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Institutions.*

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. O'Donoghue:-

"That Mr. Tynes O'Connor, Ballynacsimon, Kilmuckridge, be appointed a member of the Co. Committee of Agriculture and Technical Institutions vice Mr. J. D. Arny disqualified."

*Recommendations of Committees.*

The following recommendations were submitted from Finance Committee meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> December, 1925:-



Finance Committee Meeting.

The following minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on the 17th December, 1925, were submitted:-

Payments.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4747: 16: 6d was examined and signed.

Application Assistant Surveyors - Increase of Salary.

The adjourned application from four Assistant Surveyors for increase salaries were submitted:

It was pointed out that the salaries of these officials were:-

Mr. J. Kehoe £200

Mr. R. J. Emmis £200

Mr. Birchall £180 rising by annual increments of £5 to £200

Mr. Cullen £180 rising by annual increments of £5 to £200

The average salary for Limeri was £279: 2: 2d and for Free State £236: 4: 0.

In a number of Counties officials were employed as "part time" officers.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne stated the Surveyors were in receipt of 6d per mile in respect of mileage. Only one of the officials now applying was in receipt of this allowance at the time of appointment.

Mr. Hayes pointed out that the allowance was for the running of motor cars by the Assistant Surveyors and the cost of the cars was deducted from the Surveyors salaries.

In reply to query the Assistant Secretary stated the annual deduction from the four officials salaries in repayment for the car in each case was:-

Emmis £37: 18: 4d

Kehoe £72: 6: 3d

Birchall £55: 16: 8d

Cullen £55: 16: 8d

The Chairman stated that while he was not going to propose an increase in the Surveyors salaries at this meeting he thought it well that the Committee should recognise that in practically every other County Assistant Surveyors were paid larger salaries than those of the four Assistants now applying. The 6d per mile, mileage allowance, which was the Local Government Department's scale was paid in other Counties.

Colonel Gibbon proposed:- "That the application of Assistant Surveyors for increase in their salaries be adjourned for three months from the date of next County Council meeting."

Mr. Gault seconded.

Passed

Application Mr John J. Fanning - Removal Expenses.

Mr. John J. Fanning, Ex-Clerk Gorey R.D. Council and now transferred to the



County Council, applied for the sum of £12 cost of removal of himself, family and belongings from Kory to Wexford.

Mrs. Fanning stated the transfer was not of his own choosing. He was the only Ex-R.D. Clerk in the County to be transferred and he asked the members to favourably consider his application.

Mrs. Sean O'Byrne proposed that the £12 applied for by Mrs. Fanning be paid subject to sanction of Local Government Department.

Colonel Gibbon seconded.

Passed.

### Application for Poundage.

Mrs. James Murphy, Rate Collector for No. 19 Collection District applied for payment of poundage.

Refused in view of the backward state of his collection.

### Old Jail.

Colonel Gibbon enquired if any further reply had been received from Board of Works in connection with utilization of old jail.

The Chairman stated that the Board of Works had replied that the matter was being considered.

Colonel Gibbon proposed and the Chairman seconded:—

"That the Board of Works be again written to in the matter."

### Courthouse.

Mrs. Sean O'Byrne proposed, Colonel Gibbon seconded, and it was passed:—

"That the County Surveyor communicate with the Architects with a view to having the preparation of the plans for Wexford Courthouse expedited so that the work of rebuilding could commence at an early date."

The recommendations of Finance Committee were confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mrs. Sean O'Byrne.



### Special Finance Committee Meeting.

The following minutes of Special Finance Committee meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 1925, were submitted:—

#### Payments.

Treasurer's Advice note for £1111 2:7d was examined and signed.

#### Overdraft.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Gaul.

"That in view of the backward state of the Rate Collection, owing to the difficulty of farmers disposing of their barley, application be made to the Local Government departments for extension of present overdraft of the County Council to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1926 and that the Treasurer of the Council be requested to allow accommodation to present limits of overdraft to the Council with extension of £10,000 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 1926."

#### Rate Collector James Murphy No. 17 Collection District.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Finn, Deputy Checker, had reported over the telephone that he suspected there were some irregularities in a/c's of James Murphy Rate Collector for No. 17 Collection District. He (Mr. Finn) was making a special examination of Murphy's books on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1925 and would send on a detailed report as soon as his examination had been completed. There appeared to be £115 odd in receipts which had not been accounted for and Mr. Murphy admitted having received portion of this.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Gaul:—

"That our Secretary take steps to suspend Mr. J. Murphy, Rate Collector for No. 17 Collection District, should an unsatisfactory report as to the collection of Mr. Murphy be received from Mr. Finn, Deputy Rate Checker."

These recommendations were confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne.

The Minutes of Finance Committee of 7<sup>th</sup> January, 1926, were submitted as follows:—



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Fortnew, Wexford on the 7<sup>th</sup> January, 1926

Present: - Mr. J. Mc Carthy (Chairman), presiding, other members, Messrs Sean O'Byrne, James Lamb, P. Hayes, J. E. Walsh and William Thope.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor were also in attendance.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

A letter was read from Colonel Gibbons apologising for his absence.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4371: 17: 7 was examined and signed.

### Rate Collection.

The state of the rate collection in respect of second moiety of current year was submitted. A sum of £1482-4-11 only had been collected and the amount outstanding was £71,704-8-5.

The following resolution was adopted: -

"That the rate collectors be informed they must have at least 25 per cent. of second moiety of their collections for current financial year lodged by 31<sup>st</sup> January, 1926, otherwise the Committee would be compelled to seriously consider the advisability of recommending the County Council to adopt some alternative method of collection."

### Collector James Murphy, No. 19 Collection District.

A report was submitted from Mr. M. J. Finn, Official Checker of Rate Collectors' accounts for New Ross District, stating that on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1925 he had, as directed by the Secretary examined the books of James Murphy (Collector for No. 19 Collection District) and found that items Nos 9 and 20 Hordown E.D. had not been accounted for: amount £38:16:6. Murphy denied he had received this amount until he was informed that the Ratepayers concerned had produced the receipts to the Secretary of the County Council. The following items appeared to have been similarly dealt with:

Adamstown	No 1	Amount	£31:8:5
Barrinstown	No 139	" (second moiety)	£4:2:11
Hordown	No 38	"	£6:2:9
"	" 102	"	£7:14:0
Kilgarvan	No 95	"	£4:4:11
"	" 149	"	£22:14:8
Total			£76:4:8

which with the £38:16:6 for Nos 9 & 20 Hordown E.D., left £115:4:2 to be accounted for.

Murphy also stated to Mr. Finn that he would collect for Adamstown that evening and lodge amount, £31:8:5 together with Nos 9 and 20 amount, £38:16:6 making a total of £70:4:11 in the Taghmon Branch of the National Bank next day by 12 o'clock noon.



He stated positively that the amounts represented by the remaining receipts had not been collected.

Mr Finn with Murphy on the evening of December 22<sup>nd</sup> 1925 to lodge £70:4:11 in Wexford in time to submit receipts to County Council meeting by 10-45 am. on 23<sup>rd</sup> of December 1925.

Mr Finn stated in conclusion — "I may say, I have retained all his books for 1923, 24, 25." and 1926 pending your instructions as to their disposal."

The Secretary stated that as the result of a conversation with Mr. Finn, he (Secretary) communicated with the ratepayers responsible for payments of Nos 9 and 20 Ardara Division. The ratepayers attended at County Council office and produced the original receipts which had been issued from his collecting book by Mr. Murphy. Rate note had been issued in respect of the other numbers mentioned in Mr. Finn's report but no replies had been received from the ratepayers concerned. Mr. Murphy had not carried out his promise to Mr Finn to lodge the £70:4:11 on 23<sup>rd</sup> December. He had lodged £7:4:11 only. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of January, Mr. Murphy lodged the balance of £63, and was instructed to lodge the balance of the missing receipts making up £44:19:3 at once. He promised to carry out this instruction by to day, 7<sup>th</sup> January, but did not carry out a further direction to have the lodgment made in Wexford.

The following telegram was received from Mr. Murphy during the course of the Finance Committee meeting:—

Posting receipts, will have them next post:

Mr. Murphy stated to the Secretary to the Council on the 4<sup>th</sup> January that he had given the receipts to the ratepayers in question as they had paid their portion of the amounts and he was withholding lodgment until he had received the amounts in full. Mr. Murphy had been suspended and his books taken up.

The following resolution was adopted:— "That the members present at this meeting instruct Mr. James Murphy Rate Collector for No 19 Collection District at County Council office on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 1926 at ten o'clock in connection with the state of his collection."

### Register of Voters.

It was decided to make an advance of £125 to Mr. J. P. Scullon, Registration Officer to meet cost of work in preparing Register of Voters.

### Wexford Courthouse.

It was agreed to pay the sum of £2:1:6 to Messrs Thompson Brothers Ltd. Wexford for repairs of "Antiseptic" stove in office of Clerk of Peace.

### General Building List.

In connection with supply of forms under above, tenders were received from the following:— Messrs Kellys Ltd, Dublin, £5:4:3; Messrs O'Connell, Dublin, £13:2:6 and "The People" Wexford, £4:9:6. The tender of "The People" being the lowest was accepted.



The sub Committee appointed at meeting of Finance Committee of 4<sup>th</sup> January reported as follows:-  
 "Mr James Murphy met the sub Committee of Finance Committee on 11<sup>th</sup> instant at 11<sup>th</sup> o'clock am.,  
 He had not then lodged the £44.19.3 which was still outstanding. He stated that he had not  
 been paid for all the amounts of the missing receipts. In the case of one ratipayer he mentioned  
 that portion of the amount had been paid about three weeks ago and the balance about a  
 week after. It was stated that this Ratipayer stated he had paid the total amount  
 of his rates in one sum."

The sub Committee made the following recommendation:-

"That Mr. James Murphy, Rate Collector for No. 19 Collection District be placed on  
 probation for the period of the present collection on conditions that he lodges £44.19.3  
 by 10 o'clock pm., to-day; this recommendation to be subject to the sanction of  
 Insurance Company and of Local Government Department."

Before the close of Co. Council meeting the Secretary reported that Mr. Murphy had  
 not lodged the amount as directed by the sub Committee.

Mr. Lamb proposed, and Mr. Boggan seconded the following resolution, which was adopted:-

"That the services of Mr. James Murphy, Rate Collector for No. 19 Collection District be  
 dispensed with, and that the Finance Committee be empowered to deal with the necessary  
 arrangements for the closing of the Collection. That the terms of this resolution be furnished to  
 the Insurance Company and also to the Personal securities of Mr. Murphy."

The Recommendations of the Finance Committee were adopted on the motion of the  
 Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne

#### Roads Committee.

The following minutes of Roads Committee of 28<sup>th</sup> December, 1925, were submitted to  
 the meeting:-

The monthly meeting of above Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Foxine,  
 Wexford on 28<sup>th</sup> December 1925.

Present:- Mr & Mrs Cusby (Chairman) presiding, also present: Colonel Gibson, Treasors  
 Sean O'Byrne, William Boggan, James Hall, James Shannon, Patrick Colfer, and  
 Michael Cloney.

The Meeting, the County Surveyor and assistant Surveyors J. Treanor, John Healy,  
 R. J. Emmis, J. Cullen and P. O'Hall were also in attendance.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

#### Wexford Courthouse

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter in connection with the  
 reconstruction of Wexford Courthouse:- from Mr Delap (of Delap & Orpen):-

"Many thanks for yours of the 22<sup>nd</sup>. I note that you will be able to see me  
 on the 28<sup>th</sup> and I shall call at your office with the plans about 10-30.  
 I have gone very carefully into them with Mr Orpen and I think we have  
 got the accommodation that was decided upon as being necessary. We have  
 made an approximate estimate, going into the pricing, as far as possible



at this stage, and we find that the cost of the reconstructed building, as shown on these plans, will amount to about £13000.

When I met you last and our first draft plans were discussed, modified and approved, your Committee gave me instructions to go ahead, and I am not quite certain whether they did not intend that we should, without further reference to them get out quantities and proceed to ask for tenders for the actual work. Mr O'Brien and I discussed this matter very carefully and we decided that we would not be justified in going further than we have done until we have your approval. If we had gone ahead and asked for contract prices and got out quantities, we would have made the County Council liable for a considerable sum in fees for plans and quantities for a job that might turn out much larger than they had anticipated. Now having our approximate estimate of £13000, the County Council, if they give us instructions to go on, will know pretty well what they are rendering themselves liable for, and we will feel much more comfortable.

There is one other point to which I wish to refer, - I think it would be more regular if we had instructions under the seal of the Council, as I believe there is some legal difficulty about paying fees for such a job as this unless the whole procedure is absolutely in accordance with the lines laid down by the Local Government Board.

I thought it well to raise these questions when writing so as to have a record of the matters I wish to discuss with you when I see you on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mr O'Brien (who was in attendance) stated he had brought down the finished plans of the Courthouse - and in which he had incorporated the suggestions which had been made by the Courthouse Committee, and provided for all the accommodation which everybody concerned required. There could not be any certainty as to what the cost of erection would be until contract plans had been made out and figures from reliable contractors obtained. Mr O'Brien's estimate had always, however, run very close to the actual cost.

It was decided to have the matter considered at a special meeting of the County Council for consideration of Rate to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926.

#### *County Surveyor's Report.*

The following report was presented by the County Surveyor.

"Under the new Public Bodies' Order, 1925 I have prepared schedule of Roads. Some few years ago I revised the numbering, description and length of all the roads in the County, and I am maintaining these numbers and descriptions, save for minor alterations, to suit altered circumstances. I have again checked over every description and believe that the schedule is correct in all detail. This work was preliminary to the detailed estimate on the Public Bodies' form, and I hope to send it to every Committee together with the form of estimate previous to the special meeting to deal with same. On the 4<sup>th</sup> prox. I was unfortunately delayed with this work by being confined to my home.



for several days.

I have been in communication with the military authorities in regard to the charring of gelignite, and have arranged to have this work carried out on the day previous to blast at the old jail premises. I am getting special felt-lined wooden cases made in our machinery yard to store the charred gelignite, and I expect we shall be able to carry out the work satisfactorily.

I submit quotations for insurance of stock, etc. In the machinery yard, and suggest we cover to the extent of £4,000. The question has been raised in regard to the storage of petrol and oils within the buildings, and I ask for authority to build a small concrete store in the corner of the yard away from the building, so that danger may be eliminated. This store will cost about £12. I have purchased an oil cabinet for storing paraffin oil at £2:16:3.

The contract for electric light installation in the machinery yard has been completed with the exception of connecting up the main, and I hope to have this carried out at once.

I have been unable to go thoroughly into the defects at Ferrycong Bridge at present. Wexford Bridge bascule also will require immediate rebuilding, and as I believe these jobs may entail employment of reinforced concrete. I ask for authority to employ a consulting engineer, as is usual when dealing with this material. I suggest that Mr. Delap who was consulting engineer for the Deepes and Tuamgranagh bridges, and who is also employed in connection with the rebuilding of the Wexford Courthouse should be engaged for these two bridges.

Recently I carried out surfacing of the road going into New Ross from Tuamgranagh with "Tarkolite". The makers' representatives as well as the engineers in charge of the Irish Department were present. As far as I can judge at present, I believe the material will prove satisfactory, and as it will be made locally, in the town of New Ross it will be of great advantage to be able to use it.

I have had difficulty in regard to the drainage of the Dulat road near the town of Enniscorthy, and as legal points have arisen, I ask that the matter be submitted to the Solicitor.

I submit estimate from a local person for supply of waterproofs for the men engaged with the rollers and tar sprayers. I have seen samples of the materials, and as the garments will be made locally, and price is reasonable, I recommend that seven suits be purchased for each roller, making in all 42 suits @ £1-14-0 each, amounting to £71:8:0.

I am in communication with the Railway Company in regard to easing the corner on Road 197R at Ballylannon Railway gates and hope to deal with the matter satisfactorily. The cost will be small, and will be carried out under the ordinary District Labour proposals.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor reports an encroachment on 130G, and I shall be glad to have instructions.



The Health Board have made applications in regard to the repair of roads in Garden City, Gorey and I submit letter regarding same. I do not think that at the present time the Council should undertake further responsibility in regard to roads.

I submit correspondence in connection with complaint by the Emmiserry Branch of the Transport and General Workers' Union, and explanation by Messrs Emmis and Cullen, Assistant Surveyors.

When dealing with payments to contractors on Form 22, I found it necessary to defer payments in a number of cases, and I directed the Assistant Surveyors to notify all these contractors I now ask for authority to take proceedings against such as continue defaulters.

In connection with the chawing of gellignite, the proposal of the County Surveyor to have special felt-lined wooden cases for storing the chawed gellignite made in the machinery yard was approved.

With reference to insurance of stock etc. in machinery yard, Messrs Gyle & Co., Brokers, 7 Angelsea Street, Dublin submitted tender on £4000 @ 10 1/2 per cent, and Messrs Mc Donagh and Boland, Dame Street, Dublin @ 1/6 per cent.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Cloney:— "That the tender of Messrs Mc Donagh and Boland for insurance of stock in machinery yard @ 1/6 per cent. on £4000 be accepted, the insurance to be carried out through an Irish Insurance Company.

In connection with oil cabinet, the County Surveyor submitted quotation from the Irish American Oil Company Ltd of Dublin for a 50 gallon "Perfected" oil cabinet with pump at £2:16:3. This was accepted, on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colles.

As regards Wescford and Ferryconig Bridges, the following was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cloney seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:—

"That the services of Mr. Delap be retained as consulting engineer in connection with Wescford and Ferryconig Bridges."

In connection with Dulort road, the County Surveyor stated that Mr. Elger, solicitor, had given it as his opinion that the County Council would have to pipe the place, and Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor had decided to use the course of the old gullet.

This work was approved.

In connection with oil suits for workmen, the County Surveyor submitted tender from Mr. E. Wickham 60 North Main Street, Wexford offering to supply waterproof suit consisting of one short jacket, one trousers and one cap, made of double calico and lined as per the sample which he submitted at £1:14:0.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded



by Mr. Shannon:— That the tender of Mr. E. Wickham 60 torch trains steel, Wexford to supply 42 waterproof suits at £41.18.0 be accepted subject to article supplies being approved by County Surveyor.

In reply to Mr. Pyggar, the County Surveyor said the men would be held accountable for any avoidable accidents and for any wilful damage to the suits which would be in charge of the gangs.

In connection with road encroachments on 130 &c the following was read from Mr. Lennor, Assistant Surveyor:—

"I made inspection of above road to-day when I found a Mr. Howell of Ballyduffbeg, Camolin had begun the erection of a stone built fence at a width of about eight feet between existing fence and road. The new fence is more or less in line with the fences at either side. I warned him not to proceed with the work as consent of County Council was necessary."

Mr. Lennor mentioned that the new fence would not cause any encroachments and would not be an obstruction.

The following was adopted on the motion of Colonel Kilbride seconded by Mr. Hall:— "That the Roads Committee will not raise any objection to erection of fence at the premises of Mr. Howell, Ballyduffbeg, Camolin, but the County Council in agreeing to this should make it clear that they will not agree to the erection of any building at the place."

In connection with the repair of roads at Gorey Garden City, the County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Mr. Aidan A. Connolly, County Home, Enniscorthy:—

"There are some roads through what is known as the Gorey Garden City which require stones, and the Housing Committee of the Health Board have passed an applications for same. Would you kindly let me know whether you consider these roads should come under your control, as I don't see how they can be really considered Labourers' Act charges."

The Committee decided that as these roads had never been the subject of presentments, their repair could not be carried out by the Council.

As regards proposed prosecution of road contractors, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne— seconded by the Chairman:— "That the County Surveyor take proceedings against road contractors who are neglecting to carry out their contracts in any case in which he considers this necessary."

#### Mountgarrett Bridge.

Mr. Delap mentioned that he was preparing the designs for this bridge, but Mr. Bowen, County Surveyor, Kilkenny came to the conclusion that the load provided for in specification of 1915 would not be enough for present traffic and 50 per cent extra had to be calculated upon. In the design of



1915 an opening span of 28 feet was considered all that was necessary - that for existing bridge being 27. Recently the joint Bridge Committee has decided that the opening span should not be less than the opening span of any bridge below Mountgarret. The span of Barrow viaduct bridge was 80 feet, New Ross bridge 40 feet and Railway bridge above New Ross 40 feet. If the joint Committee insisted on having an opening span of 40 feet instead of 28 feet, it would more than double the difficulty of securing a proper design. He (Mr. Delap) was at present awaiting a letter from Mr. Bowen in the matter. The increased traffic had raised the tonnage from 63 to 93 and if the span had also to be increased from 28 to 40 feet it would mean that the structure would cost a good deal more money.

The County Surveyor did not consider there was any necessity why the opening should be increased from 28 to 40 feet in view of the possible traffic passing through the bridge.

#### *Erection of House within Prescribed Limit.*

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> December 1925, Mr. E. Keogh, Ballinapark, Kilbride, Wicklow wrote that he intended building a shop in the village of Blackwater on a vacant site the property of Mr. Dunne on the road between the Catholic Church and the Bridge. The building as proposed would be in a line with the existing buildings there. He wished for the approval of the Council.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by the Chairman: - "That the application of Mr. Keogh, Ballinapark, Kilbride, Wicklow for permission to erect a house within the prescribed limit at Blackwater be referred to the County Surveyor and if the latter considers that proposed building will not be an encroachment or cause obstruction, no objection will be made to its erection.

#### *Application for Construction of New Road.*

A number of residents and ratepayers of Knockaloe, Rathduff and Springmount (Killanne district) made application to have the lane leading off road 104 E, on which six families lived put into repair. During 10 stones being carted over this lane by the County Council for the past two or three years, it was now impossible to bring a load over it. They asked that the County Surveyor should visit the place and report to the Council.

The following resolution was proposed by Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr. Shannon and adopted: - "That the County Surveyor be instructed to deal with memorial from residents and ratepayers relative to proposed repair of lane (off Road 104 E.) and report to next meeting of the Roads Committee."

#### *Flooding on Road 165.*

The following report was submitted by the County Surveyor

"On the 11<sup>th</sup> December, I inspected this place with Mr. Elger, County Engineer,



and Mr. Seaver, Assistant Surveyor. I consider that the Mill Pond dam is unnecessarily high, it having been raised to its present level some years ago. The sluices if kept open at times of flooding would, I believe, be sufficient to prevent water from coming out on the road, but I consider that there should be a proper slipway constructed so as to safeguard the road from flooding if the sluices happened to be closed. I recommend that the dam be lowered to an extent of 2 feet for a length of 12 feet, and provision may be made for setting up boards in very dry weather to retain the water for the mill, but this would be very exceptional, and of course at the end of the dry periods the boards should be removed. I am writing to this effect to Mr. Cousins."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:—"That the County Council be recommended to issue instructions to have the proposals of the County Surveyor as to preventing flooding on road at B.G. put into effect."

### Ballyvergin Cross.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Hehir, Assistant Surveyor:

"I had an interview with Mr. Kennedy, Ballyvergin, re above cross roads on the 27<sup>th</sup> November and he told me that he would be willing to allow us to take off the two corners if we agree to give him work on the road. I told him that we could make no bargain of that kind with him but that we had no objection to giving him work at the steam rolling there provided he got out his full tonnage and cleared the sides of his three contracts properly. Under these circumstances he refused to give his consent to have the corners removed."

You have a rough sketch of the place which I gave you before the last meeting of the Roads Committee."

It was decided that the County Surveyor submit estimate as to the cost of this work, provided that the County Council are prepared to take steps to have the necessary land taken compulsorily in order to have dangerous corner removed.

### Dangerous Corner at Ballycorney.

Under date 11<sup>th</sup> December 1925, Mr. Emmis, Assistant Surveyor reported that he had seen Mr. Martin Havanagh, the owner of the hedges which were obstructing the view at the dangerous corner and the hedges had not yet been cut.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Colonel Gibson:—

"That Mr. Emmis, Assistant Surveyor be instructed to warn Mr. Martin Havanagh that if he neglects to have cut, hedges at Ballycorney which are a source of obstruction to a clear view of the road, proceedings must be instituted against him."

### Sparrowland Flooding.

In connection with the above Mr. J. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, reported that owing to work which he had had carried out at this place, flooding would be prevented



there in future.

### Cherry orchard Quarry

With reference to the working of this quarry, the following report was submitted from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I have had one man (Redmond) hand breaking in Cherry orchard for the past four weeks. He is breaking scabbings. On account of him having only one arm, I am anxious to keep him going as long as possible. The supply of small stuff will only keep him for two months or so more.

With regard to the large material, I have to keep the breaker at this as I want a large quantity of 1" and  $\frac{3}{4}$ " stones, specially the latter for tarring.

At the same time I am going to start three or four men at this large material with hammers.

In connection with the employment of men at this quarry, Mr. Ennis mentioned that as regards taking on men whose employment at Kiltrea Quarry had closed, he felt that the employment of roadmen in his own district should be his first consideration and he could not guarantee taking on others until his own had been placed.

### Cornex at Troughlass.

The following report was submitted by Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor:- "I have received instructions to cut this corner, but it was suggested that existing fence should be cut down and a wire paling be erected. I interviewed Mr. Roche, Troughlass, Co. Wick, the owner of the fence and he wants £25 compensation before proposed paling can be erected, which shall consist of four strands of wire on railway sleepers spaced three yards apart for a total length of 36 yards.

The meeting considered that £25 was an exorbitant claim and recommended the County Council to have the necessary steps taken to have the land taken compulsorily.

### Cornex at Honeyfield.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor reported:- Any work County Council might decide on doing here except it was of a very elaborate nature would not lessen the danger of careless drivers. The corners at this place were quite visible to drivers.

No action.

### Ashmilla Lane.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, submitted the following report:- "Reference yours of 3rd inst., I inspected this lane on the 4th inst. and beg to report as follows:-

The width between fences varies from 7 feet to 10 feet. The level of the adjoining land slopes from nothing at road 104 E. where lane starts, to five feet over existing travelling surface at a distance of 340 yards from road. Lane way surface at present consists of a soft rock bottom, and is almost impassable for vehicular traffic.

To widen lane to 16 feet between fences, build new fence, bottom and surface, I estimate the cost would be £250 not including any compensation for land owner.



This lane runs off 104 E on Hillside side of Bridge to Mountain."

The County Surveyor said that this proposal would entail the making of a new road.

It was decided that at present the Council were not in a position to deal with the making of any new roads. They would table the application which could be considered when the Council had money available to deal with proposals of this nature.

### Kilmaine Drainage.

The following report was submitted by Mr. Bickis, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I am in receipt of your copy of letter from Mr. Cooper, Solicitor re above. There is no doubt that the water has been delivering into the paddock belonging to Mr. Stafford. There is no outlet from this paddock for the water and as a result it is well nigh rendered useless.

This paddock has only lately been tilled by Mr. Stafford. He acquired it a few years ago and the delivery of the road water on his property is undoubtedly a hardship.

The only way out of the difficulty is to lay a pipe sewer under Butler's garden and bring the water across to the boundary fence. The continuation of this fence is on Mr. Stafford's land and he states he would facilitate us there in any way.

Prior to bringing yourself and Mr. Elgee there, I put this proposal to Butler feeling that the County Council would sanction the work under such unusual circumstances. Butler agreed it would be a very good plan and even offered to lend a hand with the work.

Since then he has hurriedly begun to erect a wall crossing the proposed course of this pipe, and claims the laying of the pipe would damage his premises. This is in my mind absurd and would indicate that he is more interested in having the water still delivered on to Mr. Stafford's land than in getting a way out of the difficulty which would be satisfying to all."

The County Surveyor states that Mr. Elgee, solicitor had advised that the Council should not deal with this matter until it was decided that no further action be taken.

### Slip Road Works Number K 883.

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date December 18<sup>th</sup> 1925 from the Roads section, Local Government Department:-

"With reference to your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> ultimo and enclosure on the above subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that according to a report furnished by Mr. Quigley, Chief Engineer (Roads) on the occasion of his inspection on the 7<sup>th</sup> ultimo, the work was then in a very unfinished condition, that about half a mile of the road was waterlogged, clay and quite impassable and that over a mile had still to be gravelled or metalled. It is understood that Mr. Bickis who accompanied Mr. Quigley on the inspection stated that he hoped to get a junction made in the middle portion of the road and so give a passage through. Unless this is done, it would appear from the Chief Engineer's report that the work already accomplished will be rendered useless. Kindly say how the matter stands and whether the road is now available for public use. Has any definite decision been arrived at as regards the right of way."



The County Surveyor mentioned that Messrs Tredon, the owners of the plot had not made any reply to his letter of the 3rd December 1925, as to dropping portion of the fencing which they required in view of the great advantage which the new road afforded to the Estate. Mr (C. Surveyor) had had an interview about a fortnight ago with Mr Joyce, manager for Messrs Tredon, but pending a decision from the latter in connection with the fencing, nothing could be done.

It was decided that the County Surveyor ask Messrs Tredon for a reply to his letter of the 3rd December.

The County Surveyor stated that as regards the right of way, Mr Elger, solicitor might approach the Railway Company. He had the signatures of 30 or 40 different people who had utilised the right of way for 40 years. Another £500 would be required to complete the road.

It was decided that the Local Government be asked for a supplemental grant of £500 to complete the road and that the Railway Company be written to by Mr Elger solicitor as regards the right of way.

#### Conghorne Quarry Haulage.

The County Surveyor stated that he had arranged with hauliers at above quarry for haulage at 1/- per yard mile.

This was considered satisfactory.

#### Doran's Hill Quarry.

In connection with the suggestion of opening a second quarry at Doran's Hill, the County Surveyor reported that there was a man living in a small cottage on the place. He understood the County Board of Health were building a new cottage for this man. Nothing could be done as long as the present cottage stood.

It was decided that the matter be adjourned to ascertain what was the possibility of the present cottage becoming unoccupied.

#### Repairs Gorey Workhouse.

The County Surveyor submitted the following estimate as regards repairs to Gorey disused Workhouse:-

Slating and repairing chimneys £44:15:0. Repairs to small store £27:10:0. Repairs to boundary wall £22. Total £94:5:0.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Byrne seconded by Colonel Gibbon:-

"That the necessary repairs to Gorey Workhouse as estimated by the County Surveyor at £94:5:0 be carried out within this amount."

#### Gorey Courthouse.

Mr. Elger, solicitor, submitted under date 19th Decr. 1925, an offer from Messrs Sugrue & Brennan, solicitors on behalf of Mr. Breslin, who purchased the ground rent of Gorey Courthouse, to sell his interest therein for £450. Mr. Elger stated he could not recommend the acceptance of the offer as it was out of all



proportion to the value of the premises.

Colonel Gibbon proposed: - "That Messrs Huggons & Brennan solicitors, be offered on behalf of Mr Breslin 12 years' purchase of his interest in Gorey Courthouse, viz, £120 and also four years' ground rent, viz, £40, total £160."

Mr Hall seconded the motion which was adopted.

### Calore Drainage.

In connection with above, Colonel Gibbon mentioned that the culvert above the bridge should be cleaned up by the County Council; it was the business of the person who owned the adjoining land to clean up back drains. That being the case it was the duty of the Council to look after the drain which went under the public road.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

### New Ross Courthouse.

Under date 21<sup>st</sup> December 1925, the following was read from Mr Hugh R. Hamilton, New Ross, agent for the Tottenham Estate: - "Referring to yours of the 19<sup>th</sup> inst, your County Surveyor went over the Courthouse premises here lately and should be able to advise the County Council as to the value of them. The Price the Trustees have consented to accept is £1000. It is for your Council to accept or decline their offer."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr Hall: -

"That Mr. Hamilton be informed that the offer of £600 by the Council (in view of his refusal to accept a settlement of amount of purchase money for New Ross Courthouse by valuation or arbitration), is final, and that we request his decision within a fortnight from the 11<sup>th</sup> January - the date of next meeting of the County Council."

### Form 22. Payment to Road Contractors.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clary: - "That the several proposals for payment to road contractors, etc. as agreed to at meeting of County Council on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 1925 and as appearing on Form 22 be and are hereby approved subject to the modifications and other orders thereon noted and initialed by the Chairman and that pay orders in discharge of same be issued."

### Number of Roads.

Proposed by Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Col. Gibbon, and adopted: - "That the Council be recommended to adopt the various distinguishing letters and number for roads in this county in accordance with schedule submitted to this meeting by the County Surveyor, "we consider that this lettering and numbering has been done in a most efficient manner and can suggest no improvements thereon."

### Working of Brownswood Quarry.

Under date 17<sup>th</sup> December 1925, the following letter was read from Mr A. Hornagh, Mr. C. C.:-

"I wish you to bring up again at Roads Committee meeting the various grievances which were discussed at last meeting of the County Council as I will



bring in the carts concerned to that meeting and let them speak for themselves and let it be decided one way or other. I also wish you to bring in Mr. Cullen and Mr. Gorman as it would be unfair to proceed with charges like those of the carts behind those men's backs."

Mr. Tremagh brought before the meeting the following carts who were concerned in the matter:-

Nathaniel Cary, Peter Heloe, Patrick Leary and Patrick Kinsella.

John Gorman, overseer at Brownswood Quarry was also in attendance.

The men alleged that former had been employed at haulage while men who had no other means of livelihood but cartage were unemployed, that differential rates had been paid, and that the overseer had his own horse working at haulage.

Mr. Cullen Assistant Surveyor, and Mr. Gorman rebutted the allegations as to favouritism. Mr. Gorman contended that the loads drawn by the men who were present had been consistently short and that former were only employed when it was necessary to get every available cart in the district on account of the deplorable condition of the Ennisorthy - Westford Road. He admitted that he had lent his horse to a boy named George Reilly who lived with him and who had no means of support, but denied that he had benefited by the transaction.

The County Surveyor stated that all the hauliers had been paid at the one haulage rate per ton mile and a comparison of the figures showed that one of the men now complaining earned the highest amount while employed at the work.

After considerable discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Boggan seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That the District Surveyors and Overseers be instructed to exercise all possible care in giving employment at haulage to genuine working men except in abnormal times. That in future horses which are the property of overseers be not employed in connection with any work of the County Council."

Colonel Gibson proposed and Mr. Cloney seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That a sub-committee consisting of the Chairman, Messrs. Shannon, Hall and Jordan be appointed to investigate the working of Brownswood Quarry and that the said sub-committee make their own arrangements as to date of investigation."

Mr. Tremagh M.C. complained that some of the men engaged at work in this quarry were not provided with unemployment cards. One of them, he understood, had decided on taking proceedings against the County Council.

This matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

#### *Traps For Assistant Surveyors.*

The following application was read from Mr. Means, Assistant Surveyor:- "I would be glad if you would let me have a set of traps for my district as my old maps



are worn out. I want to have new set bound but will see to this myself when I will have tumbering and section boundaries and quaries marked.

The County Surveyor was instructed to provide a set of maps for each Assistant Surveyor as required.

#### Night Watchman at Clonkaston Road.

The following letter under date 10<sup>th</sup> December, 1925 was read from Mr. Kehoe, Secretary, Irish Transport and General Workers Union, Ennis County Branch:-

"I am instructed to make application to you to have Thomas Balfe paid at the rate of £3 per week. Balfe is employed as night watchman under Sanger Dunderland on the Clonkaston road. He is employed at this work since November 24<sup>th</sup> at the rate of six shillings per night. The man works from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. each night, Sunday night included. This means that the man works 15 hours per night or 105 hours per week for 42s. The road and quarry workers get 30s for a fifty hour week, therefore we hold that as Balfe works over double their hours, he should at least get double their pay. Trusting your Council will grant the increase and that the balance 18s per week be paid to Balfe as from November 24<sup>th</sup>.

The County Surveyor mentioned that Balfe was provided with coal and the County Council also supplied oil for lamps.

No action.

#### Employment of Workmen.

Under date 10<sup>th</sup> December 1925, the following letter was read from Mr. Mr. Kehoe, Secretary to the Ennis County Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers Union:-

"I am instructed to inform you that a man named Patrick Jordan was employed on the Bradley road, Ennis County on Monday last under Sanger John Doyle. This man I am informed was working with Mr. Lett when he was taken on to work on the roads, while Peter Fenlon, milkhouse, an old employee of the County Council is still unemployed since last March. Fenlon worked as a roadman for two years and as a quarryman for 10 or 20 years. This being so, we hold that Fenlon being an old employee should get the preference before a man who was employed. Trusting that your Council will reinstate Fenlon."

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, stated that Fenlon had never been a regular employee of the Council. He was employed on the roads for some time but was not satisfactory. This was not his fault as he was unable for the work. He had no one dependant on him and was living with his brother who, with his son, was at present employed at quarry work. Jordan had been a casual worker with Mr. Lett who had asked Mr. Ennis to take on Jordan on road work as he had a wife and five children depending upon him.

No action.



Motor Car Administration.

Under date 21<sup>st</sup> December 1925, the following report was submitted from Mr. Richards, Local Taxation Officer:-

"By direction of Roads Committee, I instituted legal proceedings against Patrick Byrne, Irish Street, Westport, for using motor car (licensed as a Hackney Vehicle) as a "Commercial Goods Vehicle" contrary to provisions of Finance Act 1922 Sec 14.

This case was heard on 9<sup>th</sup> December at Westport District Court and dismissed by the District Justice on the grounds that I had offered no proof of my appointment to conduct the prosecution.

In connection with this decision I would point out that Section 24 (3) of Inland Revenue Regulations Act 1890 provides:-

"Evidence of a person reputed to be or having acted as a Commissioner, or collector, or officer, or person employed in relation to Inland Revenue, shall unless the contrary is proved be sufficient evidence of his appointment or authority to act as such."

As a matter of fact, I had my appointment in Court and stated that fact.

The evidence of Garda Síochána clearly proved that the defendant in the case was guilty of the offence for which he was charged.

I attach newspaper reports and would call attention to the discourteous manner in which I was treated in open Court by the District Justice, and by defendant's solicitor.

After the case was dismissed, I gave notice of appeal and for doing so was ordered by the District Justice to conduct myself and to leave the Court.

Since the District Justice came to this County, it has been found increasingly difficult to sustain prosecutions in connection with motor vehicles.

I therefore submit that unless the Ministry sanctions appeals against such decisions to the Circuit Court, it is waste of time and money to bring such cases before the District Court. If a favourable decision is not obtained in the present case, it will have a ruinous effect on the collection of motor duty in this County.

Three cases dismissed by the District Justice have been already reversed on appeal before Judge Brimmoole.

I attach herewith all original documents in above case and would also refer you to Circular No. 149 under date 16 January 1924, from Ministry of Local Government.

"Extract from Free Press - 12<sup>th</sup> December 1925."

"It is now time that the public should have some protection from prosecutions of this kind. It is reducing the administration of these acts to an absurdity," commented Mr. J. R. Brennan, solicitor at the close of a prosecution brought in Westport District Court by Mr. Claude H. Richards, Taxation Officer for County Westport against Patrick Byrne - Bundobdy for using a motor car registered for hackney purposes as



a commercial vehicle.

Mr Richards, who was not legally represented rose to conduct his own case.

Mr Brennan - I don't know whether Mr Richards has any right to conduct the prosecution. I am however in this difficulty to-day that my clients have come from Newtownbony and are in Court and I don't want to put them to the trouble and expense of coming in again. It seems to me very questionable whether these prosecutions should be conducted without professional assistance.

The Chairman said these acts were exceedingly difficult and imposed severe penalties. He was of opinion that every department in such cases should have legal assistance. He would adjourn the case if Mr Brennan wished.

Mr Brennan asked to have the case heard under protest.

The Chairman stated that in other districts such prosecutions were dismissed on the same grounds. He would hear the case under protest but would not decide it.

Mr Richards then quoted the Section of the Act under which the proceedings were brought, and another under which he claimed the right to conduct the prosecution.

Mr Brennan - I would like him to point out the difference in the duty.

Chairman - I expect him to prove his case fully and if he does not, it will collapse.

Guard O'Loke examined by Mr Richards stated that on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July he saw defendant's motor car in the South Main Street, Wexford. On examining the licence he found it was a hackney car. The car was piled up with bedding and furniture about four feet above the back of the car. Defendant told him he was hired by Dr. Lawlor, Bundock to remove the article from Rosslea where he had been on holidays.

Complainant sworn proved that the car was licensed for hackney purposes. The difference in the duty of a car licensed for hackney purposes and for commercial use was £1:4:0 a quarter.

Mr Brennan - I want to see the Schedule showing that.

Witness - It is in the Finance Act.

Mr Brennan - You must find it for me. You are here as a witness now and you are conducting your own case.

Witness handed Mr Brennan a copy of the Finance Act stating that Section 4 dealt with the point in question.

Mr Brennan - You saw this car on the street and reported it to the Guards.

Witness - Yes.

Mr Brennan - Show me where the words "commercial vehicle" are used in the regulations?



Witness - It is in the regulations, but I have not them with me.

Mr. Brennan - Here is a prosecution launched by a man in a responsible position. He goes and gives information to the Civic Guards and he puts in the summons, "a hackney car used for commercial purposes." It is time that the public were protected in some way from this. If you go to the seaside with your children now, you must hire a motor lorry to carry the baby bottle. You must go along in a motor car after it. It is time - this petty vindictiveness of the official responsible was put to an end.

Chairman - This is a prosecution headed Claude H. Richards, Local Taxation Officer, and Mr. Richards has not offered me one single iota of proof of his appointment.

Complainant - I beg your pardon.

Chairman - Sit down. I don't know whose fault it is, but in cases of this kind and of such importance, every department ought to have the assistance of a solicitor. I will dismiss this case without prejudice.

Complainant - I give notice of appeal.

Chairman - Please conduct yourself in Court. Just get outside.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Shannon - "That the Department of Local Government be requested to allow the Wexford County Council to appeal in the case of C.H. Richards, Local Taxation Officer versus Patrick Byrne, taximetry (Hackney Car MT 423.)"

#### Prosecution under Motor Car Act.

Under date 21<sup>st</sup> December 1925, the following was read from the Department of Local Government (R/T. 1/32) regarding prosecution against the Wholesale Druggs, Co. Wexford (Dr. S.V. O'Connor) under Motor Car Act.

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to return herewith your file relative to the above mentioned prosecution, and to state that he is advised that the District Justice was right in dismissing the case on the ground that the proceedings were commenced more than six months from the time when the cause of complaint arose.

The enactment imposing that limitation is not the Escape Act 1848 but is section 10(4) Petty Sessions (Ireland) Act 1851.

The penalty of sub-section (2) of section 13 of the Road Act 1920 is not an Escape penalty and the Escape Act has no application. With regard to the statement reported as having been made by the Defendant's Counsel viz: - that the case was outside the Petty Sessions Act, reference might be made to 37 and 38 Vic. c. 72 and Irish Insurance Commissioners versus Hamilton.



(1913. 2. (R. 453). The limitation of six months from the cause of complaint ends that ad. appls.

The Council is advised that the cause of complaint arose on the 10<sup>th</sup> January when the declaration was made. The offence is not a continuing one and the fact that no evidence was obtained until May is immaterial. No further steps can usefully be taken in regard to Dr O'Connor's declaration.

Dr O'Connor would appear to have been guilty of an offence under Section 13(1) of the Road Act 1920 each time he used his lorry, and a prosecution can be brought under that section for each such offence committed during the past year. There has been up to the present no licence in force for the vehicle. The licence which has been issued is (1) for a vehicle of a weight different from this vehicle. (2) invalid.

It should be possible to obtain evidence of the user. The penalty for such offence is at least Twenty Pounds. The Council can accept the excess duty payable and waive their right to prosecute or, if Dr O'Connor refuses to pay, may recover a greater amount by way of fine.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibson seconded by the Chairman :-

That in connection with the prosecution of Mr C.H. Richards, Local Taxation Officer v Wholesale Drugs Company, Wexford (Dr A.V. O'Connor), Dr O'Connor be called upon to pay the excess duty payable in this case, and in the event of his refusal that proceedings be instituted against him in accordance with the advice of the Department of Local Government.

#### above Bridge.

In connection with the claim of Mr James Maguire of Trillick, Inch for £7 value of a heifer lost by flood near this bridge, Mr Maguire writes as follows under date 7<sup>th</sup> November 1925 :-

"I presume you must not be aware of the full facts of the case. I now try to inform you that the cause of the trouble was owing to the fact that there were two breaches or gaps in the bridge and I sincerely trust you will be good enough to settle this small claim without litigation.

The following report under date 11<sup>th</sup> December 1925, was read from Mr Lennan, Assistant Surveyor :-

"I reported on above matter on 15<sup>th</sup> ultimo and 17<sup>th</sup> ultimo. I stated in report on the 15<sup>th</sup> that one of the heifers was found struggling in the water near breach in the wall, and on the 17<sup>th</sup> further reported several small breaches in parapet. At the place where the animal was drowned there was no breach, but possibly she entered the flooded part of the land at some place other than where discovered dead. The wall from the place where one animal was saved and the other lost is continuous, and as reported, there are small breaches in it."

The Committee decided to adhere to their former decision in this matter viz, to take no action as they were advised they were not responsible for the accident involving the loss of Mr Maguire's heifer.



### Tree at Clone Crossroads.

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> November, 1925, the following letter was read from Mr. Simon Sinnott, Clone, Camolin:-

"I write you in the matter of the tree at Clone crossroads as I got orders from a member of your Council to have it cut down which I object to as it is no obstruction whatever. I would be very grateful if you would have the matter brought up at your Council meeting."

The County Surveyor stated that the Roads Inspection Committee had recommended this work to be done.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor said he had had an interview with Mr. Sinnott who did not wish for sentimental reasons to have the tree removed. If the Committee would be satisfied, Mr. Sinnott would cut down the fence and put a wire paling on it. This would lower the fence and would obviate the necessity of having the tree cut down.

It was decided that if Mr. Sinnott would carry out the work mentioned at the meeting by Mr. Treanor, the Roads Committee would not insist on having the tree cut down.

### Turnlogan Bridge.

Mr. Conish proposed, Mr. Shannon seconded, and the following resolution was adopted:-

"That no funds amount be allocated to the cost of the erection of new bridge at Turnlogan on behalf of the Co. Wexford."

### House at Blackwater.

The Co. Surveyor reported that he considered the applications of Mr. Keogh in this matter should be agreed to provided the frontage of the building be not near less than 30 feet to the centre of the road. Mr. Keogh was satisfied with this.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That permission be granted to Mr. E. Keogh for the erection of a house in the village of Blackwater provided the frontage of same be not near less than 30 feet to the centre of the road."

Mr. Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following:- "That the recommendations of Roads Committee of 28<sup>th</sup> December, 1925, be and are hereby adopted." Passed.

### Rate Collection and Publicity.

The Chairman moved:- "That all discussions in connection with the state of the Rate Collection be carried out in Committee."

In moving the motion he pointed out that the collection was very often hampered by statements made by Councillors and in his opinion it would help the interests of the Council if the discussions regarding Rate Collection were dealt with in private.

Mr. Shannon seconded. After some discussion the resolution was, however, withdrawn.



### Ballybrannan Quarry and New Ross Urban Council.

Mr Cooney complained that the New Ross Urban Council had not received the supply of material from Ballybrannan Quarry which had been arranged to be supplied some considerable time ago. The Urban Council had taken contracts to have the material drawn from the Railway Station.

The County Surveyor stated he intended to have the material delivered in New Ross by mechanical haulage and would be able to save 1/6 d per cubic yard by doing so.

After some discussion Mr Cooney mentioned that the New Ross Urban Council had secured a cheap rate per rail for this material. This statement was confirmed by a telephone message from the Town Clerk, New Ross, and it was ascertained that with the rail freight as now arranged it would be cheaper to send the material by rail.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Conish seconded by Mr. Sean O'Shane:— That the County Surveyor be instructed to supply at once to New Ross Urban District Council per rail, the amount of material which it was arranged the Council was to receive from Ballybrannan Quarry.

### Main Roads Scheme.

Under date 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926, Scaled Order L.D./32/35, made under Section 1 of the Local Government Act 1925, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health declared the following roads to be main roads as from 1<sup>st</sup> April 1926:—

From County Boundary at Bunde Bridge, via Inch, Gory, Camolin, Ferns, Colnabona, and Kilkannon to Enniscorthy U.D. Boundary at Blackthrope Road.

From Enniscorthy U.D. Boundary near Cliff House via Coolamoney, Ballymackey, Clomoch, Ballyanne Hills and Mount Ganett to New Ross U.D. Boundary at Ardara.

From Enniscorthy U.D. Boundary at Wexford Road via Black Castle, Edmunde House, Oglegate and Sadley, Tennyconig and Park to Wexford U.D. Boundary at Boat Club.

From Wexford U.D. Boundary at Traullinlin via Dinagh, Assaly Bridge, Hillinick, Tagout and Kilbane to Rosslare.

From Tennyconig via Allentia House, Larkin Cross Road, Camross, Ballynabla and Moyville to New Ross U.D. Boundary at Southknock.

From Colnabona via Tomacross, Mountfuri House and Colatun to County Boundary at Newtownbarny.

From Ballyanne three roads via Ballynacoolagh to County Boundary at Ballymountly Bridge.

From Gore via Montague Cottage, Ballycanew, Ballyedmond, Garrymore, Castlebridge and Knotton to Wexford U.D. Boundary at New Bridge.

From three roads south of Ballykiltane via Finoge Bridge, Walshestown, Ballycozly, Inacross roads, Kilmore, Millroad and Beak to Kilmore Quay.

From Blackwater Harbour via Blackwater, Croshur, and Castle Church to Castle's four roads.



From Kyle four roads via Culori, Corbally and Clonsilla. No. 10 Enniserry U. D. Boundary at Templeshannon.

From Enniserry U. D. Boundary near Convent via Tuilhouse, Cooley Carney, Doran's cross roads and Killialy to County Boundary at Scullogue.

From Courtown Harbour via Ballinacree Bridge, Harfield House, Gory, Conigbeg House, Craanford, Ballyfarnell to County Boundary at Ballygels.

From County Boundary at Prospect via Koolmeelagh, Conagh, Kerturagh, Cloneyburn and Bolamore to Doran's cross roads.

From Fens four roads via Tombrack Bridge, Strahat and Clonmon to Ryland Castle four roads.

From Knockatone three roads via Killenni, Carrigunane, Ballymashree and Knockmore to Killialy.

From Borohill House three roads via Aughragh Bridge, The Gap, Adamstown, Ballygerin, Kilgarvan, Tuilmonty Bridge, Taghmon, Hoferston House, Waddingtown, Ballyconick Bridge, Coylecalb Bridge, Baldinstown and Bridgeton to Senacre cross roads.

From Cooper's cross roads, Ballinag via Killann, Lomanine, and Ballygishan to Ballybanogue three roads.

From Westford U. D. Boundary near Tuilhouse via Tuillanore, Waddingtown, Wellingtonbridge, Cunaghmore, Ramsgrange, Ashurstown, Dunbrody, Ballykelly and Camblin to Southknock three roads.

From Balhainy four roads via Ballyranogue, Dungulph Castle and Gange to Fethard.

From Westford U. D. Boundary near Convent via Barnstown Castle and Sandstown to Larkin's cross roads.

From Knocken three roads via Groustown to Taghmon.

*(Situati in Enniserry Urban District)*

From U. D. Boundary at Blackstips Road via Island Road, Slaney Place and Millpark Road to U. D. Boundary near Cliff House.

From junction with Island Road via Shannon Quay to U. D. Boundary at Westford Road.

From U. D. Boundary at Templeshannon via Templeshannon Slaney St., Market Square, Cathedral Street and Duffy Rd. to U. D. Boundary near Convent.

*(Situati in New Ross Urban District)*

From U. D. Boundary at Ardross via Greywell Road, John Street and Swivel Bridge to U. D. Boundary at Rakeen.

From U. D. Boundary at Southknock via Henry Street, Priory Street, South Street and North Street to junction with John Street.



*(Situate in Wexford Urban District)*

From U. D. Boundary at Boat Club via New Road, Redmond Place, Commercial Quay, Custom House Quay, Crescent Quay, Paul Quay, Trinity Street, William Street and Maudlinstown (exclusive of portion maintainable by Wexford Harbour Commissioners) to U. D. Boundary at Maudlinstown.

From U. D. Boundary at New Bridge to junction with New Road.

From junction with Paul Quay via King Street Lower, King Street Upper and Siskilby Road to U. D. Boundary near Millrace, exclusive of portion maintainable by Wexford Harbour Commissioners.

From junction with Siskilby Road via Joseph Street, Conigan Street, Red Pound (part), School Street, and John Street to U. D. Boundary near Convent.

On the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Colonel Quinn, the following resolution was adopted: - That the Council expressed its disappointment that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health did not include in main Roads Scheme, the road from Wexford to Rosslare which, perhaps, bears the heaviest motor traffic of any road in the County. They would also point out that in their opinion it was not necessary to include in the declaration the road from Blackwater to Ballyconiger (Blackwater Harbour). In other minor details the Council considered the Scheme could also be improved, but owing to the period of the year and the necessity for dealing with estimates of expenditure on roads, they agree to accept the declaration for one year and hope that by the time it will be necessary to consider Road Estimates for year 1927-28, arrangements satisfactory to the Council may be made.

Under date 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1926, the following letter No R/L.R.D. 1201 was read from the Department of Local Government (Roads): - "I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state 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 and maintain the roads in the Urban areas declared by his Order dated 31<sup>st</sup> December 1925 to be main roads for the purposes of the Act.

The general principle laid down by section 24(1) of the Act is that the maintenance and construction of all main Roads in a County shall be the duty of the County Council and the Minister has decided that no sufficient reason has been advanced in the case of the Urban Districts in Co. Wexford to warrant a departure from this principle. Accordingly it is the duty of the County Council to maintain and construct, as from 1<sup>st</sup> April 1926, all main roads in County Wexford including those in the Urban Districts.

The County Surveyor will therefore make provision in the Road Works Scheme for the maintenance and construction of the main roads in each Urban District in the County as well as main roads situated outside Urban areas."

On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Patrick O'Byrne the



following resolution was adopted:-

"That as regards maintenance of main roads in Urban Districts, this County Council is prepared to enter into contracts with the Urban District Councils for the maintenance of same subject to the cost of maintenance receiving our approval. As regards scavenging of streets in Urban Districts the County Council will provide only for such scavenging as is done by them on rural main roads."

#### Overdrafts.

Under date 1<sup>st</sup> January 1926, letter No. 60590/1926 (Wexford County), was read from the Department of Local Government sanctioning total overdrafts not exceeding £50,000 to 31<sup>st</sup> January and not exceeding £40,000 to 31<sup>st</sup> March next. Interest might be paid thereon at the agreed rate.

#### Sanatorium Grant.

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> December 1925, letter (No P.H. 55781/1925 Miscellaneous) was read from the Department of Local Government relative to sanatorium grants which was set apart in pursuance of the Finance Act 1911 and of the National Insurance Act 1911 for the provision of sanatoria and other institutions for the treatment of tuberculous persons, and stating that the amount of the grant provisionally assigned to Wexford, after deduction of previous issues was £3346:19:7.

On the motion of Colonel Guinness seconded by Mr. Rossiter the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Board of Health be informed that if they are satisfied to proceed with the work of improving the old Fever Hospital in Enniscorthy for the reception of additional advanced cases of tuberculosis, the Sanatorium State Grant applicable to County Wexford, viz:- £3346:19:7 is available."

#### Local Elections Postponement Act, 1925.

Under date 21<sup>st</sup> December 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote that the Local Elections Postponement Bill 1925 had been passed by both Houses of the Oireachtas. The object of the Bill was to avoid the holding of Local Government Elections again in 1926, these elections being now postponed until 1928.

#### Authorized Committee.

Under date 6<sup>th</sup> January 1926, (letter No. 548448/1925 Wexford County Council), the Minister for Local Government wrote that, after consultation with the Departments of Education and Agriculture, he now authorised contributions in aid of travelling expenses of the members of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction in respect of the current half of the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March next and in respect of the forthcoming financial year.

#### County Rate (1926 to 1927) - Adjustment. Rules 1925.

Under date 5<sup>th</sup> January 1926, (No 316/1926), the Department of Local Government forwarded copy of order made under above title. The rules provided for the carrying out of the necessary adjustments under Local Government Act 1925,



in respect of the areas of abolished Rural Districts by means of an increase or reduction in the rates for separate charges in those areas.

#### Poor Rate Demand Note.

Under date 5<sup>th</sup> January 1926, (57863/1925) the Department of Local Government wrote relative to apportionment work in connection with preparation of Poor Rate Demand Notes.

It was decided that the Secretary raise the matter at the Conference with the officials of the Department of Local Government to be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> January.

#### Estimate and Demand of County Board of Health.

Under date 5<sup>th</sup> January 1926, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health (60803/1925), Wexford County forwarded copy of letter which he had issued to the County Board of Health as to Estimate and Demand of that body being considered at their meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 1926.

#### Withheld Grants.

Under date 5<sup>th</sup> January 1926, the following letter, (62261/1925) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"With reference to your letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> ultimo, on the subject of State Grants, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the amount of State Public Grants absorbed in the Guarantee Fund in respect of Land Purchase annuities in Wexford County is £16,478:16:10. 10 portion of the Agricultural Grant has been withheld."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Thorpe:-

"That the deputation suggested at the meeting of the County Council on 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926 to Ministers of Government Departments in connection with Government Grants which have been withheld consist of the following:- Mr. J. Mc Carthy (Chairman), Colonel Gibbon (Vice-Chairman), Mr. W. Doyle C.D., Mr. R. Conish S.D., the Secretary and Mr. Elger, Solicitor. That the Secretary arrange with the Ministers concerned for the reception of the deputation when he has received information from the Land Commission as to the percentage of outstanding annuities in An Síosúil due by Wexford County."

#### Mountgarrett Bridge Joint Committee.

Under date 5<sup>th</sup> January 1926 (R/329/14), letter was read from the Minister for Local Government stating that he was advised that the four persons appointed by the Wexford Co. Council to act as their representatives on the Mountgarrett Bridge Joint Committee could continue to act on this committee until the bridge had been completed.

On the motion of Mr. Thorpe seconded by Mr. Clince the following resolution was adopted:-

"That our Secretary be instructed to communicate with Messrs. J. Cummins, Mr. Byrne, James Byrne, and J. J. O'Byrne, the representatives of this County



Council on the Mountgarrett Bridge Joint Committee and request them to inform the Council if they wish to continue to act as members of this Committee in view of the fact that they are now no longer members of the County Council.

### *Travelling Expenses of Nurse O'Connor, Tuberculosis Nurse.*

Under date 18<sup>th</sup> December 1925, (P.H. 59104/25 Wexford County), the Minister forwarded copy of letter which he had issued to the County Board of Health stating that he considered that travelling expenses should not be granted to Nurse O'Connor Tuberculosis Nurse, as a fixed allowance, but should be paid on vouched statements of expenditure submitted by her each month.

Referred to County Board of Health.

### *Rate Collectors' Poundage*

Under date 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926 (No 560054/1925 Wexford County), the Minister for Local Government wrote stating that he would raise no objection to the payment by the Wexford Co. Council of the balance of poundage fees on the sums collected and lodged by the rate collectors in respect of the collections of the first moiety of the current year's rate.

### *Conference with Department of Local Government.*

Under date 5<sup>th</sup> January 1926 (No 57863/1925), the Minister for Local Government wrote that he had fixed 14<sup>th</sup> of January and (if necessary) 15<sup>th</sup> January for the Conference with officials of Local Bodies in connection with the issue of the Public Bodies Order 1925, and the Local Government (Application and Adoption of Enactments) Order 1925 and at which the provisions of these two Orders could be discussed and difficult points solved.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Horpe the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we authorise our Secretary to attend the Conference with the officials of the Department of Local Government to be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> January, and in the event of our Secretary not being able to attend, Mr. J.A. Fitzgerald, Assistant Secretary act in his stead."

### *Damage to Property (Compensation) Act 1923.*

Under date 5<sup>th</sup> January 1926, (D.B/202), the Minister for Local Government wrote requesting the Council to make the necessary provision in the Estimates for 1926/27 to meet the sum to be lodged in Exchequer in respect of the forthcoming financial year under the terms of Section 14 of the above Act whereby the Council were required to pay a contribution equal to a rate of sixpence in the £ on the rateable valuation of the County, including Urban Districts for each of the Local financial years mentioned in sub-section 1.

Any payments in arrears should be lodged without delay.

It was decided that this communication be considered at the special meeting of the Council which is to deal with the preparation of rate estimates.



### Food and Drugs act.

Under date 21<sup>st</sup> December 1925 (Letter No L 5330/25), the Department of Agriculture wrote that one of their officers had obtained four samples of butter at New Ross on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December and three samples at Gorey on the 12<sup>th</sup> December which on analysis proved to be genuine. In addition, a sample of butter purchased at Gorey on the 12<sup>th</sup> December was found on analysis to contain 16.06 per cent. of water.

### Primary scholarship scheme

Under date 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1925, a letter was read from the Department of Education (Secondary Branch) agreeing to the renewal for the present year (1925-26) of the scholarships held by Bernadette Berny and Kathleen O'Keefe. A further extension of these scholarships would not be approved unless there was evidence of more marked progress by these pupils during the present year.

### Old age Pensions Act.

A communication was received from the Clerk of the 3 Old age Pensions sub-committee recommending the appointment on that sub-committee of Mr. Thomas Scallan P.P. Taghmon vice Very Rev Canon Fortune P.P. Taghmon, deceased.

On the motion of Mr. Cloney seconded by Mr. Conish, the following resolution was adopted:— That Mr. Thomas Scallan P.P. Taghmon be appointed a member of the 3 Old age Pensions sub-committee vice Rev Canon Fortune deceased.

### Appointment of ex-officio Inspector of Food & Drugs New Ross District.

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> December 1925, a letter was read from the Chief Superintendent, an Garda Síochána, Wexford nominating Garda C. Driscoll (2532) for the position of Inspector of Food and Drugs for New Ross district to fill the vacancy caused by the transfer of Sergeant John Cavanagh (1768) to Courtown Harbour.

On the motion of Mr. Sean Byrne seconded by Mr. Hope the following resolution was adopted:—

That Garda C. Driscoll (2532), New Ross be appointed ex-officio Inspector of Food & Drugs for New Ross district vice Sergeant John Cavanagh (1768) transferred to Courtown Harbour.

### Flooding at Ford of Lyng and Cabore.

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> November 1925, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council wrote that he had looked fairly into the question of taking proceedings against the owners of adjoining lands to abate the flooding at Ford of Lyng, caused by the drains on the Wet Lands having been allowed to get choked up. In the year 1917, an opinion of Counsel was taken in the matter and he advised that, as under Section 48 of the Wexford Harbour Improvement Act 1852, a District Board of Commissioners was created for the maintenance and repair of the embankments, drains, etc. belonging to the lands comprised in the south reclaimed lands and had power to levy rates for the purpose of such repairs and cleansing, the proper person to be proceeded against would be the District Board of Commissioners.



These proceedings would have to be taken in Chancery, and as the costs of such proceedings would amount to a very considerable sum, he asked for instructions before entering on same.

As regards the flooding at Cahore, the proceedings would be the same as in the case of Ford of Lym, the defendants being the Trustees of the Cahore Drainage District.

On the motion of Mr. Hope seconded by Mr. R. Crish the following resolution was adopted:—

"That proceedings be instituted against the owners of the South Stob - Messrs. Beldon and Miss Lym - to obviate the flooding on the road at Ford of Lym as their action in neglecting to clear the drains, etc. is the cause of said flooding. That Mr. Elgee be instructed to communicate with the Land Commission and ascertain what particulars they have in this matter and that the proceedings now desired be not taken until he submits to the meeting of the Roads Committee any information he is able to obtain from the Land Commission in the matter."

In connection with Cahore, the Chairman proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution:—

"That we call upon the Trustees of Cahore Drainage District to obviate the flooding at Kentown road which is caused by the neglect of said Trustees to keep the drainage system in proper repair."

#### *Pension of Dr. S. V. O'Connor.*

Under date 21<sup>st</sup> December 1925, the following letter was read from Messrs. P. J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, 1 Bone Street, Wexford:— "Dr. S. V. O'Connor has consulted us with reference to the pension of £133:6:8 which was granted to him by the Wexford Board of Guardians on the termination of his employment as medical officer of the Wexford Workhouse and Crossbeg Dispensary District in April 1922.

The pension at this rate appears to have been paid to him until the County Council gave notice of dispute under section 11(4) of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act 1923 when the pension was cut down by the trustees for Local Government to £70. When Dr. O'Connor made representations to you in response to the Circular of the Local Government Department dated the 14<sup>th</sup> April 1923, he did so without prejudice to, and reserving any legal rights he had and he accepted the reduced pension under protest.

It appears to us that section 11(4) of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act 1923 has application only to County schemes defined by the Act, that is to say, a scheme prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Act by the Council of any county to which no existing scheme related. The Wexford Scheme was "an existing County Scheme" which came into operation on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 1921 and as Dr. O'Connor's pension of £133:6:8 was validly granted by the Guardians under Sec. 8 of the L.G. (Ireland) Act 1919, Sec. 11(4) of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act 1923 gave no power either to the County Council or to the



Minister for Local Government to review it. We are accordingly instructed to take proceedings to enforce our clients' rights unless we hear that the County Council are prepared to pay the pension awarded to him together with all arrears to date."

On the motion of Mr Doyle seconded by Colonel Quinn the following resolution was adopted:—  
"That as the pension of Mr O'Connor was fixed by the Minister for Local Government, the application of Messrs O'Hallerty & son, solicitors on his behalf be submitted to that Minister for his advice."

### Game Laws.

A resolution was received from the Tipperary & R. County Council, requesting the Government to introduce a new Game Act at the earliest possible date in order to help sporting organisations to preserve stocks of game, the preservation of which was a national concern.

Mr O'Sonoghue proposed and Colonel Quinn seconded the adoption of the resolution. As an amendment, Mr Conish proposed and Mr Gault seconded:—"That the resolution be made 'read'."

On a show of hands, the amendment was carried by 11 to 7.

### Travelling Expenses of County Councillors.

A resolution was received from Roscommon County Council protesting against the inadequate travelling allowance to members of County Councils and their various administrative Committees and also the distinction made excluding members living within a five mile radius from securing any contribution towards travelling expenses.

Mr Thorpe called attention to an opinion given by Mr Justice Mac Lennan H.C., to the Limerick County Council relative to the amount to which members of County Councils and authorised Committees were entitled as travelling expenses.

The following is an extract from this opinion:—

"I am of opinion that on the true construction of the statute as a whole, members of the Board of Health and of the approved Committees are entitled on complying with the rules and provisions of the statute to the travelling expenses for the whole journey to and from their official residence to the place of meeting. The rules and regulations of the statute should be carefully complied with, as any unauthorised payment to members will in all probability be surcharged."

Mr Thorpe proposed and Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded:—

"That our solicitor be directed to obtain from Mr Justice Mac Lennan H.C. Council's opinion as to the proper amount of travelling expenses which can be claimed by members of County Councils and their authorised Committees."

Passed, Colonel Quinn dissenting.

### Lace on Ford Motor Cars.

The following resolution was received from Wick County Council:—

"That taking into consideration that the Ford Motor Car is practically all made in Ireland, we recommend the Government to give very favourable consideration to reducing the Licence duty thereon for the following reasons:—



- (1) Considerable employment is given in its manufacture.
- (2) It is the cheapest car made and has relatively the highest sale.
- (3) It is the only car within the reach of people of limited means.
- (4) The increased manufacture at Cork which would follow, would materially reduce our imports and help to reduce unemployment.
- (5) It is the lightest car and consequently does less harm to roads.

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> December 1925, a letter was read from the Ennis corby Motor Co. Ltd. also asking that some concession should be made in the location of Ford Motor Co.

The resolution from Kilkenny Co. Council was adopted on the motion of Mr. Conish seconded by Colonel Quinn.

#### Ancient Monuments.

Mr. Cloney brought forward the advisability of the County Council taking over ancient monuments which were not scheduled as such by the Office of Public Works. If this were done, the County Council would be in a position to prosecute anybody who would cause wilful damage to such monuments. In his opinion it was absolutely necessary that something should be done to preserve these memorials of the past which were so intimately bound up with the history of our country.

After some discussion, it was decided that the Co. Surveyor submit for consideration to next meeting of the Roads Committee particulars of ancient monuments which he had obtained some time ago.

#### Heavy Lorry.

On the motion of Mr. Hope seconded by Col. Quinn, the following resolution was adopted:— "That in view of the injury caused to a large number of roads in this county by heavy lorry traffic, we request the Government to limit same to six tons 'all in', and that no trailers be allowed."

#### Public Bodies' Insurance

On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:—

"That we approve of the proposed scheme of Co-operative Fire Insurance by Public Bodies as formulated by the County Council's General Council and will pledge our support to same when scheme has been finally approved."

Thom Barry



The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortineau, Wexford on 8<sup>th</sup> February, 1926.

The following were in attendance:-

Mrs J. Mac Carthy, Chairmen, (presiding) also Messrs William Boggan, Patrick Byrne, James Clinie, Michael Cloney, Patrick Colfer, John Connor, Thomas Cooney, Richard Conish, Michael Doyle, James Gault, L. Rossini, John Pender, James Stalb, Patrick Hayes, Daniel Kavanagh, Aidan Turnagh, Nicholas J. Murphy, John O'Byrne, Mr. M. O'Donoghue, James Shannon, William Thope, James E. Walsh, John White, Colonel C. W. Gilson and Colonel R. P. Wemyss Esq.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary and County Surveyor were in attendance.

Mr. Elger, Solicitor, was absent owing to illness.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

#### Farmer's Union - Deputation Re Rate for 1926-27.

Under date 30<sup>th</sup> January, 1926, the following was read from Mr. P. Higgins, District Secretary, Farmer's Union, Parklawn, Co. Y:-

"I beg to inform you that a deputation of members of the Farmer's Union, all large ratepayers and myself, will wait on your County Council at their office in Wexford at their next meeting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February re the striking of the new Rate. Please obtain permission of your Council to receive us and oblige."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Colonel Gilson:-

"That deputation from Farmer's Union be heard by this meeting."

Mr. Higgins stated that the deputation came to the Council to point out the necessity, in consequence of the depressed condition of agriculture, to give a substantial reduction in local rates for the coming financial year. Farmers were suffering by the importation of Canadian cattle, and, in the town of the County particularly there had been severe and extended loss owing to Fluke disease. The deputation could not of course be as familiar with local administration as Councillors who were sitting there monthly and dealing with the various phases of administration. They suggested that third, fourth and fifth class roads, which were now in a satisfactory condition, could do without material for the coming year or with half the normal supply. He did not complain in any way as to the manner in which road and quarry men carried out their work. They considered salaries were out of proportion to what they were in 1914 and 1920 and they suggested that the salaried officers of the Council should agree to a voluntary reduction in their salaries. He considered these officers should agree to a "cut" without undue pressure. The deputation did not say to the Council that a certain rate should be struck and no more - neither did they say they would not pay any rate but if a high rate be struck great difficulty would be experienced in its collection and if force were used it would lead to friction and chaos. The deputation expected that when the Council went into everything they would give a reasonable and substantial reduction in the rates.

Mr. H. H. Moore, Knocklawn, Dub., considered that everyone connected with the Council should bear their share of the general depression. He did not think it was necessary that specially



surveys should be supplied with motor cars. The deputation did not come in any hostile spirit and his voice would never be heard complaining if he could afford to pay the Rates.

Mr Earle, Tara Hill, stated that in the past Rate collection received only 3d in the £. The Chairman said this was a mistake: a poundage fee of 7d in the £ had been always paid by the Council.

Mr Earle also complained that Tara Hill Quarry was not working. A high rate would not - because it could not - be paid.

Mr Tomkins, Seaview, Ballygarrett and Mr Frederick Earle, Kilmuckish, supported the views of the other members of the deputation.

Colonel Quinn said the deputation had the entire sympathy of the Council the members of which had done their best since they were elected to administer the business of the County with the greatest economy and would continue to do so.

The Chairman thanked the deputation which had met the Council in a reasonable spirit. He promised them that the suggestions which they had made would receive the most careful consideration. He could not hold out any hope that they would be able to make a substantial reduction in the Rates but consistent with efficiency the Council would do its best.

Mr Tuohy and Mr Higgins thanked the Council for the manner in which the deputation had been received.

#### *Tourist Proposed Rate.*

Under date 1<sup>st</sup> February, 1926, Mr. J. P. O'Brien, B.A. Secretary Irish Tourist Association, wrote bringing the notice of the County Council to the desirability of allocating in its Rate Estimates for the coming year a small rate for advertising Tourist Resorts.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Doyle: - "That a deputation from Irish Tourist Association (Messrs J. P. O'Brien, Dublin and Mr. James Smith, Golf Hotel, Rosslare) be heard."

Mr O'Brien addressed the meeting in favour of the proposal and read letter from the Minister of Local Government in which it was pointed out that the time was ripe for retrenchment in local administration and the balance of trade was no longer in favour of Ireland, one way to recover the balance of trade in our favour would be by the development of Tourist traffic which if properly dealt with would help to reduce taxation.

Mr O'Brien pointed out that the large revenue which would be derived from Tourist traffic would help to keep the roads in an efficient condition.

It was decided that the matter be referred to special meeting of County Council to be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

#### *Self Protection League.*

The following was read from Mr. Mr. Parker, Hon., Sec., Self Protection League, under



date 9<sup>th</sup> January, 1926:-

"at a convention of above held in Ennis county on January 4<sup>th</sup> instant the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Council of Wexford be requested to withhold the striking of the current rate until February and unless same was done this League will repudiate any rate struck which shall be considered not just and equitable."

Colonel Gibbon proposed and Mr Doyle seconded the following:- "That the Hon., Sec., of the Self Protection League be informed that their resolution relative to Rate for 1926-27 was before the County Council. The latter require further explanation and would be glad to receive a deputation from them. That our Secretary be instructed to invite the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Hon., Sec., and executive to the Association to attend the meeting of the County Council at which the general estimate of Rate would be considered."

It was decided that the County Council hold a special meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 1926 at 10.30 a.m., and that Roads Committee be held on same day at 2.30 p.m., the special meeting of County Council to consider the recommendations of Finance and Roads Committees relative to Roads and General estimates of Rate."

#### Transfer of Powers to County Board of Health.

Under date 19<sup>th</sup> January, 1926, the Housing Department (Local Government Department) wrote (H.213/3560/1926 Miscellaneous) that as the powers and duties of the County Council under the Labourers Acts (other than those relating to the raising of loans) would be exercisable by the Board of Health, the Council would be well advised to execute an order under their seal in pursuance of sub section 3 of section 10 of the Local Government Act of 1925 - transferring to the Board of Health all cottages and plots or gardens and lands provided under the Labourers Acts together with all rents due and unpaid at the date of transfer in respect of the property.

A suggested order was enclosed with this communication.

A discussion took place as to the action of the Board of Health in making a rule that all incoming tenants of cottages should give security in the sum of £5 as to the payment of their rent.

Mr Clony proposed and Mr Shannon seconded the following resolution:-

"The Council of the County of Wexford in exercise of the powers vested in them by subsection (3) of section 10 of the Local Government Act, 1925, hereby transfer to the County Board of Public Health for the County Health district of Wexford all cottages and plots or gardens provided under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883 to 1919 by the Council of any rural district in the said County Health district and all lands provided by the Council of any such rural district for any of the purposes of the said Labourers (Ireland) Acts, and also all rents due and unpaid at the date of this Order in respect of any of the said cottages, plots, gardens or lands."

As an amendment Mr Rossini proposed and Mr P. Byrne seconded the following:- "That the adoption of Order under subsection 3 of section 10 of Local Government Act, 1925, transferring the powers of County Council (other than borrowing powers) under Labourers



(Ireland) Acts 1883 to 1919 to the County Wexford Board of Health be adjourned to next meeting only, in the meantime, that the solicitor to the County Council be requested to advise as to the legality of the action of the County Wexford Board of Health in deciding that incoming tenants of labourer's cottages should furnish security in the sum of £5 without having obtained the sanction of the County Council to this proposal.

a show of hands was taken on the amendment when it was found that 15 were in favour.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

### *Transfer Guaranteed Stock.*

Under date 6<sup>th</sup> February, 1926, the following was read from the Secretary to Board of Health:-

"The Wexford Rural District Council held 2 3/4 % Guaranteed Land Stock in connection with their Cottage Insurance Fund, and since their abolition one Dividend Warrant has been sent and signed by me and duly lodged to the credit of the account which replaced that of the Council.

The Bank of Ireland, who issues the Warrant, wrote asking for our authority, and I replied pointing out the Local Government Act. To this they sent a reply copy of which is enclosed.

From this it is apparently necessary for the County Council to transfer this property to the Board of Health by resolution so that the Dividends may be made out in their name.

"The amount of Stock held is £226:13:3d."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cloney, seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"The County Council of Wexford in exercise of the power vested in them by subsection (3) of section 10 of the Local Government Act 1925, hereby transfer to the County Board of Health for the County Health District of Wexford the 2 3/4 % Guaranteed Land Stock held by late Wexford Rural District Council and empower said Board of Health to receive all dividend warrants in connection with same."

### *Road Grants.*

Under date 1<sup>st</sup> February, 1926, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (R. 71/19) that a payment of £350 had been made for Emiscority Urban Council under Grant of £500 (quarrying, stone breaking &c).

Under date 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (S. & R. 132) that a payment of £333 5 had been made to the County Council on foot of grant £15,660 on L. 12 Works No. C. 854.

A communication (S. & R. 132) under date 1<sup>st</sup> February, 1926, was also read from the Department of Local Government approving of forth scheme for the expenditure of £1,200 proposed to be carried out in New Ross Urban District (Road L. 12 Works No. C. 856).

### *Cartaker sent jail.*

Under date 1<sup>st</sup> February, 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote



(G. 60350/25 Wexford County) that no objection would be raised to the proposed payment of wages at the rate of £1 per week to Mr Francis Wadding, caretaker of the old jail.

### Tuberculosis Scheme

Under date 30<sup>th</sup> January, 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H. 4355/1926 Wexford C.B.H.) relative to dental arrangements in connection with the County Tuberculosis Scheme. The letter in question pointed out that the name of Mrs O'Gorman, whom it was proposed to employ in connection with dental arrangements for Loney, did not appear on the Dentists' Register for 1925, that dental arrangements had been sanctioned only to the 31<sup>st</sup> December 1925 and that it would be advisable to obtain quotation from local dental surgeons in regard to multiple extractions as more favourable terms for such operations than prevailed in Wexford Co. had been secured in connection with other Tuberculosis Schemes.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Board of Health to take any necessary action in the matter.

### Application Increased Pension Dr. S. V. O'Connor.

Under date 4<sup>th</sup> February, 1926, the following letter (P. 3153/26 Wexford Co) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"With reference to your letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> ultimo in regard to the claim of Dr. S. V. O'Connor in connection with the pension granted to him in consideration of his services as medical officer, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to point out that the order determining the amount of the superannuation allowance payable to Dr. O'Connor is binding on the County Council and they cannot legally pay a greater allowance than that determined by the Minister."

"I am to add that the expression 'any County Scheme' in Section 11(4) of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923, clearly includes an existing County Scheme since it refers to allowances granted to officers of a local authority before the passing of that Act."

### Relief Grants.

Mr. Doyle raised the question of the County Council making application for some of the government relief grant fund. Wexford had suffered as much, if not more, than other Counties, from agricultural depression and while very large sums had been obtained by other Counties so scheme — had been put up from Wexford which would be obliged to pay its share of the distribution. He proposed:- That the County Council call upon the Government to allocate money from their Relief Grant Funds for the County Wexford and that the County Surveyor be directed to prepare suitable schemes to be submitted to the Department of Local Government."

Mr. Thorne seconded the resolution which was adopted.

### Mr. Jasper Whitty, Late Assistant Clerk to Emancipatory R.D. Council.

Under date 27<sup>th</sup> January, 1926, the following (G. 55923/1926 Wexford Co Council) was read from Department of Local Government:-



Adverting to your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> November last notifying the transfer to the County Board of Health of Messrs A. A. Connolly and Jasper Whitty late Clerk and Assistant Clerk respectively to the Enniserry Rural District Council, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state it is considered that Mr. Connolly's services should be quite sufficient for the work to be performed."

Proposed by Mr. Conish, seconded by Mr. Roscilli and adopted: - "That the letter of Local Government Department (S. 515923/1926 Wexford County Council 21<sup>st</sup> January 1926), as to dispensing with the services of Mr. Jasper Whitty be referred to County Wexford Board of Health in whose service Mr. Jasper Whitty now is, and that said Board be asked to report on the matter to the County Council."

#### Position of Mr. James Hall, Co. Councillor.

The following letter under date 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1926 (S. 59348/26 Wexford County) was read from Department of Local Government: -

"In reply to your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> December last regarding the position of Mr. James Hall as County Councillor, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has no jurisdiction in regard to the disqualification of persons for being members of a County Council and has no power to dispense with or authorise the waiver of the statutory provisions relating thereto."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr. O. Donoghue: -

"That, as it appears from the letter of Department of Local Government of 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1926 (S. 59348/1926 Wexford County), the question of retention of Mr. James Hall as County Councillor rests with this Council we hereby decide to retain Mr. Hall as County Councillor as he is a very valuable member of our body. That no further action be taken by this Council as regards the question of the disqualification of Mr. Hall."

#### Afforestation.

Under date 13<sup>th</sup> January, 1926, the Department of Agriculture wrote (1650/F) that as the result of the inspection of Foch Mountain the Department had learned that the unenclosed Mountain land of this area is claimed as a common by the people of the neighbourhood. Before afforestation could be undertaken the Department would have to fence the portion proposed to be planted and to obtain sufficient title to the land. So far they had not been able to ascertain the names of persons with whom they could negotiate for the acquisition of this land. They would appreciate any views which the Council might offer as to the steps which could usefully be taken to secure such a title as would enable planting to be considered as a practical proposition. The Department had 90 acres planted in Co. Wexford out of a total of 31,578 acres required for afforestation.

It was decided that the matter be referred to the Forestry Committee of Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction which is to meet on 1<sup>st</sup> March.



*New Ross R.D. School Attendance Committee.*

A communication was read from the Department of Education that the following had been appointed School Attendance Committee for New Ross R.D. Council area to serve as from 14<sup>th</sup> December 1925.

Appointed by Co. Council:— Messrs Wm. Thorpe, Mr. Cloney, and J. E. Walsh, County Councillors. Patrick Condon, Meelgarra, Clonroche and Martin O'Brien, High Hill, New Ross.

Appointed by Department of Education:— Very Rev. Canon Rossiter P.P. New Ross, Rev. J. Redmond, P.P. Honeswood, Campile, Rev. D. Hore C.C., Limerick, New Ross, Rev. L. Kinsella, C.C., Honeswood and Rev. W. Gibson L.L.D., New Ross.

*Cruelty to Animals*

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> January, 1926, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L. 4246-25) forwarding poster dealing with cruelty and damage to animals. The Department stated they would be glad if local authorities would assist the prevention of cruelty and damage to animals by giving the widest publicity possible by having the poster displayed throughout their administration areas.

Mr. Thorpe said that a good deal of damage was done cattle by loading them into railway wagons owing to defective facilities. In stations at which pens were provided the pens were occupied by something else or the wagons could not be brought opposite the pens. If the Railway Companies would provide two strong gates which could be hinged on to the sides of Railway wagons in the form of a V, cattle could be properly loaded and very little damage would happen.

Mr. Thorpe then proposed:— "That we request the Department of Agriculture to furnish this County Council with 50 copies of Poster dealing with cruelty and damage to animals. That the Department of Agriculture be requested to call the attention of Railway Companies to the necessity of providing for their stations within County hinged barriers about ten feet long which could be hinged on to railway wagons, which would greatly facilitate the loading of cattle into wagons, and, also, prevent a great deal of the cruelty which is now carried on in the endeavour to drive cattle from Railway Station platforms into wagons."

*Finance Committee.*

The following minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 21<sup>st</sup> January, 1926, were submitted:—

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortnew, Wexford on the 21<sup>st</sup> January 1926.

Present:— J. J. Conboy (Chairman) presiding: also Messrs J. Saub, P. Hayes, and William Thorpe.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr. Elgee, solicitor were in attendance.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.



*Apology for Non-Attendance.*

A letter was read from Colonel Sutton apologising for his absence from meeting in consequence of having to attend a meeting in Dublin, in connection with business relative to Sugar Beet Factory.

*Payments.*

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4909-17-11 was examined and signed.

*Combined Purchasing Act.*

In connection with appointment of representative to confer with Department of Local Government (Trade Dept.) on the 28<sup>th</sup> inst. relative to the preparation of prescribed list of commodities required by local authorities for period commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April next, it was agreed that the County Surveyor should attend on behalf of Wexford County Council.

*Rate Collection.*

The Secretary submitted the state of the Rate Collection from which it appears that the following percentages of second money had been collected: - Cruise 17: Sutton 2: Walsh 4: Smith P. J. 6: The Archy 3: Kelly Tr. 19: Deegan 7: Cummins J. 3: O'Byrne 3: Gammon 2: Cummins W. 6: Donohoe 5: Heilly 9: Kelly J. J. 5: Fitzpatrick 5: Smith J. J. 6: Murphy E. 15: Rowe 5: Murphy James 1: Carter 7: and Cleary 8.

The following resolution was adopted: -

That we inform the Rate Collectors that the Finance Committee are very much dissatisfied with the progress of the collection. The Committee will insist on drastic steps being taken in the case of any collector who has not lodged 25 per cent. of his collection by the 31<sup>st</sup> of this month. They will also require the collectors to close their warrants by 31<sup>st</sup> March next. The Committee have warned the collectors at meeting after meeting but the majority of them appear to pay no attention to their duties.

*Collector James Murphy; No 19 District.*

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> January 1926, the following was read from Mr James Murphy Collector for No 19 District: -

"I would thank you to submit to your Council my application for my reinstatement as Rate Collector. As you are aware, I have lodged to the credit of the Council all the money ascertained to have been withheld by me. Whilst regretting exceedingly my action, I earnestly desire to assure the Council that I was not actuated by any dishonest motive. I have no desire to minimise the seriousness of my action, but at the same time, feel that the Council will be disposed to deal leniently with me, having regard to the amount of poundage due to me which I intend to apply in clearing up the sums temporarily withheld.

Should the Council exercise their clemency on my behalf, I desire to assure them that I will in future endeavour to the best of my ability to retrieve the past and discharge the duties of my position, including the



collection of the rates to the entire satisfaction of the Council."

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Hayes seconded by Mr. Slope and adopted, the Chairman and Mr. O'Byrne dissenting:—"That the County Council be requested to rescind the resolution dispensing with the services of Mr. James Murphy as Rate Collector for 1919 collection district and reinstate Mr. Murphy on probation - this to be subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department and the Guaranties Society." The County Council were also recommended to apply to the Department of Local Government for permission to pay the poundage fee on amount of money which had been collected by Mr. Murphy.

#### Payment of Poundage.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hayes:—"That as the Wexford Rate Collectors have no occupation or means beyond their positions, we recommend the County Council to request the Local Government Department to allow payment of poundage monthly to the extent of 7½ per cent. of amounts collected and lodged in cases in which Finance Committee are satisfied that the Collectors are satisfactorily discharging their duties."

#### Rates on Banting Commons.

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> December 1925, the following letter was read from Mr. R. J. Keogh, Secretary, Carlow County Council.

"I have been directed by my Council to bring under the notice of your Council the hardship inflicted on ratepayers in County Carlow having grazing rights on the Blackstairs and White Mountains; it would appear that their sheep are liable to be seized by your rate collector for rates due to your Council the moment they cross into County Wexford and as fencing is out of the question, the grazing rights will be of little value should your rate collector take such action, which will result in a loss to my Council, as naturally the owners will refuse to pay rates for such grazing rights."

Perhaps your Council would see its way to direct its collector not to seize the sheep of Carlow ratepayers when engaged on a "border foray," and my Council will reciprocate.

The following resolution was agreed to:—

"That the Secretary, Carlow County Council be informed that as regards collection of rates on Banting Commons, the Finance Committee would not be prepared to interfere with the discretion of their rate collector."

#### Claim - Income Tax.

Income Tax Collector applied for payments of 16/6 under Schedule A in connection with Courstown Harbour.

The following resolution was adopted:—"That the Co. Council be recommended to pay under protest 16/6, amounts demanded for Income Tax on property at Courstown Harbour, (Schedule A).

#### Claim Poundkeeper Ennisconny.

Under date 6<sup>th</sup> January 1926, the following letter was read from Messrs. Huggard,



Mr. Brennan, Solicitors:-

"We are instructed by Mr. Thomas O'Brien, Ennis coachy that there are two years fees due to him amounting to £20 as Poundkeeper. Our client is in urgent need of this money and we shall be glad therefore if you will kindly let us have cheque for same at once.

Owing to depression of business, he is unable to earn very much and he is being pressed for payment of debts. He has a wife and six children all under 10 years of age to support so you see it is very desirable that he should be paid promptly.

Proceedings have been instituted against him under the Enforcement of Law occasional Powers Act, under which, as you are probably aware, the District Justice has very drastic powers and can commit a man to jail.

Under these circumstances, we shall be glad if you will have the matter taken up at once and let us have cheque.

Mr. Elgee, solicitor, to whom this letter had been referred wrote that Mr. O'Brien had not been appointed by the County Council. He had asked Messrs. Sugrue & Brennan to inform him of the date of appointment and the name of the person who paid last amount of salary to Mr. O'Brien.

It was decided that consideration of the claim be adjourned for further information.

### County Infirmary Buildings - Lease to Dr. Furlong.

Under date 7<sup>th</sup> January 1926, the following letter from Messrs. O'Hallerty & Son, Solicitors, Wexford to Mr. Elgee was read:-

"With reference to the draft Lease in this case, as already mentioned, we do not think it reasonable that Dr. Furlong should be asked to keep the premises in any better repair than they are at present.

We would, however, be prepared to advise him to agree to the ordinary repair covenant in the lease provided it is confined to the Infirmary proper and not to the out-offices, as the out-offices are at present and, were when Dr. Furlong went into possession, in a very bad state of repair, and unless these are put into good and substantial repair by your clients before the lease is signed, it is not reasonable to bind Dr. Furlong to keep them in such repair."

In forwarding this letter, Mr. Elgee wrote that the ordinary covenant in the lease which it was proposed to make to Dr. Furlong was to keep the premises in the same state as they now were.

He (Mr. Elgee) considered this reasonable as Dr. Furlong had been given at a very low rent.

The following resolution was adopted:- That Messrs. O'Hallerty & Son, solicitors be informed that as the old Infirmary buildings were let to Dr. Furlong on very favourable terms the Committee could not recommend the Council to make any



alterations in the conditions of the letting. The Council should direct that the lease be executed without further delay."

### *Bills of Costs.*

Under date 8<sup>th</sup> January 1926, the following letter, (No. 959915/1926 Wexford County Board of Health (S.A.)) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and, Public Health to return Solicitor Caulfield's Bill of Costs to you and to state that if he fails to come to terms with the Council this bill should be submitted for taxation by the Taxing Master and opposed by the Council on hearing."

A copy of a letter from the County Board of Health on the subject is enclosed, but the liability as an undischarged debt of the late Wexford Rural District Council on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October last appears to be one for the County Council."

In a letter to the Department under date 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1925, the Secretary County Board of Health wrote that in September last the Board of Health had offered Mr Caulfield £300 in settlement. Mr Caulfield had refused this offer and asked for £750. At the meeting of the County Board of Health in November last Mr Caulfield had been offered £400 basing their offer on Bills of Costs from the Solicitors in Gorey and Enniscorthy. This offer Mr Caulfield also refused.

It was decided to refer the matter to Mr Elger, solicitor for report.

A Bill of Costs for £17:16:0 for preparation of Lease for Gorey Dispensary by Messrs O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors Enniscorthy and which was an undischarged liability of the late Gorey Guardians was forwarded for consideration by the Secretary County Board of Health.

Referred to Mr. Elger, solicitor for report.

### *Weights & Measures Act.*

Under date 16<sup>th</sup> January 1926, the following was read from Sergeant Somers, Civil Guard, Ex-officio Inspector of Weights and Measures:-

The Department of Industry and Commerce have arranged to reprint from the Irish Trade Journal, the notices published therein, as to the issue of Certificates under Weights & Measures Act 1904 section 6.

I am directed to inform you that the cost of reprinting these notices will be borne by the County Council and that a note of the amounts payable for these notices will be forwarded to you at the end of each financial year, as the amounts would appear trifling to collect monthly."

It was decided to recommend the C. Council to pay their proportion of the cost of reprints of notices published by Department of Industry and Commerce under section 6 of Weights and Measures Act 1904.

### *Weights & Measures Office, New Ross.*

In connection with Weights & Measures Office for New Ross, the following was read from Sergeant Somers, Civil Guard, Ex-officio Inspector of Weights &



Measures:-

I beg to state that as the resumption of Weights & measures duty in New Ross Court District is now long overdue, I intend with the sanction of your Council to take over an office in the house of Mr. J. Stephenson, Priory Street, New Ross. This gentleman will rent the office (with fuel and light supplied by him) at 10/- per week. The office will of course be only a temporary one.

It was decided that the County Council be recommended to accept the proposal to rent temporary Weights & measures office from Mr. J. Stephenson, Priory Street, New Ross at 10/- per week, Mr. Stephenson to supply coal and light.

### University Scholarship Scheme.

In connection with University Scholarship Scheme to Mr. S. J. Furlong and which it was proposed to withdraw unless he passed in certain subjects at supplemental examinations, the Secretary stated that the next supplemental examinations would not be held until March. In the meantime College fees for four years in Agriculture and amounting to £22:2:0 were due.

It was decided that these College fees be paid.

### Application by Mrs. J. Hayes, Lale Port Co. Wexford Infirmary

Mrs. Hayes applied for the sum of £3:3:4 being difference between the amount paid to her husband, the late Mr. J. Hayes, by Co. Infirmary Committee for 3 months ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 1923, viz: - £10 and the amount of the pension to which Mr. Hayes was entitled for the three months, viz: - £3:3:4.

It was pointed out that Mr. Hayes had use of the lodge at the County Infirmary from the Infirmary Committee for 1 month.

It was decided that the sum of 10/- be deducted from claim in respect of use of lodge for one month, and that the balance of account, viz: - £2:13:4 be paid subject to the sanction of Local Corpn. Department.

### Claim Mrs. Hayes, County Infirmary.

Under date 10<sup>th</sup> January 1926, Mrs. E. Hayes late Female Searcher, County Wexford Infirmary wrote asking the Finance Committee to reconsider her application for a pension on the abolition of her office. Her husband was now dead so that she had lost her only means of support. She hoped the Council would see their way to grant her something.

It was decided that the Council be asked to reconsider the question as to whether Mrs. Hayes (who was paid £5 per annum as female searcher in County Infirmary) held a pensionable office.

### Checking of Rate Collectors' Books.

The following resolution was adopted:-

'That, in view of the fact that the Public Bodies Order 1925 permits of the appointment of more than one Rate Inspector we recommend the Co. Council to retain the service of the officials who act in this capacity up to the issue of Public



Bodies order, and at a remuneration not in excess of that paid annually for this work in the past."

Finance Committee - Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> February 1926.

Present: - Mr J. Mc Carthy, Chairman, presiding, also Messrs Thorpe, Gaul, Hayes, John O'Byrne,

The County Surveyor, Solicitor and the Assistant Secretary were also in attendance.

### Privilege of members.

Mr Patrick Hayes raised the point that Rate Estimate which was to be considered at present meeting was adjourned to convenience Colonel Gibbon who could not attend. He wanted to know if every member was entitled to the same privilege.

Mr. Thorpe stated that Colonel Gibbon was Vice-Chairman of the Council and that it was important to have him in attendance at such an important meeting as one called for consideration of Rate Estimate.

Mr. O'Byrne enquired who was empowered to call a meeting of the Council.

The Assistant Secretary replied that the Chairman of the Council or any five members were so empowered.

The Chairman stated the Secretary communicated with him regarding Col. Gibbon's request for adjournment and pointed out that Col. Gibbon would be at a meeting about But. Factory and at other meetings in connection with public matters in Dublin on Thursday and that it would not mean any inconvenience if the request was acceded to.

The Chairman stated he agreed to Col. Gibbon's request in the circumstances, and as the postponement meant no inconvenience he thought the matter might be allowed to drop.

### Rate Collection.

The Assistant Secretary submitted the state of Rate Collection showing the following percentages as having been lodged by Collectors on second moiety of current rate:-

J. Burke 31: Mr Kelly 26: S. Gannon 25: E. J. Murphy 24: J. Cummins 20: Mr Deegan 18:  
P. J. Simons 17: J. Sutton 17: B. Clary 17: Thomas Rowe 16: J. J. O'Reilly 15: J. Curtis 14:  
G. Mc Carthy 14: J. J. Kelly 13: W. Cummins 13: Patrick Donohoe 11: P. Fitzpatrick 10:  
J. J. Simons 9: Patrick Walsh 8: Patrick O'Byrne 6: and James Murphy 1.

The amount of first moiety outstanding was £3347 and second moiety £63176.  
Total £66523

The meeting considered the state of the collection as most unsatisfactory as Collectors had been instructed to have at least 25 % of their collection lodged by 31<sup>st</sup> January.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman that Collectors who had not carried out the Council's instructions be informed that the Council view with grave dissatisfaction the very small amount of the second moiety of Rate collected and warn all backward collectors, particularly those who have



lodged under 208 that the Council must take drastic steps unless immediate improvements be shown in their collections and substantial lodgments made by the date of next Finance meeting, on the 18<sup>th</sup> inst.

### Defaulting Ratepayer.

A letter was read from Collector O'Reilly regarding a case in his area in which a ratepayer owed £26:8:9 rate and £1:12:0 costs in respect of rates from March 1921 to March 1925. The man in question had no means of paying unless he sold his farm which he intended to put up for auction early in February. He wanted to know if the Council would require him to take further action as he had obtained decrees against this man for all rates to March 1925. He wished the matter to be considered in Committee as otherwise it might do harm. The only step he had not taken was to apply for imprisonment of the defaulter and perhaps the Council might think this course too drastic.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr O'Byrne that the Collector be notified that no further action need be taken in the case for the present and until the sale of the farm has taken place.

### Collector James Murphy.

Mr. Finn, Deputy Checker reported that on re-examination of Collector James Murphy's books for 1923, 1924, 1925 and 1926 rates, he found further sums had been collected and unlodged.

In respect of some of the items, the Collector furnished him with the official receipts, apparently in order, which he stated had become detached from the collecting books.

After allowing for such items the amount ascertained to be due was £16:11:8 of which Murphy had lodged £12:10:0 leaving a balance of £4:1:8 due.

It was decided to call on Murphy to lodge the £4:1:8 forthwith.

The following letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was submitted under date 29<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1926 (No. 93381/1926 Wexford C Council):

"Adverting to the entry in the minutes of the proceedings of the Wexford Council on the 11<sup>th</sup> inst. regarding Collector James Murphy. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that having had before him the report of the Deputy Checker and Mr. Murphy's explanation, he approves of and confirms Mr. Murphy's suspension by the Council under Article 99 of the Public Bodies' Order 1925."

The following letter from Messrs The Donagh & Boland Insurance Brokers was submitted:-

"We duly received your letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst. enclosing extract from minutes of Finance Committee meeting of the 21<sup>st</sup> inst. and have now had an opportunity of discussing the matter with the Irish National Company. They inform



as that they are quite prepared to keep the Bond in force subject to obtaining a statement from the Finance Committee that Mr. Murphy has lodged to the credit of the Council all monies ascertained to have been held by him. We shall be glad to receive the required statement at your early convenience."

### Loss of Collecting Book.

The following was read from Mr. C. Mc Carthy, Rate Collector under date 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1926:-  
"I beg to inform you I lost the St. Helens Rate Book off my bike while I was out collecting the rates. I have made several enquiries since and cannot get any trace of book. Will you please let me know what I will do in the matter."

It was decided that the Collector be instructed to obtain a new book at his own expense and that he advertise for the old book.

### Wexford Courthouse - Re Compensation Claim.

The following letter was read from Mr. Elger, solicitor under date 20<sup>th</sup> January 1926:-

Re Wexford Courthouse - with reference to above compensation claim, the Committee of Finance has now sent me Paying order for £584:19:10 the amount of the unconditional portion of the above award.

The draft is payable to the Treasurer of the County Council, the Secretary, Department of Local Government and Public Health and Captain W. A. Redmond.

The £584:19:10 is made up as follows

Amount of unconditional award	£ 550
Costs	£ 26 : 5 : 0
Interest (less Income Tax)	£ 8 : 14 : 10
	£ 584 : 19 : 10

I saw Captain Redmond yesterday and he informs me that he makes no claim to any part of the amount and has signed the Paying order. I now send it to you so that you may deal with the Local Government Department in the matter.

When the amount has been received, Mr. Wood who was employed by the C. Council to negotiate with the Finance Dept. should be paid his fees amounting in all to £11:5:0 and the £26:5:0 awarded for costs should be paid to me."

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Hayes that the sum of £11:5:0 be paid Mr. Wood and £26:5:0 allowed for costs be paid to Mr. Elger.

### Solicitor's Bill of Costs - Gorey R. D. Council.

A Bill of Costs from Mr. O'Harely solicitor for work done for abolished Gorey R. D. Council was submitted.

The Bill was certified by Mr. J. J. Fanning, former clerk, Gorey R. D. Council.

It was decided that Bill be submitted to Mr. Elger for his report.

### Application Income Tax - Rose Park.

The following was read from Mr. Elger under date 29<sup>th</sup> January 1926; Income Tax on Rose Park:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of 15 days date with demands for Income Tax herein."



with reference thereto I write to say that the Council are liable for the Schedule A tax, amount of the first instalment is apportioned being the sum of £2:4:10 as they are the owners of the property.

As regards the Schedule B Tax for the same period, amounting to the sum of 7/4, this Tax is on the occupation interest in the premises, and as such should be paid by Mr. O'Brien.

It was decided that £2:4:10 due by the Council be paid and that the collector be informed that 7/4 under Schedule B is payable by Mr. O'Brien.

#### Weights And Measures Inspection.

Letter from the Department of Industry and Commerce (Power Section) 41 Upper Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin under date 28<sup>th</sup> January 1926 as follows was submitted:-

"Following upon the Order made on the 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo by the Council for Justice under section 9 of the Intoxicating Liquor, (General) Act 1924, all bottles in which beer and stout is sold are now subject to inspection and verification under the Weights and Measures Act.

At the request of the licensed trade, the Council for Justice has prescribed the smaller size of such bottles to be used in trade to be one-third of a pint. This will involve the ordering by the Local authorities of a new standard measure for the set of local standards and for the set or sets of working substandards. For the convenience of the Councils, tenders have been invited from the leading makers of such standards and if your Council desire to avail of the advantages of an inclusive contract and approve of the acceptance on their behalf of the lowest tender, arrangements to that effect can be made by this department.

The standards when made will be carefully examined and tested by an officer of the Department.

The following tenders have been received for a standard hemispherical cylindrical measure of equal depth and diameter, capacity one-third pint, engraved with denomination, provided with glass striking discs and contained in polished mahogany box suitably lined, fitted with lock and key, price not to hold good unless a substantial number be ordered:-

Overbury Ltd. London	£6
W. & J. H. Birmingham	£5:15:0
De Goo, Whitcomb Ltd London	£5:12:6

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Brien seconded by Mr. Thorpe that the Department of Industry and Commerce be informed that the Council are in favour of the department's arrangements for an inclusive contract and approve of the acceptance on their behalf of the lowest tender, and that the Superintendent of the Civil Guard be requested to state the number of the new standard measures which will be required for the County Council standards and substandards.



The Chairman proposed and Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded the following:-

"That recommendations of Finance Committee in respect of meetings of 21<sup>st</sup> January, 1926 and 17<sup>th</sup> February, 1926 be and are hereby confirmed."

Mr Hayes proposed and Mr Lamb seconded:-

"That in view of the fact that Mr James Murphy Rati Collector for No. 19 Collection District has now lodged all monies for which he did not account to Deputy Rati Clerk to be re-instated as Insurance Company are satisfied to allow his fidelity guarantee bonds to remain in force."

a show of hands was taken with the result that nine were in favour of proposition of Mr. Hayes and 14 against.

The Chairman declared the proposal lost.

Mr Thorpe proposed and Mr Whyte seconded:- "That Rati Collector for No. 19 Collection District be appointed at next meeting of the Council poundage fees to be 6d in the £."

Mr O'Sonoghue proposed and Mr Cloney seconded the following:- "That Rati Collector for No. 19 Collection District be appointed at next meeting of the County Council and that poundage fees be fixed at 4d."

a vote was taken as between a poundage fee of 6d and 4d.

The following was the result:-

For Sixpence - Messrs P. Byrne, Colpe, Conry, O'Neil, Rossiter, Pender, Lamb, Hayes, Ternagh, Sean O'Byrne, Colonel O'Connell, Thorpe, Walsh, Whyte and the Chairman. - 15.

For Fourpence:- Messrs Cloney, Doyle, Gibbon, Hall, Kavanagh, Murphy and O'Sonoghue - 7.

Messrs Boggan, Clinici, Connors, and Shannon were not present.

The Chairman declared the amendment to allow 4d in the £ as poundage fees lost.

a vote was then taken as between 6d and 4d as poundage fees with the following result:-

For Sixpence - Messrs Cloney, Doyle, Gibbon, Hall, Kavanagh, Murphy, O'Sonoghue, Quinn, Thorpe, Walsh, Whyte and the Chairman 12.

For Sixpence. Messrs P. Byrne, Colpe, Conry, O'Neil, Rossiter, Pender, Lamb, Hayes, Ternagh and Sean O'Byrne - 10.

Messrs Boggan, Clinici, Connors and Shannon, were not present when the vote was taken.

The Chairman declared the resolution to allow 6d in the £ carried.

After the adjournment for lunch, Mr Shannon complained that some members who were absent when vote as to poundage fees was taken had been given to understand that only Drainage Committee's Report and Report of Scholarship Committee would be taken before lunch.

The Chairman said the matter had been raised by a member and he took full responsibility for allowing the discussion and for taking the vote. If any member



was dissatisfied he could hand in notice of motion.

Mr Shannon then handed in the following notice of motion:-

"I will move at next available meeting of the County Council that the resolution adopted at meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> February 1926, reducing poundage fees for new Rate Collector for No. 19. Collection District be rescinded, and that the poundage be fixed at 7d as in the case of the remaining Rate Collectors of the County Council."

The resolution relative to confirmation of Minutes of Finance Committee was then put and adopted.

### Drainage Committee.

The following Minutes of Drainage Committee meeting held on 1st February 1926 were submitted:-

"The adjourned meeting of the Drainage Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 1st February 1926.

Present:- Col. C. M. Gibbon (presiding), Messrs Sean O'Byrne, Aidan Mernagh and Michael Doyle J.D.

The Secretary and Mr Elgee, Solicitor were also present.

### Contribution towards Cost of Drainage Schemes.

Letter from Office of Public Works (19230/25) (which was referred from County Council to the Drainage Committee) asked if the Council had decided to make any contribution towards the cost of the works in the Kilmannock and Low Drainage Districts which are being carried out by the Office of Public Works.

The following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That the Office of Public Works be informed that the financial position of the County Council does not allow, for the present, of any contribution towards the cost of drainage works."

### Proposed Drainage at Blackstone, Duncormick.

A memorial from several Ratepayers in Blackstone, Duncormick, was received. It pointed out that the drainage was in such a bad state that farmers found it at times impossible to get into their land, the water, after heavy rains, standing two and three feet on the road and adjoining land leading to the sea. There was no Drainage Board for the District, and consequently



the matter was put before the County Council in order that something would be done to prevent flooding.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor for his report.

### Kilmannock Drainage.

At a recent meeting of the County Council, Mr N. J. Murphy contended that no Drainage Trustees had ever existed in regard to Kilmannock Drainage System, and it was decided that the Office of Public Works be requested to furnish any information they had in the matter.

Under date 30<sup>th</sup> January 1926 (58/26), the Office of Public Works forwarded copy of letter which they had addressed to the then proprietors on 4<sup>th</sup> September 1901 (9232/01). They had no knowledge as to whether the persons named in this letter had ever functioned as Trustees. In 1914 the Office of Public Works endeavoured to have a meeting called for the election of Trustees but without success.

The letter of 4<sup>th</sup> September 1901 pointed out that by Section 120 of the 5 & 6 Vic. Cap. 89, the drainage works originally executed should be maintained in an efficient state of repair by the Trustees elected by the proprietors. That Act was amended by Section 15 of the 18 & 19 Vic Cap. 110 which provided that where the proprietors in any district did not exceed six in number (as in the present case), such proprietors or others nominated by them or any two of them, at any meeting for the purpose should be the Trustees for the maintenance of the works in the district. The proprietors being, so far as the Board were aware, only four in number, were the Trustees of the District subject to the exercise of their option to nominate Trustees. The Board were informed that the proprietors in the district, to whom every facility had been given for calling a meeting to appoint Trustees, without any response being received expressing a desire to take that step, were:-

Captain Samuel B. Hamilton, Kilmannock House, Arthurs town,  
Patrick M. Power, Faithlegg, Waterford, Samuel King, Mountpleasant,  
Waterford, and the Devises of G. P. Haughton (Agent - P. Fitzgerald,  
66, George Street, Limerick).



The Board further pointed out that the chief duty of the Trustees was to maintain the works in proper order. If this was not done, the Board had power, under the Drainage Maintenance Act, 1866, to carry out the necessary works and charge the expense on the proprietors.

#### New Schemes.

Petitions were received (1) for the repair of the embankment of the River Barrow between Camblin House and New Ross; and (2) to clean up main drain on road leading to Great Island to the sluice on Galway Estate, etc. Referred to Co. Surveyor for his report.

#### Ballyteigue Drainage System.

It was decided to ask the Office of Public Works to send down their engineer to inspect the Ballyteigue and Kilmore Drainage System as the Committee considered the present a favourable time to have inspection carried out."

Mr Murphy said that some months ago the Office of Public Works wrote that the Drainage Trustees had been appointed in 1849. Now they say they endeavoured to have a meeting in 1901 and summoned the proprietors of the various properties to have a meeting. They evidently objected as they gave no reply to the Office of Public Works and ignored the Office of Public Works. The latter then endeavoured to have a meeting of 'dead men' in 1914. As a matter of fact, one of the men summoned had been dead for 40 years. The Co. Council or the Drainage Committee should go into this matter again as it was a serious step for them to take over the maintenance of this drainage system and collect a rate for which the ratepayers concerned declined to accept responsibility.

It was decided that Minute of this meeting dealing with drainage business should be forwarded to the Office of Public Works for their observations.

Under date 3rd February 1926, letter was read from County Surveyor relative to petitions for repair of embankments of River Barrow near Camblin House and cleaning up main drain at Great Island referred to him for report. The Co. Surveyor pointed out that the County Surveyor's Association had this matter of drainage



under discussion and it was decided that as the work was outside ordinary duties, fees should be paid for its performance. The Co. Council were not bound to employ the County Surveyor on these jobs.

It was decided to refer the letter of County Surveyor to the Finance Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Shannon:-

"That the report of Drainage Committee in respect of meeting held on 1st February 1926 be received and adopted."

### Scholarship Committee

The following Minutes of Scholarship Committee were submitted:-

"The adjourned meeting of Scholarship Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Fortwien, Wexford on 1st February 1926

Present:- Colonel Gibbon (Vice-Chairman, Co. Council) presiding; also Very Rev Wm. F. Murphy, President, St Peter's College, Wexford and Mr Sean O'Byrne.

The Secretary, Co. Council was also in attendance.

The previous meeting had been adjourned in order to ascertain what changes were about to be proposed by the Department of Education relative to the Agricultural education. Up to the present it had not been possible to procure this information, and after some discussion, it was decided to adjourn the meeting to 13th February at 10 o'clock a.m., Col Gibbon in the meantime to endeavour to procure some particulars as to the proposed changes and as to when it was proposed they should take effect.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Clince seconded:-

"That the Minutes of Scholarship Committee in respect of meeting held on 1st February 1926, be received and confirmed."

It was decided that next meeting of Scholarship Committee be held on a date before 18th March.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Thorpe, seconded by Col Gibbon:- "That the resignation of Rev. W. Gibson as member of Scholarship Committee be accepted and that Rev J. Talbot, Horetown be appointed to the vacancy."



## Roads Committee

The following minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> January 1926 were submitted:-

"The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortrose, Wexford on 25<sup>th</sup> January 1926.

Present:- J. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs Sean O'Byrne, P. Colfer, M. Cloney, W. Boffan, Jas Hall, James Shannon, R. Corish, Col Gibbon and Col Guin.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the Co. Surveyor, the six Assistant Surveyors and Mr Effe, Solicitor were also in attendance.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

### Estimate for Roads and Public Works 1926-27.

In connection with above, the following letter (which had been furnished Co. Councillors) was read from the Co. Surveyor:-

"Herewith I send you amended County Road Scheme and Estimate for Road Work. You will note that on Form 20 I have added a column in connection with the roads, setting out the figures that would be necessary to bring the Estimate down to figure approved for the current year, namely £62,574.

In regard to the Special Works, I have marked in Col 3 the word "omit" opposite such as it will be impossible to have carried out under the reduced estimate.

The summary attached provides for payment of arrears due by the several districts on Quarry and Machinery accounts; the proportion of amount due being that previously agreed on as an instalment by the Co. Council.

I wish to point out that in 1914 the expenditure on Roads and Special Works amounted to £30377 and that the cost of all works has increased to three times the rate since then. Deducting the arrears on Quarries and Machinery from the ~~works~~ during suggested estimate of £62574 it leaves £50558 available for works during the coming year and this figure is only about one and two-thirds the cost in 1914. During the current year there was a reduction on the estimate of £15260 and the present proposed reduction will certainly have the effect of putting back road-



maintenance work very considerably, and will entail very much increased cost in the future as the roads are bound to seriously deteriorate.

You will note that the Road Schedule has been amended to comply with the Local Government Circular fixing Main Roads and the Estimate Form has been altered accordingly. Since getting the Schedule printed and making out the Estimate the Local Government Department has sent a Circular directing the renumbering of all the roads on a special system, but it will be impossible to have this done out of hand (to make out estimate in the new to comply with the altered numbers). I shall at once proceed with the renumbering, but existing numbers must serve for the present."

The amended Estimate of the Co. Surveyor was made up as follows:-

Arrears, Quarries and machinery £6076, Quarry Stock £5940, Main Roads (Direct Labour) £14806, County Roads, do £26377. Contract Roads £6329. Special Works £1307. Sudden Damage Orders and Contingencies £1739. Total £62574.

To this should be added Insurance of Workmen £1000, Urban Roads £1859, Total £65433.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the actual amount he would have to spend on the roads would be £50558.

Col Gibbon pointed out that unless the rates were lower than last year, farmers would not be able to pay them.

The Chairman said that everyone was in favour of having the rates as low as possible, but the Council should recognise the absolute necessity for striking such a rate as would maintain the roads with efficiency. Starvation of road maintenance now would mean a progressively higher rate in the future.

Col Gibbon thought some economy could be made in the matter of haulage rates.

Mr Corish said everyone was in favour of having low rates if the results could be achieved without interfering with their various functions. Since last meeting of the Council, he found that 241 road workers had been dispensed with, so that there would now be only



350 men employed on the roads at present instead of 600. It could not be denied that at the moment many roads were not receiving that attention which was absolutely necessary for their proper upkeep. He only hoped the Council would make up their minds to receive a deputation from these people who were clamouring for lower rates and see what suggestion they could offer.

Col. Gibbon said the cost of living had increased by 75 per cent while wages were up 100 per cent. Materials were approximately 70 per cent up but the road estimate showed 300 per cent increase.

The County Surveyor said wages in 1914 had been 10/- to 12/- a week and they were now 30/-.

Mr O'Byrne questioned if the County Surveyor had a single man employed in 1914 at 10/- or 12/- per week.

Mr Boffan pointed out that while direct labour had come to stay, it was not an economic proposition on bye-roads. The contract system, if worked for what it was worth, was the cheaper system. As for haulage, he was in favour of having a definite figure per ton mile.

Col. Quin said that everyone recognised that the contract system was cheaper than direct labour. The Government "stroke" was well known and men would not do as much for the Government or for a public body as for a private individual. The contract system could be made a success with proper supervision and if the Assistant Surveyors did not carry out their duties properly their services could be dispensed with. It was a complex and difficult job to make and maintain proper roads.

The Co. Surveyor stated he had gone very closely into the matter with the Assistant Surveyors and he was satisfied they obtained better and cheaper work by direct labour than by contract. The contractor was out to pocket what he could out of the job, but the man on direct labour recognised that his position depended on capable and satisfactory work. They had a good staff of men now and it would be to the advantage of the roads if they were kept on.



Col Gibbon thought it should be possible to extend the number of roads which were maintained by sea gravel.

The Co. Surveyor said they were using all the sea gravel possible, but it should be recognised that sea gravel would not stand heavy traffic.

A long discussion took place as to breaking of material by hand but the Co. Surveyor pointed out that this was not feasible except in a few quarries and it was only possible to get out thousands of cubic yards of material in a short time by machinery.

Mr Cloney thought as many quarries were now provided with a proper face and properly stripped they might expect some reduction in the cost of working.

Col Gibbon proposed - "that the instalment of £6000 part of amount due to County Council by late R.D. Councils for working of quarries and machinery be carried forward on overdraft for the present year." Mr Cloney seconded.

Col Quin proposed that one-sixth of the amount due by the late R.D. Councils for working quarries and machinery be included in the Estimate for next year.

Mr O'Byrne proposed as an amendment - "that one-eighth of the balance due by late R.D. Councils for quarries and machinery be included in the Estimate for 1926-27 which would leave the amounts to be raised for each district as follows: - Enniscorthy £939, Gorey £607, New Ross £867 and Wexford £1027. Total £3440.

Mr Shannon seconded.

A show of hands was taken with the result that five voted for amendment and four against.

The amendment was then put as a substantive motion and Carried nem. con.

Col Gibbon proposed that £5940, amount included in County Surveyor's Estimate for Quarry stock be paid off in ten years and that £594 be included in present road estimate as one-tenth payment.

Mr Cloney seconded.

Mr O'Byrne proposed as an amendment: - "That one-sixth of the amount for quarry stock, viz, £1000 be included in the present year's road estimate."

Col Quin seconded.



A Show of hands was taken with the result that five supported the amendment and four voted against it.

The amendment was declared carried and on being put as the substantive motion it passed nem. con.

Col Gibbon considered that haulage rates should not exceed 8/- per day while the Co. Surveyor was paying an average of 10/-.

The Co. Surveyor said he usually set haulage contracts at per cubic yard per mile. The rate varied from 10d to 1/- so that 1/- would be the average.

Col Gibbon mentioned that if hauliers could be guaranteed a definite period of employment, it might be possible to secure tenders at a lower figure than at present.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the Council had suggested to him to distribute the haulage work amongst carters in consequence of lack of employment. Besides, it happened that a large quantity might have to be delivered in a limited time.

Col Gibbon proposed: - "That the Council be recommended to fix a figure for haulage not to exceed 10d per ton mile per cubic yard. In any case in which this figure has to be exceeded, Co. Surveyor must obtain approval of Roads Committee".

Mr Boffan seconded.

Mr Cloney proposed: - "That the haulage item in County Surveyor's Estimate for Roads be reduced by £1000 for this year."

Mr Corish seconded.

Col Gibbon withdrew his motion and the proposal of Mr Cloney was agreed to, Mr Hall dissenting.

A discussion then took place as regards the actual figures for road work.

The Chairman pointed out that the Co. Council last year had reduced the Co. Surveyor's Estimate by £15600 which brought the actual amount allowed down to £46483. He did not think they should agree on a lesser figure for the coming year. If they did not spend sufficient on their roads now, they would have to pay for it on the double in future years. The roads



were improving and it would be lamentable if they were allowed to deteriorate. It was vital that the roads should be looked after in the months of January, February and March. They were not able to do this for the present year as the road money had been practically all spent. Next year, however, with a more equitable distribution of men over the year, more attention could be given to the roads in these vital three months. Last year it was certain that many roads did not get the attention which was necessary.

The County Surveyor said that unless his Estimate was agreed to, the roads would deteriorate.

Col Gibbon proposed: - "That a rate of 3/- in the £ be agreed to for Roads and Public Works for 1926-27 to cover all charges under this head."

Mr Boffan seconded.

Mr Shannon proposed: - "That the original figures of last year's Estimate for Roads and Public Works, as submitted by Co. Surveyor and before reduction by County Council be agreed to."

Mr O'Byrne seconded.

A vote was taken with the following result: -  
For the Amendment: - Messrs Corish, Shannon, O'Byrne, and Colfer - 4.

Against: - Messrs Hall, Cloney, Boffan, Col Guin, Col Gibbon and the Chairman - 6.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The Chairman proposed: - "That the Council be recommended to strike a rate of 3/4 in the £ which will place at the disposal of the County Surveyor for Road Maintenance practically the same amount as he had last year."

Mr Corish seconded.

A vote was taken on this amendment with the following result: -

For the Amendment: - Messrs Corish, Shannon, O'Byrne, Colfer and the Chairman - 5.

Against: - Messrs Hall, Cloney, Boffan, Col Gibbon, Col Guin - 5.

The voting being equal, the Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the amendment which was declared carried. When put as the substantive, it was adopted nem con.



### Health Resort Rate.

Mr J. F. Kelly, Secretary, Co. Wexford Tourist Association wrote requesting the County Council to strike a rate of  $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £ to advertise the amenities and attractions of the County Wexford, as the Council were empowered to do under the "Health Resorts and Watering Places (Ireland) Act."

It was decided that Mr Kelly be informed that owing to the state of the finances of the Council, the Roads Committee were reluctantly obliged to withhold a favourable recommendation in the matter to the Council.

### Assistant Surveyors' Locomotion Expenses.

Col. Quin proposed, Mr Cloney seconded and it was passed: "That Assistant Surveyors attending meetings, etc. in Wexford be directed to travel by rail where this mode of transport is found feasible."

### County Harbours - Courtown.

Mr P. J. Crean, Riverchapel, Courtown Harbour wrote as follows under date 22nd January 1926:-

"At a meeting of the fishermen of Courtown Harbour the following resolution was adopted:- "That as a judicial inquiry into the state of some twenty-four Harbours in Ireland is to be held, and that as Courtown is not one of these, we respectfully request the Co. Council to use their influence to have Courtown Harbour included so that the proposed Commissioners may have an opportunity of seeing the state of Courtown"

I am further directed by the fishermen of Courtown to point out the very great loss sustained by them during the herring season on account of the state of the bar. Only small boats can go out to sea and even these can go out only occasionally. The pier too is only a shell and may collapse at any moment.

In view of these facts which can be confirmed by Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, the fishermen of Courtown would be pleased if the County Council would use its endeavours to have Courtown included among those harbours that are being the subject of Inquiry.

It is well too to point out that a sum of money was to be expended on Courtown Harbour by the British Government, but owing to the War the project had



to be abandoned."

In connection with this matter, the following resolution was forwarded from special meeting of Courtown Harbour Committee held on January 22nd 1926:-

"Having seen in the Press that the Government have decided to improve the harbours on the East coast of Ireland, we request the Co. Council to bring before the proper authority the case of Courtown Harbour and to request that such steps may be taken as their Engineers may advise, to have the harbour put into a proper state of repair. At the present time, both piers are undermined and are in danger of falling, and should that occur, the harbour would be entirely closed, and so take away from an industrious lot of fishermen their sole livelihood."

Rev John O'Grady C.C. Riverchapel attended with a deputation of fishermen. He pointed out that he had been fourteen years in the district and during all that time, the fishermen had been greatly hampered by the state of the bar. They wanted this properly dredged and they also held that it was necessary to have the pier extended in the interests of the fishing industry.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin seconded by Mr O'Byrne:-

"That we heartily support the request of the Courtown Harbour Committee and the fishermen of the district to have Courtown Harbour included in the scope of the Harbour Commission Inquiry which has been instituted by the Government."

### **County Surveyor's Report.**

The County Surveyor submitted the following monthly report:-

"I have amended my Estimate in accordance with the directions of the Council given on the 4<sup>th</sup> inst and have sent copies of details with covering sheet of explanation to all the Co. Councillors. I shall be prepared to go into further detail with the Committee at the meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> inst.

I received copy of Local Government Circular



in regard to numbering of the roads, and have gone into the matter. As there was some doubt about the system to be adopted, I wrote to the Local Government's official who had the matter in hands and I understand that the work as already done will serve for the present.

Immediately following the directions of the County Council on the 11<sup>th</sup> inst, I communicated with the Railway Company in regard to sending Ballybrennan material to New Ross Urban District. On the 13<sup>th</sup> and again on the 20<sup>th</sup>, I was at Ballybrennan Quarry arranging regarding hauliers putting the material on rail, and I have prepared the siding at Sparrowsland. It was only on the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst, that I was able to arrange with the Railway Company in regard to waggons, and these will be at Sparrowsland during the week, so that I shall be starting forward the material at once. I have the greater part of the material already prepared in Ballybrennan, and have now restarted the breaker so as to complete the quantity required.

I have had the felt lined boxes made to hold the thawed explosives, and am now thawing gelignite on day previous to a blast, and the work is going on satisfactorily.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> inst, I visited the two lanes on the Blackstairs mountain which it was requested to have repaired. In regard to Rathdruff over which material for the roads had been drawn I find that this is a private laneway for the use of four or five farmers, and the man who did the greater part of the haulage over it is one of these - living at the end furthest from the county road. He has a perfect right to use it, and as our agreement with him was for a fixed rate per cubic yard for material delivered on the county road, I do not think the Co. Council should undertake any repair.

Regarding the Askinvillar proposed new road, I find that the adjoining farmers have access to their farms by other routes, and the proposed new



road can never have been anything but a mere trackway; more like the bed of a mountain stream than anything else. It is below the level of the adjoining land and closed in with high banks; and it is only about seven feet between the fences. I do not consider that this should ever be made a County road.

In regard to the corner at which it was suggested the fence be altered by cutting down and putting posts and wire on top at junction of roads 280 and 282E, I have had a letter from Mr Cline, M.C.C. The owner originally asked for £25 compensation, but he has now agreed with Mr Cline that he would accept £3. Even this latter sum I consider high, as the work would not in any way injure the premises, whereas the corner is dangerous. I ask your directions in the matter.

During the recent storms, damage has been done to the end of the breakwaters at the entrance to Kilmore Harbour. A number of concrete bays have been carried away and it will be necessary to have repairs carried out as soon as weather permits. I estimate the cost will be in or about £25.

In connection with Rathduff Lane, Messrs P. Hanrahan and John Doran came before the meeting and explained that owing to the manner in which the place had been cut up by drawing stones to roads, the lane was impassable at present.

The Co. Surveyor stated that assuming they obtained the necessary land free, it would cost £120 approximately to make a new road at the place.

Col Gibbon suggested that in future in such cases, the Co. Surveyor should make provision for an amount to make good any damage which might be caused by haulage done on behalf of the Co. Council.

After further discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Gibbon Seconded by Col Quin:— "That the County Council be recommended to take no action in regard to application for repair of Rathduff Lane as they have no legal power to make any contribution towards its repair."



In connection with dangerous corner at Moyglass at junction of roads, 280 E and 282 E, Col Gibbon proposed, Col Swin seconded and it was passed:-

"That a sum of £2 be offered as full compensation to Mr Roche, Moyglass, Cairn for land proposed to be taken in order to allow of widening of dangerous corner at Moyglass."

With reference to Kilmore Pier the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Gibbon seconded by the Chairman:-

"That a sum not exceeding £25 be allocated for repair of Kilmore Pier."

The following resolution was also adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor's report as presented at this meeting be received and adopted."

### Machinery Charges.

The County Surveyor asked for approval to the following rates of Charges as regards Machinery &c:-

Rollers 7/- per hour; Breakers 12/- per hour; Rock Drills 12/- per hour; and Lorry 6/- per hour. Material from County Council Quarries 8/- per cubic yard.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Col Gibbon:- "That we approve of the scale of charges for hire of machinery, etc, as submitted by Co. Surveyor to this meeting."

### Workmen Late at Work.

The following report under date 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926 was submitted from Mr J. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I beg to report having visited roads nos 17 and 18 R on Saturday, the 2nd January. I arrived at Raheenvarren Cross at 8 am. and waited there for Michael Kehoe Carrigbyme - one of four men we have engaged cleaning the sides of nos 17 and 18 R preparatory to steamrolling. Kehoe was working near above Cross on the previous Thursday. I stayed there till half-past eight, and the man not turning up, I left and went on to Camross where Thomas Donovan and Patrick Condon should be at work. Both men were there but had only three or four slits dug each at the time. I pointed out to them that it was twenty minutes to nine o'clock and that



judging from what they had done they could not have been working more than from five to ten minutes.

I gave both men a week's notice. I then went back towards Raheenarren and on my way found Thomas Whelan just after starting work, and as it was then a quarter to nine o'clock, I sent him home. I also found Michael Kehoe just commenced work and I sent him home also for the day.

I informed the foreman of what I had done and told him that if any of the four men were caught coming late again, we would suspend them and report the matter to Roads Committee."

The following under date 18<sup>th</sup> January 1926 was read from John Donovan, Road Gangster:-

"A complaint has been made to me by four men that had been employed under me on No 17 and 18 R. It appears that Mr Kehoe has reported to you that he caught these men absent from work during working hours. The men employed on 18 R told me they were on their work on the morning of 2<sup>nd</sup> January when he (Mr Kehoe) came there and had some work done. Therefore, I hold it is not fair to report men for being absent from their work when they were at their work. As regards the men on No 17 R, I believe Mr Kehoe came on to this road on or about 8 o'clock and found that the men were not there. On his return from No 18 the men were working and he dismissed them. The men on this road told me that they thought they had started to work about the time. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> January, I visited No 142 R at 8 o'clock. I came from that to No 18 R; it was then about half-past eight o'clock. The men told me that Mr Kehoe had been there. I then came to 17 R and I found that there was some work done and the men had been dismissed. It was then between twenty minutes and a quarter to nine o'clock. I paid several visits to these men, morning noon and evening and I have never caught them late. On one occasion I caught Thomas Whelan ten minutes late and I



cautioned him, but it never happened after. - in fact I have been on 17 R and 18 R twice daily as I had 25 carters to contend with and never did I see any of these four men idle at any time."

Mr Kehoe said one of the men gave as an excuse that his bicycle was punctured. The men in question were generally satisfactory.

Col Gibbon proposed: - "That we approve of the action of Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor in suspending men whom he found late at work. That a record of his report in this connection appear in the minutes of this meeting."

Mr Hall seconded the motion which was adopted.

### Application for Increase in Wages - Patrick Mafee

Under date 31st December 1925, the following application was read from Patrick Mafee, Road Gangster, Raheen, Adamstown:-

"I beg to apply for an increase of money for work I have to supervise which I had not to do until steam-roller started work on 12 R. Section D. I have to travel 11 miles each day each way to supervise steam-roller work, and take charge of quarry and section as well.

Between quarry and surface men and roller gang I have to supervise the work of 31 men including two machine men. Trusting that you will give this application your kind consideration. I may say since steam roller started, I am after cutting up a pair of bicycle tyres owing to bad roads. I have no objection to my extra work if I get a chance to keep my bicycle in order."

The Co. Surveyor said that Mafee was receiving the same wages as other gangsters. There had been no Grant work in his area up to now, but in all other cases in which Grant work had been carried out, the gangsters concerned did not receive any higher wages than the amount paid Mafee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Quinn seconded by Mr Hall: - "That the application of Patrick Mafee, Road Gangster for increase of wages be refused."



### Loss of Heifer at Ahare Bridge.

The Co. Surveyor submitted a letter which he had received from Messrs McDonald & Boland, Insurance Brokers, 51 Dame Street, Dublin under date 30<sup>th</sup> December 1925 stating that the claim made by James Mafuire, moneygarra, Inch, Gorey for £7 for loss of heifer drowned near Ahare Bridge was far-fetched and unsustainable. The Council should maintain the position of non-liability and if the matter was pressed, the Insurance Company would defend any proceedings taken against the Council.

Under date 16<sup>th</sup> January 1926, Mr Mafuire wrote to the Co. Surveyor asking how the matter of his claim stood. He was a poor man and could not afford to be at such a loss. Everything went to prove he was entitled to compensation.

It was decided to make no order in the matter.

### Official Road Map.

Under date 12<sup>th</sup> January 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (RM/20/26) relative to preparation of official road map and the numbering of roads.

It was decided that the matter be referred to the County Surveyor for his attention.

### Relief Grants.

In connection with the carrying out of special works for the relief of unemployment by the aid of Grants, the Department of Local Government wrote under date 8<sup>th</sup> January 1926 that men required for these works should be engaged through the local Employment Exchange. This was a necessary condition in order to secure the grant and must be observed in all cases.

Referred to County Surveyor for his information.

### Payment to Road Workers.

Under date 11<sup>th</sup> January 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (RM/32) that payments to road workers must be made in accordance with the procedure laid down in sub-article 4 of Article 61 of the Public Bodies' Order 1925.

The following resolution was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr O'Syriae and carried:-

"That as all road gangers are under a bond to the County Council as regards the distribution of wages



to road workers, we hereby constitute them pay clerks under sub-article 4 of Article 61 of the Public Bodies Order 1925. We find that the distribution of wages through garfers has worked most satisfactorily, has saved a considerable sum in postage and also in clerical labour."

### Destroyed and Damaged Bridges.

Under date 8<sup>th</sup> January 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (L/DB/32) forwarding £1551-7-0 in final settlement of claims in respect of destroyed and damaged bridges in the County.

### Road Signs.

Under date 18<sup>th</sup> January 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (LH/39) dealing with Regulations which were about to issue under Section 36 of the Local Government Act 1925 with respect to, amongst other matters, the provisions of signs on public roads including the places to which road leads, "Direction Signs" and signs warning persons using a road of the dangerous portions thereof, viz:- "Warning Signs."

Referred to County Surveyor.

### New Ross Urban Council and Footpaths adjoining New Ross.

Under date 18<sup>th</sup> January 1926 the following was read from Town Clerk, New Ross:-

"at last meeting of my Council I was directed to again draw the attention of the County Council to the condition of the footpaths adjoining Urban District boundary of New Ross"

It was decided to ask the Urban Council to furnish definite particulars of complaint.

### Gorey Courthouse.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor, forwarded letter under date 15<sup>th</sup> January 1926 from Messrs Huggard & Brennan re Gorey Courthouse as follows:-

"Referring to your letter in which you inform us that the County Council on the recommendation of the Finance Committee offered £120 for the purchase herein and £40 for the arrears of rent. This offer is entirely inadequate, even assuming that there was a long lease in existence, twelve years purchase for this rent which must be regarded as well secured, is absurd.

We could point out to you that there are only 17 years of the



lease to run and this enhances the value of our clients' interests. Your clients are bound to rebuild and to pay the rent, and we must therefore call upon you to pay us the arrears of rent due and to forthwith proceed to have the premises restored, otherwise we shall have no course open but to institute proceedings against the County Council to do so.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Duggan seconded by Mr. O'Leary:—That Mr. Elgar be instructed to make amended offer for purchase of ground rent of Grey Courthouse, viz:—£160 and that the Council be further recommended to pay in addition the £40 rent which is in arrears.

#### New Ross Courthouse

Under date 21<sup>st</sup> January 1926, the following was read from Mr. Hugh R. Hamilton in connection with New Ross Courthouse.

"Referring to yours of yesterday I regret that I cannot accept your Council's offer of £600 for the courthouse here."

It was decided that the Council be recommended to take no further action in the matter.

#### Application for Increased Haulage Rate

Under date 31<sup>st</sup> December 1925 the following application was read from carters engaged at Carrigrohane and Tongarrow quarries:—

"We, the undersigned on behalf of the carters at Carrigrohane and Tongarrow quarries beg to bring under your notice the state of things as at present."

As the roads are very heavy at present, the rate of 1/- per mile per yard is very inadequate. If a cubic yard of stone weighs 25 cwt's, half a yard of stone and a cart is a fair haul for a horse under present conditions working daily. Say, a man and horse makes two journeys over 4½ miles at the above rate, he earns 4/6. This sounds ridiculous when all men under the Council are paid 5/- per day. What we ask is that you fix a fair rate.

(Signed) Terry Doyle, Carrigrohane, Pat Roche, Tongarrow.

P.S. We also ask that we be paid every fortnight."

It was decided that the application be refused as it was only quite recently that the carters concerned entered into an agreement with the County Surveyor at existing rates.

#### Claim for Insurance

Under date 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926 the following was read from Messrs. Huggan & Brennan, solicitors, Wexford:—

"Mr. Patrick O'Leary, Ballinacorney, Offlagan was employed at Jamestown Quarry in July 1924. He instructed us that on entering the Council's employment he handed the Council's foreman, Mr. Aidan Henagh, his unemployment card and National Health Insurance card, and that Mr. Henagh has informed him that he handed the cards in turn to Mr. John



Gorman, who states he forwarded them to the Co. Surveyor. Mr O'Leary has applied to the Co. Surveyor for these cards and has been told that the cards never reached the County Surveyor's office. In any case, the cards were lost or mislaid by the Council or their servants and under these circumstances, we have instructions to look to the Council for the loss our clients has sustained by reason of the cards not being forthcoming. Mr O'Leary stated he has lost £13 up to the present and we shall thank you to let us have cheque for this amount, otherwise we must only institute proceedings."

The County Surveyor stated that the card was never received in his office. The man only worked seven weeks and when the absence of the card was ascertained, the (Co. Surveyor) had had an emergency card obtained and sent to Mr O'Leary on the 31<sup>st</sup> July last.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Gibbons seconded by Col Quinn:-

"That the letter from Messrs Huggard & Brennan claiming £13 on behalf of Mr Patrick O'Leary, Ballinacorney, regarding, as to loss of unemployment benefit, be referred to Mr Edge, solicitor for advice."

#### *Printing for County Offices.*

The Secretary was instructed to invite tenders for the printing required by County Council offices and by Co. Surveyor's Departments for 1926.

The following resolution was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Colonel Gibbons:-

"That the minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> January, 1926 be received and confirmed."

Mr Doyle proposed and Mr Walsh seconded:- "That the minutes of Roads Committee of 25<sup>th</sup> January relative to proposed Road Rate for financial year 1926-27 be referred for consideration to special meeting of County Council to be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 1926."

Mr Hayes proposed and Mr P Byrne seconded the following:- "That Road Rate for 1926-27 as recommended by Roads Committee be now considered."

After discussion Mr Hayes withdrew his proposal and the resolution of Mr Doyle to postpone consideration of Rate for Roads to special meeting of the Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 1926, was agreed to.

The Chairman then withdrew his motion relative to confirmation of the minutes of the Committee and moved the following which was seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That the minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> January, 1926, except the portion dealing with suggested Rate for Roads be adopted. And that the minutes of Roads Committee



meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> January, 1926, relative to Road Rati be considered at Special meeting of County Council to be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1926."

### Horse v Mechanical Haulage

a long discussion took place as to the use of mechanical haulage of road material during the winter period. Several members complained that such haulage was injuring the roads very considerably.

The County Surveyor denied this and said that the damage caused by horse haulage was very little different to that caused by mechanical haulage.

It was decided that during the winter period when roads are in a soft condition the County Surveyor should utilise horse haulage as much as possible."

### New Ross Bridge

Under date 8<sup>th</sup> February, 1926, the following was read from County Surveyor:-

"I was in New Ross for Friday, and had for interview with Mr. Finn, Town Clerk. He told me that the Local people have noticed heavy lorries proceeding over this bridge at an excessive speed, and possibly, damage may occur and danger to the structure, which was not originally built to stand such strain. I shall be glad if you will bring up this matter before the Co. Council, so that I may apply to the Minister to have speed limits fixed."

Proposed by Colonel Quinn, seconded by Mr. Shannon and adopted:-

"That the Minister of Local Government & Public Health be requested to agree to a speed limit not exceeding five miles per hour in the case of lorries crossing New Ross Bridge."

### Application for Erection of Wall

Mr. James Benti, Burrow, Rosslare, came before the Council and asked them to erect a wall in the neighbourhood of his holding at Burrow, Rosslare.

Mr. Doyle said that this application had been several times before the Council and the only thing that prevented the Council from agreeing to it was the cost.

Mr. Benti said that an Inspector of Departments had told him the work could be done for £200.

Two actions.

### Erection of Poles for Electric Lights

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Mr. J. Joseph Davis, St. John's Works, Ennis, dated, 4<sup>th</sup> February 1926.

"I have been asked by Mr. L. Doyle, who is one of my tenants to put up Electric Light in his house in the St. John's and I may want to put it up in some other house close to Fairfield where I generate Electric Currents for my own private house and out office,



the village is only 100.

"I would therefore like to have your permission to put up poles and wires along side the road to the house. The poles will be high enough so as not to cause any inconvenience to the public and the village for too low to cause any damage."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Clinie seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That the application of Mr. T. Joseph Davis for permission to erect poles for electric lighting purposes from his works at St. John's Emmacothy to house of Mr. L. Doyle, The Hill Emmacothy etc, be agreed to on the understanding that the work is carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor and that Mr. Davis be responsible for any accident or damage which may occur during the erection of the poles and as long as they remain in position for his use."

*Furniture & C. New Ross R.D. Council Office.*

Under date 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1926, the following was read from the Secretary, Co. Board of Health:-

"I am directed by the County Board of Health to ask you to ask your Council if they could make arrangements to have some of the chairs at present in the Boardroom of the old Union Building at New Ross transferred to the County Home at Emmacothy, to be used in the Boardroom there."

The Mayor of the County Home has requisitioned a desk for his office at the County Home. There are some desks at the Boardroom of the New Ross Workhouse. Perhaps arrangements could be made to let him have one of those. I would be glad if you could bring the whole matter of the furniture before the next meeting of your Council."

Mr. Cloney proposed, Mr. Corish seconded, and it was adopted:-

"That our Secretary inspect furniture &c at offices of New Ross R.D. Council and submit list to Finance Committee with a view to having first selected, furniture &c, which may be required for the use of County Council"

*Tranmearath Bridge*

In reply to query as to whether he desired to continue to act as representative of Wexford County Council on Tranmearath Bridge Joint Committee as he was no longer a member of the County Council, Mr. Michael Byrne, Ballinaberna, Ballywilliam, wrote that he was willing to act as a member if he had an assurance from the Council that an attempt would not be made later on to disqualify him on some silly technicality.

Mr. John J. Byrne, Cusinstown, Ballynabola, wrote that he was in the hands of the County Council as regards his continuance as a member of the Joint Committee. He got notice of only one meeting. It was to credit to whoever was responsible for the delay about this very necessary work.



Mr. James Byrne, Boly, Ballycullane, wrote that he had no wish to continue as representative of the Wexford County Council on the Committee. It was quite obvious that the present Co. Council was the proper authority to deal with the matter.

No reply had been received from Mr. Cummins, the former representative of Wexford County Council on the joint Committee.

Mr. Cloney proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-  
"That Mr. Thorpe, T.C.C., be appointed representative of the County Council on joint Committee for Mountgarrett Bridge vice Mr. Michael Byrne."

Mr. Conish proposed and Mr. Saub seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-  
"That Mr. Thomas Cooney, T.C.C., be appointed representative of the County Council on joint Committee for Mountgarrett Bridge vice James Byrne resigned."

### Carlow Life - Boat House.

Under date 21<sup>st</sup> January, 1926, the following was read from Secretary, Royal National Life-Boat Institution:-

"With further reference to my letter of the 23<sup>rd</sup> June last, I shall be very much obliged if you will now let me know whether the Council have come to any decision regarding the disposal of the above Life-Boat House."

"Enquiries have been received as to renting or purchasing the House, but, before entering into any negotiations, I should like to hear from you as to whether the Council are desirous of taking over the House."

The following resolution was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That the National Life-Boat Institution be requested to inform this Council what amount they would expect for surrender of lease of Carlow Life-Boat House"

### Analysts' Reports.

Miss Phyllis Ryan, Co. Analyst, reports that during the quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 1925, she had examined five samples raw milk, six of butter, one of buttermilk, and two of margarine all of which were genuine. For Co. Board of Health 23 drugs were examined, three were condemned and 20 were genuine.

### Lectures on Economics.

The following resolution of Wexford Rural Library Service Committee as to lectures on Economics to be given under Barrington Foundation in Wexford by Mr. Joseph Johnston, Professor of Economics, in Trinity College, Dublin was submitted:-

"That the Library Committee recommend that the County Council will, under the Library Act 1925, bear any expenses incurred in running the series of lectures on Economics to be given by Mr. Joseph Johnston."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Rossiter:-

"That the County Council approve of payment for advertising and posters in connection with lectures on Economics by Professor Johnston, Trinity College,



Dublin, being made from Library Rati, as we understand the services of Mr. Johnston with the given fee and that the Mayor of Wexford will place the Town Hall Wexford at the disposal of the Committee, the only expense in connection with same being cartage's fee."

### Resolution Barrow Drainage.

The following resolution adopted at Conference of members of Leix County Council, Daib Representatives and others was submitted:-

"While approving of the Scheme for the Drainage of the River Barrow, we demand that the whole area of charge for the annual repayments should be the whole catchment area in the proportion of two-thirds in the benefited lands and one-third on the rest of the catchment area"

It was decided that resolution be marked "read."

### Transport Service

The following resolution was received from Dublin County Council:-

"That the County Council approve of the following resolution passed at the National Transport Congress and that copies be sent to each County Council in the 'Free State':-

(1) That this Congress strongly recommends the formation of a national Transport Commission to examine and report upon the problem of co-relating the work of various transport agencies in the Free State, and further suggests that such a Commission might either (a) confer with a similar Commission in Northern Ireland, or (b) be constituted jointly of nominees of the Irish Free State and Northern Ireland Governments.

(2) That in any Commission of enquiry that may be set up, adequate representation may be given to the interests of the Farmers and Ratepayers in the County.

The County Council would urge also representations of organised Labour on the Commission.

The resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Clinie.

### Arrears Agricultural Grants.

The following resolution was submitted from Dublin County Council:-

"That we request the Government to give this Council credit under Article 1 of Treaty for the arrears of the Agricultural Grants since the passing of the Local Government Act, 1898, amounting to approximately £590,000. The action was taken in the matter."

### Library Conference.

Under date 8<sup>th</sup> January, 1926, Colonel Titchell (Comptroller United Kingdom Trust) Dunfermline, wrote asking the County Council to appoint a representative to proposed Library Conference to be held in Dublin on 4<sup>th</sup> March to consider the problem of future library policy particularly as regards the relation



of Municipal Libraries and the new County Scheme under the recent act.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:— "That our Secretary be appointed Representative of this Council to Library Conference to be held in Dublin on 4<sup>th</sup> March."

*Tenders for Rali Books.*

Tenders were received for the printing of Rali Books, viz.,

"The People" office Wexford at £38:2:6

or "Free Press" at " £69:6:8

The tender of "The People" at £38:2:6 was accepted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne

Thomas Carthy



a special meeting of Wexford County Council for adoption of Rate Estimates for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1926-27 and for the transaction of other important business was held in County Council Chamber, Fortineau, Wexford, on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 1926.

Present:- Mr J. Mc Carthy, Chairman (presiding), also Messrs William Boggan, Patrick Byrne, James Clince, Michael Cloney, Patrick Colfer, John Connor, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, Michael Doyle, James Saul, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, David Kavanagh, Aidan Kernagh, Nicholas J. Murphy, John O'Rourke, Mr. Mr. O'Donoghue, John Pender, Thomas Rossie, James Shannon, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh, John White, Colonel C. W. Gibbon, and Colonel R. P. Wemyss Quinn.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor and Mr Elgar, Solicitor, were in attendance.

### Rate Estimates.

In connection with attendance of Deputation from Self Protection League, the Chairman pointed out that one of the promoters of this League had stated at recent meetings:- (1) that the cost of rate collection was £11,000 whereas actual amount paid collectors last year was £4,200; also that Mr. Elgar's salary as Solicitor to the County Council was £500 whereas the actual amount paid was £250.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Colonel Gibbon:-

"That deputation from Self Protection League be received and allowed to put their views before this meeting."

A letter was read from Mr P. J. Tanning, Cullinogue, Gorey, Chairman, Self Protection League, complaining of the poundage rate fixed for rate collectors. also that the salary of the Secretary had been more than doubled since 1914.

The Chairman pointed out that the Secretary's salary on appointment by County Council was £310. He had received only one increase - £90 - making the salary £400. His predecessor had a salary of £456. As regards fees paid for votes and jurors these were fixed under Statute and the County Council could not interfere with them, they were held by Secretary in virtue of his office.

The deputation consisting of about 30 members then came before the meeting Messrs Mr. Ryan (Oylegate), Thomas Jacob Shoughmore, Ballydaggan, J. S. McDonald, Clonmole, G. Devereux - Ballyfinogue, Hillinick, and others addressed the meeting.

Mr. Mr. Stokes, on behalf of the League, submitted the following:-

- (1). That the salaries paid to all officials of the public institutions be reduced to pre war rates plus 75% allowance for increased cost of living.
- (2). all travelling expenses to officials to be discontinued.
- (3). all gangs to be dispensed with as such, and their services to be utilised on the roads and in the quarries. Foremen where necessary to be.



allowed 2/6 extra.

(4) an inquiry into the working of the public institutions of the County by an independent Committee composed of members of the Transport Union, Farmers Union, and the Self Protection League.

(5) Expenditure on the Court House to be limited to the extent of the award.

(6) all sheep dipping to be carried out on the old system under inspection of the Civic Guards.

(7) all bye roads to be open to contract metalling to be procured by contractors out of approved quarries.

(8) main and trunk roads to be done by piece work, metalling to be supplied open to tender.

(9) Haulage of metalling not to exceed 1/- per mile per cubic yd.

(10) all works in quarries under Co. Council to be done by piece work metalling required by contractors of bye roads - cost not to exceed 5/6 per cubic yard at the quarries.

(11) No works to be done under sudden damage order unless an immediate danger to the public, all other works to be open to tender.

(12) Representation to be made to the L.G.O., that the tax on all mechanically propelled vehicles over 30 cwt. to be increased 100 %

In reply to the Chairman Mr. Parker said that his League did not mean that 75 per cent. should be added to pre war salaries but that £75 should be added to the pre war salary of each official retinidstanding what pre war salary was, in any case.

Mr. Devereux was strongly in favour of a Committee of inquiry being set up to report as to prevailing distress.

The Chairman informed the deputation that their views would be carefully considered by the Council. The latter, however, had the responsibility of carrying on the affairs of the County with reasonable efficiency and the Council would have to keep this in mind in connection with any rate which they struck.

The deputation withdrew after Mr. Devereux on their behalf had thanked the Council for giving them such a long and patient hearing. He suggested that the County Council should place before the Government information as to the dire distress in some districts in which the people were on the verge of starvation.

In connection with estimate the following under date 12<sup>th</sup> February, 1926 (G. 6813/26 Miscellaneous) was read from Department of Local Government:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to draw the attention of the County Council to previous circular letters in which the necessity for economy in public administration was stressed and particular attention drawn to certain definite aspects in which economy was expected."

"On a general review the Minister is disappointed with the results



which have subsequently been achieved.

"Continued charges for interest on overdrafts cannot but accentuate the seriousness of the existing financial position, and the Minister considers it right to intimate that, unless in very exceptional circumstances, he will not feel justified in authorising overdraft accommodation in future.

"In many Counties the results of the recent financial reckoning have disclosed substantial arrears of liabilities and the Minister desires that each Council should forthwith take steps to provide for a clearance of all outstanding liabilities in addition to making adequate provision for the requirements for 1926/27. It should be the aim of each Council to place their finances on such satisfactory basis that they will have in future years a sufficient credit at the end of March to enable them to carry on essential services during the six weeks or so that necessarily intervene before the new rates can be put into course of collection.

"The Councils now in office have their first opportunity of dealing with the situation generally when making the forthcoming rate and the Minister trusts that they will carefully and prudently examine the estimates submitted to them."

"The Minister desires in every reasonable way to second the efforts of Councils who wish to effect substantial retrenchment; but reduction in the considered estimates of the County Secretaries should not be made unless such reduction can clearly be met by effecting relative economies in the services to be carried out. Arbitrary "cuts" without relation to necessary expenditure can only result in more acute financial embarrassment.

The Secretary pointed out that under Local Government Act, 1925, the liabilities of former R. D. Councils are handed over to the County Council. The largest item under this head is the amount due by Rural District Councils for working of quarries and machinery and, which Rural District Councils as County Surveyor reported, refused to include in their Road estimates for a number of years.

The amount due by R. D. Councils under this head will be on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1926:-

Emisworthly	£ 7517
Gorey	£ 4854
Thurles	£ 6935
Wexford	£ 8217
Total	<u>£ 27523</u>

For the year ended 31/3/25 the County Surveyor exceeded his Road limits by £5940. He explained this by the fact that the amount was expended in providing stock of material in quarries during that year. As provision for this amount was not made in Rate Estimate it is necessary that same should be included in addition to the £27523 above stated, total £33,463.

This question was considered by Roads Committee who decided to include £4440 of the amount in Rate Estimate for coming year leaving £29023.



still outstanding under these heads.

The Chairman stated the general Rates in the 2 last years were:-

	on Land s. d.	on Buildings s. d.
Emmiscothy	7: 8	9: 8
Gorey	7: 8	9: 5
West Ross	7: 3	9: 5
Wexford	7: 7	9: 6

The separate charges last year levied over entire Rural Districts were:-

Emmiscothy	1 1/2 d
Gorey	5 3/4 d
West Ross	4 3/4 d
Wexford	1 1/2 d

The rate which the Finance Committee decided to be submitted to the County Council for consideration was made up as follows:-

General Rate off Land	Emmiscothy	6: 5
	Gorey	6: 5
	West Ross	6: 5
	Wexford	6: 5
General Rate off Buildings	Emmiscothy	8: 9
	Gorey	8: 9
	West Ross	8: 9
	Wexford	8: 9

Separate Charges leviable off entire Rural Districts amount to:-

Emmiscothy	1: 3 1/2
Gorey	1: 7
West Ross	1: 1 3/4
Wexford	1: 1 3/4

In addition there are a number of separate charges leviable off small areas. Full particulars of all separate charges appear on Form 43.

Separate Charge Table contains amounts in respect of traditional Injury Decrees, Superannuation allowances of Ex-Union officials, Repayments of Loans of former Boards of Guardians and repayments of Loans of former Rural District Councils. As regards the last item the Finance Committee points out that this was charged against the General Rate last year as part of the Demands of the Rural District Councils, but, in consequence of the abolition of these Councils and change made by Local Government Act 1925, it was now necessary to raise these repayments as separate charges over each Rural District.

The Minutes of Roads Committee of 25<sup>th</sup> January 1926 and appearing on pages 36 to 42 (inclusive) of Minutes of General Meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> February 1926 were read.



The Chairman proposed:— "That the minutes of Roads Committee of 25<sup>th</sup> January 1926 in so far as same relate to Road Rate for 1926-27 be received." *Passed.*

Mr. Doyle seconded.

Mr. Shannon proposed and Mr. Hayes seconded the following:

"That the amount to be spent on roads be produced by a rate of  $3\frac{1}{10}$  in the £ for financial year 1926-27."

Col. Gibbon proposed and Mr. Boggan seconded the following.

"That the Council agree to road expenditure as produced by a rate of 3p in the £ for financial year 1926-27."

Mr. Jordan pointed out that while Wexford roads were costing £35 per mile, the roads in Kilkenny County were being maintained at £23.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded:—

"That the minutes of Road Committee of 25<sup>th</sup> January 1926 containing a recommendation for the approval of a road expenditure amounting to a rate of  $3\frac{1}{4}$  in the £, to include the raising of £4440 quarry stock and quarry and machinery arrears be and are hereby confirmed."

A vote was taken as to adopting road expenditure as produced by a rate of 3p in the £ with the following result:—

For— Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Quinn, Kavanagh, Murphy, O'Donoghue, Thorpe, Walsh and Whyte—13.

Against— Messrs P. Byrne, Clunie, Connors, Cooney, Colfer, Conish, Rossiter, Pender, Gaul, Hayes, Ternagh, Sean O'Byrne, Shannon and the Chairman—14.

A vote was then taken relative to road expenditure to be produced by a rate of  $3\frac{1}{10}$  as follows:—

For— Messrs P. Byrne, Clunie, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Conish, Pender, Rossiter, Gaul, Hayes, Ternagh, Sean O'Byrne, Shannon—13.

Against— Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Kavanagh, Murphy, O'Donoghue, Quinn, Thorpe, Walsh, Whyte, and the Chairman—14.

This motion was declared lost.

A vote was then taken as to the adoption of  $3\frac{1}{4}$  rate as basis of expenditure, as follows:—

For— Messrs Boggan, P. Byrne, Clunie, Colfer, Gaul, Connors, Cooney, Conish, Pender, Rossiter, Gibbon, Hayes, Ternagh, Sean O'Byrne, Quinn, Shannon, and the Chairman—17.

Against— Messrs Cloney, Doyle, Hall, Jordan, Kavanagh, Murphy, O'Donoghue, Thorpe, Walsh, and Whyte—10.

The Chairman declared the proposal carried.

The following minutes of Special Meeting of Finance Committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 1926 were read.



A special meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview Wexford for the purpose of considering estimate for general rate, on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 1926.

Present, Mr Thomas MacCarthy, Chairman, presiding, also Col. Gibbon, Treas. P. Hayes, Sean O'Byrne, Michael Jordan, Wm Thorpe and James Gaub.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary and the County Surveyor were also in attendance. Mr Elger, Solicitor was unable to be present owing to illness.

Mr Walsh M. C. C. wrote that as he had a previous engagement arranged for, he was not able to be in attendance.

In connection with surveying staff, Col Gibbon considered that as Surveyors were now provided with motor cars three assistant surveyors would be sufficient for the performance of ordinary work and a fourth man might be put in charge of the trunk roads of the county.

Mr Jordan thought it would be more economic and as efficient if the roads were grouped and surface work set by contract.

The County Surveyor believed a system of this description would require quite as much supervision as the system which prevailed at present.

Mr Jordan said he understood that practically all the road workers in his district were in favour of the proposal which he made.

Col Gibbon said he would bring up his proposal as to re-allocation of the districts of Assistant Surveyors at the meeting of the Roads Committee.

In connection with mileage rate paid Assistant Surveyors there was a long discussion as to whether the present rate should be reduced to 5<sup>p</sup> or 4<sup>p</sup>.

It was finally decided that the County Council be recommended to reduce the rate to 5<sup>p</sup>. Mr Jordan who was in favour of 4<sup>p</sup> dissented.

It was decided that the amount included for the item be reduced by £231.

In connection with amount set aside for advertising, it was decided that the Chairman and Secretary should interview proprietors of local newspapers and ascertain the amount for which they would be prepared to carry out the advertising of the County Council and all subsidiary bodies, or, in the alternative, the advertising of the County Council and Committees directly appointed by them viz: County Committee of Agriculture, and Technical Instruction, Finance, Roads and other casual committees appointed by the County Council for work directly under their charge.

In connection with preparation of Register of Electors a recommendation was adopted that the County Council should point out to the Government that it should only be necessary to prepare Voters' Lists once every two years.

After considerable discussion it was decided that a sum of £1214 instalment of loan for re-erection of Courthouse be taken out of estimate as it was believed the amount of compensation for Wexford Courthouse, viz:—



£5000 would represent all that would be spent on such work for the coming year.  
It was also decided that Mr Elger, solicitor be directed to apply for the 10 per cent interest on amount of compensation claim.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman that a sum of £8000 amount of Grants be included as an estimated receipt, in view of the fact that a sum of £6000 has been withheld by Government as against unpaid Local Commission annuities amounting to only £8000.

The Chairman then proposed that the estimate for general rate, as follows be submitted to the County Council for consideration:— Off Land 6/5 Off Buildings 8/9.

It was also decided on the motion of the Chairman that estimate for separate charges be approved.

The Chairman proposed:— "That the estimate for maintenance of roads as presented by Roads Committee be approved."

This proposal was not seconded.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Gibbon seconded by Mr Jordan:— "That estimate for roads as agreed to by Roads Committee be presented to the special meeting of the County Council to be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1926 for their consideration."

The Chairman proposed and Mr O'Byrne seconded the following:— "That the minutes of Finance Committee of 13<sup>th</sup> February 1926 be received and adopted."

In connection with proposed reduction of assistant Surveyors mileage rate from 6<sup>d</sup> to 5<sup>d</sup>, the following was read from Local Branch of Irish Local Government Officials Union:

"Having carefully considered the proposal of the Finance Committee to reduce the travelling expenses of deputy surveyors by one penny per mile, this branch of the L. G. Officials Union is satisfied that Surveyors cannot possibly carry on at the reduced rate of 5<sup>d</sup> per mile and in consequence is compelled to decline to agree to the Council's proposal. This action on the part of the Branch is based on the following facts:—

(1) The Surveyor must pay 1/9 for petrol - not 1/7 per gallon, the figure taken by the Finance Committee - and it should be remembered that the Surveyor works necessitates constant stopping and starting. As a result of this, his petrol consumption is considerably greater than that of the private owner who invariably is up against a straightforward proposition, as say getting from one town to another or works of that description.

(2) No allowance is made by the Committee for garage purposes.

(3) The Branch also considers that £36 is not a sufficient allowance to make for tyres and are of the opinion that £54 would be nearer the correct amount. The life of a tyre cannot be taken as 15,000 miles, and all manufacturers allow 10,000 as being the fair estimate. In the case of tyres the Surveyor has not the advantage of the private owner. He cannot choose his



route and is daily called upon to take his car into places where the latter would not dream of going.

(4) An allowance is made for a surveyor having to hire a car occasionally when his own is up for repairs. So far no man in their ranks has succeeded in getting a car at 6<sup>d</sup> per mile. The usual charge is 10<sup>d</sup> per mile.

(5) The Branch considers the allowance made for repairs L32 to be on the light side. In the case of repairs, the surveyor is again unfortunately circumstanced, as compared with the private owner. Practically every item must be given over to a mechanic for attention, whereas the private owner can devote his spare time to the car and do many odd jobs on his own. Invariably the surveyor's time off the roads is given to a great extent to the office work accruing from his activities and work out of doors.

In general it is agreed the Committee's figures are correct or nearly so in the case of the private owner, but it is unfair to take the surveyor off the same marks. The latter car must be out all day and every day practically speaking, and in all weathers. This is an entirely different proposition to that of the private owner who in the general case has his choice of route and weather.

Mr Jordan proposed and Mr Doyle seconded the following:

"That the mileage rate paid to Assistant Surveyors be fixed at 4<sup>d</sup> from this date.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For - Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Harangh, Murphy, O'Donoghue, Quinn, Thorpe, Walsh, and Whyte - 13.

Against - Messrs Byrne, Clinch, Colfer, Connors, Conry, Corish, Rossiter, Pender, Shannon, Gaub, Hayes, Henagh, Sean O'Byrne, and the Chairman - 14.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

A vote was then taken on confirmation of minutes of Finance Committee including a recommendation to fix the mileage allowance for Assistant Surveyors at 5<sup>d</sup> per mile.

The following was the result:-

For - Messrs Boggan, Clinch, Cloney, Conry, Pender, Doyle, Gaub, Gibbon, Hayes, Harangh, Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, O'Donoghue, Quinn, Henagh, Thorpe, Walsh, Whyte and the Chairman - 19.

Against - Messrs P. Byrne, Colfer, Connors, Corish, Rossiter, Hall, Jordan, and Shannon - 8.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The Chairman proposed:- "That general rate for financial year 1926-27 as appearing on Form 42 be agreed to and which represents a general rate of 6/15<sup>d</sup> in the L on Land and 8/9<sup>d</sup> on buildings. That rates for separate charges as appearing on Form 43 as submitted to this meeting and to Finance Committee be and are hereby agreed to."

Mr Corish seconded.

Mr Doyle proposed and Mr O'Donoghue seconded the following resolution:-



" That the general rate as submitted to this meeting in respect of financial year 1926-27 be reduced by 4<sup>d</sup> in the L.

after considerable discussion both motions were withdrawn and the Chairman proposed the following which was seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:-

" That the general rate for financial year 1926-27 as appearing on Form 42 submitted to this meeting be reduced by 2<sup>d</sup> in the L, - amount of one penny of which is to be taken from Demand of County Board of Health and amount of second penny to come off rate for County Services, making the general rate in the L for each district at 6/3 for Land and 8/4 for other hereditaments. And that the rates for separate charges as appearing on Form 43 be also agreed to. That the following amounts be demanded from Urban districts:-

	General	Separate	Total
Ennisworthy	£ 2687:16:10	£ 108:6:4	£ 2796:3:2
Tewkesbury	£ 2484:13:2	£ 170:1:4	£ 2654:14:6
Wexford	£ 6174:18:5	£ 174:5:0	£ 6349:3:5

#### Rate Collection - No. 19 District.

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> February 1926 the following was read from Mr. James Murphy late Rate Collector for No 19 Collection District:-

" I regret very much the decision the County Council arrived at in reference to my suspension and am very sorry they did not give me an opportunity of relieving the past and proving that it is possible to make amends.

" I again respectfully ask them to reconsider their decision and reinstate me as collector, and I faithfully promise that there shall be no cause to regret their doing so.

" I know many of the members will recollect the difficult position and the dangers I had to contend with after my appointment, when for a long time after, the carrying out of the duties of the position often meant risking life, etc. Notwithstanding this, as can be ascertained, I successfully collected the rates for the Council and I now again respectfully ask them to give me another chance especially as I have cleared off all outstanding between us, and thus made amends as far as lay in my power."

Mr. Murphy submitted references from Rev. J. Murphy P.P. Ballymurni and Rev. William J. Harper C.C. Carroneigh.

The Council proposed that Mr. Murphy rate collector for No. 19 collection district be reinstated on probation of six months.

The Chairman said as Mr. Murphy had been dismissed by the Council, the Council should give notice of motions if he wished to move Mr. Murphy's reinstatement.

#### Collectors' Pounds.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Shanahan:-



That the resolution adopted at meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> February 1926, reducing poundage fees for new Rate Collectors for No. 19 Collection District be rescinded, and that the poundage be fixed at 7<sup>p</sup> as in the case of the remaining Rate Collectors of the Council.

Mr Clinia seconded.

a poll was taken with the following results:-

For - Messrs P. Byrne, Clinia, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Paddy Rossiter, Gaulb, Hayes, Tremagh, Sean O'Byrne. Shannon - 13

Against - Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Gibbon, Halb, Jordan, Kavanagh, Tremagh, O'Donoghue, Lunn, Thorpe, Walsh, Whyte and the Chairman - 14

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

Col Gibbon proposed and Mr Halb seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem. con.:-

"That our Secretary issue advertisements for appointments of Rate Collector for No. 19 Collection District, poundage fees to be 6<sup>p</sup> in the £, elections to be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 1926. That for the position of Rate Collector for No. 19 District, Superior, Christian Brothers Westford be requested to set papers for qualifying examination in English, Irish, and Arithmetic and mark same. That examination be held in Co. Halb, Westford on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 1926 commencing at 11 O'clock."

### Road Works Scheme

The Council then took up consideration of Provisional Road Works Scheme referred to them by Roads Committee.

After some discussion, the following notice of motion was handed in by Mr Jordan:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at next meeting of Westford County Council that in future all road and quarry work of the Council be done by piece work or by contract."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Thorpe:-

"That the Committee for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the following:- That the Councillors representing each County Electoral Area be appointed as Tenders Committee for that Area, viz:- Ennis Corliffe Area - Messrs Tremagh, Mr Corish, Jordan, Shannon, Kavanagh and Cliffe - 6  
Long District - Messrs P. Byrne, Halb, O'Donoghue, Quinn, Sean O'Byrne, Connors and Pender - 7

New Ross District - Messrs Cloney, Colfer, Cooney, Murphy, Thorpe, Walsh and Whyte - 7

Westford District - Messrs Boggan, Doyle, Gibbon, Corish, Hayes, Gaulb and Rossiter - 7

That arrangements be made by which the various specifications in each County Electoral Area be available for inspection in the office of Assistant Surveyor



concerned.

That date as to meetings of Tenders Committee be agreed to by the Council when notice of motion by Mr Jordan as to having quarry and road work carried out by Council be disposed of."

### Road at Camolin Park

Mr. P. Byrne presented the following Memorials which was signed by a large number of ratepayers in Camolin District:-

"We, the undersigned, on behalf of the residents in Camolin Park beg to draw your attention to the sad plight in which the unfortunate people are at present owing to the deplorable condition of the "road" leading to their houses from Camolin village.

"This road, so called, is now practically impassable. The unfortunate people have to wade knee deep in water and try to crawl along the tops of the ditches in wet weather, and when ill, the priest and doctor find it nearly impossible to visit them.

"We would therefore earnestly request that you would see your way towards granting some relief by way of grant towards putting this road in passable repair

Colonel Sibson proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted unanimously:-

"That our Secretary be directed to forward to the Department of Agriculture, Memorials from ratepayers of Camolin District calling attention to the condition of the road at Camolin Park which is a private road of the Department. That the Department be requested to put this road into proper condition at once. That reply of the Department in this matter be forwarded to Mr Doyle J.D. with a view to his taking whatever action in the matter he may consider advisable in the interests of the people concerned.

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