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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

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MONTHLY MEETING 13TH DECEMBER, 1926.

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N.. J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,  
WEXFORD.

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The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 13th December, 1926.

Present:- Mr. T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs William Boggan, Patrick O'Byrne, James Clince, Michael Cloney, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Thomas Cooney, R. Corish, Michael Doyle, James Gaul, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, D. Kavanagh, Aidan Merangh, Nicholas J. Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, M. M. O'Donoghue, John Pender, Thomas Rossiter, James Shannon, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh and John White.

The Secretary, The Assistant Secretary, the County Surveyor and Dr. W. Sterling Berry of the Local Government Department were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### THE LATE MR. PATRICK GAUL.

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On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman the following letter from Mr James Gaul, County Councillor, was ordered to be inserted on the minutes:-

"I wish to express my sincere thanks to you and the members of your Council for their kind vote of sympathy passed to me on the death of my Father, the late Patrick Gaul, R.I.P"

#### MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

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##### Finance

The following Minutes of meeting of the Finance Committee held on 11th November, 1926, were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:-



The monthly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held on 11th November 1926 in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford.

Present:- Mr Sean O'Byrne, presiding and subsequently Mr T. McCarthy, Chairman. Also Messrs P. Hayes and Wm. Thorpe.

The Secretary and Assistant Secretary were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5101-1-2 was examined and signed.

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Mr Patrick Kenny, Irish Street, Bunclody, wrote in connection with University Scholarship awarded his son, John asking if the County Council would pay fee for boy while being trained as a National School Teacher and hold over Scholarship for him.

It was decided to refer the matter to next meeting of the County Council.

#### NEW ROSS COURTHOUSE.

Under date 6th November 1926, Mr D. Corish, District Court Clerk wrote that last Court held in Hall, New Ross was on the 4th September and the Courthouse had been used since that date. The weekly rental of A.O.H. Hall, or at least portion of it, ought now be allowed for the cleaning and dusting of the Courthouse, this arrangement to continue until the County Council take over the Courthouse and appoint a caretaker.

It was decided that tenancy of A.O.H. Hall, New Ross, which had been utilised as a Courthouse should be determined and that the Council be recommended to pay 2/6 per week for cleaning and dusting of Courthouse, which sum is also to cover the lighting of Court fires during the winter months.

#### GOREY COURTHOUSE.

Under date 3rd November 1926, John McLeod, Thomas St. Gorey, caretaker, Gorey Courthouse, wrote asking for permission



to order what coal would do for the District Court during the winter; he thought about three or four cwt. would do.

It was decided that Co. Surveyor should make what arrangements he thought most advisable as to supplying coal for Gorey Courthouse, keeping in mind the necessity of purchasing the smallest possible quantity until coal had become cheaper.

#### WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS.

Under date 1st November 1926, the following was read from Department of Industry and Commerce:-

"I am directed to inform you that a special supply of stencil plates is required immediately by the Inspector of Weights and Measures of your area, for the verification of bottles under the Standardisation of Bottles Order. Inclusive tenders for all the County Councils were invited and the lowest tender obtained was that of Mr John A. Rooney, 8 College St., Dublin, @ 27/6 per set of 12 plates. I shall be glad to have your authority to order a set.

A set of date stamps for 1927 will also be required by each Inspector on 1st January next. Tenders are being invited and we shall be glad to have your authority to accept the lowest tender. Last year's price was 6/2 per set."

The following resolution was adopted:- "That the Department of Industry and Commerce be empowered to supply stencil plates and date stamps as required by Inspectors of Weights and Measures on the terms of their letter under date 1st November 1926.

#### SCHEME OF SALE OF LABOURERS COTTAGES TO TENANTS.

The General Council of County Councils forwarded proposed Scheme for purchase of Labourers' cottages by tenants of same and which had been prepared by Waterford No. 1 Rural District Council.

It was decided to refer the Scheme to County Board of Health.

#### CO. WEXFORD INSURANCE SOCIETY.

Correspondence was read from National Health Insurance Commission complaining of the administration of above Society.



It was decided to ask Mr Hutchinson (Secretary to the Society) why he had not summoned the meeting of the Committee of Management for 11th November 1926, and also to ask Mr Elgee, Solicitor why he had not prepared new Security Bond for Mr Hutchinson.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

Under date 8th November 1926, Mr William Somers, Limbrick, Kilanerin, Gorey wrote complaining that though he had received a Civil Bill for rates, the Collector never called for the rates and never gave him Demand Notes. He also sent a man three times to the office of the Rate Collector but could not find him.

Mr J.J. O'Reilly wrote that he had posted Demand Notes to Mr Somers on 2nd August and had called to his place on the second Wednesday in September but found no one there. He met Mr Somers on the 2nd October in Gorey and he promised to pay on the following Tuesday. The Collector could not find anyone at home that day although the fire was lighting and the entrance door on the latch only. Collector called again on the 11th of October with the same result and left a Six Day's Notice on the dresser. On 30th October, the Collector's solicitors wrote Mr Somers that if he did not pay his rates before the 4th of November, a Civil Bill would be issued against him. He did not do so and Civil Bill was issued.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That with regard to complaint of Mr Somers under date 8th November as to the manner in which Mr O'Reilly, Rate Collector has discharged his duty, we accept the explanation of the Collector and decline to interfere with him in his attempt to collect the rates in this case.

Under date 6th November 1926, Mr P. Donohoe, Rate Collector wrote that he had been doing his best to close his collection but he had to wait until ratepayers sold their corn to make money. He could not get money where there was none. He had proceeded in the Court, secured Examination Orders and was doing all he could to close his collection.

No Order.



On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr.  
Hall the following minutes of meeting held on 25th November,  
1926, were confirmed:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 25th November 1926.

Present:-Messrs E. Mernagh, P. Hayes, Sean O'Byrne, Michael Jordan and Wm Thorpe.

On the motion of Mr Mernagh seconded by Mr Hayes, the Chair was taken by Mr Sean O'Byrne.

Subsequently Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman) attended and presided for the remainder of the meeting.

The Secretary and the Co. Surveyor were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5055-17-7 was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

The following is the state of Rate Collection to 24th November 1926 showing the percentage of warrant lodged in each case:- J.J. O'Reilly 97.52: E.J. Murphy 96.98: B. Cleary 93.67: J.J. Sinnott 93.23: J. Quirke 93.20: J. Curtis 92.92: T. Rowe 91.8: J.J. Kelly 91.61: M. Deegan 90.33: S. Gannon 90.16: P. Donohoe 89.52: P. Fitzpatrick 89.01: J. Doyle 88.30: W. Cummins 88.02: M.M. Kelly 87.11: T. Sutton 86.44: P. O'Byrne 86.18: C. McCarthy 86.06: J. Cummins 85.07: P. Walsh 84.64: P.J. Furlong 72.81.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That Collectors Joseph Cummins, Walter Cummins, Patk O'Byrne, M.M. Kelly, T. Sutton, P. Walsh, and C. McCarthy be instructed to attend next meeting of Finance Committee to be held on 9th December 1926 in order to explain why at the expiration of ten days from 11th November, they had not 90 per cent of their collections lodged as directed by County Council."

#### BANTRY COMMONS RATES.

In connection with the deliberations of sub-committee appointed to deal with this matter and draw up suggestions for settlement and adjustment of rates amongst the various ratepayers



using the Commons, it was decided that the Secretary communicate with Rev. D. Bolger P.P. Rathmure, Rev. J. O'Connor C.C. Templeudigan, Rev. W. Fortune C.C. Killealy and Rev. R. Talbot Rector, Killanne and request them to advise their people concerned to meet the sub-committee in order to discuss the matter with a view to a settlement.

#### RATE COLLECTOR DONOHUE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr O'Byrne:- "That Collector Donohoe be asked for an explanation in connection with letter over his name which appeared in "The Echo" newspaper for 13th November 1926 and in which he attacked a County Councillor relative to remarks passed during a discussion on the Rate Collection at last meeting of County Council."

#### BONDS FOR RATE COLLECTORS.

The Secretary reported that Mr Quirke, Rate Collector had renewed his Fidelity Guarantee Bond with the Irish National Assurance Company while Collectors John J. Sinnott, John O'Reilly, M.M. Kelly, Thos Rowe, Michael Deegan, Joseph Cummins, Walter Cummins, Patrick Donohoe, John Curtis, P.J. Fitzpatrick had entered into bonds with the New Ireland Assurance Co. The latter forwarded cover notes for P. Walsh and E.J. Murphy.

(Collector J.J. Kelly wrote that he had transferred to New Ireland Assurance Co. and was covered by them at present.)

With the exception of Bernard Cleary, the bonds of the other Collectors were not due for renewal.

Under date 20th November 1926, Mr Cleary wrote that he was not able to pay the premium on his bond until he received payment of poundage. He said he intended taking out bond with New Ireland Assurance Co. for which he was agent.

The Secretary stated that several of the Collectors had written that their reason for changing to new Company was because they would save 9/- in amount of premium. They were of opinion that no objection would be raised by the County Council to the change as a bond from the New Ireland Company had been



accepted by the County Council for John Doyle Rate Collector.

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

"That as Rate Collectors who have forwarded Fidelity Guarantee bonds or cover notes from New Ireland Assurance Company have transferred their guarantees from Irish National Assurance Co. to the New Ireland Assurance Company without the previous permission of the County Council, we decline to accept <sup>said</sup> bonds or cover notes, and direct the Rate Collectors concerned to renew existing bonds with the Irish National Assurance Co. by 6th December next. When Rate Collectors desire to change their guaranteeing Company they must make application in good time before expiration of existing bonds for consent of the County Council to such transfer. That we call on Mr Bernard Cleary to forward forthwith receipt for Fidelity Guarantee bond as Rate Collector."

#### HABITABLE VACANT HOUSES.

The Rate Collectors furnished by instructions of Finance Committee lists of habitable houses in their districts and which were at present vacant.

It was decided that these lists be circulated amongst County Councillors for their observations.

#### EX-RATE COLLECTOR P. J. SINNOTT.

Messrs McDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers, forwarded the following letter under date 15th November 1926 from Irish National Assurance Company relative to the claim of Mr Philip J. Furlong, temporary Rate Collector, for remuneration for work of waiting on ratepayers, etc. in connection with default of P.J. Sinnott ex-Rate Collector:-

"We beg to acknowledge receipt of your favour of the 13th inst enclosing communication from Mr Frizelle. We regret we cannot see our way to accede to Mr Furlong's request as according to conditions of the bond, any salary or commission which but for the acts of embezzlement would have become payable by the employer to the employed must be deducted from the amount payable in respect of the claim."



The Finance Committee considered they could do nothing further in the matter. They decided, however, to point out to Mr Furlong that he was receiving poundage at the rate of 7d in the £, whereas John Doyle, the other Rate Collector appointed this year by the Council was only receiving 6d in the £.

Messrs McDonagh & Boland, 51 Dame Street, Dublin, Insurance Brokers forwarded the following letter under date 15th November 1926 from the Irish National Assurance Company in connection with claim of Michael Breen, Ballyharty, Bridgetown that he had paid his rates to Sinnott:-

"With reference to your favour of the 12th inst enclosing letter from Mr Sheridan in connection with disallowance of £23-19-9 in the case of M. Breen, we beg to state that the matter has been fully gone into by Mr Fitzgerald, and as no tangible proof can be produced by Mr Breen we cannot alter our Investigator's decision.

No Order.

#### CARETAKING TEMPORARY COURTHOUSE.

Under date 18th November 1926, the following was read from Mrs McNally, County Courtkeeper:-

"In connection with what appeared in the local papers re courtkeeper, perhaps I should write you saying I have always been, and am still anxious to fulfil my duties as such, and I offered to carry them on with the present temporary Court but the County Surveyor prevented me."

The County Surveyor stated that as there was a caretaker in the Old Jail, he did not consider he should allow Mrs McNally to have anything to say to the temporary Court which was being held in the Old Jail without directions from the Sheriff and the County Council.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Thorpe seconded by Mr Mernagh:-

"That Mrs McNally be instructed to carry out her duties as Courtkeeper in regard to temporary Court which has been arranged for in old Jail premises- this to include lighting of stove for Court and fires for Court offices."



PROPERTY (COMPENSATION) ACT.

Under date 12th November 1926, the Secretary Local Government Department wrote (DB 32) that contributions payable by the Wexford County Council to the Exchequer under Section 14 of the Damage to Property (Compensation) Act 1923 in regard to the years 1924-25, 1925-26, and 1926-27 had not been paid. This matter should be brought specially to the notice of the Council with a view to having a payment made without delay.

A resolution was adopted that County Council should forward Paying Order for £4941-6-3 as a payment on account.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE.

Under date 12th November 1926, the following was read from Miss J. M. Walsh, County Librarian:-

"On Wednesday evening I discovered that a cash box which I had in the office in which there was £10 was missing. This money was all of the subscriptions that I have received from the Wexford centre since it was opened and also for some books that were replaced. I have notified the Guards about it but so far they have not been able to trace it. Should it not turn up, I will only have to make good the loss myself. I will call up in the morning and give you full details of the matter."

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That Miss Walsh, County Librarian, be instructed to supply a full statement of the circumstances relative to missing cash-box, also detailed statement of receipts making up the missing £10, setting out date on which each item was received."

Under date 26th October 1926, Miss Walsh, Co. Librarian wrote:- "Regarding the Booksellers' bills, all of these have been passed except those in Days' and Boots' bills. Books must be purchased from these Libraries immediately the second-hand list is issued, as otherwise it would not be possible to take advantage of the reduced prices. These, however, I will submit in due course to the Book Selection Committee."

The following resolution was adopted:- "That with reference to her letter of 26th October 1926, Miss Walsh, Co. Librarian



be asked for report of Book Selection Committee relative to bills of Messrs Day and Boot."

DUTIES OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At the meeting of County Council on 8th November 1926, it was decided to ask the Finance Committee to draw up list of duties, powers, etc. of County Library Committee and submit same to the County Council for approval.

In accordance with this the Finance Committee recommend that Library Committee should be entrusted with the management, regulation and control of the Library as set out under Section 12 of the Public Libraries Act(Ireland)1855(18 & 19 Vic.cap.40) always excepting the power of employment and dismissal of officers which the County Council retain in their own hands.

Direction is given in circular letter of Local Government Board under date 2nd May 1904(copy of which is in the hands of County Librarian)as to how certain duties of Library Committee are to be performed. The provisions of this circular letter are approved by Finance Committee. It would appear from this that Library Committee should hold meetings from time to time for the purpose of examining accounts of expenditure incurred by them and certifying the same for payment by the County Council. These accounts, in accordance with the instructions in the Circular letter, should be entered on a list by the Librarian, which list having been totalled, the Chairman and two members of the Committee must sign a request thereon to the County Council asking that the several sums specified may be paid(the total amount being also named) to the persons mentioned. This list with the accounts must then be forwarded to the Secretary, County Council at least two clear days before that appointed for the holding of the Finance meeting at which it is desired the payments should be made.

The Committee, according to this circular, should take care not to incur any large or unusual expenditure without the sanction of the Council and should be specially careful that no liabilities are incurred which would cause expenditure during



the year larger than would be covered by the produce of a half-penny rate on the County.

Further, according to this Circular, all miscellaneous receipts must be accounted for by the Librarian at stated periods not exceeding one month and must be lodged within that period by the Secretary of the Committee with the Treasurer of the Council for credit of the account of the Council.

The Finance Committee further recommend:-

That Library Committee arrange centres to which books are to be furnished.

Through their Book Selection Committee they will obtain ~~apart~~ particulars of the various volumes which are to be added to stock. In no circumstances will County Council pay bills for books without a certificate signed by members of Book Selection Committee that they have approved of purchase of various items in these accounts~~accounts~~. There should be no real difficulty in summoning Book Selection Committee to deal with purchase of books.

The Librarian is to furnish monthly report to County Council on the working of the Library to include particulars of any meetings which have been held in the meantime, a statement of receipts and expenditure since previous report, names of new ~~new~~ centres participating in Scheme, and of centres which have dropped out, with any further matters which it is desirable to be brought to the notice of the County Council.

#### LIBRARY CONFERENCE.

The following under date 15th November 1926, was read from Miss Walsh, Co. Librarian:- "Regarding the Library Conference in London, I will be able to leave Miss Doyle with sufficient work to keep her going until I get back. She has picked up everything exceptionally well and understands exactly what she is doing. Would you let me know if it will be in order for me to travel by Kingstown as all the other Librarians are going by that route. Otherwise it will mean me travelling by Rosslare and being all the way to London alone which would not be very pleasant. Of course going by Kingstown will mean extra fare of



about 34/-.

Regarding the missing cash-box, the Guards on Saturday were on the track of one man ~~named~~ whom they suspected and in whose house they found a cash-box similar to mine, but as I was not able to swear to it that it was mine, they could not take any action. However, they are keeping him under observation."

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That Miss Walsh, Co. Librarian be informed that County Council will be responsible only for fare from Wexford to London and return via Rosslare."

#### RECONSTRUCTION GOREY COURTHOUSE.

The Secretary reported that compensation amounting to £2515 with £76 for furniture had been granted by the Judge for destruction of Gorey Courthouse.

The following Committee of the County Council with the County Surveyor were appointed to meet on 2nd December at 11 a.m. at Courthouse site at Gorey:- Messrs Sean O'Byrne, P.O'Byrne, John Pender, M.M. O'Donoghue, James Hall and Col Quin.

#### ENGINEER'S CLAIM.

Claim from Mr G. Flood, Engineer to County Board of Health for payment of £152-9-3 being 1½% on an outlay of £5816-6-10 for cottage scheme was submitted and <sup>on</sup> £4348-1-5 for Ferns Water-works.

It was decided that the correspondence in this matter be submitted to Local Government Department for observations. Also that Mr A.A. Connolly, Clerk to late Enniscorthy R.D. Council be requested to submit copy of original appointment of Mr Gerald Flood as Engineer to Rural District Council of Enniscorthy.

#### COUNTY WEXFORD INSURANCE SOCIETY.

Under date 9th November 1926, letter (E 13344/26) was read from National Health Insurance Commission as to administration of the above.

The Chairman said it was not necessary to make any order in regard to this matter at present. There was a proposal to be considered by a general meeting of the members of the Society to transfer to Trade and Labour Society, and until that had been disposed of, the matter could remain in abeyance.



The following Minutes of Finance Committee of 9th  
December, 1926, were also submitted:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 9th December 1926.

Present, In the Chair, Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman), also Messrs Aidan Mernagh, Patrick Hayes, Sean O'Byrne and Wm. Thorpe.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4025-1-9 was examined and signed.

#### NEXT MEETING OF COMMITTEE.

It was decided that next meeting of the Committee would be held on 22nd December (Wednesday) so that the Road and Quarry workers of the Council would have their wages in time to prepare for Christmas.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

In connection with the proposed transfer of Rate Collectors' Fidelity Guarantee Bonds from Irish National Assurance Company to New Ireland Assurance Co., the Secretary stated that Messrs B. Cleary, J.J. Sinnott, J.J. O'Reilly, P. J. Fitzpatrick and J. Quirke had renewed with the Irish National Co. Cover Notes or Bonds had been received from the ~~IRISH~~ New Ireland Company for the following:-

M. M. Kelly, E.J. Murphy, J. Curtis, P. Walsh, T. Rowe, W. Cummins, J. Cummins, P. Donohoe, J.J. Kelly, M. Deegan, P. O'Byrne.

Insurances in the cases of the remaining Collectors were not due.

The following letter under date 1st December 1926 was read from Mr J. Cummins, Rate Collector:-

"I was speaking to Mr T. McCarthy, C.M.C.C. in connection with your letter re Fidelity Bonds. I told him we had all arrangements made with New Ireland Assurance Company before we got your letter and also we were not aware it was necessary to inform Co.



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"Council about the change of Company. We had ~~paid~~ our money which meant a saving of nine shillings, also I had sent you a Cover Note for four Collectors which meant the Council were covered against fraud from that date. He told me the Finance Committee were not satisfied with the terms of the Bond, but he thought the matter would be set right. As it seems to be necessary, I now make application on behalf of Collectors to change Guarantee Company so as to fulfil L.G.D. formality."

Mr T. M. Russell, Inspector of the Irish National Co, came before the meeting and pointed out that his Company had been guaranteeing the Collectors since 1923. During that time the Council had no complaint of the manner in which the Society had carried on their business with the Council. As late as last month they had paid over £443-5-9 owing to the default of one of the Council's Collectors without raising any unnecessary question or putting forward any technicality. If there was no further default it would take the Company years to recoup themselves ~~the~~ through the payments of Rate Collectors for this one default. They were a Tariff Company with the greatest possible protection in the way of security. The Company in which some of the Rate Collectors proposed to insure was a non-tariff Company.

The Chairman said the County Council had no fault to find with the Irish National Company and it was hard lines in view of the large payment they were obliged to make recently to the County Council that they should lose the Rate Collectors' Insurance, but if the Collectors desired to transfer to another Company, the Council could scarcely prevent them provided the new Company was on the Government's approved list. The matter was still in abeyance and would be decided by the County Council at the meeting on the 13th inst.

In connection with Fidelity Guarantee Bond of Mr C. McCarthy, premium for which expired on 4th December, it was decided to direct Mr McCarthy to renew his present Bond.



STATE OF THE RATE COLLECTION.

The following shows the collection of first moiety of Rate 1926-27 up to and including 7th December 1926:-

J.J.O'Reilly 99.25: E.J. Murphy 96.44: J. Quirke 95.10:  
B. Cleary 94.78: J. Curtis 94.73: J.J. Sinnott 94: P.J. Fitzpatrick  
93.50: J.J.Kelly 93.30: T. Rowe 93.01: S. Gannon 92.81: P.Donohoe  
92.40: M.Deegan 91.98: W. Cummins 91.33: M.M.Kelly 91.03: J.Doyle  
90.72: P.O'Byrne 90.33: J. Cummins 90.09: C. McCarthy 90.02:  
T. Sutton 88.65: P.Walsh 88.26: P. J. Furlong 77.96.

Messrs W.Cummins, M.M.Kelly, P. O'Byrne, J. Cummins, Chas McCarthy, T. Sutton, and P. Walsh had been summoned to the meeting to explain the backward condition of their collection.

Mr W.Cummins said he had more trouble getting in money this year than he ever had previously owing to its scarcity. Nine or ten ratepayers who owed large amounts were waiting payment for sugar beet, but others said they could not pay until they set their grass in the Spring. He had a number of summonses for hearing at next District Sessions. People who were in difficulties the same as in previous years would not pay except through the Courts. He had visited all the defaulters and had written them at different times. He did not believe they were able to pay: it was poverty which was keeping them back. He expected he would be able to get all outstanding arrears except £100, taking his irrecoverables at £10. People in most cases had stock on their lands but he had not made any seizures. All his Demand Notes had been served in July. He did not know why the Sheriff had not seizures effected where decrees had been given and where stock was on the lands. He had had returns of "no goods" from the Sheriff and was satisfied that the returns in question were genuine.

The Chairman suggested that Mr Cummins should, instead of going to Court, use the power under his own warrant and seize stock found on lands in respect of which rates had not been paid.

Mr M.M. Kelly said he found it impossible to get in outstanding rates. He had a big list of defaulters in the hands



of his solicitor for the past six weeks but nothing had been done about bringing them to Court, the reason given being that the proper forms for Court proceedings had not been available till lately. There was over £100 rates due on two items in his district, one of the places would be sold soon and he expected the rates would then be paid. There was no one in his district who had refused to pay: in fact there was no one who could pay and had not done so except in the case of some weekly tenants, against three of whom he had applied for Committal Orders. He was surprised to find that the only man proceeded against on Committal Order was a man out of employment and he could not understand why proceedings had not been taken against the other two. He wished to know who would bear the cost of Court proceedings in cases in which Committal Orders were obtained. He thought it was too much to expect that Rate Collectors ~~EXAM~~ would be responsible for costs in connection with summons, examination order and decree. He had never seized under his warrant.

P. Walsh said he could not get in outstanding rates in spite of his best efforts. He had a heavy list of defaulters coming before next Court. He never seized under his warrant. Any ratepayer who had the money was paying. Nearly all outstanding amounts were under decree.

T. Sutton said that some of the ratepayers in his district were waiting a settlement for beet ~~infers~~ to pay their rates: others were waiting to set their grass. He expected to get £300 of what was still out but had no hope of the balance of £150. One of the defaulters was James Hayden of Corlican who acted as Sheep Dipping Inspector for the County Council.

It was decided to inform Mr Hayden that unless he paid his rates, the Finance Committee would recommend the County Council not to renew his appointment as Sheep Dipping Inspector next year.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr Sutton said he had never made any seizure under his own warrant.

Mr McCarthy said he expected to be able to get about 4% more of his outstanding rates. One item in his district which could not be recovered was £100 for vacant Cement Works at Drinagh.



He was unable to attend to duty for two months in the early part of the year owing to a motor accident but he had all his Demand Notes served by the first week in September.

J. Cummins said that he knew intimately all ratepayers whose rates were outstanding and they were not able to pay. People were asking him to accept rates in halves,- a thing that never happened before in his district. This year was worse than last year so far as rate collecting went and next year would be worse still. He had had no decrees executed in his district. He got an instalment order in one case but it was no use. He never seized under his warrant.

P. O'Byrne said he expected to get another 5% of his collection: there would be only £12 or £14 wholly irrecoverable. He had no decrees but intended applying for some. He had never made any seizure under his own warrant.

There was no discussion on the statements of the collectors.

#### PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE.

Mr James Quirke, Rate Collector wrote under date 6th. December 1926 that the Rate Collectors of the Council were anxious to have payment of their poundage sanctioned before Christmas, and had instructed him to request that the matter should be brought before the Finance Committee.

A similar letter~~s~~ was read from Mr J.J. O'Reilly on behalf of himself and the three other collectors of Gorey district.

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

"That 60% of poundage fees be paid to rate collectors who have collected 95% of their collection and that 50% be paid to rate collectors who have collected less than 95% of the total amount of their warrants."

#### EXPLANATION FROM RATE COLLECTOR.

In connection with the resolution of the Finance Committee asking Collector P. Donohoe for an explanation of his



action in attacking Col Quin, County Councillor, through the medium of a letter in the "Echo" newspaper of the 20th November 1926, the following letter, under date 3rd December 1926, was read from Mr Donohoe:-

"In reply to your letter of 27th inst re resolution of your Finance Committee, in connection with letter which appeared over my name in the "Echo" for 20th November 1926 in which I made reference to remarks made by Col Quin at last meeting of your ~~RM~~ Council during a discussion on the Rate Collection.

Col Quin made use of a remark which he had no right to make. He suggested that the Council get decent man to collect what I, as one of the party concerned could not get. I am working for ~~th~~ Council six or seven years and for other different public bodies for the past ten years. No member of any of those bodies ever had any reflection to cast on me until Col Quin thought well of doing so. Seeing by ~~his remarks that~~ the report that Col Quin did not give his remarks much consideration, I claim in justice to myself that I had a perfect right to make my position clear as anyone reading the report of the discussion on rate collection would think I was not a fit person to be entrusted with public money. I have done my duty to the Council to the best of my ability and I have done nothing to be afraid or ashamed of, nor anything, I would like to tell Col Quin, that made me indecent. I have done my best to get in the rates and the least I would expect is fair play from any member of the Council. I respectfully offer this as my explanation and I am prepared to stand by anything I have said or done."

It was decided to refer the matter to the Co. Council.

CLAIM BY MR GERALD FLOOD, ENGINEER  
COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

Under date 1st December 1926, the following letter (P. H. 55708/26) Wexford B.H. & P.A. was read:-

"In reply to your letter of the 27th ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to return



"He referred with the File in connection with the claim of Mr Gerald Flood, and to state that the Minister's letter of the 18th September last is correctly quoted in the letter of the 9th ultimo from the Secretary of the Board of Health.

The case appears to present no difficulty except possibly in the matter of time in regard to which the Minister is prepared to afford facilities for a settlement of the claim.

I am, however, to point out that the terms of Mr Flood's appointment must be held to include payment for his services in connection with the erection of Labourers' Cottages, and the proposed payment of 1½% on the outlay on the Cottage Scheme cannot therefore be sanctioned."

The Secretary read letter under date 27th November 1926 to Mr A.A. Connolly, Clerk to late Enniscorthy R.D. Council asking for original terms and conditions of the appointment of Mr Flood. These had not yet been received.

It was decided to adjourn the further consideration of the matter until Mr Connolly had supplied the terms and conditions of Mr Flood's appointment as Engineer to the Enniscorthy R.D. Council.

#### COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE.

Under date 6th December 1926, the following was read from Miss Walsh, County Librarian:-

"In reply to your letter of the 29th November re Finance Committee's resolution of the 25th ult, the following is a report of the occurrence:-

"The missing cash-box was locked in a press in the Office. It contained all the subscriptions to the Wexford Centre from February up to 15th October 1926, amounting to £12-6-0 and also 8/6 for books lost and replaced. It was not until I went to the press on the 10th November that I found it missing. I immediately notified the Guards, and they did everything in their power to try and trace it but so far have been unsuccessful.

What makes matters worse and more difficult is that the box may have been missing for some time before I detected it. In one case, the Guards became rather suspicious but as I was



"unable to identify the cash-box produced, and they themselves had not sufficient evidence that he stole it, they had to let the man off. I have never at any time noticed any signs of burglary, and yet it cannot have happened during office hours.

In the opinion of the Guards, it has been taken by someone who at some time noticed the cash-box in the press, as the doors of the press are of muffled glass and it would have been possible to see the box through the glass.

I enclose a list of the receipts."

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That Miss Walsh, County Librarian be called upon to lodge £11-16-6 of the missing £12-14-6 stolen from Library premises. The amount received in October 1925, viz, 18/- might reasonably have been in her hands <sup>unlodged</sup> at the time the money was taken."

#### TRANSFER OF ROAD MONEY.

Mr John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor wrote under date 6th. December 1926 for transfer of £20 from a/c 30W to a/c 26W and Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor wrote applying for the transfer of £55 from a/c A to a/c D. Wexford District and £70 from a/c K to a/c E Wexford District.

The transfers asked for by Messrs Kehoe and Birthistle were agreed to.

#### APPLICATION FOR INCREMENTS

Messrs J.F. Birthistle and Thomas Cullen, Assistant Surveyors applied for the increment to their salaries as per the conditions of their appointments.

The County Surveyor stated that both officers were giving satisfaction in the discharge of their duties.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hayes:- "That annual increments of £5 be agreed to in the case of Messrs J.F. Birthistle and T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyors, as per the terms and conditions of their employment, that this increment in Mr Birthistle's case start as from 1st April 1925 and in the case of Mr Cullen from 7th May 1925, dates to which last increments were brought up in each case."



IMMORAL LITERATURE.

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

"That the importation and circulation of irreligious and filthy literature is a grave menace to the morality of our people and that we request the Government to pass immediate legislation to prevent their corruption by this insidious and immoral propagandism."

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - COUNTY SECRETARY.

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

"That our Secretary be granted the necessary leave of absence to enable him to attend Conference of County Secretaries with Officers of Local Government Department in connection with proposed changes in Public Bodies' Order, 1925."

Mr. Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Patrick O'Byrne seconded  
 "That the Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 9th December, 1926, be confirmed."

Increment of Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor.

Colonel Quin asked to be taken as disagreeing with the recommendation that increment in his salary be given to Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, as he believed from what he knew himself and from the discussions which had taken place in connection with Clonhaston Gullet that it would be found that Mr. Cullen had not given satisfaction in the discharge of his duties.

Mr. O'Donoghue also complained that the by-roads in the district of Blackwater were in a disgraceful condition.

The County Surveyor stated that in his opinion Mr. Cullen had given satisfactory service.

Mr. Boggan proposed and Mr. O'Donoghue seconded:- "That the recommendation of Finance Committee to allow an increment of £5



to Mr. Thomas Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, be dissented from as in the opinion of this Council Mr. Cullen has not discharged his duties satisfactorily".

Mr. Hall proposed that the recommendation of the Finance Committee relative to increment to Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, be adjourned in order that Mr. Cullen might submit a report as to the condition of the roads in Blackwater district to next meeting of the Roads Committee.

Mr. Mernagh seconded.

On a show of hands 13 were found to be in favour of adjourning the matter to meeting of Roads Committee and 11 against.

The Chairman then put Mr. Hall's amendment to the meeting when it was passed nem.con.

#### Fidelity Guarantee Bonds of Rate Collectors.

Mr. Patrick O'Byrne proposed that Rate Collectors of the Conty Council be allowed to transfer their Fidelity Guarantee Bonds into New Ireland Assurance Company, subject to this Company issuing a bond similar to that given by them to John Doyle, recently elected Be Collector of the Council.

In moving this motion he said that collectors might have made a slight mistake in not applying to the County Council for permission in the first instance, but they did not consider it necessary.

Mr. Clince seconded.

A poll was taken on Mr. P. O'Byrne's resolution with the following result:-

For:- Messrs P. O'Byrne, Clince, Colfer, J. Connors, T. Cooney, Corish, M. Doyle, J. Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Kavanagh, Mernagh, Murphy, Pender, Rossiter, Shannon, Colonel Gibbon and the Chairman - 18.

Against Messrs M. Cloney, Jordan, S. O'Byrne, O'Donoghue,  
White and Colonel Quin - 6.

Messrs Boggan and Walsh did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr. P. O'Byrne's motion carried.

The Secretary mentioned that he had received on the 1th December, 1926, a communication from the Local Government



Department (56951/1926 Miscellaneous) dealing with poundage to Rate Collectors and Fidelity Guarantee Bonds.

The considered opinion of the Finance Committee on this matter ~~on this matter~~ would come up on minutes of next meeting of the Committee.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Patrick Byrne seconded:-

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 9th December, 1926, except recommendations dealing with increment of £5 to Mr. Thomas Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, and Fidelity Guarantee Bonds of Rate Collectors be confirmed. "

Adopted.

#### Roads Committee

Minutes of Special meeting of Roads Committee held on 10th November, 1926, were submitted as follows:-



A special meeting of the Roads Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, on 10th November 1926, to confer with Mr Quigley, Chief Roads Engineer, Local Government Department in connection with preparation of specification for work on Enniscorthy-Wexford Road to be executed under National Road Grant.

The following were in attendance:-

Col Gibbon, (Vice-Chairman) presiding, Col Quin, and Mr Sean O'Byrne.

The County Surveyor, the Secretary and Mr Quigley of Local Government Department were also in attendance.

The Chairman raised the point as to closing this road to heavy traffic when reconstruction was being carried out.

Mr Quigley said the road could be closed in sections as work proceeded. In view of the money allowed for the road he thought the Council could not do better than arrange for a contract for bitumenous macadam. If any money, over and above the Grant, was saved on contract it would be held for the County.

The Chairman mentioned that, if with a slight increase in capital expenditure, the side drainage could be properly treated, it might secure a reduction in the annual upkeep.

Mr Quigley did not apprehend that any percolation from surface side drains would take place. However, when the final specification was being considered, this matter could be dealt with so far as the money would allow. The County Council would be quite safe in leaving these matters to the Co. Surveyor. If more progress was not made with the preliminary work they might have to obtain a contract to finish it.

The Chairman said it might be possible to have culverts laid in cement so that they could be cleaned with rods instead of tearing up the surface whole road should it be necessary to do any work at these drains. In connection with drains sunk to an appreciable depth, a man-hole could be provided. As regards haulage, it might be possible to have light railway laid to save the cutting of the road.



Mr Quigley said that very little damage had been done in Dublin and it was not advisable to hamper the contractor with too many restrictions. If excessive damage was done by haulage, a case could be put up to the Department and it would receive very careful consideration. They would have the County Surveyor made responsible for the proper carrying out of the work.

The County Surveyor stated that the preliminary work would not be finished until Christmas.

It was then decided that specification would be considered and advertisement issued from January meeting of the County Council and to provide that the work should begin in March or April.

In reply to Col Gibbon, Mr Quigley said he was not satisfied with the cost of Direct Labour in Wexford; it was terribly expensive more so than in other counties.

The County Surveyor said that in other counties the roads had good foundations; in Wexford the surface was poor and the bottoming so bad that considerable outlay took place to make good foundations. Haulage also ran away with a great deal of money.

Mr Quigley said that Wexford roads did not compare favourably with those in neighbouring counties. They were not, generally speaking, up to the standard of the Leinster Counties. There was a fairly good road between Arklow and Gorey, but the rest of the road between Wexford and Dublin in the Wexford section was bumpy and bad.



The Chairman proposed and Mr. P. O'Byrne seconded the the Minutes be confirmed.

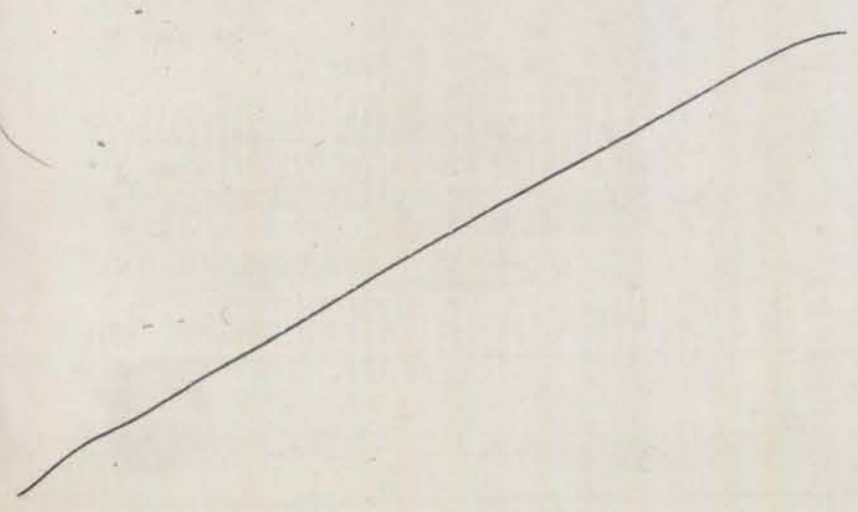
In reply to Mr. Corish the County Surveyor said the preliminary work in relation to the proposed improvement of Wexford-Enniscorthy road would be finished before the end of the present month. All necessary particulars would be ready in order to issue the advertisement for contractors at the January meeting.

The County Surveyor also stated that he would consult with Mr. Quigley, Local Government Engineer, on the 15th instant relative to the question as to whether it was advisable that the reconstruction of Wexford-Enniscorthy road should be carried out in bitumenous macadam or in concrete.

Colonel Gibbon said the County Surveyor should bear in mind the advisability of having a move made to allow the Drinagh Cement Works to be re-started, as in view of the decision of the Government to deal with all the Trunk Roads, sufficient work could be obtained for the Cement Works to keep them going for a considerable time.

The resolution of the Chairman relative to the confirmation of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Roads Committee as above, was then put and passed.

Minutes of the Roads Committee of 22nd November, 1926, were submitted as follows:-





The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 22nd November 1926.

Present, Col Gibbon, Vice-Chairman (presiding), Also Messrs Sean O'Byrne, James Hall, William Boggan, Patrick Colfer, Ml Cloney, R. Corish and Col Quin.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor and six Assistant Surveyors were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Letter was read from the Chairman (Mr T. McCarthy) apologising for his inability to attend the meeting.

#### COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report was submitted from the Co. Surveyor:-

"At present I have in preparation Estimate for the coming year and shall submit the figures to the Finance Committee on the 25th instant.

Some time ago, attention was drawn by the County Council to Direct Labour workers being interested in road contracts, and I have made inquiries in regard to this. There are a few cases in which labourers are, or possibly may be, interested in contracts and I shall submit details of these to the meeting.

Mr Birthistle reports to me that a man named John Doyle is erecting a wooden hut on a plot adjoining the public road, 100W. The site is within the statutable limits and the plot is unfenced from the road. I do not think that there could be any objection to allowing the building to go on as the road is of very little consequence, little more than a boreen.

On the 3rd inst, the representative of "Anti-Fyre Extinguishers" attended in Wexford and gave a demonstration showing the possibility of dealing with Film fires. I am satisfied that the extinguisher would be effective in the early stages of a fire and enable the film to be removed or otherwise dealt with to prevent spreading. I believe that most ordinary fire extinguishers would be effective in this manner, but I hardly expect that any would control a big fire.



"I was directed by the Council to report on the increased cost that would be entailed if gangers working on Grant work were allowed an extra remuneration of 1/- per week while so engaged. At no time would there be more than six gangers engaged on such work, and the period over which they would be employed would be from 20 to 25 weeks or so in the year, so that the increased cost would amount only to from £6 to £10 per annum.

As directed by the Council, I ordered anthracite coal from the Castlecomer Collieries. I am informed that delivery cannot be made sooner than 10 or 11 weeks owing to the heavy booking abroad. Mr Scallan (County Registrar) complains of not having coal for the stove in his office, but I find it impossible to obtain coal. The only alternative I see is to provide oil or gas stove.

I received from the makers, the sign posts ordered a good while ago, but the signs to be supplied by the Automobile Association have not yet come to hand. I shall immediately have some of the posts erected in each Assistant's district, but I cannot deal with this matter fully until I have the signs.

I have written to the Engineer of the Railway Company with reference to maintenance of the roadway on the over rail bridges, on main roads in the Urban areas, and have an acknowledgment. The Secretary of the Railway Company is to reply direct to me giving particulars, but I have not yet received this.

Mr Treanor reports to me that Ahare Bridge, on Road 81G, is reported to be in a dangerous condition but owing to floods in the river he is not yet able to make full inspection. I shall deal with this matter as soon as possible, and if I find immediate work necessary, I ask for authority to proceed with it. I expect that the cost will be up to £75, but until the full inspection is made I cannot definitely estimate.

I have arranged with Messrs Stafford to obtain 30 tons of coal for our engines, and am allocating this to the most important works, namely on Grants. The other works have to be closed down for the present.



"I have a letter from Mr Delap in reference to the repair of Ferrycarrig Bridge, and he expects to let me have full report at once. He states that the problem is a difficult one and I expect the cost will be high.

On the 19th inst, I took Mr Elgee to Verona Bridge and we had an interview with Mr McCarthy, owner of the adjoining land. Mr Elgee will submit full report. Mr McCarthy complained that the recent work accentuated the flooding of his land, and I have arranged to block the hole at the river, where the flooding is reported to have come in. Also it will be necessary to get the owner of the mill-dam to make good same and prevent leakage, on to road so as to reduce the water coming to Mr McCarthy's land and lodging on the foundation of our own retaining wall. I ask for authority to proceed against owner of the mill-dam if necessary, and to carry out other small works required."

Direct Labour Employees as Road Contractors.

The County Surveyor mentioned in connection with this matter, that Michael Cooney, Grange, Killanne, who was employed under the Direct Labour Scheme, had two road contracts, viz, 341E and 357E. Cooney was willing to surrender these or make any other arrangement to satisfy the County Council so as to enable him to work under the Direct Labour Scheme.

The father of John Dempsey (junior) of Davidstown, also a Direct Labour worker, held contracts for 301E and 302E.

The Chairman considered that a direction should be given that when letting road contracts, no man who had obtained a contract would be eligible for employment under Direct Labour Schemes.

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

"That in future no man who holds a road contract be employed under Direct Labour Scheme.

Hut on Road 100W.

In connection with this matter, a report was read from Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor that John Doyle who was an Old Age Pensioner was erecting a wooden hut ~~22x~~ 23' 6" x 10' 4" on the side



of this fourth class road leading from Aughnagroath to turn near Barry's Cross. From figures furnished by Mr Birthistle, the distance from the centre of the road to the wall of the adjacent structure was only 14' 6". The road was an unimportant one, and there were many existing houses on it which were also quite close to the road. Taking the whole facts into consideration, Mr Birthistle recommended the Council to view the matter favourably.

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

"That the County Council be recommended not to interfere with the erection of wooden hut by John Doyle on Road 100W, as the Roads Committee consider its erection will not in any way interfere with public convenience?"

#### Gangers on Grant Work.

Mr Corish considered that an increase of 5/- per week should be given to these men for the extra work they had to perform in supervising the additional number of men and also in filling up two sets of time sheets.

The Chairman said that it had been definitely proved that Grant work would entail the supervision of double or treble the ordinary number of men employed in each Road section.

Mr Corish said the Labour members of the Council would agree to an increase of 2/6 per week to gangers when employed at Grant work if the meeting was unanimous. The Council should remember that overtime was paid for at a much higher rate than ordinary work.

Mr Boggan pointed out that when the position was first considered these men were aware that Grant work would entail extra supervision, etc. If the Council had any money to spare they should give it to men who were out of employment.

The County Surveyor mentioned that £5 would cover the amount to be given this year in this connection.

Mr Cloney believed that where the number of men to be supervised was below 15, the increase should not be paid.



After further discussion Mr Corish proposed, Mr Colfer seconded and it was passed nem.con.:—"That gangers when employed at Grant work and supervising a number of men above 15 shall receive an extra 2/6 remuneration per week as from 20th November 1926, but this increase is not to apply to County work. That the County Council requests the Department of Local Government to sanction this proposal."

#### Heating of County Registrar's Office.

The County Surveyor was instructed to procure oil stove for office of the County Registrar, and when coal is available to dispose of this stove.

#### Maintenance Overline Railway Bridges.

Consideration of this matter was adjourned for reply from Railway Engineer.

#### Ahare Bridge.

This matter was adjourned for report after further inspection by Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor.

#### Coal Supply.

The County Surveyor stated that with the exception of two tons, he was keeping the supply of coal he had received to carry out work on the Enniscorthy-Wexford road.

#### Ferrycarrig Bridge.

The County Surveyor read a long letter which he had received from Mr Delap in connection with this matter.

It was decided that as this communication had only just reached the County Surveyor, he should furnish a full report thereon to next meeting of the Roads Committee.

#### Verona Bridge.

It was decided that this matter be considered on report from Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council.

#### RECONSTRUCTION OF WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

Under date 9th November 1926, the following letter (404/296) was read from the Department of Finance:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Finance to refer to



"previous correspondence in regard to the disposal of the conditional award of £5000 made by the Compensation(Ireland)Commission in respect of the partial destruction of the Wexford Courthouse in June, 1921, and to state that the proposals made by the County Council in regard to the conversion of the disused gaol have now been carefully considered.

I am to inform you that, while the Minister does not desire to express an opinion on the relative merits of the alternative sites, he is not satisfied that the circumstances are such as to justify any departure from the normal practice of requiring a rigid adherence to the terms of an award made by the Commission. In the present instance the award was made on the definite condition that it should be expended on the reinstatement of the original premises and it is regretted, therefore, that the alternative proposal submitted by the Council cannot be sanctioned."

The Chairman proposed and Col Quin seconded the following resolution which passed nem.con. :-

"That letter from the Ministry of Finance(404/296), relating to reconstruction of Wexford Courthouse be referred to meeting of County Council to be held on 13th December 1926."

Col Quin said they should let the Grant go by the board and stick to the old Jail. They could sell the site of the Courthouse with the £5000 decree attached. He signified his intention of moving on notice a motion that the resolution of the County Council agreeing to the reconstruction of the Courthouse on the old site be rescinded, and that the Council take such further steps as may appear advisable to them in connection with the letter of the Ministry of Finance(404/296).

#### WAGES OF ROAD GANGERS- APPLICATION FOR INCREASE.

Under date 10th November 1926, James Berney, James Whitty, John Pender, John Roche, Thomas Broaders, Patrick Rourke and Peter Fitzpatrick, gangers employed in the district of Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, applied to have their wages brought to a level with that of the other gangers in the county, viz, 6/8 per day.



Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, stated that when the wages were being fixed, he understood from Mr Barry (Co. Surveyor) that they were to be in accordance with the importance of the roads. John Donovan was paid 6/8 per day, the full rate paid to other gangers. He had  $34\frac{1}{2}$  miles of roads to supervise and there were Trunk Roads in the district.

James Berney had  $31\frac{1}{4}$  miles, but no quarry. His wages had been fixed at 6/1 per day.

James Whitty had 32 miles under his charge and Ballinglee Quarry. His wages had been fixed at 6/3 per day.

John Pender had  $28\frac{1}{2}$  miles and his wages were fixed at 6/1 per day. None of the roads in his district were of the same importance as those in Donovan's or Whitty's districts.

John Roche had 36 miles of roads but no quarry. Material in his section was practically all sea gravel. His wages had been fixed at 6/2 per day.

Thomas Broaders had  $29\frac{1}{4}$  miles and no quarry. His wages were 6/1 per day.

Patrick Rourke had  $29\frac{1}{2}$  miles to supervise and his wages were 6/1 per day.

Peter Fitzpatrick had  $20\frac{1}{2}$  miles and no quarry, but sea gravel was taken from Patrick's Bay. His wages were 5/11 per day.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr Kehoe said the average number of men in charge of these gangers was as follows:-

Donovan 10: Berney 6: Whitty 7 to 8: Pender 6: Roche 8: Broaders 7: Rourke 7: and Fitzpatrick 5.

Mr Corish pointed out that the County Council never had adopted any resolution differentiating between the wages to be paid to road gangers.

Mr Colfer proposed that Messrs Berney, Whitty, Pender, Roche, Broaders, Rourke, and Fitzpatrick be paid, as from 20th November 1926, at the rate of 6/8 per day.

Mr Corish seconded.

After further discussion, the Chairman took a show of hands when three were found in favour of the proposition and four



against.

The Chairman, who did not vote, declared the motion lost.

#### APPLICATION FOR UPKEEP OF BICYCLE.

The following under date 25th October 1926, was read from John Burke, Croneyhorn, Ferns, road ganger:-

"I am putting in a claim for 5/- a week for the upkeep of a bicycle. It cost me 30/- a year for tyres alone, a Pound a year for chains, and free wheels 10/- a year."

It was decided that the application be marked "read."

#### GOREY WATER SUPPLY.

The following resolution was forwarded by the Secretary, County Board of Health and he asked that it should be adopted by the County Council:-

"That the County Council of Wexford hereby applies for a loan of £8082 from the Local Loans Fund, repayable over 25 years at the usual rate of interest, for the purpose of acquiring and supplementing a water supply for the town of Gorey: and that they hereby request the Department to institute the necessary formalities precedent to the arranging for such a loan."

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Council

#### BALLYVERGIN CROSS-ROADS.

Under date 15th November 1926, the following letter was read from Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th inst with copy of the resolution of the County Council passed on the 8th inst. instructing me to take proceedings to acquire the necessary land from Patrick Kennedy in order to ease this dangerous corner.

I have looked into the matter and I cannot find any provisions in the Local Government Act 1925 giving the County Council power to acquire compulsorily land for the purpose of easing such corner.

Section 33(2) gives the Minister power on the application of the Council, (if he is satisfied that a Building or other structure which is situate within thirty yards of a road



"obstructs the view of persons using that road so as to render such road dangerous), to order the removal of such building or structure. This Section deals only with the building or structure itself and not with the site upon which such building stands.

The only other Section I can find in the Act dealing with such cases is Section 34(1) which provides that a hedge or tree is prejudicial to a road within the meaning of the Section if, and when, it obstructs the view of persons using the road, so that the road becomes dangerous to persons using it, and in such a case the County Surveyor has power to serve Notice on the owner and occupier to trim or cut such hedge or tree, and if this Notice is not complied with, then the District Justice has power to make an Order to have the hedge or tree cut.

This Section also deals only with the hedge or tree and not with the land on which the hedge or tree grows.

This being so, it appears to me that the only other procedure to be adopted would be that prescribed by Section 10(3) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, as if the County Council desired to widen an old road.

This, however, is a very complicated procedure as Notices have to be inserted in the Press and application then made to the Judge of Assize for an Order on the matter.

It is not quite clear at the present time what Court or Judge would deal with the matter, as Circuit Court Rules have not yet been published.

Further, the application to the Court would be an expensive proceeding, as Counsel would have to be employed, and the Court would award Kennedy his costs, and witnesses' expenses, which would come to more than the £10 you mention. For this reason I do not recommend the Council to adopt this procedure."

Mr Kehoe in reply to the Chairman, said the amount of land required would not be more than one perch.

The Chairman suggested that Kennedy should be summoned to next meeting of the County Council to have the matter investigated and this suggestion was agreed to.



TOMNAHELY BRIDGE.

Under date 16th November 1926, Mr Elgee wrote that the Solicitors for Mrs Keyes had informed him that owing to her illness they do not intend to proceed further with her claim for compensation and the case against the County Council will be struck out at the coming Sessions.

VERONA BRIDGE.

Under date November 15th 1926, the following letter was read from Mr Thomas McCarthy, Fairfield, Enniscorthy:-

"I find now that as the tradesmen are finished repairing the Bridge at Verona, that work on it has been carried out in such a manner that when flood rises in river, water comes in on my land where it was never heretofore flooded. As my land will be ~~greatly~~xx greatly damaged thereby, and my stock endangered, I must hold your Council liable for any damage or loss I may sustain.

I must ask you to have this matter seen to and rectified at once."

Under date 20th November 1926, the following letter was read from Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council:-

"As instructed, I attended at the above Bridge yesterday with Mr Barry (County Surveyor), Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor and the Section Ganger.

I went over the place with Mr Barry and subsequently discussed same with Mr McCarthy, who owns the adjoining lands, and beg to report as follows:-

1. As to the subsidiary arch which is some distance from the main Bridge, it is impossible to say at the present time what this arch was meant for, but it must be assumed that at some time a stream or drain, of which there is now no evidence, ran through the Bridge. At the present time, however, the land on Mr Davis's side of the road is at least two feet higher than the land on Mr McCarthy's side, and under no conditions could water now run from Mr McCarthy's land through the arch to Mr Mr Davis's lands, and there is no trace of any drain from the arch on Mr Davis's side.

It appears from an inspection of this arch, that at some



"time or another, the arch was built up on Mr McCarthy's side, as there are the remains of a wall built across the greater part of it at the present time.

This arch, in my opinion, does not affect the Council's property, that is, the road, and they have no power to compel either Mr McCarthy or Mr Davis to make a drain through it. The water on Mr McCarthy's land appears to me to be an overflow from the river Urrin, about two fields away from the road, and and if Mr McCarthy were to take steps at the point where the flooding takes place to raise the bank of the river, it would entirely do away with the flooding.

In order to get rid of the ponding back of the water along the bridge wall, the County Surveyor informs me that he placed an outlet in the wall by the new buttress to the bridge wall at the edge of the river, and this, in his opinion, would have drained off all the accumulations of water into the river. Mr McCarthy however, objects to this opening being left in the wall, as he states that instead of draining the land, it is a cause of flooding. When the river rises, as it did on Thursday last, the water flows in through the opening. This being so, and as there was previously no opening from the land to the river, I recommend that this opening should be closed up.

2. As to the land below the third arch of the bridge, on the Fairfield side of the river, I also inspected this with Mr Barry, and it seems quite clear that at some time a great many years ago, the land on this side of the bridge was banked out and the course of the river changed. Mr McCarthy states that he knows the lands for at least thirty years, and the bank was in its present position during all that time. This being so, the Council have now no power to compel Mr Davis to alter the bank, and in any event I cannot see that the projection of this land can affect the Council's bridge.

On the whole therefore, I do not see that the Council should interfere in the matter, which to me appears to be one between Mr McCarthy and Mr Davis.

I may mention that while with Mr McCarthy, he pointed out



"to us leakages in the containing walls of Mr Davis's Mill pond which is just opposite Mr McCarthy's premises, and I recommend that Notices should be served on Mr Davis requiring him to have the bank of the pond put in a proper state of repair and thus obviate the flooding of the road."

Mr Corish proposed and the Chairman seconded:- "That the County Council be recommended to act on the advice of Mr Elgee, Solicitor in the matter of Verona Bridge, and have the usual notices served on Mr Davis requiring him to have the bank of the pond put in a proper state of repair and thus obviate the flooding of the road."

Passed.

#### CRIMINAL INJURY APPLICATIONS.

The following were suggested as Areas of Charge in connection with any sums which may be granted for Criminal Injuries Applications:-

Robert Conway, Corderaun-Electoral Division of Dunmain and three contiguous Divisions: John A. Gleeson, Patrick Lambert, Thomas Power and Margaret Tweedy, all of Little Graigue-County at large: William Kenny, Ferns Upper-the old County Division of Ferns: Bridget Kirwan, The Pipefields, Wexford-Wexford Urban District: James Kennedy, Newtown, Ramsgrange-District Electoral Divisions of Ballyhack and Rathroe: George T. Lewis and Nathaniel Thackaberry, Bunclody-Newtownbarry Electoral Division: John Sinnott, Glenduff, -old County Division of Taghmon.

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR.

Under date 9th November 1926, the following letter (D/5/2) was read from the Department of Fisheries:-

"With reference to your letter of the 18th ultimo transmitting copy of a report furnished to the Wexford County Council by their County Surveyor on the subject of Courtown Harbour, I am directed by the Minister for Fisheries to state that as this Department has not the control of any engineering plant it is impossible to repeat the offer of a grab dredger to be worked off the piers at Courtown at the expense of the local fishermen, which the County Surveyor states was made some years ago by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction when that Department



"had charge of fishery services.

I am to point out that this Department has just paid the Commissioners of Public Works the sum of £168 in respect of dredging carried out outside the piers at Courtown in July-August last when a quantity of spoil estimated at 7,200 tons is reported to have been raised. The suction dredger which was engaged on this work could not of course operate between the piers; but the Minister understands that if the sluice gates at Courtown were kept in order and regularly worked, the harbour would be in a much better condition than is now reported to be the case."

No order was made on this communication.

PROPOSED SPEED OF MOTOR VEHICLES -  
NEW ROSS URBAN DISTRICT.

The following letter under date 21st September 1926, which was adjourned from a previous meeting, was submitted from the Town Clerk, New Ross:-

"At last meeting of my Council, a resolution was passed requesting the County Council to fix a speed limit in any bye-law they may adopt, of ten miles per hour for motor vehicles travelling in the Urban District."

It was pointed out to the Urban Council that under Section 9 of the Motor Car Act 1903, certain information was required by the Department for Local Government and particulars of what was necessary had been already furnished them.

Their resolution could not be dealt with until the necessary particulars had been received.

The Secretary mentioned that this letter had been adjourned in order that the New Ross Urban Council should submit particulars required under Section 9 of the Motor Car Act of 1923 for the information of the Minister for Local Government. These particulars with map were now to hand.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That we recommend the Co. Council to approve of the application of New Ross Urban District Council for a speed limit for motor vehicles in New Ross Urban area of ten miles per hour and that particulars and map furnished



"in this connection by the New Ross Urban District Council be submitted to the Department of Local Government."

#### OPENINGS OF MAIN ROADS.

The following letter under date 29th October 1926, was read from New Ross Urban Council:-

"At last meeting of my Council I was directed to ask if the County Council~~wi~~ will authorise the Town Surveyor to see that any openings of the main roads or footpaths in the Urban District rendered necessary for repairs to pipes, or for other purposes will be properly restored."

On the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Corish, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to authorise the Town Surveyors of Enniscorthy, New Ross and Wexford to deal with openings of roads and footpaths on main roads in the Urban District (s for laying of gas mains, etc. and that particulars of such applications be furnished as they arise to the County Surveyor for his information."

#### PETROL PUMPS.

Applications were received for licences for petrol pumps from Messrs M. Maher, South Street, New Ross and James Carroll, Taghmon

The County Surveyor reported in favour of the granting of both applications.

Granted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Col Quin.

#### CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE.

Under date 30th October 1926, the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Wexford, wrote stating that Mr J.J. Heaney, Taravie Hotel, Courtown Harbour, had, since the date of Superintendent's last report, made certain necessary improvements and alterations at his premises known as Tara Hall, Courtown Harbour and in view of these, the issue of a Cinematograph licence in respect of these premises was now ~~not~~ recommended.

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That in view of the further report of the Chief Super-



"intendeht, Garda Siothchana under date 30th October 1926, we recommend that a Cinematograph licence for Tara Hall, Courtown Harbour be now issued to Mr J.J. Heaney."

CLAIM - BALLYMURRAY QUARRY.

In connection with the working of this quarry, the following letter was read from Patrick Whelan, Ballinagore, Blackwater, under date 1st November 1926:-

"I wish to have my claim for compensation re Ballymurray (Ballagh) Quarry brought before your next meeting of Roads Committee, County Council.

I commenced as a road contractor in 1918 and was ordered to Ballymurray Quarry by County Council for road material. It took me a long time to have rock stripped. I had to purchase a full equipment and kept two men and horse six weeks carting away clay, etc. (about 7 feet on top of rock) before I could get out the quantity of material required for my contract.

A Committee, Mr Hall, Mr Edward Foley and the Co. Surveyor visited the quarry in 1924 to make regulations. They asked me if I was satisfied to work under County Surveyor and his Assistants, and also would I be satisfied with a reduction of wages 2/6 per yd. yard: and as the roads in the district were in a bad way, they asked me to get ready 1000 yards extra, which I prepared the quarry for. They told us to join whatever Union we belonged to as they did not intend to put us out of quarry, therefore we did a lot of extra labour with the expectations of remaining in Quarry.

In August 1925, I had the rock drilled and shaken at an initial cost of £24-12-0 (drilling £17-2-0, gelignite £7-10-0) for which I was only allowed 227 yards at time of breaking. I am sure there are still over 1000 yards of rock shaken which I got no opportunity of quarrying out.

Now as the quarry is being taken over by County Council I would not be prepared to surrender it without reasonable compensation - £60 or be allowed to go back to quarry and finish up the amount of stones shaken."

Mr James Doyle, Ballymurray, The Ballagh, also wrote under date 14th November 1926 as follows:-



"As I was working in Ballymurray quarry for the past 14 years and now as it is going to be worked by Direct Labour, I am entitled to work, or compensation as it cost me a lot to get strip-pig done and for the rock drill and explosives. There are nine or ten hundred yards of material shaken at present ready for quarrying out, so I am entitled to £100 compensation. This quarry was taken over on condition that the men in it were to get first preference of work and the County Surveyor told me that I was entitled to work, so I would be ~~glad~~ thankful to your Council to see to me as well as Hyland and Whelan." - Please put this letter before the Roads Committee and let me know when the Roads Committee is - as I will be there."

The County Surveyor submitted report of the Roads Inspection Committee agreeing to allow the contractors who were obtaining material from Ballymurray Quarry to continue at the work for two years up to March last. He was paying these contractors 6s 6d per shilling per cubic yard for the material which could be got at without drilling or blasting.

Doyle, who was present, stated that he was satisfied to accept regular employment under the Direct Labour Scheme.

Whelan, who was also in attendance, was not satisfied and contended that the measurement of Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor of 27 cubic yards was not correct. He claimed that he had got out at least 400 cubic yards.

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

"That in connection with the claim made by Messrs Whelan and Doyle, Ballymurray Quarry, the Roads Committee have no reason to alter their decision as regards Whelan, which was agreed to at meeting of the Roads Committee on 25th October 1926. As Doyle is satisfied to accept the decision of the County Surveyor and also to take up work under the Direct Labour Scheme, no order is necessary in his case."



CARRIGBYRNE QUARRY.

At the meeting of the County Council on November 8th 1926, Mr Cooney complained that while there was 170 cubic yards of bottoming in Carrigbyrne Quarry, the County Surveyor had purchased material from outsiders.

Mr Cooney was asked to submit particulars of his ~~complaint~~ complaint and the following was read from him:-

"The following are particulars supplied me in re to Carrigbyrne Quarry.

That material required for bottoming on Road 17R was got from Messrs McGrath and Curtis, while there were in the above quarry at the time from 150 to 170 cubic yards, although there was only the bounds ditch between the quarry and where the material was got.

Mr Kehoe in his report stated that only one man, McGrath supplied stones, but I am informed that a man named Curtis was also employed.

Mr Kehoe states that the stones from those parties were ninepence per cubic yard less than in the quarry. I fail to see how he came to this calculation when they could be delivered from the quarry at 10 pence per yard. Surely the outside people received more than a penny per yard for supplying and drawing."

The County Surveyor submitted the following from Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor under date 20th November 1926:-

"We have drawn 129 cubic yards of bottoming material from Carrigbyrne Quarry for the last five weeks and the last material of the kind in the quarry has been used up several days ago.

In order to keep the roller working, we are getting rough stone from four farmers in the locality which is costing us from 4/- to 4/6 per cubic yard delivered on the road."

The following was submitted from Mr O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor:- "On the 16th ult, there were 130 c.yds of scabblings in Carrigbyrne Quarry. For the past fortnight there has not been any. The material is being carted away as soon as quarried."



Mr Kehoe said that bottoming had been taken from Carrigbyrne Quarry as long as it was available. He obtained stones from a man named McGrath which were on the top of the ground and these were 9 pence per cubic yard cheaper than the bottoming could be taken from Carrigbyrne. At the time this arrangement was made with McGrath, there were no stones in the quarry. As a matter of fact, he was obtaining stones from four farmers in the district, otherwise the machinery would be idle.

No Order.

CLAIM FOR ROAD MATERIAL.

Under date 19th November 1926, the following letter was read from Mr D. H.O'Leary, Solicitor, Arklow:-

"I have been consulted by Mr Patrick Byrne(junior) of Annagh, Inch, Gorey, with reference to a sum of money, viz, £41-7-0 due to him by the Wexford County Council.

It appears that he was a contractor for the repair and maintenance of the Road No 76, and that this contract was expiring on the 31st March 1925. Towards the end of the year 1922 he was induced to surrender this contract on the conditions that the materials he had quarried and accumulated for carrying out his contract would be taken over from him by the County Council at the rate of 3/6 per cubic yard, and further that he was to get the horse work for the haulage and supply of the material.

It appears that 182 cubic yards of the material have not been taken over by the Co. Council, which at 3/6 a cubic yard would amount to £31-17-0 and that he was deprived of 19 days of the horse work which at 10/- per day makes £9-10-0, total of both items £41-7-0. I have now to ask you to let me have an order for this amount, otherwise I will have to carry out my instructions which are to institute legal proceedings against the Co. Council for the recovery thereof."

The County Surveyor stated that he was under the impression that this matter had been settled and the amount squared.

It was decided that the Secretary communicate this information to Mr O'Leary, Solicitor.



FOOTPATH - GOREY AVENUE.

Under date 16th November 1926, the following was read from Mrs A. Byrne, The Avenue, Gorey:-

"I would be thankful if you would arrange to have one of the Guardians come and inspect footpath in front of my premises. The path is in very bad condition and was passed by the late County Council some time ago to be flagged. But there has been no attempt made to repair it, and owing to wet weather the path is in worse condition than ever. I would therefore be thankful if you would kindly instruct path to be either flagged or cemented, also repairs to kerbing and much oblige."

It was decided that the County Surveyor report on the matter at next meeting of the Roads Committee.

SEAVIEW QUARRY.

Mr Boggan raised the question of the non-employment of four or five men who had been engaged in this quarry.

Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, stated that a two year's supply of material had been obtained at Seaview but he would endeavour to employ the men at Carrigfoyle quarry in connection with Grant work.

FURNITURE FOR COUNTY REGISTRAR'S OFFICE.

Under date 3rd November 1926, the following was read from the County Registrar:-

" With reference to your letter of the 29th ultimo re above, I require the following articles:-

(1) 3 writing tables. (2) 1 typewriting table. (3) 1 typewriting chair. (4) 5 office chairs. (5) 1 Press (for books) about 4 ft wide and 7 or 8 feet high. (6) 1 small fireproof safe. (7) 1 poker.

I understand you have a quantity of furniture on hands and perhaps some of these articles would suit. If you think so, I will either call or send one of my assistants to point out what would meet my requirements. In the place where I intend to put the Press, there is at present an unused stove pipe which would require to be removed."



It was decided to recommend the County Council to direct the County Surveyor to arrange for supply of furniture for office of County Registrar.

#### ROAD MAINTENANCE GENERALLY.

Mr Cloney said that at present some roads like the Duncannon line were in a bad condition in consequence of flooding. These roads were fairly good until last month. As no effort had been made to direct the water from centre of road into the water-table, it was now very much cut up.

Mr Hall said a better effort was made in the north of the county to take the water from the centre of the road than was apparent in the south.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Col Quin:-

"That the County Surveyor obtain for presentation to next meeting of the Council detailed reports as to sections of roads in the county which have been badly damaged by recent flooding."

Mr Boggan raised the question of removing the margins of roads. In one road in which there was a pronounced hollow, Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor had taken a foot off each side, raised the road with the material and made a good job. It would be well worth having this made a general practice.

Col Quin complained that road metalling was dumped into the water-tables, thus diverting the water on to the centre of the road. He had seen lots of the sides of roads nicely trimmed but nothing had been done with the margins.

The County Surveyor was against the indiscriminate removal of margins. In some cases it would be harmful to the road to remove them.

The Chairman also called attention to some matters in connection with the following which needed attention, viz:- Ballycanew Road, Castlebridge Road, and Bridge at Sleadagh.



THE "LONG" LANE.

Under date 13th November 1926, the following letter was read from Mr Laurence Kehoe, Ballylarkin, Inch:-

"I wish to bring under your notice two very dangerous turns near each other on the road called Long Lane, leading from Coolgreany to Doyles' Mill, Ballylarkin. I will try to give you a sketch of turns I am complaining of and you will see it is easily remedied. I just merely escaped an accident there recently. It is impossible to see the approach of any vehicle until you run right into it. I would be glad if Council would see the spot I complain of and am sure they would agree at once that same requires immediate doing. I enclose sketch of road on separate slip."

It was decided that County Surveyor furnish a report as regards this matter to next meeting of the Roads Committee.

Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said it would take £35 to deal with these corners which were certainly very dangerous.



### Direct Labour Employees and Road Contracts.

In connection with the resolution adopted at the meeting of the Roads Committee on this matter, Mr Corish moved that the recommendation of the Roads Committee relative to Direct Labour employees as road contractors be dissented from and that the following resolution be adopted:-

"That in future, no man who holds a road contract, or who works with a road contractor on road work, be employed under Direct Labour Scheme."

Mr James Hall seconded.

This resolution was adopted nem. con.

Mr Connors proposed and Mr Mernagh seconded the following resolution:-

"That any person who holds a road contract be not employed at haulage work provided there be other hauliers in the district available."

Mr Corish proposed as an amendment the following:-

"That the Council has no objection to a man who holds a road contract being employed at haulage work provided he does his haulage within the stipulated working hours."

Mr Pender seconded.

On a show of hands it was found that there were 20 for the amendment and 2 against.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

The amendment was then put as the substantive motion and passed without dissent.

### Wages of Gangers.

In connection with the recommendation of the Roads Committee, relative to this matter, Col Gibbon proposed that the question of the wages of gangers be submitted to the Roads Committee for consideration and that they send a recommendation to the next meeting of the County Council in order that a uniform system of fixing the wages of gangers in all districts in accordance with their responsibilities may be arrived at.

Mr Cloney seconded.



A poll was taken on Col Gibbon's motion with the following result:-

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

Against- Messrs P O'Byrne, Clince, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Gaul Hayes, Mernagh, S.O'Byrne, Pender, Rossiter, Shannon and the Chairman -14.

The Chairman declared Col Gibbon's motion defeated.

Mr Colfer proposed that all road gangers in the area of Mr John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, be paid at the rate of 6/8 per day.

Mr Connors seconded.

A show of hands was taken on Mr Colfer's resolution when it was found that 13 were in favour and 14 against,

The Chairman declared Mr Colfer's motion lost.

The Chairman then proposed:-

"That the question of gangers' wages be referred to the Roads Committee for the purpose of fixing uniform wages and uniform duties in so far as same is possible, -this proposal not to interfere with the rights of any gangers who are at present in receipt of 6/8 per day."

In moving his resolution, the Chairman said it seemed to him that there was an unequal distribution of work amongst the various gangers in the county. He had been up to now under the impression that all gangers were paid at the same rate. He wished to secure a more equitable distribution of work, but he had no intention of moving that the number of gangers be reduced.

Mr James Hall seconded.

On a show of hands, this was carried by 15 to 5.

#### Ballyvergin Cross-Roads.

In connection with Minutes of Roads Committee, Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, attended before the meeting and stated he had only about ten acres of land altogether, and he was asking for £10 for the portion which was proposed to be taken off to ease the corner at this cross.

The County Surveyor pointed out that only one statute perch was involved. The owner of the land on the opposite side of



the road had agreed to allow the Council to take the necessary land <sup>and</sup> had not asked for compensation.

Col Gibbon said that Kennedy was asking compensation at the rate of £1600 per acre.

The Co. Surveyor mentioned that the usual compensation given in these cases was 5/- per perch.

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr P. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution:-

"That £1 be offered as compensation to Patrick Kennedy for land proposed to be taken for the purpose of easing corner at allyvergin Cross-roads. In the event of Kennedy refusing this offer, that the necessary land be taken compulsorily."

Passed.

#### Verona Bridge.

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

"That the following Committee with the County Surveyor be appointed to visit Verona Bridge:-Messrs Shannon, Jordan, and the Chairman, and report to next meeting of the Roads Committee that when visiting the Bridge they interview Mr McCarthy of Fairfield."

The Chairman proposed and Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded:-

"That the Minutes of Roads Committee of 22nd November 1926 be and are hereby confirmed, except in so far as same have been varied by motions adopted at this meeting." Adopted.

#### COMPLAINTS RE ROADS.

Col Gibbon complained of the condition of the road from the Moyne, Enniscorthy to Scarawalsh and after considerable discussion it was decided that this matter be considered at next meeting of the Roads Committee when Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for that district, will be in attendance.

Mr Walsh complained that nothing has been done to ease the corners on the road from Camblin to New Ross which were in a bad way.

The County Surveyor stated that he would arrange to get



the work done if he could find out who was the owner of the wall.

Mr Walsh also complained of large sheets of stones spread across the road in the neighbourhood of Tomcoole Cross.

He suggested that the roller should be employed to crush them into the road.

Order- Referred to County Surveyor.

SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE.

The following Minutes of Scholarships Committee of 13th November 1926 were submitted:-



A meeting of Scholarship Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 13th November 1926.

Present:- Col. Gibbon, vice-Chairman, (presiding), also Very Rev. William F. Murphy, President, St. Peter's College, Messrs J.J. Kelly and Hugh O'Byrne.

The Secretary to the Co. Council was also in attendance.

#### PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Under date 15th October 1926, the Department of Education wrote that in accordance with the provisions of the Code, paragraph 4 of Primary Scholarship Scheme might be amplified by insertion of limit of means within which the Co. Council would be prepared to regard candidates as eligible to compete for Primary Scholarships. Also that a clause should be inserted in the Scheme that eligibility of candidates on this basis would be determined by the Council before a candidate is nominated to the examination.

The official Syllabus was also forwarded.

The meeting recommended that paragraph 4 of Primary Scholarship Scheme should be altered to read as follows:-

"Children whose parents or guardians are, in the opinion of the Council, able to provide for secondary education shall not be eligible for the award of Scholarships or Bursaries. This will apply to persons living in Rural Districts whose aggregate Poor Law Valuation exceeds £75. The question of eligibility of candidates to compete for scholarships will be considered at County Council meeting to be held in June of each year.

The suggested new Syllabus was then considered and agreed to, except in the case of Irish. The Committee believe that the sixth standard of Primary Schools Programme for this subject is too high a standard for Co. Wexford elementary schools, and will have the effect of preventing competition.



It is suggested that, for the present year, the Department of Education would be satisfied with the selection of the fifth standard for this subject.

It was also decided that paragraph nine of the Scheme should read as follows:-

"Candidates who attend the examination will be refunded the necessary expenses incurred in attending the examination."

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

It was decided that should it be necessary to arrange for a limit of means for candidates, the valuation of parents or guardians living in rural districts should be fixed at £75 and for those living in the towns of Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross and Wexford at £20. Also that successful candidates must take up University course in the year in which scholarship is awarded. That as regards Agricultural Scholarship, the Committee are in favour of this being awarded to any successful candidate irrespective of the place obtained by him in the results of Examination.



Mr Gaul proposed and Col Gibbon seconded:-

"That the Minutes of Scholarships Committee in respect of meeting held on 13th November 1926 be and are hereby confirmed."

Passed.

#### ARTERIAL DRAINAGE SCHEME.

The following Notice of Motion which was issued to the members of the Council on 13th November 1926 was moved by the Chairman, who mentioned in proposing the motion that it was necessary in view of letters from the Board of Works on the 27th November 1926( 21248/26) and (22803/26):-

"That, in order to comply with Section 3 of Arterial Drainage Act 1925, I hereby give notice of my intention to move at meeting of County Council to be held on 13th December 1926, that the Council, acting on the report of the Co. Surveyor, approve of the proposals contained in the petitions received in connection with the establishment of new Drainage Schemes at Ford of Lyng, Great Island and Camblin, and request the Commissioners of Public Works to examine such proposals and consider whether a Drainage Scheme should be prepared and a separate Drainage District constituted to give effect to such proposals."

Mr Murphy seconded the resolution which was adopted.

#### RECONSTRUCTION WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

The following Notice of Motion was moved by Col Quin seconded by Mr J. Hall and adopted:-

"That the resolution of the Wexford Co. Council agreeing to the reconstruction of Wexford Courthouse on old site be rescinded and that the Council take such further steps as may be advisable to them in connection with letter from Department of Finance(404/26)."

In connection with this matter, letter(No.404/296) from the Department of Finance and which is set out in full on Roads Committee Minutes of 22nd November 1926 was read.

After discussion, the Chairman suggested that the County Council should make another attempt to get the Minister for Finance to agree to allow the Council to reconstruct the Courthouse at the Old Jail.

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and the Chairman seconded the



following resolution:-

"That the following Deputation be appointed to wait on the Minister for Finance, -Col Quin, Messrs Sean O'Byrne, M. Jordan, William Thorpe with Messrs Doyle and Corish T.D.s and the County Surveyor."

#### OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE NO. 8.

On the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr Murphy, the following were appointed members of above named Sub-Committee:-

Rev. James Somers C.C. Blackwater, Messrs John Corrigan, Blackwater, Patrick Adams Ballyhaught, and Wm. Devereux Ballina.

These are to replace the following who have resigned:-

Rev. T. Quigley P.P. Blackwater, Messrs Nicholas Whitty Killahard, Blackwater, Aidan Mernagh M.C.C. and John Murphy Castlebridge.

#### CO. WEXFORD COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.

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

"That as recommended by the Co. Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, Mr Robert Rackard, Killanne, Enniscorthy be appointed a member of said Committee vice Mr John Caulfield, Grange, Killanne, resigned."

#### CINEMATOGRAF ACT.

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

"That Sergeant W. Healy (1985) Clonroche be appointed Inspector of Wexford Council under Cinematograph Act 1905 for Clonroche sub-district Garda Siothchana vice Sergeant H. J. Bruner (2854) transferred from district and that Sergt. P. McNulty (5752) be appointed Inspector of Wexford Co. Council under Cinematograph Act 1909 for Killinick sub-district Garda Siothchana vice Sergeant Michael Roche (769) transferred.

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR COMMITTEE.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr P. O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:- "That Mr John Dunne, Courtown Harbour be appointed a member of the Courtown Harbour Committee vice Mr John McGarry deceased."



## AUDITOR'S REPORTS.

County Council.

The following report of the Local Government Auditor in connection with the audit of the accounts of the Wexford County Council for the half-year ended 31st March 1926 was read:-

"I beg to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Wexford County Council for the half year ended 31st March 1926. Certified copies of the Abstracts are forwarded herewith.

The balance of uncollected rates which amounted at that date to £30101-14-4 has now been reduced to £2763-0-4, but it is far from satisfactory that, so long after the prescribed date for closing, the collection should be still uncompleted. The current collection too, promises, from its present condition, to be even less satisfactory, and the County Council ought to insist henceforward that the Collectors be unremitting in their efforts until the practice of lodging all rates within the prescribed collection dates is restored.

All Insurance renewal premiums have been paid to date. The accounts were well kept and presented for audit in a satisfactory manner."

## Mental Hospital.

The following report of the Local Government Auditor in connection with audit of the accounts of Enniscorthy District Mental Hospital for the two half-years ended 30th September 1925 and 31st March 1926 was read:-

"I beg to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Enniscorthy District Mental Hospital for the two half-years ended 30th September 1925 and 31st March 1926. Certified copies of the Abstracts are forwarded herewith.

I have certified that the Committee of Management is entitled to receive £4926-4-11 in respect of Capitation Grant, for patients maintained in the Institution during the year ended 31st March 1926 and £154-11-6 in respect of the maintenance of Criminal Lunatics.



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

#### SCHEME FOR TREATMENT OF VENEREAL DISEASE.

Scheme for the treatment of venereal disease in the County was submitted by the County Board of Health.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Murphy seconded:-

"That consideration of a Scheme for the County for treatment of venereal disease be adjourned to next meeting of the Council; in the meantime, particulars of the Scheme to be supplied to each member for his information."

#### SUPERANNUATION - DR. S. A. FURLONG.

Under date 24th November 1926, the Department of Local Government forwarded Sealed Order (B39875/1926 Wexford County) sanctioning the payment of £44 per annum to Dr S.A. Furlong as compensation for loss of employment as Surgeon of the County Wexford Infirmary.

#### APPLICATION - COMPENSATION MR B. J. O'FLAHERTY, SOLICITOR.

Under date 11th November 1926, the Local Government Department wrote (Letter No. P. 48143/1926 Wexford County) forwarding copy of letter received from Mr B. J. O'Flaherty, solicitor in regard to his claim for loss of employment as Solicitor to the late Gorey Board of Guardians and late Gorey Rural District Council and pointing out that before making a determination on Mr O'Flaherty's claim, the Minister for Local Government was prepared to consider any representations which the County Council might wish to make in the matter.

Letter of Mr O'Flaherty under date October 18th 1926 to the Department of Local Government was read for the meeting.

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

"That in connection with letter of Mr B.J. O'Flaherty, Solicitor as submitted to this meeting, we would refer the Minister of Local Government to resolution adopted by the County Council on 11th October 1926. That as Mr O'Flaherty Solicitor to late Gorey Board of Guardians and R.D. Council was paid for his service by taxed costs, we consider he is not entitled to superannuation."



APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

In connection with proposed appointment of County Medical Officer of Health, the following was read from the Wexford County Board of Health under date 22nd November 1926:-

"With reference to your letter of the 9th inst, in the matter of the appointment of the proposed County Medical Officer, I wish to inform you that same was considered by my Board at its meeting on the 15th inst, when the following resolution was adopted, and ordered to be sent to the County Council, viz:-

"That the County Council be informed that the Board of Health does not recommend the appointment of the proposed County Medical Officer of Health: that the present number of Medical Officers employed is sufficient for the needs of the county, and, moreover, we respectfully point out that the County Council refused, in adopting this year's Estimate, to make provision for the salary of this proposed new office."

Circular letters ~~XX~~ from the Department of Local Government (P.H. 49701/25. Mis) and (P.H. 39176 /26 Mis) were read for the meeting.

In connection with the letter from the County Board of Health, the following copy of letter from the Department of Local Government to that Body under date 29th October 1926, (P.H. 55388/26 Wex B.H. & P.A.) was read:-

"The Minister for Local Government and Public Health has had under consideration the entry in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance on the 15th inst on the subject of the appointment of a County Medical Officer of Health, and I am to point out that the adverse opinion recorded by the Board indicates an insufficient realisation of their responsibilities as Sanitary Authority and of the advantages to be derived from entrusting the direction of the sanitary services of the county to an officer with specialist qualifications and unaffected by the competing claims of other professional engagements. Such arrangement is in accordance with the practice of



progressive communities elsewhere and has received the approval of An Dail and An Seanad after exhaustive deliberation on the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1925, Section 21 of which has assigned to the County Council the duty of appointing a whole-time County Medical Officer of Health."

Letter from the Department of Local Government under date 15th November 1926 (P.H.39176/1926 Mis.) forwarding copy of Order defining the duties to be performed by the County Medical Officer of Health was also read .

Dr Sterling Berry of the Local Government Department, addressed the meeting and dealt in detail with the duties of the proposed County Medical Officer of Health and his relationship with the existing Medical Officers of Health in the County.

In reply to various questions, he said that it was proposed that the salary for the position should be £800 per annum with £200 (probably) for locomotion expenses. Candidates were available. Three had been specially trained in the Rockefeller Institute in America, and a number of County Tuberculosis Medical Officers had been trained in various centres in England. He further pointed out that if a Local Authority did not make the appointment, the Local Appointments Commission would do so.

Mr Doyle pointed out that the County Council seemed to have no power except to pay the salary in this case.

The Chairman proposed:- "That we request the Local Government Department to hold the appointment of County Medical Officer of Health in abeyance for 12 months owing to the depressed state of the country and the difficulty experienced by the County Council in securing payment of Poor Rates. The County Council consider that the time is not opportune for making such an appointment ."

Col Gibbon seconded.

Passed.

#### BALLYMURN WATER SUPPLY - AREA OF CHARGE.

Under date 9th November 1926, the Department of Local Government forwarded Sealed Order (No.46860/1926) fixing Oulart Dispensary District as the area of charge for Ballymurn water supply.



PAYMENT - ROAD GRANTS.

Letters from the Department of Local Government under dates 27th November 1926 and 29th November 1926 (SGA/32), (SGA/33) and (SGN/32) giving particulars of amounts paid under Road Grants were read.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OFFICERS - COMPENSATION.

Under date 19th November 1926, letter (G 53250/1926, - Wexford County) was read from the Local Government Department as follows:-

"With reference to your letter of the 12th inst, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the General Order prescribing a scale of compensation for School Attendance Officers in accordance with the provisions of the Act will be issued as soon as possible, but probably not before the 1st January next, the date upon which the Minister for Education proposes to bring the Act into operation."

SANITARIUM GRANT.

Under date 3rd December 1926, Circular letter (P.H.58222/25 Mis) from Local Government Department was read.

This letter pointed out that a Sanatorium Grant of £3346-19-7 had been earmarked for County Wexford. On failing to receive a suitable proposal from the County Council before 31st March next, the money might be diverted to some other Council.

The Secretary stated that the County Board of Health were preparing a Scheme to deal with this Grant and he understood a deputation from that body was going before the Minister for Local Government this week in connection with the matter.

No Order.

ANCIENT MONUMENTS.

Under date 4th December 1926, the Office of Public Works wrote (22273/26) as follows:-

"We should be happy in the event of any of the Ancient and Historic Monuments mentioned in your letter being offered to us by the owners, to consider the question of taking them over either as owners or guardians. We have, however, no compulsory



"powers in the matter and we therefore do not think that a deputation would serve any useful purpose unless it brought with it offers from the owners.

We may add that in the event of the lands on which any ancient Monuments stand being sold through the Land Commission the latter can vest the Monument in us under Section 14 of the Irish Land Act 1903."

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne that the communication from the Office of Public Works be referred to the Ancient Monuments Committee.

#### LOCAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION.

Under date 15th November 1926, the following was read from the Secretary, Local Appointments Commission :-

"I am directed by the Local Appointments Commissioners to draw attention to the fact that they are empowered by the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926 to recommend persons to a Local Authority for appointment to certain vacancies thereunder. To comply with this provision, however, the Local Appointments Commissioners must first be moved by a request from the Local Authority, or from the Minister in whose Department the vacancy exists, to make such a recommendation.

In the case where the request comes from the Local Authority it will be necessary, in order that the Commissioners may be able to make representations efficiently and speedily, that, when making such request in accordance with the provisions of the Act, you would be good enough to forward at the same time a copy of the sanction of the Minister for the Department concerned authorising the filling of the post and other particulars such as:-

1. The nature of the post- whether it is part-time or whole-time, permanent and pensionable.
2. Conditions of service, duties &c., to be performed by the person appointed.
3. Remuneration, and all other information which might be helpful to the Commissioners.

These particulars are required to enable the Commissioners to publish advertisements calculated to invite the



"best type of candidate to apply, and generally to inform the candidates of the nature of the posts to be filled.

The Commissioners will be glad to be favoured also with any special points in connection with such posts as the Local Authority may think proper to submit."

COUNTY WEXFORD INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

Under date 23rd November 1926, (9030/26 Wexford) the National Health Insurance Commissioners wrote that they had declared Mr Myles Bergin, Gibson Street, Wexford, a member of the County Wexford Insurance Committee in succession to Mr J. Larkin, resigned.

His term of office would expire on the day after the date of the first meeting of the County Council held after the next triennial Local Elections.

COUNTY WEXFORD INSURANCE SOCIETY.

Under date 9th November 1926, the National Health Insurance Commission wrote (No. E13344/26) forwarding copy of letter and enclosure which they had transmitted to the Secretary of County Wexford Insurance Society and also to the Chairman of the County Council.

The Commission had come to the conclusion that there was little hope that the administration of the Society would be carried out in an efficient manner in future and they had decided to ask the Committee of Management to take steps to transfer the management of the Society to some other suitable approved Society, the transfer to take place as from 31st December 1926.

The Chairman mentioned that according to reports that had been forwarded by the Auditor and the Representatives of the Commission, it did not seem probable they would allow this Society to function any longer. It had not been worked efficiently and they had decided to withdraw approval from it and recommend the members to transfer to some other Society. On a ballot of the members there was seven short of the 75% of those voting, necessary to have the transfer carried out; 333 voted for the transfer and 120 against it. The decision of those who were present at the general meeting had been taken and they were unanimously in favour of transferring to the Trade and Labour



Society. The Representative of the Commission was present, and the next step would lie with them. In the event of a transfer being effected, the County Council would be relieved of all responsibility.

The Chairman proposed that this matter be adjourned for the present.

Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded the proposition which was adopted.

#### PROPOSED LOAN - GOREY WATER SUPPLY.

The following resolution was submitted by the County Wexford Board of Health and adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That the County Council of Wexford hereby applies for a Loan of £8082 from the Local Loans Fund repayable over 25 years at the usual rate of interest for the purpose of acquiring and supplementing a Water Supply for the town of Gorey; and that they hereby request the Department to institute the necessary formalities precedent to the arranging of such a loan."

#### RAISING ROAD AT COUNTY HOSPITAL.

Under date 29th November 1926, the following letter was read from the Secretary, Wexford County Board of Health:-

"I am directed by the Wexford County Board of Health and Public Assistance to apply to your County Council for permission to raise the road level between Carcur Cross and the County Hospital entrance.

The Board consider that the steep gradient in the road to the Hospital gate would be considerably relieved by filling the hollow. Seeing that they are widening the entrance and improving the approach, the rising of the road would complete the improvement.

If the County Surveyor could make a call I could put the views of the Board before him so that he would understand exactly what the Board propose. It is to be understood, of course, that this work will be done by the men in receipt of assistance from the Home Assistance Fund."

Mr Hall proposed and Mr Murphy seconded:-



"That the County Council approve of the proposal from the County Board of Health to have road leading to County Hospital improved as suggested in Secretary's letter of 29th November 1926, and that the County Surveyor be directed to arrange for the work being carried out with as little delay as possible and submit estimate of cost of same (exclusive of assistance provided by County Board of Health) to next meeting of the Roads Committee."

#### CAMPIL HOSPITAL TENANCY.

Under date, 30th November 1926, the following was read from the Secretary County Board of Health:-

"I beg to inform you that as a result of the election of James Meyler as tenant of cottage No 360 at Ballykerogue, the Campile Hospital premises have become vacant.

My Board propose to appoint a tenant to the premises. The wife of the former tenant acted as Dispensary caretaker to the Dispensary at <sup>a</sup> salary of £3 per annum. It is now the intention to appoint the incoming tenant as caretaker to the Dispensary without salary and to charge a rent of a nominal weekly sum so as to preserve title.

This proposal will, of course be subject to ratification by the County Council."

On the motion of Mr Thorpe seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne the proposal of the County Board of Health was agreed to.

#### COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT -

##### COUNTY COUNCIL AND COUNTY INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

In connection with proposed Comprehensive Agreement between the County Council and the County Insurance Committee relative to the provision of treatment for insured and exempt persons suffering from tuberculosis, the following letter under date 3rd December 1926 (P.H. 55943/1926 Wex Bd of H. & P.A.) from the Department of Local Government was read:-

"With reference to your letter of the 23rd ultimo, relative to the alterations suggested by the Wexford County Insurance Committee in the usual form of agreement in connection



"with the provision of treatment by the County Council for insured and exempt persons suffering from Tuberculosis, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to point out that the proposal of the Insurance Committee to allocate definite amounts from their Sanatorium Benefit Fund to cover the cost of various forms of treatment is based on the assumption that the Sanatorium Benefit Fund is fixed at £900 per annum. This assumption is not correct because that fund fluctuates in amount from year to year and has not reached £900 since 1924. The proposal is, therefore, open to objection as being unnecessarily complicated and liable to lead to friction

The provisions included in the Standard Form of Agreement for assignment of the Sanatorium Benefit Fund as between the main heads of expenditure have been specially designed in view of the yearly fluctuations in the sum available and have worked satisfactorily in other counties in which similar Agreements have for a considerable time been in operation.

It is therefore advisable that the contemplated Agreement between the County Council and the Insurance Committee should be based on the Standard Form."

The Chairman proposed and Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded:-

"That the County Board of Health be requested to revise the proposed Agreement for the treatment of insured and exempt persons suffering from tuberculosis, so as to bring it in accordance with suggestions in letter (P.H.55943/1926 Wex Bd of Health & P.A.) from Department of Local Government."

#### NEW ROSS COURTHOUSE.

Under date 6th December 1926, the following was read from Mr Patrick R. Buggy, Solicitor 40 O'Connell St. Waterford:-

"Mrs O'Sullivan, the caretaker of the New Ross Court House had an interview with me to-day in reference to her status there as caretaker of the New Ross Courthouse. She informs me that when the premises were vacated by the Co. Council in 1920 she was appointed by the then High Sheriff of the County, Lieut. Col Jameson Davis. This act was done by the High Sheriff so that the Courthouse might be protected from any damage and in order



"that it might be the property of the County Council when times settled down. Mrs O'Sullivan took possession. Fortunately the property was preserved and thereby money saved to the rate-payers.

Mrs O'Sullivan now humbly submits that she be again appointed as caretaker. I understand the appointment lies with you. I would be glad if you would bring my application on her behalf before your Council and let me know the date of the next meeting as if I so decide I may be in attendance. It is interesting to note that the Co.Council have a lease or are promised a lease of the premises from the Tottenham Estate and the Tottenham Trustees have sought to eject Mrs O'Sullivan against whom a Decree was granted on the 23rd ulto, but against which Mrs O'Sullivan has appealed. I am sure the County Council would not act the part of evictors to evict Mrs O'Sullivan.

I would be glad to hear from you that the County Council (1) are not parties to these proceedings. I am sure if the County Council are prepared to take Mrs O'Sullivan under their Lease as caretaker of the Courthouse, the Tottenham Trustees will not then proceed."

Mr Elgee, Solicitor, stated that the appointment of a caretaker of a Courthouse rested with the Sheriff and the County Council had nothing whatever to say to it. He informed the Solicitor to the Tottenham Estate that he could not advise the County Council to take a Lease of the premises until the Trustees were in a position to give over possession of the entire premises.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded:-

"That Mr Buggy, Solicitor, Waterford be informed that the County Council have nothing to say to the appointment of a caretaker of a Courthouse. They never appointed Mrs O'Sullivan caretaker of New Ross Courthouse, and they must get clear possession of the premises from the Trustees of the Tottenham Estate before they agree to execute a Lease of the premises."

#### GOREY COURTHOUSE.

The application for the compensation for the burning of the above Courthouse came before the Circuit Court Judge



"to-day when he reported for £2515 compensation as regards the structure of the Courthouse, and £76 for the furniture therein; a total reinstatement condition is attached to the Report, that is that the amount awarded will only be paid as the work of reconstruction proceeds on the certificate of the Board of Works Engineer."

In connection with this matter, the Committee appointed at the meeting of the Finance Committee on 9th December 1926 met and submitted the following report:-

"Committee met at Courthouse site on 2nd December 1926. Present-Mr Sean O'Byrne, Mr James Hall, the Co. Surveyor and Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor.

The Committee recommended that the body of the Courthouse should be so arranged as to be all on the same level and not "stepped" as it was in the past. Going down into the building from entrance door, fittings should be movable so that the premises would be available for other purposes. Provision should be made for caretaker's premises, offices for Assistant Surveyor and store. At present the County Council had to pay for offices and store. Office for Clerk of District Court should be also provided as well as a Jury Room. There would be a separate entrance to caretaker's premises.

The Committee were informed by Mr Elgee, solicitor that they could not take any definite steps towards securing Tenders, etc. for the reconstruction of the premises until the Decree for Compensation was made absolute.

The County Surveyor would prepare as soon as possible preliminary plans showing exact details for reconstruction of the premises. The Committee are anxious that the building should be so arranged as to allow for the holding of classes for Technical Instruction, etc. for the benefit of the people of the town of Gorey and neighbourhood."

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed that the report of the Committee in connection with Gorey Courthouse be adopted and that the work be carried out as soon as possible, as the occupation of reconstructed premises would mean saving to the Council the



payment of rent for two or three different offices.

Mr Patrick Byrne seconded the resolution which was adopted.

LEASE OF NEW ROSS TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY.

The Chairman proposed and Col Quin seconded:-

"That the Lease and Counterpart of same of New Ross Tuberculosis Dispensary from New Ross Urban Council be signed and sealed on behalf of Wexford County Council."

Passed.

BALLYLANNON CROSSING.

The Chairman proposed and Col Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That Agreement with Great Southern Railways Company as to easing of dangerous corner at Ballylannon Bridge be sealed and signed on behalf of the County Council."

COSTS - MR WILLIAM CAULFIELD, SOLICITOR.

Requisition to tax costs of Mr William Caulfield, (Solicitor to late Wexford Rural District Council) was received, and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Council.

The Chairman proposed, Col Quin seconded and it was passed:- "That as the County Council have received Court Orders appointing two Receivers by way of Equitable Execution over amount to be paid to Mr Caulfield, Solicitor, as taxed costs, viz, Mr Lloyd, Agent, Bank of Ireland, Wexford and Mr William Kehoe, for two different sums of money, we hereby direct that any sums to be paid by the Council on foot of these taxed costs be lodged in Court."

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University Scholarship Scheme.

A letter was read from Patrick and Annie Kenny, parents of John J. Kenny, Irish Street, Bunclody to whom a University Scholarship had been awarded.

Kenny had entered a Training College to become a Teacher and his parents asked if the County Council would pay his training expenses and keep over the University Scholarship till his two years' training had expired.

The following resolution was proposed by the Chairman



seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That John J. Kenny be informed it is not possible for the County Council to hold over his University Scholarship and that as he has not entered the University, the Scholarship must now be cancelled."

PROPOSED WATER SUPPLY ETC, AT ROSSLARE.

In connection with this matter, a resolution was received from the Secretary, New Ross District Executive, Farmers' Union calling on their representatives on the County Council to protest against the levying of any rate on New Ross district relative to above, as the people of New Ross district derive no benefit from Rosslare as a seaside resort.

It was decided that consideration of this resolution be adjourned until application be made to the Council for the striking of a rate for the Scheme in question.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT.

Resolution of the Rosslare Tourist Development Association of 29th April 1926, which was specially referred to the December meeting of the Council was read.

The resolution requested the appointment of a Committee consisting of four members of the Co. Wexford Executive of the Tourist Associations representing the four districts of the ~~WOMEN~~ county with four members of the County Council to discuss - when the Tourist rate of one halfpenny in the £ had been agreed to - what form an advertising campaign should take.

On the motion of Col Quin seconded by the Chairman it was decided that this resolution be further adjourned till the details of the rate for next year are being considered by the Council.

SUPERANNUATION SECONDARY TEACHERS.

Mr T. J. Burke, General Secretary, Association of Secondary Teachers forwarded Memo dealing with the proposed superannuation of Secondary Teachers and asking the Co. Council to pass a resolution in support of their claim.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Scholarships Committee.

*Wm. C. B. C.*



CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY.  
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I certify the foregoing to be a correct  
record of the Minutes of Proceedings of my Co.  
Council in respect of meeting held on 13th  
December, 1926.

(Signed)



Secretary Wexford Co. Council.

Dated this 17th day of December, 1926.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

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M I N U T E S

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OF MEETING HELD ON 8TH NOVEMBER, 1926.

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,  
WEXFORD.

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on the 8th November, 1926.

Present:- Mr. Thomas McCarthy (Chairman) presiding;  
also:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs William Boggan, Patrick Byrne, James Cline, Michael Cloney, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, Michael Doyle, James Gaul, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, David Kavanagh, Aidan Mernagh, Nicholas J. Murphy, John O'Byrne, M. M. O'Donoghue, John Pender, James Shannon, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh, John White.

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

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

#### VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.

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Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Colonel Quin seconded the following resolution:-

"That we offer to our esteemed colleague, Mr. James Gaul, our sincere and heartfelt sympathy on the death of his father, the late Capt., Gaul, Wexford!"

"That a copy of this resolution be forwarded Mr. Gaul."

Passed.

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE. Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meetings held on the 14th October, 1926 and on the 28th October, 1926, were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortvia Wexford on 14th October 1926.

Present:-Mr Thomas McCarthy(Chairman) presiding, Also, Messrs Sean O'Byrne, Aidan Mernagh and James E. Walsh.

A letter was read from Col Gibbon apologising for his absence from the meeting.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, and the County Surveyor were in attendance.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4967-14-3 was examined and signed.

#### CLAIM RENT - PETTY SESSIONS OFFICE, NEW ROSS.

Mr James J. O'Connor, Solicitor Wexford wrote under date 11th October 1926 on behalf of Mr F. J. McKenna, formerly Clerk of Petty Sessions, New Ross applying for arrears of payments due to him in respect of office occupied by him as Clerk of Petty Sessions from 1st July 1921 to 31st December 1922.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That the claim of Mr F. J. McKenna for rent of Petty Sessions Office at New Ross be refused in the absence of any agreement between him and the Co. Council as to rent, and any claim which he may have is barred from payment under Local Government code.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

In connection with complaint that rate receipts had not been furnished the Hon Secretary Rosslare Golf Club, Mr McCarthy Rate Collector, (No 5 Collection District) wrote as follows:-

"With reference to receipts to the above Club, I am very sorry for my delay in sending same. I lost Receipt No 54 amount £10-18-6 which was checked against me in my abstract book last June, but which I did not get from the Golf Club until August. I called to the County Council Offices last Saturday for a duplicate



"receipt, which I did not get until I would again search for the missing receipt. However, I got a duplicate receipt to-day and I will hand receipts amounting to £14-0-11 in all to the Secretary of the Golf Club to-morrow morning for certain.

Delay in lodging three items amounting to £3-2-5 was an oversight on my part."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That explanation of Mr McCarthy, Rate Collector, as to failure to furnish receipt to the Hon Secretary, Rosslare Golf Club, be accepted as satisfactory but that he be instructed to exercise greater care in the future regarding the immediate issue of receipts."

#### RATE COLLECTION

The state of the Rate Collection to 14th October was considered and the meeting were of the opinion that the collections of the majority of the Collectors should have been further advanced.

#### PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Miss Eva Cullen, Ballytarsna, Ballycullane applied for payment of 18/6 expenses incurred in attending Examination for Award of Primary Scholarships.

The Scheme provided that candidates who secured not less than 40 per cent of total marks allotted to the six subjects in which they were examined would be refunded the necessary expenses incurred in attending the Examination.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Walsh that as Miss Cullen had secured 566 marks out of 1000 maximum, the expenses claimed and amounting to 18/6 be paid.



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview Wexford on 28th October 1926.

Present:-Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman), presiding; Also Messrs Sean O'Byrne, William Thorpe, M. Jordan, P. Hayes, A. Mernagh, The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the Co. Surveyor and Mr Elgee, Solicitor were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4629-16-4 was examined and signed.

#### VOTE OF CONDOLENCE - MR P. HAYES M.C.C.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Thorpe:- "That we offer our respected colleague, Mr P. Hayes, our sincere condolence in the loss which he has sustained through the death of his mother."

#### RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection up to 28th October 1926 was submitted as follows:-

E. J. Murphy 89.58: J.J.O'Reilly 86.83: J. Quirke 84.82: J. Curtis 82.93: J.J. Sinnott 79.02: B. Cleary 77.62: T. Rowe 76.82: J.J. Kelly 74.14: M. Kelly 73.64: P. Fitzpatrick 72.44: T. Sutton 71.7: W. Cummins 70.89: J. Cummins 70.42: S. Gammon 69.1: Patrick Walsh 68.61: M. Deegan 66.58: J. Doyle 62.44: P. Donohoe 58.54: P.O'Byrne 57.19: C. McCarthy 50.74: P. Furlong 40.97.  
Average 70.97.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That in view of the backward state of their collections, the Finance Committee recommend the County Council at their meeting to be held on 8th November 1926 to suspend Rate Collectors P. Donohoe, P. O'Byrne and C. J. McCarthy."

#### List Habitable Houses.

In connection with return asked for by Finance Committee as to habitable vacant houses in Collectors' districts,



no returns had been received from Collectors Gannon<sup>and</sup> Furlong and a resolution was adopted directing these Collectors to furnish the particulars requested without delay; otherwise the Finance Committee will take serious notice of the default in these cases to comply with the instructions of the Committee.  
Rating No.186 E.D.New Ross Rural.

Mr E. J. Murphy wrote that the lands in this case had been the subject of a lawsuit Dwyer v Moylan. The former, who owned the lands was defeated and the holding passed into the possession of the Executors of the Will of the late Mrs Dwyer who tried to sell them but were unable to do so. The lands had been idle since and were subject to constant trespass.

He(Mr Murphy) had locked the gates but the locks were broken. He was annoyed by parties asking him if he would set the lands to weekly tenants and he wished to know if he could interfere in any way.

It was decided that Mr Elgee, Solicitor communicate with Messrs Dwyer and Murphy(Rate Collector) and endeavour to secure a full statement of how this matter now stands with a view to securing payment of rates which were due on the holding.

DEFAULTING RATE COLLECTOR, P. J. SINNOTT.

The following under date 20th October 1926(4794) was read from Messrs McDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers, 51 Dame St. Dublin:-

"We have now heard from the Irish National Company, who have received Mr Fitzgerald's report. We are having cheque prepared for the amount shown hereunder:-

The total claim under the Bond was - as originally supplied ... ..		£452-5-6	
<u>Add</u> Two cases reported on the 22nd September.....		40-10-0	£492-15-6
<u>Disallow</u>	Michael Breen	£25-19-9	
	John Nagle	£25-10-0	49-9-9
		Gross amount payable	£443-5-9
<u>Deduct:</u>	Poundage already due to Sinnott as per statement of claim		
		£58-16-6	
	Poundage @ 7d in the £ on Gross amount £443.		
		£12-18-5	71-14-11



Nett amount payable ... .. £371-10-10.  
You will note two claims disallowed on the following

grounds:-

BREEN: This ratepayer alleges that he paid the second moiety of his rates in cash and that he did not get a receipt. On the Abstract for the 1st April 1926, the first moiety of his rates for the same amount appears and he got the official receipt for that. We think the onus is on the ratepayer to prove that he paid the second moiety and we are informed that the new Collector, Mr Burlong, does not feel so sure now that his claim of having paid is genuine.

NAGLE: Nagle alleges that he gave Sinnott a cheque which he had from Mr Vincent Doyle for £25-10-0, in part payment of his rates. This paid cheque cannot be produced as Mr Doyle states that he destroyed all his cheques when he got them back from the Bank. We would not feel satisfied by seeing an entry in Doyle's Bank Pass Book for the amount of a cheque as that would not be evidence that the cheque was in fact endorsed by Sinnott. Moreover, we learn that a Solicitor acting on behalf of the new Rate Collector made a demand upon Nagle for the total amount of his rates and Nagle did not then claim that he had paid £25-10-0 on account. This claim was not made till the 13th of September when Nagle was being sued in the District Court, and you will observe that at that date it was pretty well known in Wexford that Sinnott had decamped. In this case also we feel that the onus of proof is on the ratepayer.

We understand that Mr Fitzgerald agreed on these amounts with you and that you are satisfied that the two claims above mentioned should be disallowed. The Irish National Company ask us to obtain permission from you to allow them to deduct the poundage so that the cheque may be drawn for the nett amount."

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

"That we agree to accept £443-5-9 as settlement of claim against Irish National Insurance Company and recommend the County Council to pay over to Insurance Company the poundage



due Mr P. J. Sinnott, late Rate Collector, on receipt of cheque for £443-5-9. That Mr Furlong, Rate Collector inform John Nagle and Michael Breen that Insurance Company have disallowed their claims on the grounds that they had not produced evidence sufficient to prove that amounts had been paid by them."

TELEPHONE FOR OFFICES OF COUNTY REGISTRAR.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That as recommended by the Department of Justice, we approve, subject to the sanction of the County Council, of the installation of telephone in the offices of County Registrar as this would be for the greater convenience of the public service."

BLIND PERSONS ACT.

Letter was read from Michael Bassett, inmate, St Joseph's Blind Asylum, Drumcondra, Dublin requesting the Council to put into operation the Act "to promote the Welfare of Blind Persons."

The following resolution was adopted:- "That Michael Bassett be informed that when the Gorey Guardians sent him to the Blind Asylum, it was on the distinct understanding that he would be self-supporting after training. When training was complete, the Guardians refused to make any further payments to the Institution."

COURTHOUSES.

Gorey: Under date 19th October 1926, Messrs Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors, New Road, Gorey wrote:-

"Your letter of the 16th inst received. This letter cannot be deemed by any means satisfactory, and unless we receive a satisfactory undertaking within one week from this date that the Gorey Courthouse will be put in a proper state of repair without further delay, we shall have no course open to us but to institute proceedings.

This matter has been hanging on for a long time now, and we really must ask that something definite be done. It is useless to inform us that the repairs will be considered."

Ordered:- "That Messrs Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey be informed that the repairs at Gorey Courthouse will be carried out when Co. Council receive award of compensation, application for which has been lodged."



Gorey and Enniscorthy.: Mr Elgee, Solicitor, wrote under date 19th October 1926 asking who he would employ to make estimate off the probable cost of reconstruction of Gorey and Enniscorthy Courthouses and to give evidence as to same before the Circuit Court Judge.

It was decided that Mr Elgee be instructed to employ Mr Robert Williamson to make estimate, etc. for Enniscorthy Courthouse and Mr James Doyle, Esmonde Street, Gorey as regards Gorey Courthouse.

Wexford: In connection with reconstruction of Wexford Courthouse, a letter was read from Department of Finance acknowledging letter of 18th October and stating that a further communication in the matter would be forwarded without avoidable delay.

#### PAYMENT COMPENSATION AWARDS.

Mr Elgee forwarded draft for £65-6-0 from the Ministry of Finance being portion of decree of £236 given for partial destruction of Offices of Clerk of Peace, Wexford which occurred on 23rd November 1922, the balance being held pending further reinstatement.

It was decided that cost incurred by Clerk of Peace for work in fitting up offices after burning under a contract with Mrs Mary O'Connor, Builder, Wexford and amounting to £53-19-0 be paid on the certificate of County Registrar who had entered into said contract.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor also forwarded letter from Ministry of Finance and draft for £199-11-0, total amount of decree obtained by the County Council for damage sustained through armed raid made on County Council Offices on 17th October 1922.

#### APPLICATION SUPERANNUATION - MR B.J. O'FLAHERTY, SOLICITOR.

Under date 18th October 1926, Mr B.J. O'Flaherty, solcr, Enniscorthy, forwarded copy of his Appeal to the Minister for Local Government relative to the refusal of the County Council to award him superannuation on his office as Solicitor to Gorey Guardians and Gorey R.D. Council having been abolished.

#### COSTS OF MR WM. CAULFIELD, SOLICITOR.

Under date 20th October 1926, the following letter (G47703/1926/Wexford B.H.& PA) was read from the Department of Local Government:-



"Adverting to your letter of the 15th inst, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to return, herewith, Solicitor Caulfield's Bill of Costs and to state that it should be taxed in the ordinary way. The Council should instruct the Solicitor representing them at taxation to contest the items in the Bill relating to Malicious Injury Claims affected by the Damage to Property (Compensation) Act, 1923."

It was decided that Mr Elgee, Solicitor endeavour to procure the usual requisition for taxation and have the costs taxed.

#### University Scholarship Scheme.

The following report under date 18th October 1926 was read from the Secretary, University College, Dublin:-

"In reply to your letter of the 15th inst, the renewal of the Scholarship of Miss Kathleen M. Bolger is recommended as she passed her Second Year College Examination in Arts last Summer. Mr Aidan Timmons failed at the First University Examination in Engineering last Summer, and did not enter for the Autumn Examination. The renewal of his Scholarship is not recommended. Christopher J Hall passed all the subjects of the B. Comm. Examination except his subsidiary subject, Irish. Michael J. Howlett passed the Second University Examination in Medicine, Autumn 1926. Christopher Whelan had no University Examination but attended satisfactorily the Third Year Course in Mechanical Engineering. John Mooney passed the B. Comm. Degree Examination, Autumn 1926, with second class Honours. Patrick J. Murphy passed the B. Comm. Degree Examination, Autumn 1926, with second class Honours."

It was decided that in the event of Mr Aidan Timmons applying for a renewal of University Scholarship that the application be refused.

#### PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Communication was read from Office of National Education relative to modifications in Primary Scholarship Scheme and forwarding revised Syllabus.



It was decided that a meeting of Scholarship Committee to consider changes in Scheme should be held on the next available Saturday.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE.

In connection with the resolution of the Finance Committee, asking if books, bills for which had been presented for payment to Finance Committee, had received the approval of the Book-selection Committee, Miss Walsh, Librarian wrote under date 26th October 1926:-

"Regarding the Booksellers' bills, all of these have been passed except those on Day's and Boots' bills. Books must be purchased from these Libraries immediately the secondhand list is issued, otherwise it would not be possible to take advantage of the reduced prices. These, however, I will submit in due course to the Book-selection Committee."

A list of attendance of members of Library Committee from 22nd July 1926 was presented by County Librarian in response to a request from the Finance Committee.

It was decided that all matters in connection with County Library be adjourned to next meeting.

"GESTETNER" DUPLICATOR.

The Secretary and the County Surveyor having reported that the Gestetner Duplicating Machine which the County Council had taken on trial, had given satisfaction, it was decided that the machine be purchased at £31 (nett cost).



In connection with Rate Collection the following letter (G.51507/1926 Wexford County) under date 6th November, 1926, was read from the Local Government Department:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge receipt of the Rate Return showing the position up to the 31st ultimo, and I am to state that it shows that the large sum of over £18,000 rates of the current moiety remained outstanding on the 31st ultimo. This is a very unsatisfactory result, and in view of the Council's financial position demands the most earnest attention.

"I am to draw attention to the County Council's minutes of the 11th ultimo regarding the closing of the first moiety by the 31st October.

"It might be well if the Council, in pursuance with the Finance Committee's suggestion adopted by them at their meeting on the 7th August last made an example of a few of the worst collectors. They should be given a week or ten days to close, and if they then fail to carry out the Council's instructions in the matter they might be suspended in accordance with Article 99 of the Public Bodies Order 1925."

On the motion of Mr. Thorpe seconded by Colonel Quin the following resolution was adopted:- "That Rate Collectors be given a further ten days in which to close their collections, and in consequence we expect that at least 90% of each collection will be obtained. That the Finance Committee be fully empowered to deal with the case of any Collector who has not lodged this percentage and suspend him if they consider it necessary".

In connection with payment of poundage to the Insurance Company in the amount found due in the case of the defaulting Collector, P. J. Sinnott, the following letter was read from Mr. Philip J. Furlong, the new Collector:-



"I understand that the Insurance Company are claiming the poundage of Patrick J. Sinnott's Bond, I beg to state that I am entitled to this poundage as I have had all the trouble going around checking Receipts, Endorsed Cheques, writing letters to other counties and England re Rates due, I have had more trouble with same than if the amount was outstanding unpaid on the Rate Book, as the Insurance Company went to the last in obtaining proof that the amounts had been paid, so you will see that I am entitled to the Poundage"

It was pointed out that the amount of poundage due on the amount which the Insurance Company were compelled to pay would be £12: 18: 5d.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Doyle, seconded, the following resolution:-

"That our Secretary be instructed to communicate with Insurance Brokers, Messrs McDonagh & Boland, 51, Dame Street, Dublin, and point out to them that Mr. Philip Furlong, Rate Collector, had undergone considerable trouble and spent a great deal of time in carrying out the work set out in his letter, and we are of opinion that he is entitled to compensation. We would suggest to the Insurance Brokers that poundage on £443: 5: 9d which amounts to £12: 18: 5d should be paid to Mr. Furlong."

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

"That Minutes of meetings of Finance Committee of the 14th and 28th October, 1926 be and are hereby confirmed. "  
Sureties of Rate Collector Furlong -

On the motion of Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Boggan, the following were accepted as personal securities for Philip J. Furlong, Rate Collector for No.4 Collection District:-

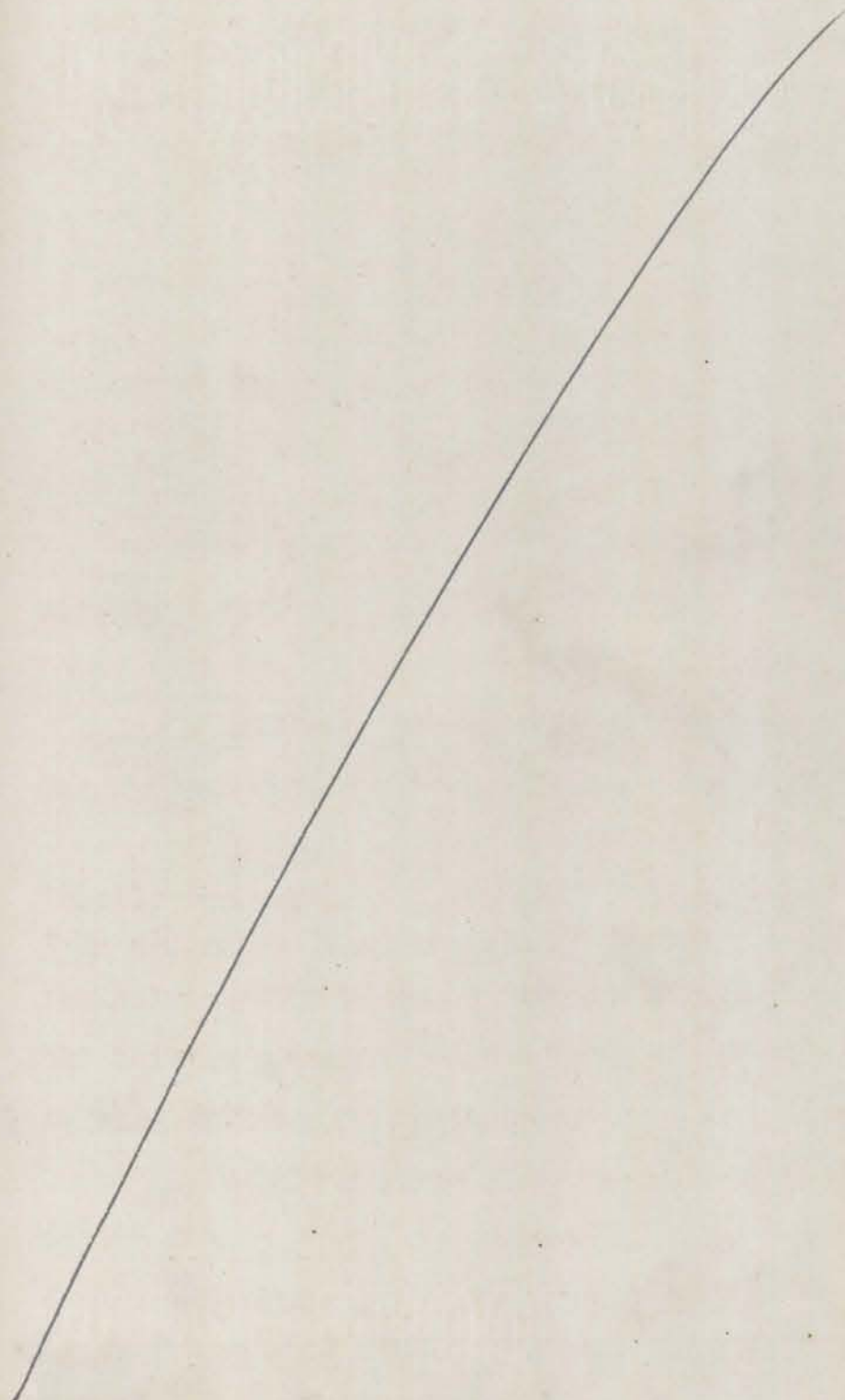
James Pettit, Ballycushlane, Broadway.

Philip Wall, Ballysheen, Broadway.



Roads Committee.

Minutes of meetings of Roads Committee held on  
25th October, 1926 and 2nd November, 1926, were submitted  
as follows:-





The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 25th October 1926.

Present:-Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman Co. Council) presiding, also, Messrs Sean O'Byrne, James Hall, R. Corish, P. Colfer, James Shannon, William Beggan, Col Gibbon and Col Quin.

The Secretary, the Co. Surveyor, Mr Elgee, Solicitor, and the following Assistant Surveyors were in attendance:-Messrs Treanor, Kehoe, Ennis, Cullen and P. O'Neill.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report of the County Surveyor for the month of October was submitted:-

"I submit Specification as approved of by the Local Government Department for the Grant work on the Enniscorthy-Wexford Road. I submit also some clauses governing the employment of local labour, and the hire of County Machinery which I was directed by the Council to prepare. If you approve of these clauses I shall ask the Local Government Department to sanction their addition to this specification.

I have prepared comparative table of the working of Carrigbyrne Quarry under Contract and Direct Labour.

During the first period dealt with, the rates are approximately the same, and I am now taking account for second period. I do not expect that the quarry could be worked by Direct Labour for this current period at as low a figure as former contract but this is owing to the necessary increased cost, due to the varying working circumstances.

I have a letter from the County Solicitor with reference to the County Council's powers in connection with river and drains at Verona Bridge, and submit same.

As directed by the County Council, I have made application to the Local Government Department for dredger for use at Courtown Harbour, and submit copy of my letter.



The repair work to the Sluice Gates, etc., has been done as well as it possibly could be under adverse circumstances. It has not been possible to entirely cut off the escape of water above the gates though I had a diver employed for some days at the work.

The entire cost of the work, of which I have not full particulars, will run to about £250, and I ask for proposal for £80 to make up balance between former rough estimate.

There are other Public Works Proposals now required as follows:-

Kilmore Harbour	repairs	£50.
County Buildings	"	£50.
Poulduff Harbour	"	£10.

These are necessary and should be approved.

Owing to the difficulty and cost of obtaining coal, I have found it necessary to practically close down all our Machinery for the present. In connection with this matter I submit a letter from the New Ross Urban Council making application for hire of roller, and furnish copy of my reply.

I have application from the Wexford Town Surveyor for further instalment towards cost of Main Roads in the Urban area and I have pointed out to him sections of the roads which are not in satisfactory repair.

In conjunction with the Secretary I have prepared a statement in regard to the alterations of Old Jail, to fit up same for Courthouse and Offices, and this has been submitted to the Minister for Finance.

Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, has reported to me that one of the adjoining owners at Ballyvergin Cross has refused to sign the necessary agreement for the improvement work, and I submit copy of his report.

During the past week I have had the several Assistant Surveyors in my office dealing with the current payments on contract roads. In a number of cases contractors have been in default in not getting out their material, and I ask for authority to proceed against these men.



Under the Direct Labour Scheme, in several cases I find that the money allocated for some sections has proved insufficient while in others I have been able to curtail expense. I ask for authority to transfer from one account to another, as may be necessary, of course, keeping within the conditions that transfer account shall be to a similar class account in another section.

I have application from Mr Scallan for anthracite coal for stove in his office, and have arranged to get a small quantity from the Bacon Factory Manager. There is anthracite coal also required for the stove in the Court in the Old Jail, and in this case I have been using coke which is not entirely satisfactory. I suggest that a six ton load of coal be obtained from the Castlecomer Collieries for use in these two stoves. This coal is a great deal cheaper than we could get it elsewhere, and in my opinion is the best coal to be obtained anywhere.

I have an application from Mr M. J. Moran, New Ross for permission to erect a second petrol pump, and I submit my letter to him.

Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, writes me that the ~~contractor~~ contractor for erection of wire posts in Gorey area in connection with the "Shannon Scheme" requires broken stone from Tara Hill and Carriganeagh Quarries. If you approve, I could supply quantity at price somewhat over our usual normal charge for County works."

Specification for Grant Work.

The County Surveyor submitted the following additions to specification for National Road Grant Work as per instructions of last County Council meeting:-

"The contractor shall conform in all particulars to the conditions as laid down by the Local Government Department with reference to the employment of National Army ex-service men and to rates of wages. The contractor shall also employ local (Co. Wexford) labour as far as possible; he shall be entitled to bring in from outside, foremen and a limited number of specialists but all others, i.e. quarrymen and general labourers shall be local."



'The conditions in regard to employment of labour shall be those which have been adopted by the County Council for ordinary Direct Labour.

The contractor may hire from the Wexford Co. Council such County machinery as may be available and necessary for the work on terms to be hereafter mutually agreed upon. The machinery shall be run and worked by the County Council under the direction of the Contractor, but subject to the control by the Co. Surveyor as to its fair and proper working."

Col Gibbon proposed:- "That a clause be inserted in Grant Work specification that special consideration will be given to the proposals of any contractor who is prepared to show(~~while~~ while not being held directly responsible for damage caused roads through haulage of material to Trunk Road - Wexford-Enniscorthy) that in the conveyance of road material to trunk road, he will cause the minimum of damage to by-roads over which he takes transport.

Col Quin considered that the contractor should be liable for any actual damage which he caused to the roads.

Co. Surveyor - Mr Quigley of the Roads Department says they could not have that at all.

Mr Corish proposed:- "That a clause be inserted in specification that special consideration will be given to contractor for haulage of material, but if such haulage be responsible for heavy damage to the roads such damage must be repaired by the contractor."

Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded this resolution which was adopted.

The resolution proposed by Col Gibbon was then withdrawn.

Col Gibbon said there should be a provision in the ~~the~~ specification to prevent the contractor from dumping all his material into the water-tables. Also some further provision by which the drainage of the road would be adequate and so arranged as to obviate the necessity of ripping up the surface for drainage purposes later. Culverts should be so built as to be suitable for ordinary motor car traffic. Occasionally culverts were met with built with such a steep crown that motorists ran the risk



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of breaking the axle of their cars when travelling over them. 18

It was decided to invite Mr Quigley, Chief Roads Engineer of the Local Government Department to attend a special meeting at 10-30 a.m. on 10th November to go into the suggestions of the County Surveyor and other recommendations as to haulage and drainage proposed to be included in specification.

CARRIGBYRNE QUARRY.

The County Surveyor submitted report under date 19th. October 1926 showing that from 5th June 1926 to 11th September 1926 the expenditure in the quarry was £259-17-6 and the value of materials was £244. The former contract rate was 6/- per cubic yard for broken stone at which rate the above output was valued for the purpose of comparison. But as the former charges for machinery under contract had been raised this year, allowance should be made therefor. This would amount to £18 leaving the nett expenditure £241-17-6 as against £244 for materials, a difference of £2-2-6 in cost in favour of Direct Labour.

The County Surveyor said it should be also borne in mind that machinery was not worked to the advantage of the Council when hired to contractors. The latter tried to get all they could out of the machinery and the Co. Council had to pay for this in maintenance afterwards.

The report of County Surveyor was considered satisfactory  
Verona Bridge.

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Mr Elgee, County Solicitor, under date 18th October 1926:-

"With reference to your letter of the 21st ult, I write to say, (1) with regard to the flood water through the subsidiary arch of Bridge, you do not say in your letter what is the cause of the lower end of the arch being blocked, or by whom it was done. If by Mr Davis, then it appears to me that Mr McCarthy would have a cause of Action against Mr Davis, and not against the Co. Council for altering or restricting the flow of water through the Bridge, by backing such flow up.  
The Council have not any power to compel Mr Davis to clean



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the river as the section dealing with the matter only gives them power in respect of a ditch or drain leading from the public road, and not to a case such as this where the river is a natural one.

(2) In my opinion, the County Council have no power to compel Mr Davis to remove the obstruction in the river, save in so far as it might affect the actual roadway by flooding."

Mr Shannon said that the fact of the lower end of the arch being blocked was injuring the road wall.

It was decided that the matter be adjourned to allow Mr Elgee to inspect the place and advise the Council as to their ~~now~~ position in the event of it being found that the blocking of the arch of the Bridge was undermining the road wall at this particular place.

#### Courtown Harbour.

The following is copy of letter which the County Surveyor furnished the Department of Fisheries on 18th October 1926 in connection with the provision of grab dredger:-

" Some years ago the Department of Agriculture suggested supplying a small grab dredger to be worked off the piers for keeping the entrance channel properly cleared. The offer was not accepted by the Co. Council as the local fishermen at the time refused to take the responsibility of working the dredger themselves. This was a condition attached to the offer by the Department and consequently the matter dropped.

The present condition of the Harbour entrance is very bad and fishing boats are unable to leave and return with any facility and there is a large consequent loss of employment and food supply.

Recently the County Council carried out the work to render the sluicing of the channel more effective, but this alone cannot keep the channel clear. The Co. Council asks for the renewal of the offer to supply a Grab and believes that the local fishermen will now undertake to work it at their own charge under direction of the County Surveyor.

If the Department can see their way to renew the offer



with the condition of working by local fishermen attached the Co. Council will undertake to have the work done, and to maintain the dredger."

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

"That a proposal of £80 be agreed to, to cover balance of cost of work at Courtown Harbour."

It was decided that the County Surveyor make enquiries as to cost of diving outfit as services of diver at Courtown Harbour had cost £5-10-0 per day.

#### Proposals for Works.

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Shannon seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That proposals for the following works of repair be recommended to the County Council for approval:- (a) Kilmore Harbour, £50. (b) County Buildings £50, and (c) Poulduff Harbour £10."

#### Proposed Hire of Machinery.

The County Surveyor submitted the following from the Clerk, New Ross Urban Council under date 21st October 1926:-

"I am directed by my Council to ask if you can hire them the steamroller for two or three days for the purpose of steam-rolling Mary Street, if so when it might be available, and the price per hour for hire of same. I may say that the street is not yet ready for rolling but you can be advised in due time when it will be ready. If hired County Council men to be in charge."

The following reply of the County Surveyor to the Clerk Urban Council, New Ross was read:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 21st inst, and shall bring the matter before the Roads Committee on Monday next, the 25th inst.

I should point out to you however, the difficulty at present of obtaining coal at all, and also the very high price of same will probably prevent us from being able to let you have the roller now, but I have no doubt the Council will agree to your request at a later date when coal supply is more economically available



"If you could arrange for the supply of coal yourself we probably could let you have the roller at a cost excluding the coal charge.

I have had to close down the machinery at our own jobs owing to this lack of coal, and you will understand the difficulties we are in."

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Hall seconded the following resolution:- "That steamroller be hired to New Ross Urban Council when available at 2/- per hour less than stipulated fixed charge provide Urban Council are prepared to supply necessary coal for working"

Passed.

Wexford Urban Council and Main Roads.

It was decided to inform the Urban Council that payment would be made on the certificate of the Co. Surveyor, the latter to call the attention of the Urban Council to the very bad state of the thoroughfare from the Railway Goods yard to the North Wexford Railway station."

Ballyvergin Cross Roads.

The County Surveyor presented the following report from Mr Kehe, Assistant Surveyor under date 21st October 1926:-

"I went to Ballyvergin Cross on Tuesday and brought our foreman (Donovan) with me to point out to him what we wanted done at rounding the corners there in order to make the place safer for traffic. I got Mr O'Connor to sign an Agreement allowing us to take down his two corners including a small portion of a wall near his house.

I also pointed out to Patrick Kennedy what we were to do with the other two corners owned by him.

When I asked him to sign the Agreement, he refused to do so unless I gave him £10 (Ten Pounds).

"This is absolutely ridiculous as we are taking practically no land from him only the fences at the two corners."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Boggan seconded by Col Quin:- "That Mr Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to take proceedings to acquire the necessary land from



Patrick Kennedy in order to ease dangerous corner at Ballyvergin Cross roads."

Defaulting Road Contractors.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin:- "That the County Surveyor be empowered to take proceedings against the following defaulting road contractors should he consider this step necessary in order to have roads concerned put in a proper state of repair:-

Mr Birthistle's District:-

- 206E Joseph Murphy, Coolgarrow, Enniscorthy.
- 199E Bryan Murphy Ballyhought, Blackwater.

Mr Cullen's District:-

- 173E, 169E Joseph Hyland Coolgarrow, Enniscorthy.
- 176E William McGill, Ballingowan, Blackwater.

Mr Kehoe's District:-

- 144W Thomas Codd Kilderry, Ballymitty.
- 203W Michael Merriman, Coolishall.
- 205W Richard Merriman, Busherstown.

Mr O'Neill's District:-

- 65R James Tobin, Monamolin, Rathmure.
- 104R Samuel Elmes, Rochestown, New Ross.
- 105R do.
- 122R Nicholas Pender, Raheen.
- 133R John Carroll, Assegart.
- 155R John Whitty, Camblin.
- 242R Thomas Power, Grange, Campile.

Mr Treanor's District:-

- 54G Myles Mulligan, Annagh, Inch.
- 78G William Farrell, Kilmichael, Inch.
- 125G Patrick Keane, Tomduff, Killenagh.
- 155G David Doyle, Ballinagam, Killenagh.

Mr Ennis's District:-

- 72E Pt. James Molloy, Corragh, Bunclody.
- 99E Michael Kearns, Ballycrystal, Templeshambo.

Transfer of Allocated Money to and from Sections.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Shannon:- "That the Co. Surveyor be empowered to make the following transfers of money from and to the following road sections:-



New Ross District- To account, No 12R £120 from accounts 6R, 4R, 116R, and 32R £30 each.

Wexford District- From account 6W to account 5W £170 and from account 19W to account 17W £40.

Anthracite Coal.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Shannon:- "That the Co. Surveyor be empowered to order a six ton load of coal from Castlecomer Quarries for use in stoves in office of Court Registrar and in present Courthouse.

Petrol Pump.

The County Surveyor stated that there was no objection to the erection of petrol pump by Mr John Murphy, John Street, New Ross trading as M. J. Moran.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Colfer:- "That licence for petrol pump be issued to Mr John Murphy/<sup>John Street, New Ross.</sup> trading as M. J. Moran on payment of fee viz, £3-5-0 per annum.

The "Shannon" Scheme.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Boggan:- "That material from Carriganeagh and Tara Hill quarries be supplied to contractor for erection of electric wire posts in Gorey area in connection with the "Shannon" Scheme at a price somewhat above usual charge for County works, this price to be fixed by the County Surveyor."

APPLICATION FROM JOHN DONOVAN, GANGER  
FOR INCREASE OF WAGES.

Under date 31st August 1926, the following was read from John Donovan, Ganger, Ballyclemock, Foulks mills:-

"I would feel much obliged if you would bring my application for an increase of wages before next meeting of your Finance Committee. Owing to the large amount of work that is placed under my charge, I consider that I am fairly entitled to some extra remuneration from the date I was placed in charge of the Special Works. Trusting your Council will give my application fair and reasonable consideration."

The Roads Committee had refused this application but on



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their recommendation being placed before the County Council, the latter adopted the following resolution:-

"That we dissent from resolution of Roads Committee refusing increase of wages to John Donovan. That application from this man be reconsidered at next meeting of Roads Committee as we believe the Council have not had sufficient information to deal with it. That Donovan be summoned by the County Surveyor to the said meeting of the Roads Committee."

Donovan said he had to look after two steam-rollers from 10th May to 11th September; also 25 carters who were hauling material. The job was still in operation but one steam roller only was now working. He had also to attend to the quarry and had about 38 men at the steam-rolling work. His area was about 39 miles. He had six men in the quarry and on account of all the work he had to do filling up time sheets, he never had a Saturday afternoon for himself.

The County Surveyor said the average number of men which a ganger had under his charge was from 12 to 16. When gangers had this class of work, the matter should be dealt with not for an individual but on a general principle.

Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, said that Donovan was a good man and carried out his work in a satisfactory manner.

Donovan said he was engaged from eight in the morning till six in the evening. He had to look after his correspondence and time sheets outside of working hours. This took him three and a half hours each fortnight. He had to spend extra time on the road and had to be out on Saturday to arrange to keep the rollers working. It would take him about one and a half hours each fortnight to fill up time sheets for his ordinary gang.

Mr Boggan thought that for the extra time Donovan had to spend on roads to show/<sup>carters</sup> where to put material, he should be compensated by the carters engaged on the work.

The County Surveyor stated that the average wages of gangers was £2 per week. All gangers had to fill in time sheets in their own time.



Col Gibbon suggested that the application should be adjourned to next meeting of the Committee, the County Surveyor in the meantime ~~to~~ to prepare a statement as to what an increase of say one shilling per week would mean to the County Council.

The County Surveyor said that there would be six gangers concerned and allowing for twenty weeks for rolling work the increase would be £6. Other gangers had to carry out similar work to Donovan without increase.

Mr Colfer raised the question of the cost of upkeep of cycles by gangers.

Mr O'Byrne said it appeared from Donovan's statement he had more to do than he could efficiently reach on and other men should have been employed..

Mr Corish proposed that any road ganger who has had 20 or more men under him for a month on Government Grant work be paid a bonus of £1.

Mr Colfer seconded.

Col Gibbon proposed that the application of John Donovan for increase of wages be adjourned to next meeting to allow the County Surveyor to submit a statement as to what an increase of wages based on a shilling a week to Donovan and other gangers engaged on similar work would mean to the Co. Council financially.

The Chairman seconded.

A show of hands was then taken on Mr Corish's motion when four were found in favour and five against.

Mr Boggan proposed and Col Quin seconded:- "That the application of John Donovan for increase of wages be refused.

A show of hands on this motion gave four in favour and five against.

Col Gibbon's motion was then put and passed nem. con.

#### CHARGES FOR MACHINERY, ETC.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Hall:- "That the Co. Council be recommended to fix the following charges for machinery, etc., same to obtain for six months from October 1926 to March 1927 (inclusive):-  
Rollers 7/- per hour; Breakers 12/- per hour; Lorries 6/- per hour, Materials from County Council quarries 8/- per cubic yard."



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HEAVY LORRY TRAFFIC.

Under date 13th October 1926(R.V.32) the Local Government Department wrote as follows:-

"With reference to your letter of the 6th inst. addressed to Mr Quigley, Chief Roads Engineer relative to the application of the Wexford County Council for Orders under Section 7(4) of the Roads Act, 1920, and Section 40 of the Local Government Act, 1925, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that he has instructed Mr Quigley to hold an inquiry into the applications at the Offices of the Council at 12 noon on Wednesday, the 10th proximo."

It was decided that a special meeting of Roads Committee be held on Tuesday, 2nd November 1926 at 10-30 a.m. to prepare the evidence which is to be presented at Inquiry on 10th November 1926 relative to limitation of heavy lorry traffic on roads.

CUTTING OF TREES.

Under date 22nd October 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (IR/116) commending to the Council memorandum on the pruning of roadside trees adjoining public roads. The letter pointed out that representations had been made to the Minister that during the six months, 1st October 1925 to 31st March 1926 the cutting of trees had been extensive and that the work had not been always carried out with that discrimination which should be used before removing a valuable feature of the landscape. It was not suggested that the fault lay necessarily with the Local Authorities or their Surveyors, but it was feared that some owners when served with notices to cut trees had shown no discrimination in the matter.

The following recommendation was adopted:- "That copy of memorandum with circular letter (IR/116) from Department of Local Government (Roads) be furnished County Surveyor. That the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction be requested to allow of the services of their Horticultural Instructor being placed at the disposal of owners of land who are obliged to remove trees and hedges which are found prejudicial to roads. That County



Surveyor be requested to inform such owners of land they can obtain the advice of Horticultural Instructor free of charge in order that valuable features to landscape may be preserved and hedges and trees removed in a manner that will preserve the scenic beauty of the countryside."

CLAIM FOR INJURY CAUSED BY BLASTING.

Under date 20th October 1926, the following was read from Messrs Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, Wexford:-

"We are instructed by Mrs Ellen Duggan of Gurtins, Clearestown, to apply to you for payment of the sum of £20 being for damages caused to her lands and buildings as the result of an explosion which took place during the operations of the County Council workmen in the quarry at Gurtins.

Our instructions are, unless the amount is paid within one week from this date, to institute proceedings. We would, therefore, be glad if you would let us have the amount within that time so as to avoid further trouble."

The County Surveyor said that the original claim was for £50. The Insurance brokers had authorised him to offer £7-14-0 in settlement and if Mrs Duggan refused to accept this amount, they would contest the claim.

FURNITURE FOR OFFICE OF COURT REGISTRAR.

The following letter under date 1st October 1926, was read from Mr J.N. Scallan, County Registrar:-

"I must bring under the notice of your Council the state of my office here.

The windows and doors require immediate attention, and the whole place wants to be overhauled. I may mention that the Circuit Court Judge on 21st July 1925, gave a Decree for £236 for repairs to the premises and to replace articles of furniture which were destroyed by the fire on 23rd November 1922.

To this Decree was attached a full reinstatement condition, but notwithstanding this condition, nothing has been done save putting in a floor, some presses and one window, the whole



costing about £70.

I understand that no portion of this Award has been paid by the Minister of Finance, and cannot be paid until the reinstatement has been carried out. I delayed asking for furniture to replace that destroyed, pending the reconstruction of the Court-house, but now find that I cannot allow the matter to remain in abeyance any longer, especially as I have just taken over the duties of the Under Sheriff and must have more Office furniture."

The following resolution was adopted:- "That County Registrar be asked to furnish list of furniture which he requires for his offices."

#### HEATING, ETC. COURT AND COURT OFFICES.

Under date 11th October 1926, the County Surveyor submitted letter of 9th October 1926 from District Court Clerk stating he was directed by the Justice of District Court to request that the necessary arrangements should be at once made for the heating and lighting of the Courts and Court Offices as the matter was now urgent.

The County Surveyor was directed to have the necessary heating and lighting provided for the Court and Court Offices.

#### CINEMATOGRAF ACT.

Mr. M. Hassett, Bridgetown, proprietor of Cinema Halls wrote under date 14th October 1926 that the gallery of Hall at Bridgetown had been closed; there was no gallery at Kilmore. He had provided at each place a bucket of sand, a wet blanket and portable fire extinguishers.

This was considered satisfactory.

In connection with application from Mr J.J. Heaney, Courtown Harbour, for Cinema Licence for Tara Hall, the Chief Superintendent, ~~atxaxx~~ Garda Siothchana wrote under date 11th October 1926 that from report received from Superintendent at Gorey the premises did not fulfil the requirements of the Act and regulations and the issue of licence could not therefore be recommended.

This report had been sent to Mr Heaney who wrote under date 19th October 1926 that he had now complied with requirements



of the Act and regulations.

The Secretary stated he had written the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, in connection with this further letter from Mr Heaney, but up to the present had not received any further report.

It was decided to adjourn application for licence pending receipt of further report from Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana.

#### SPARROWSLAND BRIDGE.

Mr Elgee, solicitor, wrote under date 6th October 1926, that the Agreement proposed between the County Council and Great Southern Railways Company as to reconstruction of above bridge was in order and he recommended that it should be sealed and signed by the Council.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Shannon:- "That acting on the advice of our Solicitor, we recommend that the Agreement between the Wexford County Council and Great Southern Railways Company be sealed and signed.

#### CLAIM BALLYMURRAY QUARRY.

The following letter under date 20th October 1926 was read from Mr Patrick Whelan, Ballinagore, Blackwater:-

"I wish to have my claim re Ballymurray (Ballagh) Quarry brought before your next meeting of the County Council.

I started work in quarry early in 1919 and had heavy and expensive work stripping, levelling and opening up the quarry. It was only in a paying way when I got orders to leave it.

I also wish to state that in August 1925, I got the rock shaken at a cost of £24-12-0, using 75 lbs of gelignite. I had three men working in quarry nearly all the year round. In my opinion I had about 500 yards of stones raised and ready for measurement, when I was told to leave the quarry about July 1926.

But instead the Surveyor only allows me 280 yards which measurement I am certain is not correct."

The County Surveyor presented report from Mr Cullen,



Assistant Surveyor showing that he had measured  $227\frac{1}{2}$  cubic yards in the quarry as representing amount of Mr Whelan's material. When this was measured on the road, the amount found was 227 cubic yards.

The County Surveyor said that when material was run through breaker which broke about  $4\frac{1}{2}$  cubic yards to the hour, the time taken was 63 hours which worked out substantially to Mr Cullen's measurements.

Mr Whelan who was in attendance, held there were about 500 cubic yards in his heap at the quarry, and he also claimed for time and expense in stripping the quarry.

Col Gibbon said it should be a standing order that when large heaps of material were being broken in a quarry, the contractor should be summoned to attend and he should be given particulars of measurement at the time.

Mr Cullen said that there were four contractors concerned and it was not easy to say how much material was owned by each. Mr Whelan was present when he made the measurements but the particulars were not furnished to him until some time after. He had measured Mr Whelan's material for three years and no question had been raised as to the accuracy of the measurement until now.

Mr Corish proposed:- "That we accept Mr Cullen's figures in connection with the claim of Mr Patrick Whelan for material, etc. at Ballymurray quarry, but refuse to agree to claim of Mr Whelan for £24-12-0 for stripping quarry, etc.

Mr O'Byrne seconded the resolution which was adopted.

#### ROAD GARRYLOUGH TO CASTLE ELLIS 50 & 51E.

Col Gibbon complained of the condition of this road.

The County Surveyor was instructed to attend to it as soon as possible.

#### EDENVALE QUARRY.

Mr Shannon said he had received complaints that stones were being brought from Kerlogue Quarry to repair road at Castlebridge while the men at Edenvale quarry (which was close to Castlebridge) were unemployed.

The County Surveyor said that Edenvale material was not



suitable for the main road at Castlebridge, and this was the reason for using material from Kerlogue.

ROAD GOREY TO ARKLOW.

Col Quin said that the road from Gorey to Arklow which had been recently tarred was showing pot-holes.

Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said that practically half of this road had not been rolled. Some slight depressions were appearing but this was the first year the road had been tarred and they could not expect to have it in first class condition until it had been tarred for three years. They had a six months' guarantee from the contractor that if the road failed in that time, he would do the work over again.



A special meeting of the Roads Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 2nd November 1926, for the purpose of preparing evidence to be presented to Local Enquiry which will be held on 10th November 1926 by Mr Quigley, Chief Roads Engineer, Local Government Department as regards prohibiting the use of heavy lorries on County Wexford roads except the road extending from the County Boundary at Bounds Bridge to its junction with the road leading from Gorey to Wexford via Ballycanew and Castlebridge.

Mr T. McCarthy, Chairman County Council, presided and there were also present Col Gibbon, Col Quin, Messrs Sean O'Byrne, Michael Cloney, James Shannon, Wm Boggan, Patrick Colfer and James Hall.

Mr M. Doyle and Mr Thorpe County Councillors were also present.

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

The meeting decided to make the case that where roads were not able to withstand heavy lorry traffic, the latter should not be allowed to use them. The ratepayers could not be held responsible for the cost incurred in repairing such roads. As roads, however, were brought into a condition to bear certain specified traffic they should be opened for such traffic. But lorries should certainly be kept off roads which were not able to withstand their traffic. In other words, each road would be open to such heavy lorry traffic as it was able to bear.

It was pointed out that high speed was as much responsible for injury to roads by lorries as heavy weight.

The meeting decided that under the terms of the Advertisement relative to the inquiry the question of speed could not be brought forward.

Col Quin stated he would move the following resolution at next meeting of the County Council:-

"That the necessary steps be taken by the Wexford County Council to obtain powers to limit generally the speed of heavy motor vehicles as the Council is convinced that the grave injury



done to roads by heavy traffic is as much due to excessive rate of speed as to the weight of such vehicles.

Mr Thorpe raised the question of the use of steamrolled roads by heavy lorries and expressed the opinion that an amount of injury, far beyond what was ordinarily believed, was caused owing to the fact that heavy lorries were allowed to use these roads immediately on the completion of the rolling work.

It was decided that the following be appointed to give evidence before the Enquiry:- The Chairman, Col Gibbon, Mr Thorpe, Mr Sean O'Byrne and the County Surveyor. The latter is to prepare figures as fully as possible to show the damage caused to the roads by heavy lorry traffic. This statement of the County Surveyor is to be submitted to the special meeting of the Roads Committee to be held on 10th November 1926.

In connection with the latter considerable discussion took place as to the evidence to be submitted to Mr. Quigley at the Enquiry, some members contending that lorry traffic had been found a great convenience to the general community

Colonel Gibbon pointed out that the intention was not to restrict lorry traffic but to keep it confined, in specified classes, to roads able to bear it. Following a frost in Winter, roads could easily be put into a condition from which the cost of repair would be out of all bounds.

Why should a prodigious charge be made upon the ordinary ratepayer for the benefit of half a dozen people. The County Council were not asking to close roads indiscriminately but wanted to have the power to close them if weather conditions arose by which roads would be unable to stand heavy lorry traffic. If they could get by an Order through the Inquiry, such power, it would save the ratepayers thousands of pounds.

Mr. Corish proposed that a vote of the meeting be taken for or against giving evidence at the Enquiry on the 10th instant in accordance with the resolution on the books of the County Council.



Mr. P. Byrne seconded.

On a show of hands 19 voted in favour and the Chairman declared it carried.

The following were appointed to give evidence at the Enquiry:- The Chairman, Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Doyle and Thorpe with the County Surveyor.

Carrigbyrne Quarry.

In connection with work at Carrigbyrne Quarry, Mr. Cooney complained that while there was 170 cubic yards of bottoming in Carrigbyrne Quarry the County Surveyor had purchased from an outside person.

The County Surveyor read a report from Mr. John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, under date 21st October, 1926, that only he was able to obtain material from a man named McGrath one of the machines would be idle for a considerable time as there was no bottoming available in Carrigbyrne Quarry at the time. As well, Mr. McGrath's material was put on the road nine pence per yard cheaper than they could get material from the quarry. Even at present they were short of bottoming at Carrigbyrne as they had only about 70 cubic yards there. Mr. Cooney denied that bottoming could not be obtained in Carrigbyrne Quarry at the time.

It was decided that Mr. Cooney submit particulars of his complaint to the next meeting of the Roads Committee.

Edenvale Quarry.

Mr. Hayes raised the question of metalling Castlebridge main road from Kerlogue Quarry while material could be obtained in Edenvale Quarry.

The County Surveyor contended that Kerlogue material was much more suitable.

On No. 1W from Wexford to Castlebridge he provided for 180 cubic yards of Kerlogue material and on No. 2W from Castlebridge on towards Oulart, 250 cubic yards.

No Order.



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

"That we hereby confirm the Minutes of the Roads Committee meetings held on October 25th, 1926 and on November 2nd, 1926".

#### SPEED OF MOTORS.

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The following motion of which notice had been given  
was moved by Colonel <sup>seconded by Mr. Corish</sup> Quin and adopted nem.con:-

"That the necessary steps be taken by the Wexford County Council to obtain powers to limit generally the speed of heavy motor vehicles as the Council is convinced that the grave injury done to roads by heavy traffic is as much due to excessive rate of speed as to weight of such vehicles".

It was decided that the attention of Mr. Quigley, Chief Road Engineer, Local Government Department, be called to this resolution at the Enquiry into heavy lorry traffic on 10th November, 1926.

#### RATE ESTIMATES.

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In pursuance of notice previously given, Colonel Gibbon moved the following:-

"That preliminary Estimates for Rate be presented to the December meeting of the County Council".

After considerable discussion, Colonel Gibbon withdrew his motion and it was decided that a special meeting of the Finance Committee be held on Wednesday 5th January 1927 to consider preliminary estimates for Rate for 1927-28 and that the figures for same be circulated for meeting of the County Council on January 10th, 1927.

#### APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTORS UNDER CINEMATOGRAPH ACT.

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It was proposed by Mr. Corish and seconded by Colonel Quin:-  
Assistant Surveyors

"That the following be appointed Inspectors under the Cinematograph Act 1909 on behalf of Wexford County Council:-



Thomas Treanor, Greenville, Gorey.

John Kehoe, Moortown, Ballymitty.

R. J. Ennis, Oulartard House, Ferns.

Thomas Cullen, Ballylucas, Ballymurrin.

J. F. Birthistle, Fortview, Wexford.

P. J. O'Neill, Erinvale, New Ross.

"Also the following Sergeants of Garda Siothchana to act in their respective Sub-districts:-

NAME	REGD NO.	IN CHARGE OF SUB-DISTRICT
<u>(Wexford District).</u>		
Dowd James	2214	Bridgetown
Barrett Patrick	4090	Castlebridge
McInerney, Ml.	89	Duncormack.
Roche Ml.	769	Killinick.
Leary Denis	2368	Killurin.
Quinlivan P.	95	Kilmore Quay.
Dwyer John	4176	Rosslare Pier.
Maher, Wm.	1400	Taghmon.
<u>New Ross District)</u>		
Mahon, Fras.	1188	Adamstown.
O'Donnell, D.J.	1934	Ballinabola.
Murphy Arthur	3430	Ballycullane.
Dempsey, Richard	4161	Ballywilliam.
Scanlan, M.	3262	Campile.
Dunleavy, T.D.	2299	Carrick-on-Bannow.
Littleton, Jas.	538	Duncannon.
Gorman, M.J.H.	1831	Fethard.
<u>(Gorey District).</u>		
Glynn, Ml.J.	4999	Camolin.
Leddy, Thos.	4102	Clonevan.
Walsh, Wm.	283	Coolgreany.
Cavanagh, Jno.	1768	Courtown Harbour.
Walsh, M.S.	3325	Hollyfort.
<u>Enniscorthy District).</u>		
Cahill, Denis	2824	Blackwater.
Kenny Austin	312	Buncloody.
Brunner, H.J.	2854	Clonroche.
O'Sullivan Chas.	2154	Ferns.
Hayes John	1943	Killanne.
Quinn James	3086	Oulart.
Troy, T.J.	1774	Oylegate.



COUNTY LIBRARY.

Under date, 2nd November 1926, the following letter, (G50189/1926 Wexford County) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"With reference to your letter of the 27th ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions the appointment of Miss E.M. Doyle as Assistant to the Librarian for a probationary period of six months. Reports as to her suitability should be furnished this Department from the County Council and County Librarian at the end of above period."

The following resolution was received from the County Library Committee:-

"That our resolutions of the 30th August and 9th October last be again brought before the County Council and the powers of the Library Committee defined. The appointment, in the meantime, to be held in abeyance."

The Chairman stated that no resolution had been received from the Committee in respect of the 30th August. There was a series of resolutions forwarded by the Librarian under date 18th of August. Referring, however, to the list of attendances given by the Librarian in respect of meetings during the last year, no meeting appeared to have been held on the 18th of August as a quorum was not in attendance.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Col Quin, it was decided to ask the Finance Committee to draw up duties, powers, etc of the County Library Committee and submit same to the County Council for adoption.

COUNTY TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME.

Under date, 29th October 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (PH49834/1926/Wexford Bd of Hth & P.A.) forwarding copy of a letter addressed to the County Board of Health as to the inspection of Workhouse Buildings at New Ross. The old Fever Hospital was the only portion of the



premises considered suitable by Mr Strahan, Architect and Dr Boyd Barrett, but it had been ascertained that these premises were not available as they were required for Hospital purposes. Attention was drawn to the Minister's letter of 29th July 1926 regarding the suitability of the Wexford Fever Hospital for the treatment of advanced cases of Tuberculosis.

Order- Referred to County Board of Health.

Under date 13th October 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (PH45530/1926/Wexford Bd of Hth & PA) forwarding copy of letter addressed by them to the County Board of Health relative to the performance of the clerical work arising in connection with the administration of the County Tuberculosis Scheme. This communication stated that the Minister had provisionally approved for the period ending 31st March next of the payment of remuneration at the rate of £52 per annum to the Secretary of the County Board of Health for this work.

S. The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That the Wexford Co. Council approve of the proposal of the Department of Local Government agreeing to remuneration at the rate of £52 per annum to the Secretary, County Board of Health for clerical work under County Tuberculosis Scheme."

#### TREATMENT OF VENEREAL DISEASE.

Under date 28th October 1926, the Local Government Department wrote (PH49522/1926/Wexford Bd of Hth & PA.) enclosing copy of letter they had addressed to the County Board of Health relating to the treatment of Venereal Disease which was read.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of this letter pending appointment of County Medical Officer of Health.

#### CONVEYANCE OF LUNATICS.

The following letter under date 3rd November 1926, (A47947/Wexford B.H. & PA.) was read:-

"The Minister for Local Government and Public Health has had before him the Resolution adopted by the Wexford Co. Council at their meeting on the 11th ultimo, in regard to the alleged anomaly in the matter of the conveyance of dangerous



and harmless lunatics to Public Institutions, and the Minister desires to state that the only lunatics conveyed to the Mental Hospital at the public expense are those apprehended by the Garda Siochana and committed under Section 10 of the Lunacy Act, 1867, as dangerous. The particular case referred to in the Resolution appears to have been one that could have been dealt with under that Section.

Lunatics can also be admitted to a Mental Hospital on an application of relatives or friends in the prescribed form supported by a medical certificate. In such cases the relatives or friends are expected to bring the patient to the Mental Hospital, and, for over a century, they have done so without any claim being made against public funds. Cases of hardship may occasionally arise where people are so poor that they cannot afford to bring the patients if the distances are long.

The Minister would see no objection to an arrangement by which the Home Assistance Officer could, on being satisfied that the circumstances would warrant it, requisition for such poor people one of the County ambulances and provide any necessary help for the conveyance of the patient."

#### ROAD SIGNS AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS.

Under date 21st October 1926, Circular letter (IR/39) was read from the Department of Local Government re above.

Order - Referred to Co. Surveyor who is directed to proceed with the work of obtaining and erecting Road Signs and Traffic Signals with as little delay as possible.

#### FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

Under date, 14th October 1926, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L2669/1926) stating that one of their officers had procured a sample of butter at Gorey and four samples at Enniscorthy which were found on analysis to be genuine. In addition a sample of butter purchased at Gorey was found to contain 16.07% of water.

Under date, 5th November 1926, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L2669/1926) that four samples of butter taken up for analysis in New Ross were found to be genuine.



VACANCY ON OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE, NO 5.

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

"That Rev Thomas Cloney C.C. Ballindaggin be appointed to fill the vacancy on No 5 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee vice Rev. Aidan McCormack P.P. who has left the district."

APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION -  
OFFICERS SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEES.

Applications for compensation were received(owing to the abolition of their office), from the officers of Gorey and New Ross Rural School Attendance Committees.

It was pointed out that in a circular letter issued from the Education Office on the 31st July 1926, it was stated that officers were to receive compensation in accordance with a scale to be fixed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health after consultation with the Minister for Education.

This scale was not yet to hand.

It was decided that no action be taken until the scale in question had been received.

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS.

Under date 23rd October 1926, the Department of Local Government forwarded Sealed Order(IR 107/1/1926) agreeing to the closing of the road from Gorey to Carnew between Craanford and Knock Brandon from 25th October 1926 to 30th Oct. 1926.

APPOINTMENT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

The following letter(PH 39176/1926 Mis.) under date 21st October 1926 was read from the Local Government Department re appointment of Medical Officer of Health:-

"With reference to his Circular letter of the 22nd October 1925, relative to the procedure in connection with the appointment of a County Medical Officer of Health, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the Executive Council of Saorstát Éireann have appointed Local Appointments Commissioners in pursuance



of Section 3(1) of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926.

The Minister has decided for the reasons set forth in the above mentioned Circular not to consent to any appointment of a County Medical Officer of Health proposed to be made under Section 5(1) of the Act of 1926. It now devolves on the County Council in conformity with the terms of Section 6(1) of that Act to request the Local Appointments Commissioners to recommend to them a person for appointment as County Medical Officer of Health.

Having regard to the urgent necessity for making these appointments, the County Council should at the earliest possible moment take the whole question into consideration as recommended in the Circular Letter above mentioned and should fix a suitable salary for the position. An application should at the same time be addressed by them to the Local Appointments Commissioners to recommend a person for appointment as County Medical Officer of Health.

I am to request that you will give this Department at least one week's notice of the date of the County Council meeting at which the matter is to be considered so that a Medical Inspector may attend at the meeting and advise the County Council on any points on which they may require information."

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

"That the communication from the Local Government Department as to appointment of County Medical Officer of Health be considered at the December meeting of the County Council and that in the meantime, the observations of the County Board of Health relative to this matter be requested."

#### WEEDS AND SEEDS ACT.

The following resolution of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction and which was endorsed by Roads Committee was submitted:-



"That we recommend the County Council to take the necessary steps to have the provisions of the Weeds and Seeds Act applied to the County Wexford."

The following letter (L4536/1926) under date 26th October 1926, was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letter of the 16th inst, I have to transmit for the information ~~for~~ of your Council copy of a Memorandum outlining the operation of Part I of the Weeds and Agricultural Seeds(Ireland) Act, 1909 and copy of a draft resolution rendering this part of the Act operative.

I have to add that the Act has worked smoothly in the Counties in which it has been in operation, particularly during recent years. Every allowance is made in the case of farmers who are engaged in harvest work; and except in occasional instances land holders comply readily with the requirements of notices. In Counties in which the Act has been continuously operated, it is rarely necessary to institute a prosecution, and the improved appearance of the land is evident to the ordinary observer.

If so desired, arrangements would be made for one of the Department's officers to attend before the Council to afford any additional information on the subject that might be required."

The following is copy of Memo referred to in the letter of the Department:-

"In order that Part I of the Weeds and Agricultural Seeds(Ireland) Act, 1909, which deals with the destruction of noxious weeds may become operative in any County, the County Councils must pass a resolution declaring any or all of the plants specified, (Ragwort, Charlock, Coltsfoot, Thistle and Dock) to be noxious weeds for the purposes of the Act. A copy of a draft resolution to this effect is appended. The Local Authority have no further responsibility (ity) though they may at any time rescind or modify or suspend this resolution. Upon receipt of a copy of the resolution bearing the Seal of the County Council, the Department make an Order under the Act which is duly published.

The Department at the beginning of Summer each year enforce Part I of the Act in the Counties in which it is operative.



"For this purpose one or more Inspectors are stationed in the county. They are engaged during the months of July and August in districts which are assigned to them. Their work consists chiefly in (a) endeavouring to induce occupiers particularly those with small holdings or holdings which are not badly infested, to destroy weeds and to give an undertaking to do this, (b) preparing and serving notices on occupiers whose lands are badly infested or who have large areas weed-grown, or in cases where it is considered unlikely that the weeds will be destroyed except under compulsion and (c) in visiting a second time the places already inspected, and reporting as to compliance or otherwise.

When the inspections have concluded and Inspectors' reports are available, cases of non-compliance are considered and proceedings are instituted in cases which appear to call for prosecution. The Inspectors appear as witnesses in these cases. The penalty for non-compliance with a notice served under the Act is a fine not exceeding £5 for each offence.

The salaries and expenses of the Inspectors are paid out of the Department's vote provided for that purpose. No expense devolves on the County Council."

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and Col Quin seconded the following resolution:-

"That the recommendation of County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction to have the Weeds and Seeds Act become operative in the county be confirmed, and this Council hereby consents to an Order being made by the Department for Agriculture for Ireland declaring that throughout the County of Wexford all plants of the following species (Ragwort, Charlock, Coltsfoot, Thistle and Dock) are noxious weeds for the purposes of the Weeds and Agricultural Seeds (Ireland) Act, 1909."

Mr Duke, of the Department of Agriculture, who was in attendance explained ~~that~~ the scope of the Act. It was in operation in Counties, Dublin, Kildare, Kilkenny, Tipperary, Limerick, Meath, Louth, Carlow, Roscommon, Monaghan, Donegal, Mayo and Galway. Last year there were about fourteen or fifteen prosecutions in all. This year in the South there was only one. Every possible latitude



was given to farmers and the Council could any time rescind the resolution putting the Act into operation.

A vote was taken with the following result:-

For the resolution:-Messrs P.Byrne,Clince,Colfer,Connors,Cooney, Corish,Gaul,Hayes,Mernagh,Sean O'Byrne,Shannon,and Col Quin -12.

Against:-Messrs Boggan,Cloney,Doyle,Col Gibbon,Hall,Jordan,Thorpe, Kavanagh,Murphy, O'Donoghue,Pender,Walsh and Whyte - 13.

The Chairman who did not vote declared the resolution lost.

#### FINANCIAL ALLOCATION - COUNTY WEXFORD

#### COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.

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

"That of the produce of one penny rate (£1490) for financial year 1926-27, Live Stock and Agricultural Schemes and Technical Instruction Schemes, <sup>£1310</sup> ~~£1100~~ be allocated to Live Stock and Agricultural Schemes and £180 to Technical Instruction Schemes."

#### DRAINAGE SCHEMES.

Geat Island and Camblin Embankment.- The following under date 7th September 1926(17857/26) was read from Office of Public Works:-

"We beg to inform you that we cannot proceed with the consideration of the above named Schemes until your Council has passed a resolution, in accordance with Section 3 of the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925, referring the proposals to us for further investigation, and undertaking, if the lands referred to in the petitions or any part thereof, together with or without other lands in the neighbourhood thereof, are constituted separate drainage districts, to maintain the drainage works constructed in such drainage districts as far as the same are situate in their county, and to collect and pay the terminable annuities, drainage rates, and other monies collectable or payable by them in respect of the construction or maintenance of such works."

Under date 26th October 1926, the following letter, (2783/26) was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"The proposal contained in the resolution of your County Council passed on the 11th inst is contrary to the provisions of



the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925, and we suggest that it is also in itself an inexpedient procedure.

The Arterial Drainage Act lays down that a Scheme shall be initiated by a petition from the persons concerned who are naturally unaware both of the extent of the works required and of their cost. That petition is to be examined by an officer on behalf of the County Council to ascertain whether the Scheme is *prima facie* worth any further investigation. The Scheme if found worthy of further investigation is transmitted by the County Council to us with an undertaking to maintain the Scheme and to collect and to pay annuities if the Scheme shall ultimately be carried out. The Scheme is examined by us, estimates and plans are made, and it is then, and not till then, referred to the vote of the persons concerned to decide whether they think it worth while ~~to~~ to have it carried out. It is of no use for our Engineer to consult with them nor for them to attempt to form an opinion on the finance of the Scheme until the Scheme is drawn out in detail. It is not worth while for us, nor is it permissible for us, to deal with the Scheme in detail until the Co. Council has passed the resolution referred to.

This is the procedure of the Act; and we submit that it is a sensible and wise procedure. If your County Council decide not to conform with it, they will be preventing the carrying out of the Arterial Drainage Act in their county."

Kilmannock Scheme. - Under date 28th October 1926, the Secretary Irish Land Commission wrote that if the names of landlords on townlands of Kilmannock whose tenants are referred to, and also those in the other townlands, <sup>were furnished</sup> they would endeavour to have the matter identified and considered as far as it referred to their Department.

Ford of Lyng. - Under date 1st October 1926, the following was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"With reference to previous correspondence, it is observed that all the requirements of Section 3 of the Act have not been complied with by the County Council, in that the resolution



required by Section 3(3)(b) of the Act has not been forwarded.

We shall be obliged if a copy of the resolution in accordance with that Section can be furnished at your earliest convenience."

Letter of 26th August 1926(17050/1926)from Office of Public Works relative to Ford of Lyng Scheme was also read. This appears on Minutes of September meeting of the Co. Council:-

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Doyle seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:- "That as regards Drainage Schemes, Great Island and Camblin Embankment, Kilmarnock and Ford of Lyng, this Council hereby undertakes if the lands referred to in the petitions dealing with these several Schemes or any parts thereof, either together with or without other lands in the neighbourhood thereof be constituted separate drainage districts, ~~this Co. Council~~ <sup>that they</sup> will maintain the drainage works constructed in such drainage districts so far as same are situate in their county and will collect and pay the terminable annuities, drainage rates, and other monies collectable or payable by them in respect of the construction or maintenance of such works."

#### ANALYST'S REPORT.

County Analyst's report for quarter ended September 30th 1926 was read. Total number of samples taken during the quarter:- Foods 23: Drugs 72: Waters 1: Total 96. Number adulterated drugs 2: New Milks 1.

#### CARETAKER OLD JAIL.

Mr Corish raised the question that as the caretaker of the Old Jail was obliged to light fires for the Court, he should receive remuneration for this work."

The Co. Surveyor stated that the fire was lit only once in the week. Mrs McNally who was Courtkeeper had not carried out any work at the Old Jail and at present dealt only with ~~the office~~ the offices of the County Registrar in the old Courthouse.

Mr Boggan proposed, Mr Hall seconded and it was passed "That County Registrar be interviewed with reference to readjusting the duties of Mrs McNally as Courtkeeper.



RESOLUTIONS.Gaeltacht Commission.

The following resolution from Tirconnnaill Co. Council was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall:-

(1) "That this Council welcomes the report of the Gaeltacht Commission and urges the Government to take prompt steps to give legislative effect to its recommendations.

(2) That as the economic question in the Gaeltacht is one of pressing urgency we are convinced that the appointment of an Advisory Committee as suggested will not meet the situation. This Council with an intimate knowledge of the conditions existing calls on the Government to set up instead a sufficiently endowed Board or Commission to take action when and where required in the Gaeltacht.

(3) That we direct the Secretary to forward copies of these resolutions to the Executive Council and the T. D's and County Councils for the Gaeltacht."

Replanting Lands.

The following resolution from Killarney Urban District Council was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr Murphy:- "That we call on the Government to introduce legislation to compel landowners to replant any lands on which woods or plantations have been cut down for purposes of sale during the last twelve years, that this work as well as repairing the large material damage to the country by the wholesale denudation of the wooded areas during that period and restoring the beauty of the landscape, would also afford very necessary employment during the winter months and that we call on all Public Bodies to make representation to the Government on the matter.

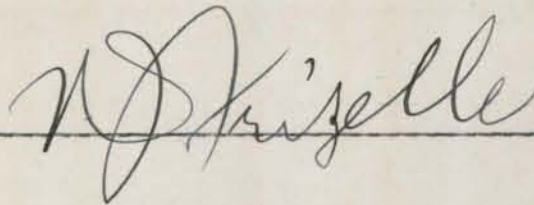
*Thomas M. Carter*  
Dec 13 1926



CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY.  
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I certify the foregoing to be a correct  
record of the Minutes of Proceedings of my County  
Council in respect of meeting held on 8th November,  
1926.

(Signed)



Secretary Wexford County Council.

Dated this 11th day of November, 1926.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES.

OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 11TH OCTOBER,  
1926.

N. J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,  
WEXFORD.



The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 11th October, 1926.

The following were present:- Mr. T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs William Boggan, Patrick Byrne, James Cline, Michael Cloney, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, Michael Doyle, James Gaul, Jame Hall, Michael Jordan, David Kavanagh, Aidan Mernagh, Nicholas J. Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, M. M. O'Donoghue, James Shanon, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh, John White, John Pender, Thomas Rossiter, Colonel C. M. Gibbon and Colonel R. P. Wemyss Quin.

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.

#### REPLY TO VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:- "That the following reply from Mr. Coghlan, Manager National Bank Wexford, to vote of sympathy passed to him on the death of his wife be inserted on the Minutes of this day's meeting of the Council:-

'Kindly convey my very grateful thanks to your Council for their kind resolution of sympathy in my recent sad bereavement and I also wish to sincerely thank you for your own personal message of sympathy"

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

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##### Finance Committee

The following Minutes of Finance Committee of 16th September were read:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on September 16th 1926.

Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman) presided. Also present, Messrs Patrick Hayes, Aidan Mernagh, John O'Byrne and William Thorpe.

The Assistant Secretary and the Co. Surveyor were also in attendance. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was read from Col Gibbon regretting his inability to be present at the meeting as he would be absent in Dublin.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6070-8-1 was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection was submitted showing the following percentages of the first moiety of the current rate collected to September 16th 1926:-

E.J. Murphy 65.38: B. Cleary 55.15: J. Curtis 46.98:  
J. Quirke 45.08: M. Kelly 40.26: S. Gammon 30.15: J. Cummins 29.91:  
M. Deegan 29.87: T. Rowe 28.56: J.J. Sinnott 26.24: P. Fitzpatrick  
25.02: J.J. O'Reilly 23.98: C. McCarthy 23.38: P. O'Byrne 22.44:  
P. Walsh 21.79: J.J. Kelly 21.68: T. Sutton 21.67: W. Cummins 21.62:  
J. Doyle 17.87: P. Donohoe 11.87: P. Furlong books not yet issued.

On the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman it was decided to instruct the Deputy Checkers of the Rate Collectors' accounts to note at next checking the number of Demand Notes still in each Collector's books and report on the matter to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

It was further decided that Collectors who had not 25 per cent of their first moiety lodged should be notified that the County Council consider they are not doing their best ~~or using sufficient endeavours~~ to push forward their collections.

The Committee expressed their disapproval of the very small amount collected by Mr P. Donohoe.



Mr P. J. Fitzpatrick, Rate Collector for No. 15 District submitted the following letter which he had received from James Egan, Fairview, Gorey:-

"I have pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of Rate Form No. 353 and Form No. 1 and I deeply regret not being in a position financially to deal with the matter satisfactorily until a later date and hoping for more prosperous times ahead. I have heavy outstanding debts to meet long since overdue which I am meeting to the best of my ability observing the circumstances, so I would not and shall not be in a position to deal with this matter before July 1st 1927 at the earliest. Then I probably could tackle it by instalments. Hoping this will meet the approval of the officers concerned and hoping you will forward this letter to those concerned for consideration observing the circumstances, thus ends this matter for the moment.

Without incurring your displeasure I request you to forward this letter to the proper <sup>r</sup> if necessary a higher authority."

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr O'Byrne that Mr Fitzpatrick be instructed to take proceedings to have an Examination Order obtained against Mr Egan.

COSTS R.D. COUNCIL SOLICITOR.

The following from Mr William Caulfield, former Solicitor for the Wexford District Council was read:-

"I understand my claim for costs as Solicitor for the Wexford Rural District Council in respect of Malicious Injury Claims as furnished to the Council now comes before your County Council. The original amount was £888-9-6. The Public Health Board offered me £400 in settlement and I am now without prejudice<sup>ee</sup> to my full rights prepared to take £500 in settlement of the Bill if paid from your next meeting."

On the motion of Mr Thorpe seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne it was decided to recommend the County Council to offer Mr Caulfield £450 in settlement without prejudice.



### FORMS FOR JURORS' LISTS.

Mr John N. Scallan, County Registrar applied for sanction to obtaining 1500 forms in connection with Jurors' Lists.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman that Mr Scallan be given permission to have the necessary forms printed.

### PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS.

Students who have been awarded Primary Scholarships wrote stating that they intended to avail of the Scholarships at the following Colleges:-

Joseph Flynn, St Peter's College, Wexford

Thomas Higgins, do

Laurence Butler, do

Mary Kavanagh, Loreto College, North Great George's Street, Dublin

Richard F. Doyle, Blackrock College, Dublin

Order- Approved.

### DISTRICT COURT ENNISCORTHY.

Mr P. J. Shaw, Secretary Enniscorthy Technical Schools wrote as follows:-

"Relative to the weekly District Court which is held in the Technical Schools here, the actual cost in connection with the washing down of the Schools after each Court is 3/- per week.

On behalf of the Technical Instruction Committee I respectfully request that the Finance Committee of your Council would favourably consider the granting to this Committee of the sum of £10-10-0 per annum to cover this actual cost, and also for the heating in connection with the holding of the Courts, and further that this request be made retrospective as from the 1st April 1925."

It was decided on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr P. Hayes that the County Council be recommended to agree to the payment of £8 per annum as from the 1st April 1925 for the cleaning and heating of the rooms in Enniscorthy Technical Institute used for the Enniscorthy District Court.



### PLANS OF OLD JAIL.

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Mr J. F. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, Wexford:-

"I would be glad to receive £10 due for preparation of above plans. Will you please bring the matter before the Council's Finance Committee."

It was decided that the amount be included in the Advise Note for payment at next Finance Committee meeting.

### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

On the instructions of the Committee, University College Dublin was communicated with by telephone in order to ascertain the names of the students eligible for the award of a University Scholarship, in view of the fact that the University College opens next month and students would require a little time in order to make the necessary arrangements for attending at lectures in Dublin.

In reply to queries over the telephone, the Secretary of the University stated that he could not at present forward the list requested as the names had not been submitted to the Academic Council. There would be a meeting of this Council in a few days when he would immediately forward the results.

### RATES WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

In connection with application for rates by the Wexford Corporation for Wexford Courthouse, the following letter was read from Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Co. Council:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 1st inst, as to Rates on Wexford Courthouse. In this case I think that the Council should apply for a provisional revaluation of the Courthouse premises, in a similar manner as has been done in some cases for Poor Rate Valuations where the premises have been burned down. The premises having been destroyed now for some time, or rather a large part of them, the full valuation of £110 should not be allowed to stand and the Council should not pay the rates on same until the Valuation has been amended."

On the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman,



it was decided that application be made to the Valuation Office to have a provisional revaluation of the Courthouse premises made with a view to adjustment of the rate.

SALE OF TYPEWRITER - COUNTY LIBRARY.

In connection with the sale of an old Typewriter from the Office of the County Library for £5 by Miss Walsh, Librarian, and in respect of which Miss Walsh had already notified the Committee that she had been offered £6: 6: 0, the following letter was submitted from Miss Walsh:-

"The first offer I got for the machine was cancelled so when I got a second offer of £5 I decided to accept it. I approached the Lawson Typewriting Company about it but all they would allow me for it was £2. In that case you can see we did very well. I trust this puts everything in order".

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman, that Miss Walsh be notified that she should have obtained the approval of the Finance Committee before she ~~xxx~~ sold the typewriter at a lesser price than previously agreed, but in the present instance as Miss Walsh acted through inexperience of public procedure, the Committee are prepared to accept £5 for the old machine.

OVERDRAFT.

On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:-

"That application be made to Directors of National Bank Ltd., for continuation of present overdraft of £30,000 for six months ending 31st March, 1927. That sanction of Department of Local Government and Public Health to same be applied for".



COSTS MR. WILLIAM CAULFIELD.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, wrote under date 4th October, 1926, recommending that the Bill of Costs submitted by Mr. Caulfield, Solicitor, should be taxed.

A long discussion took place after which Mr. Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Murphy seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con., :-

"That the offer of the Finance Committee to pay Mr. Wm. Caulfield, Solicitor, Wexford, a sum of £450 in settlement of his claim for costs against the late Wexford R. D. Council be confirmed provided this arrangement be sanctioned by the Department for Local Government & Public Health"

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

"That the recommendations of Finance Committee from meeting of 16th September, 1926 be and are hereby adopted".

The following minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 30th September, 1926 were submitted:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 30th September 1926.

Present:-Messrs Thos. McCarthy(Chairman)presiding, Aidan Mernagh,P. Hayes,Wm. Thorpe and Sean O'Byrne.

The Secretary and Assistant Secretary and the Solicitor were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-"That we offer Mr M. Coghlan,Manager,National Bank,Wexford,Treasurer to Wexford Co. Council,our heartfelt sympathy in the death of his wife and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr Coghlan."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-"That we offer Mrs Connor,Lucas Park,Enniscorthy our deep sympathy in the death of her husband,Mr J.P. Connor,Under-Sheriff of the County Wexford for many years."

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5572-13-1 was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Thorpe:-"That an advertisement be inserted in the local papers asking ratepayers who have paid Poor Rates to any Rate Collector of the Council and who have not obtained recognised official receipt to communicate with the Secretary to the County Council."

#### RATES ON BANTRY COMMONS.

Under date 24th September 1926,Messrs Colfer & Son, Solicitors, New Ross wrote:-

"Mr Edward J. Murphy Rate Collector has handed us your letter of the 17th inst. in reference to position of



"arrears due out of Bantry Commons.

About two years ago we proceeded against all the persons rated in respect of the Commons except a small number who had paid.

The proceedings were strenuously defended and after a lengthy hearing the District Justice stated he would give a Decree in the case of every person rated against whom user could be proved.

The Rate Collector has gone to considerable trouble to produce evidence of user, and a number of persons gave him information. They refused however to attend the hearing and had to be summoned to attend. They were reluctant witnesses and gave the Court no assistance and user was only proved in a few of the cases.

The defence also pointed out that the practice of the County of Wexford Rate Collectors in serving the six day notices by post was not in accordance with the Act, and in our opinion that point was sufficient to dismiss the summons. Under these circumstances we withdrew the proceedings and advised the Collector to serve the six day notices in accordance with the Act.

This was accordingly done, but both ourselves and the Collector found it was impossible to get any person to prove user, and we could not proceed further.

From information gleaned by ourselves from clients of ours in the neighbourhood and from what transpired at the hearing it seems to be clear that a large proportion of the persons rated do not use the Commons now, although possibly they may have used it during the year in which their names first appeared on the Rate Books; and user at least once a year must be proved.

We have given the Collector details of any money collected by us in respect of the Bantry Commons Rates and we understand he is furnishing you with a report."

The following were appointed a Sub-Committee to go into the question of Bantry Commons Rates and endeavour to make a recommendation to the Council with a view to having the collection of these rates placed on a business footing:-



"Messrs W. Thorpe, James Shannon, M. Jordan, Co. Councillor John Quigley, <sup>Ballybawn</sup> ~~Beleghawn~~ Mills, <sup>Bryan</sup> ~~Bryan~~ O'Neill Ballindoney, Ballywilliam and the Rate Collector, E.J. Murphy.

EX-COLLECTOR JAMES MURPHY.

The Secretary reported that ex-Collector James Murphy had lodged £111-8-3 which covered his liability except in cases in which he disputed payment by ratepayers who held no receipts and who were unable to substantiate their claims by any documentary evidence.

COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE.

Messrs J. Cummins and J. Quirke came before the meeting as a deputation from the Rate Collectors to urge upon the Committee the inequity of retaining poundage from the Rate Collectors to the extent which at present existed.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hayes:- "That the amounts of poundage due to Rate Collectors in respect of lodgments of rate up to 30th April last be paid as from this meeting."

The state of the Rate Collection was considered and it was decided that Rate Collectors whose collections are backward be informed that the decision of the Council directing Collectors to close the first moiety of Rate by 31st October next and full amount of warrant by 31st March next will be adhered to.

MAINTENANCE MAIN ROADS- ENNISCORTHY URBAN DISTRICT

The County Surveyor submitted communication from Mr W.P. Casey, Town Surveyor, Enniscorthy asking for an instalment of at least £200 on foot of contract for maintenance of main roads in Enniscorthy Urban District.

The following resolution was agreed to:- "The Finance Committee are prepared to pay amount certified by Co. Surveyor in connection with application for payment of work on main roads in Enniscorthy Urban District."

~~SANCTION OF COUNCIL.~~



### SANCTION OF OVERDRAFT.

Under date 28th September 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (G/43402/1926/Wexford County) stating that the Minister for Local Government sanctioned overdraft not exceeding £30,000 on the account of Wexford County Council to 31st December next. Interest to be paid thereon at the agreed rate.

### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Resolution of County Council meeting of 13th September 1926 empowering Finance Committee to deal with awards under University Scheme was read.

The Secretary submitted the following recommendations of the Authorities of University College, Dublin on results of Leaving Certificate Examination as regards applicants to Wexford County Council for University Scholarships:-

- Margaret Berney, Foxcover, Monaseed, Gorey, 832 marks. 1.
- John J. Kenny, Irish Street, Bundfody, 787 marks. 2.
- Michael G. Stedmond 2 Island Road, Enniscorthy, 757 marks 3.

The University authorities recommended that University Scholarships should be awarded to these three candidates.

The two other applicants, James G. Maddock, Ardancuan, Rosslare Harbour, and Anastatia Dunne Ballybrannis, Enniscorthy, failed the examination.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That University Scholarships be awarded Margaret Berney, John J. Kenny and Michael G. Stedmond as recommended by University Authorities Dublin.

Michael J. Howlett, Shelbaggan, Arthurstown wrote asking for a year's extension of his University Scholarship-Medical course. It would, he wrote, be impossible for him to qualify unless he was granted this extension.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Thorpe:- "That we recommend the County Council to agree to extension of University Scholarship to Mr Michael J. Howlett for one year."

Correspondence was read from University Authorities



and Mrs McAuliffe, Johnstown, Clonagal explaining that her son, Donald, a University Scholarship holder of Wexford Co. Council, had been unsuccessful in his examinations because he was ill for some time previous to the dates on which they were held.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That subject to recommendation from the University Authorities Dublin, we consider the Co. Council should favourably consider renewal of University Scholarship to Donald McAuliffe."

The Secretary reported that the University Authorities had been asked for results of Examinations in the cases of Aidan Timmons and Kathleen M. Bolger, the other holders of University Scholarships outstanding for renewal.

Mr Robert G. McDonald, Nethertown of Almorness, By Dalbeattie, Scotland wrote under date 10th September 1926 that Mr Stephen J. Furlong, South Main Street, Wexford, holder of Agricultural Scholarship had arranged to take up practical work on his farm. He would report from time to time as to the progress made by Mr Furlong.

#### PETROL PUMPS.

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

"That persons who have erected petrol pumps in rural districts or on main roads in Urban districts, and who have not obtained licences for same under Local Government Act 1925 be informed that they will be prosecuted unless they take out licences forthwith."

#### APPOINTMENT-ASSISTANT TO LIBRARIAN.

Miss Walsh, County Librarian, forwarded the following notice convening Sub-Committee for 2nd October 1926:-

"To consider the question of forwarding to the County Council a resolution regarding the submission of names of the successful candidates for the opinion of the Library Committee."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:- "That Miss Walsh, Co. 7



"Librarian, be informed that the County Council will carry out the appointment of Assistant in County Library office after examination conducted by Christian Brothers according to the decision which the Council recently arrived at."

#### WORKING OF COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE.

The following resolutions were adopted:-

"That County Librarian be directed to furnish detailed list of the attendance of members of Library Committee at meetings since formation of present Committee, viz, July 1925 to 30th Sept. 1926 taking into account dates for which meetings were summoned but quorum did not attend."

"That the County Librarian be directed to inform the County Council if books - bills for which have been presented to this meeting - have in every case been approved by Book Selection Committee."

The following resolution was also adopted:-

"That Mr James Horan, Rowe Street, Wexford, be appointed a member of Book Selection Committee of County Library."

#### REBUILDING OF WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

A resolution was adopted directing the Secretary to communicate with the Minister of Justice asking him to arrange as soon as possible to receive deputation from the Co. Council in connection with the re-building of Wexford Courthouse.

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#### University Scholarships

Mr. Sean O'Byrne pointed out that of the three successful candidates for University Scholarships two had been awarded to former holders of Primary Scholarships and he considered the teachers of these two candidates were entitled to congratulation at the result.

The recommendations of the Finance Committee of 30th September, 1926, were adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne.



ROADS COMMITTEE.

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The following Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting of 27th September, 1926, were submitted:-



The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 27th September 1926.

Present:-Mr Thomas McCarthy, Chairman (presiding), also, Messrs Sean O'Byrne, Richard Corish, James Hall, William Boggan, Patrick Colfer, James Shannon, Michael Cloney and Col Gibbon.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

#### CINEMATOGRAPH ACT.

Under date 17th September 1926, the Chief Superintendent Civic Guard wrote in reply to a query from the Secretary to the County Council giving particulars of unlicensed buildings which are being used for cinematograph performances in the county:-

- (1)-Town Hall, Gorey.
- (2)-Protestant Schools, Gorey.
- (3)-Tara Hall, Courtown Harbour.
- (4)-National Schools, Coolgreany, Hollyfort, Camolin and Clonevin.
- (5)-Ramsgrange Hall.
- (6)- Hall at Irish Street, Bunclody.

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

"That the Managers or Owners of premises at Tara Hall, (Courtown Harbour), Coolgreany, Hollyfort, Camolin, Clonevin, Ramsgrange, and Bunclody used for cinematograph displays as reported to this Council by Civic Guard be informed that they must at once take steps to comply with the provisions of the Cinematograph Act 1909 and regulations thereunder.

It was pointed out that the premises in Gorey were under the control of the Gorey Town Commissioners.

In connection with Cinema Halls at Kilmore and Bridgetown, the property of Mr Michael Hassett (already licensed) the following report was read from Mr John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor:-



Kilmore.-

"As instructed by you I have again seen Mr Hassett's Cinema Palace at Kilmore Quay and also the one at Bridgetown.

The one at Kilmore is in size 36'x20' and is constructed of galvanised iron. There are three exits opening outwards with clear passage from seats to exits.

The operating box is constructed of galvanised iron with entrance opening outwards.

The fire extinguishers installed are two buckets of water, one of sand and also a wet blanket.

The light used in lantern is an ordinary 12 volt bulb light-off a 14 volt battery.

The films are stored in metal boxes and are used in the ordinary way on a standard Pathé machine. The floor level of Cinema is a few inches above the level of the ground outside.

The Hall is lighted by a 12 Volt bulb off a 14 volt battery.

There is no naked light used in the building.

In my opinion, this place is perfectly safe for the purpose for which it is used.

Bridgetown:-

"I have again seen Mr Hassett's Cinema at Bridgetown. Its size is 30'x15' constructed of masonry walls and slated roof. The floor is of wood and 2'9" over ground level. There is also a gallery which holds 25 people with a stairway down to exit.

The operating box is outside the building having iron roof and asbestos partition between operating box and wall.

Similar fire extinguishers are in use as at Kilmore and the lighting is also the same.

There are two large exits from Hall opening outwards having each three wide concrete steps to ground level.

I was speaking to Mr Hassett on Friday last and he said if the Authorities desired any changes made in either of the buildings (and if pointed out to him), he would at once make whatever alterations they thought necessary."



It was decided that Mr Hassett be directed to provide exit from the gallery in each case direct to the open; also that his attention be called to regulation 4 of the Statutory Rules and Orders 1910, as to providing proper fire extinguishers.

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

"That the Sergeants of the Garda Siothchana in each station and the Assistant Surveyors of the Council be appointed recognised Inspectors of the County Council under Cinematograph Act. That the Assistant Surveyors be directed to furnish half-yearly reports on 1st October and 1st April in each year as to the various Cinema Halls in the Rural Districts calling attention to any alterations in structures or to any other matter which in their opinion should be brought to the notice of the Council."

The following resolution was also adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to institute enquiries in order to ascertain what is the most advisable type of patent fire extinguisher to use in connection with celluloid film exhibitions."

#### PETROL PUMPS.

Under date 9th September, 1926 the following letter was read from Nathaniel Hayes, Main Street, Ferns:-

"Referring to the petrol pump which I erected without leave from your Council, I take this opportunity of expressing my regret for having done so, and shall be very grateful if you will convey to the members of the Council my sincere apologies. I was not aware that I was taking so serious a step when I erected the pump in a place other than that for which I had permission, or else I would not have erected it at all. In the circumstances, I trust the Council shall take a lenient view of the matter and allow me to leave the pump in its present position. Again regretting the trouble I have caused."

Under date 21st September 1926 the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (R/IR/93/32) that if the petrol pump presumably erected on a public road by Mr Hayes - was one in respect



of which they would grant a licence, it was open to the Council to grant a new licence for the balance of the period covered by Mr Hayes' present licence provided he surrenders the latter.

The County Surveyor ~~xxxxxx~~ recommended that the applicat<sup>ion</sup> of Mr Hayes should be granted.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That provided Mr Hayes surrenders his present licence for petrol pump and pays the prescribed fee, he be allowed to retain petrol pump in present position as County Surveyor reports it does not cause any obstruction to the public.

James Doherty Main Street, Buncloody applied for licence for erection of petrol pump at Island Road, Enniscorthy.

It was decided that application for licence and plan be referred to the County Surveyor for his report.

ALLEGED REMOVAL OF MATERIAL  
FROM ROAD 128R.

At the meeting of Roads Committee on 28th June last, correspondence was submitted in connection with allegation by Laurence Erwin, Raheen, Adamstown, that material had been taken from Road 128R. The Committee made no order as regards the complaint, but subsequently, Mr Thorpe raised the matter at a County Council meeting when it was decided to summon the parties concerned to the Roads Committee meeting of 27th September 1926.

The following is the complaint made by Mr Erwin under date 17th June 1926:-

"I wish to bring under your notice a contract road between Dr Keogh's house in Carrigbyrne and turn in Raheenacloonagh near Mr Rossiter's place, to have the tonnage of stones made small, it was too large last year as they had to be drawn off last term and dumped in Martin Kehoe's old haggard-well over one-third of them by a Direct Labour man, Aidan O'Neill at present working in Ballynaboola Quarry on the date of February 27th half holiday and March 6th half day, also about one-third of one yard removed to his own cottage and used to build piers. I hope this will get immediate examination. Stones at present within one hundred yards of depot."

Mr Barry obtained the following report under date 25th June 1926 from Mr P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor:-



"Aidan O'Neill, Ballynabola Quarry assures me there is no foundation for the assertion of Mr Laurence Erwin re removal of material on Road 128R. The contractor for the road is Moses O'Neill, a son of the above mentioned man. He broke the material in Kehoe's haggard from a pile of stones there. He did not cart back any stones from the road to the haggard.

The stones used to build the piers of O'Neill's cottage were carted to the cottage and broken there by him. He gave his son some assistance on the road on Saturday evenings."

Mr Erwin came before the meeting and stated that two-thirds of the stones which had been put upon the road by O'Neill, and not one-third as stated in his letter, were taken off in February and March but were replaced on the 21st August. He was witness himself to the incident but had no one to corroborate his statement.

Mr O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor stated that on the 17th November 1925, he measured the stones and found that the proper amount of material had been provided for the road. If Mr Erwin had furnished him with the complaint in February or March, when the removal was alleged to have occurred, it could then have been investigated, but as Mr Erwin did not write till June, it was not possible to say definitely what had really happened.

His final inspection was in April after which he concluded that all the material had been spread on the road.

Aidan O'Neill said he was working in Ballynabola Quarry and his son, Moses was contractor for the road. The complaint made by Mr Erwin was untrue and was actuated by spite owing to a ~~political~~ ~~political dispute~~ political dispute between the people of Raheen. Mr Erwin and he were on opposite sides and had not been friendly since. He admitted having spread the stones for his son on half-holidays, but had never taken any time from the County Council for this purpose.

Col Gibbon considered the Committee were wasting their time in going any further into the complaint, as there was no independent witness on either side.

Mr Corish proposed and Mr Colfer seconded the following



resolution which was adopted:-

"That in the absence of corroborative evidence, we consider the complaint made by Mr Erwin relative to the taking of material ~~from~~ from Road 128R has not been sustained."

It was proposed by Mr Corish seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne and passed:- "That the County Council be recommended to issue instructions to Aidan O'Neill, employed in Ballynabola Quarry that in future he cannot work on any contract road and that in the event of his failure to observe this instruction, his services be dispensed with."

"We consider that the County Council should issue a general direction that in no circumstances will men employed under the Direct Labour Scheme be allowed to work on roads which are under contract."

#### APPLICATION FOR INCREASE OF WAGES.

John Donovan, Ballyclemock, Foulks mills, ganger under Direct Labour Scheme, wrote applying for an increase of wages owing to the large amount of work that was now placed under his charge.

The County Surveyor said Donovan had a good deal of work to do, but it was all within a two miles radius. He had no more extra work than other gangers.

Col Gibbon proposed and Mr Cloney seconded:-

"That the application of John Donovan be refused."

Mr Colfer proposed that Donovan be granted an increase of 5/- per week in his wages from the time extra work started in the Road section.

Mr Corish proposed and Mr Shannon seconded:- "That the application from John Donovan for increase of wages be adjourned to next meeting of the Roads Committee to which Donovan should be summoned in order to state definitely the amount of extra work he has had to perform."

Mr Colfer withdrew his proposition in favour of Mr Corish's motion which was then regarded as the amendment.

A show of hands was taken when it was found that four



members were in favour of the amendment and five against.

The amendment was declared lost and the resolution refusing the application was passed nem. con.

#### COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report for the month of September:-

"The work of repairing bascule of Wexford Bridge is making satisfactory progress, and there will be no necessity to close the roadway, except perhaps, for a few hours on a couple of evenings later on.

As directed by the Council I have made application to the Local Government Department for permission to close two roads while bridges are being re-built- one in Gorey and one in Sparrows land. I have acknowledgment from the Local Government that the matter is receiving attention.

On the 24th inst I made inspection of portion of the Sow Drainage area complained of by Mr Cullen of Killisk. I have no doubt that the drains, which have not been cleaned under the recent improvement work, were originally made in connection with the entire Scheme and the neglect of this now renders the work done on the main river of very little use to the holdings on the south side of the river. I consider that the County Council should not take over this work as a completed job until these drains are properly cleaned.

On the 18th inst I met County Council Committee at Verona Bridge and we interviewed Mr McCarthy of Fairfield, owner of the land on which trespass will take place. Mr McCarthy, after some discussion signed agreement granting permission (amended in some minor particulars). The Committee recommended that legal opinion should be got as to the powers and rights of the Council in regard to matters connected with the bridge and obstruction with the channel and the flood overflow. I wrote to Mr Elgee giving him particulars and submit copy of my letter to him.

As directed by the Council I have put advertisement in



the local Press warning the public not to interfere with the public roads- including Urban Main Roads- without my authority. I have an application from the New Ross Gas Company for permission to open and make good a leakage in the gas main, and I have sanctioned same subject to the road being restored to my satisfaction.

I have sent circular letter to all the Assistant Surveyors drawing their attention to the Council's orders in connection with the dumping of road material or other obstruction on the travelling surface, and have notified them to have all such removed at once.

At the present time we have difficulty and expense in obtaining coal for our engines. We have now in work only two rollers and one rock drill, but there are six breakers at work. I do not think it would be advisable to shut down the breaker work, if we can obtain coal, as the work will be completed within about two months.

The contract work for tar surfacing sections of the Gorey-Arklow and Enniscorthy-New Ross road has been in satisfactory progress, and is now approaching completion.

I have an application from Mr Cousins for permission to erect a fence at Rosslare, and I consider that permission should be granted, if the work be done to my satisfaction.

I have completed the damming ~~of~~ at Sluice Gates, Courtown Harbour, and have had pump at work. Mr Treanor now writes me that the floor of the sluice chamber appears to be in such a porous condition that the water level cannot be lowered. In order to staunch this, and properly make good the floor of the sluice chamber it would entail very great expenditure, possibly into thousands of Pounds, and I do not consider that this expenditure would be warranted. I am making arrangements for a diver to go down and report on the under water conditions, and I shall have further particulars for the meeting, after my inspection on Saturday evening.

I have received copy of letter from the Local Government Department sent to the Secretary of the Co. Council with reference to the improvement work on Enniscorthy-Wexford road, and note that



the Minister directs that the work be carried out by contract. I had previously written to the Department explaining position, and stating the Council wished to have the work done by Direct Labour, but this apparently will not be allowed. I have also received copy of specification amended and approved by the Local Government Department for the carrying out of the work, also copies of documents in connection with contract. This letter states that advertisement for tenders should appear in the Daily Press at least four weeks before the last date for receiving tenders.

During the coming week I shall be engaged on urgent private affairs and ask for sanction to absent myself from duty. I shall be in Wexford and available in case of any pressing matter turning up."

Sow Drainage.- The following resolution was adopted:- "That in view of the report of the County Surveyor relative to this Drainage Scheme, the County Council should protest against taking over same under the Drainage Act until all necessary repairs have been carried out."

Fence at Rosslare.-The following resolution was adopted:- "That Mr P.J. Cousins, Old Pound, Wexford, be allowed to erect a fence at Rosslare provided the work be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

Courtown Harbour.- The County Surveyor stated that on his inspection of the work at the Sluice Gates at Courtown Harbour on the 25th inst., he found the floor so uneven, owing to a large hole which ran for a considerable distance in the centre at both sides that only half the volume of flushing could be obtained. Subject to the diver's report, he recommended that it would be better to simply use the half flushing and obtain a Grab-dredger for the lower end of the channel. This might cost a couple of hundred Pounds.

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the County Council be recommended to adopt the suggestion of the County Surveyor relative to the work at Courtown Harbour and that the Department <sup>of Agriculture Fisheries</sup> be asked to revive



to their offer relative to providing a small dredging plant for the portion of the harbour between the entrance and the sluice gates."

#### NATIONAL ROAD GRANT.

Letter under date September 21st 1926 (AR/SGN/32) was read from the Local Government Department (Roads) in which it was stated that the Minister had directed that the work be carried out by contract.

Mr Corish proposed:- "That we request the Local Government Department to inform this Council why they have directed the Council to have the work in connection with National Road Grant for Wexford-Enniscorthy road done by contract."

Mr Hall seconded.

Mr Boggan mentioned that in his opinion it was a misapplication of the Grant to construct roads for the use of heavy lorries.

Col Gibbon said that if it was not for the amount the Government were providing for the Enniscorthy-Wexford road, the County Council would have been compelled to strike an extra rate of a shilling in the £ to put this road into decent order.

The resolution was then put and passed.

Leave of Absence of Co. Surveyor.- It was decided on the motion of Mr Shannon seconded by Mr Corish that the Co. Surveyor be granted as from 27th September 1926 a week's leave of absence to attend to private business.

#### OPENING OF ROAD AT FERNS.

Mr Robert C. Williamson, Abbey Quay, Enniscorthy applied for permission to open the side of the road from the Rectory wall at Ferns to Mr Bolger's gate for the purpose of carrying water supply from town main to the Rectory. The road would be left in good order on completion.

On the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Hall, Mr Williamson's application was granted.



SHED AGAINST RETAINING WALL  
ON ROAD 19G.

Messrs Farrar Brothers, Curratubbin, Killena, Gorey applied for permission to have a 6" wall plate inserted in wall beside their residence at Curratubbin and stated that this would be no obstruction to the road or to the public.

Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor recommended that the application be acceded to.

Order- Approved on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by MrCorish.

MAINTENANCE OF MAIN ROADS -  
ENNISCORTHY URBAN DISTRICT.

The Town Surveyor, Enniscorthy applied for instalment of £200 for maintenance of the main roads within the Urban District.

Order- Referred to Finance Committee.

WEEDS AND SEEDS ACT.

The following resolution adopted at the meeting of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction held on 6th September 1926 was approved and recommended to the County Council for adoption:- "That we recommend the County Council to take the necessary steps to have the provisions of the Weeds and Seeds Act applied to the County Wexford."

GOREY COURTHOUSE.

The following letter under date 10th September 1926 was read from Messrs Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors for Mr Matthew Breslin, owner of the Gorey Courthouse:-

"We shall be glad if you kindly let us know definitely what your Council intend doing with reference to the Gorey Courthouse, as in default of a satisfactory reply we shall have to proceed against them to compel them to put the premises in repair under the Covenant in the lease."

It was decided to inform Messrs Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey that application for compensation for this Courthouse would be heard in November and when the award for compensation was made, the question of repairs would be dealt with.



BUNGLODY COURTHOUSE.

The following report was read from Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I have inspected this place. It certainly wants some repairs inside and more particularly outside. Moreover the roof appears to be leaking. I think on the whole it would be well if you could see it personally. If I got three or four day's notice I could arrange to have a ladder there so that you could see the roof etc. £9-10-0 would cover the repairs actually required inside."

It was decided to recommend the County Council to expend the £9-10-0 estimated by Mr Ennis for repairs to the interior of the Courthouse and that the Council should call upon the landlord to deal with any necessary outside repairs including roof.

ANCIENT MONUMENTS COMMITTEE.

The following report from the meeting of the Ancient Monuments Committee held on September 6th 1926 was submitted:-

"Ancient Monuments Committee. - Meeting 6th September 1926.

Present- Rev R. Fitzhenry P.P.(presiding), Miss K. Browne and Mr Sean O'Byrne.

The Secretary to the Co. Council was also in attendance.

Correspondence was submitted.

The Board of Works wrote that Dunbrody, Rathumney and portion of the old ruins at Ferns had been vested in them.

The Land Commission wrote that as regards any lands about to be sold under Land Act and on which any historic ruin or ancient monument stood, the Commission asked the Board of Works in the first instance to take over the structures and if they could not see their way to do so it was then offered to the County Council.

A resolution was adopted asking the County Board of Health to see that the graveyards under their control are kept in a proper condition. Complaint had been made that the state of several left much room for improvement. The Committee considers that if each of these graveyards is not looked after by a caretaker, such an official should be appointed.



"A resolution was adopted asking the County Council to request the Board of Works to take over the following:- Clonmines, Castle of Ferns, Mountgarrett Castle, Bannow Church, Rathmacnee Castle, Killiane Castle, Coolhull, Slade, St Vaux, St Mary's Church and Monuments (New Ross), Ballyhack Castle, Butter<sup>milk or Nock</sup> Castle, Churchtown (near Lady's Island).

The following resolution was also adopted:- "That the County Council be recommended to enter into agreements with the owners of the following Castles, etc. in order to have them preserved as Ancient Monuments:- Ballyteigue, Ballyhealy, Ferrycarrig, Barntown, Artramont, Rathlamon, Lady's Island, Clougheast, Baldwinstown, Kilcavan, Taghmon, Sigginshaggard, Ballykerogue, Ballycogley, Butlerstown, Newbawn, Sigginstown, Lingstown, Houseland, Adamstown, Slevoe, Deeps, Fethard, Clonard (fragment), Ballyconnor, Kilcloggan, Kilhile, Danescaastle, Killisk, Limerick, Taylorstown, Brownswood, Rathshelane, Westgate, Wexford; also Kylehaun Graveyard (Monart), ~~Balwinest~~ <sup>Dolmen</sup>, Bree Hill, Barmoney, Robinstown (New Ross), Newbawn (Collop's Well), Standing Stones at Ballyboker, Knockhowlin, Clonhaston, Greenmount, Whitechurch (New Ross), Ogham Stone, Cotts, Tacumshane, Idol Stone, Bannow.

A suggestion was made that the County Council appoint a deputation from Ancient Monuments Committee to wait upon the Ministry of Industry and Commerce relative to the Board of Works taking over the monuments referred to in the Minutes of this meeting."

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr Cloney seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the report of the Ancient Monuments Committee in respect of their meeting held on the 6th September 1926 be received and approved.

#### INJURED WORKMAN- APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION.

Messrs Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey Solicitors, wrote under date 20th September 1926 applying for £9 being eight weeks' compensation to James McDonald of Raheen, Adamstown who, it was alleged by them, while working in Tomgarrow Quarry on the 22nd July 1926



was injured by striking his left knee against a rock.

The County Surveyor stated that this matter was before the Insurance Company. This man returned to work after the injury but afterwards on his way to the quarry fell off his bicycle.

SPEED LIMIT-MOTOR VEHICLES  
NEW ROSS URBAN DISTRICT.

The following letter was read from the Town Clerk, New Ross under date 21st September 1926:-

"At last meeting of my Council a resolution ~~a resolution~~ was passed requesting the County Council to fix a speed limit, in any Bye Law they may adopt, of ten miles per hour for motor ~~vehic~~ vehicles travelling in the Urban District."

It was decided to point out to the New Ross Urban Council that in connection with their application to fix speed limit for motor vehicles on public thoroughfares under Section 9 of the Motor Car Act 1903, certain information was required by the Department of Local Government, and particulars of what was necessary by the Department had been furnished to them. Until such particulars had been received, the resolution of the Urban Council asking for the fixing of a speed limit could not be dealt with.

ENNISCORTHY-SCARAWALSH ROAD( 1E).

The Chairman proposed and Mr Hall seconded:- "That £50 be withdrawn from the Contingencies Fund to make good damage caused by excessive traffic on Road 1E."

Passed.

DANGEROUS CORNERS.

It was decided that the County Council be requested to provide in annual estimate for next financial year, a sum sufficient to cover cost of removal of dangerous corners on roads in order to provide for the safety of the public.

The Roads Committee are of opinion that in the meantime as many such corners are dangerous only because of the obstruction of the view, the Assistant Surveyors should approach owners of land on which these corners are with a view to securing consent to having hedges cut down and substituted by a post and wire fence.



Weeds and Seeds Act.

It was decided that recommendation in connection with this matter be adjourned to next meeting the Secretary, in the meantime, to ascertain from the Department of Agriculture how the Act had worked in other Counties, what officials were employed in its administration and the cost of its working to the rates.

Application Increase Salary John Donovan

In connection with the application for increase of wages from John Donovan, ganger, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That we dissent from resolution of Roads Committee refusing increase of wages to John Donovan. That application from this man be reconsidered at next meeting of Roads Committee as we believe the Council have not had sufficient information to deal with it. That Donovan be summoned by the County Surveyor to the said meeting of the Roads Committee"

The following resolution was then proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Colonel Gibbon and adopted:- "That recommendations of Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on 27th September, 1926, be and are hereby confirmed with the exception of that dealing with application for increase of wages from John Donovan, ganger, as application in this case will be reconsidered at next meeting of the Roads Committee".

APPLICATION ERECTION PETROL PUMP.

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James Doherty, Bunclody, applied for permission to erect petrol pump at his premises at Island Road, Enniscorthy. The County Surveyor recommended that the application be granted.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of



the Chairman, seconded by Colonel Quin:-

"That Application of James Doherty for erection of petrol pump at Island Road, Enniscorthy, be and is hereby agreed to. That licence issue as soon as Mr. Doherty has paid the necessary fee"

GANGER AND MASON.

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Mr. Cooney complained that a ganger who was also a mason had been brought in from Rural District to repair a wall in John Street, New Ross, while masons in town were idle. He proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Corish and adopted:-

"That a tradesman (other than a road or quarry ganger) be employed in future to carry out tradesmen's work".

This was adopted Colonel Quin and Mr. Thorpe dissenting.

x APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT IN OFFICE OF CO. LIBRARY.

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The Secretary reported that 21 candidates sat for examination for Assistant in County Library Office which had been set by the Christian Brothers. At previous examinations the Council had decided that a percentage of thirty-three and one-third should be obtained in examination for Arithmetic, English and Irish. No percentage of marks had been fixed for typing exam.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:- "That the standard to qualify for pass in typing examination for appointments in the gift of the Wexford County Council be fixed at thirty-three and one third per cent of maximum marks".

The following resolution adopted at meeting of Library



Committee on 9th October, 1926, was handed in during the meeting of the County Council:-

"That we call the attention of the County Council to the powers delegated to the Library Committee on the 27th April, 1925. That in view of the resolution then passed the resolution of the 10th May, 1926, would appear to be ultra-vires in connection with the motion of proposal withdrawing powers".

The Secretary explained that in May 1925 a full delegation of the powers of the County Council under the Libraries Act including the appointment and removal of officers was given to the Library Committee. In May 1926 the Council decided to keep within their own hands the appointment and removal of Officers and the following appeared on the agenda paper of the County Council for meeting of 10th May, 1926:- "County Library Service - Delegation of Powers to Library Committee".

The Library Committee were furnished with the resolution of the County Council on 18th May.

Mr. Elgee said that the County Council could at any time withdraw delegation of powers to Library Committee and resume the exercise of these powers.

Mr. Corish contended that a notice of motion was necessary but Mr. Elgee held that as it had been decided the Council could, at any time, withdraw the delegation of these powers there was no necessity for <sup>notice of</sup> motion. He considered the Council were quite in order in making the appointment of Assistant to Librarian that day.

The following result of Examination conducted by Christian Brothers was submitted:-



Candidate's Number.	Name of Candidate	Irish 100	English 100	Arithmetic 100	Typing 100	Total 400
10	<del>Augusta Mahon, Talbot St., Wexford</del>	80	72	80	65	326
22	Julia Kehoe, Heath Park, Ballinabola	79	72	80	67	298
11	Anastasia Grannell, Ram St., Wexford	84	62	90	55	291
4	Elizabeth Carroll, 96 Faythe, Wexford	88	76	80	46	290
16	Kitty Dunne, 19 Parnell St., Wexford	90	73	90	36	289
18.	Eileen Doyle, Cottage, Tagcoat	64	62	80	73	279
12	Bridie Nolan, Monument House, Wexford	77	76	40	67	260
2	Elizabeth McGrath, Ahullen, Kilanerin	66	62	50	75	253
20.	Mina Boyle, 3, William St., Wexford	80	58	70	41	249
17	Lily Dunne, 19 Parnell St., Wexford	52	50	70	74	246
9	Maisie Donnelly, Green St., Wexford	58	73	80	28	239
6	Teresa J. Bolger, 7 Monument Place, Wexford	6	58	60	97	221
14	Bridie Moran, Paul Quay, Wexford	55	81	50	30	216
8	Annie O'Brien, Jamestown, Oylegate	43	51	70	50	214
3	May O'Brien, Railway View, Enniscorthy	90	83	40	0	213







Exam No.	Name of Candidate	Total Marks (400).	Result
18.	Eileen Doyle, Cottage, Tagoat	279	Passed in all subjects.
12.	Bridie Nolan, Monument Ho., Wexford	260	" " " "
2	Elizabeth McGrath, Ahullen, Kilanerin	253	" " " "
20	Mina Boyle, 3, William St., Wexford	249	" " " "
17	Lily Dunne, 19, Parnell St., Wexford	246	" " " "
8	Annie O'Brien, Jamestown, Oylegate	214	" " " "

It was decided that all qualified candidates would be taken as proposed and seconded.

The following was the result of first poll:-

For Kehoe	For Grannell	For Carroll	For Eileen Doyle	For Bridie Nolan	For Elizabeth McGrath
Colfer Cooney Thorpe	Clince Kavanagh Mernagh	Corish Gaul Pender Rossiter Shannon	Boggan Cloney Doyle Gibbon Hall Jordan O'Donoghue Quin Walsh White	Connors Murphy Chairman	Byrne P. O'Byrne S.
3	3	5	10	3	2



Margaret Mahon, Kitty Dunne, Lily Dunne, Mina Boyle,

Annie O'Brien received no vote.

Elizabeth McGrath then fell out and a vote was taken as between Kehoe, Grannell, Carroll, Doyle, Nolan, with the following result:-

For Kehoe	For Grannell	For Carroll	For Doyle	For Nolan
Colfer Cooney Thorpe	Clince Kavanagh Mernagh	Corish Gaul S.O'Byrne Pender Rossiter Shannon	Boggan Cloney Ml. Doyle Gibbon Hall Jordan O'Donoghue Quin Walsh White	P. Byrne Connors Murphy Chairman
3	3	6	10	4

As Kehoe and Grannell secured an equality of votes a poll was taken as to which of them should remain in. The result was as follows:-

For Kehoe	For Grannell
P. Byrne Cloney Colfer Cooney Gibbon Hall Pender Thorpe Walsh White	Boggan Clince J. Connors Corish Ml. Doyle Gaul Jordan Kavanagh Mernagh Murphy S. O'Byrne O'Donoghue Rossiter Chairman Shannon
10	15



Colonel Quin did not vote.

Kehoe then fell out and a poll was taken as between Grannell, Carroll, Doyle and Nolan with the following result:-

For Grannell	For Carroll	For Doyle	For Nolan
Clince Kavanagh Mernagh	Colfer Cooney Corish Gaul S. O'Byrne Pender Rossiter Shannon	Boggan Cloney Ml. Doyle Gibbon Hall Jordan O'Donoghue Quin Thorpe Walsh White	P. Byrne J. Connors Murphy Chairman
3	8	11	4

Grannell having fallen out the next poll was between Doyle, Carroll and Nolan with the following result:-

For Doyle	For Carroll	For Nolan
Boggan Cloney Doyle Gibbon Hall Jordan Kavanagh O'Donoghue Quin Thorpe Walsh White	Clince Colfer Cooney Corish Gaul S. O'Byrne Pender Rossiter Shannon	P. Byrne Connors Mernagh N. Murphy Chairman
12	9	5

Nolan having fallen out the final poll was between Miss Doye and Miss Carroll.

The following is the result:-



For Doyle	For Carroll
Boggan	P. Byrne
Cloney	Clince
Doyle	Colfer
Gibbon	Connors
Hall	Cooney
Jordan	Corish
Kavanagh	Gaul
Murphy	Mernagh
O'Donoghue	S. O'Byrne
Quin	Pender
Thorpe	Rossiter
Walsh	Shannon
White	
Chairman	
14	12

The Chairman declared Miss Doyle elected.

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

"That Miss Eileen Doyle, Cottage, Tagoat, be appointed Assistant to Librarian in County Library Office, Salary £78 per annum; duties to be as set out on last minutes of Council and copy of which has been furnished Miss Doyle, holidays not to exceed three weeks in any one year: appointment to be determinable by a month's notice in writing at either side".

The following is the list of candidates that failed at examination:-



Exam No.	Name of Candidate	Total Marks (400)	Result
9	Maisie Donnelly, Green St., Wexford	239	<u>Failed</u> (obtaining only 28 marks in typing)
6	Teresa J. Bolger, 7, Monument Place, Wexford	221	<u>Failed</u> (obtaining only 6 marks in <del>Irish</del> typing)
14	Bridie Moran, Paul Quay, Wexford	216	<u>Failed</u> (obtaining only 30 marks in typing).
3	May O'Brien, Railway View, Enniscorthy	213	<u>Failed</u> (obtaining no mark in typing)
13	Monica Corcoran, Nash	181	<u>Failed</u> (obtaining only 20 marks in Irish).
5	Mgt. T. Jordan, Reahouse, Duncormack	174	<u>Failed</u> (obtaining only 27 marks in typing).
19	Bridget Doyle, 32, South Main St., Wexford	166	<u>Failed</u> (obtaining only 32 marks in Irish).
24	Mary J. Walsh, 4, Paradise Row, Wexford	145	<u>Failed</u> (obtaining only 30 marks in Arithmetic and 9 in typing).
1	Mary Keating, Great Goreten, Cleariestown	118	<u>Failed</u> (obtaining only 6 marks in Irish and 10 in Arithmetic).
15	May Roche, Co. Hospital, Wexford	110	<u>Failed</u> (obtaining only 31 marks in Irish, 10 in Arithmetic and 29 in typing).

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APPLICATION FOR CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE.

Mr. John J. Heaney, Taravie Hotel, Courtown Harbour, Gorey, applied for licence under above Act.

Referred to Roads Committee which is empowered to deal with the matter and issue licence if Report of Civic Guard is regarded as satisfactory.

COUNTY INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Coris seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That Mr. Myles Bergin, Gibson Street, Wexford, be appointed a member of the above Committee vice Wm. J Larkin, High Street, Wexford, resigned.

OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEES

Mr. Stafford, Clerk to No. 1 Sub Committee reported that his Sub Committee recommended the appointment of Mr. Joseph Dugga, Bridgetown, as a member vice Mr. Christopher Culleton, resigned.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That Mr. Joseph Duggan, Bridgetown, be appointed a member of Old Age Pension No.1 Sub Committee vice Mr. C Culleton, resigned "

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That as recommended by Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee No.3 Rev. Robert Hickey, C. C., Barntown, Messrs John R. Cullen, P.C., Brownscastle, Taghmon and Wm. Bennett, Taghmon, be appointed members of Sub Committee vice Rev. J. Gaul C.C. and Mr. James Cullen, Taghmon, deceased and Mr. Edward Brennan, Taghmon, disqualified for non attendance. "



LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MUTUAL ASSURANCE) ACT, 1926-

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The Secretary stated he had received from the Department of Local Government copy of above Act.

AUDITOR'S REPORT CO. BOARD OF HEALTH.

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Under date 27th September, 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (41605/26) forwarding copy of report of Auditor and Abstract of a/cs for Co. Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance for half year ended 31st March, 1926.

NATIONAL ROAD GRANT.

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Under date 5th October, 1926 the Department of Local Government wrote (61987) as follows in connection with above grant:-

"With further reference to your letter of the 29th ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that in deciding that the work under the National Road Grant for the Enniscorthy-Wexford Road should be done by contract, he was guided inter alia by the fact that the Council could not, owing to the inadequacy of their plant, carry out the works expeditiously or satisfactorily. He was further of opinion that work of the nature proposed cannot be efficiently and economically carried out by inexperienced men. For similar work already advertised there has been keen competition. In the best interests of obtaining good value for money expended it is considered that carrying out this work by contract arrived at after public advertisement is the only right and proper course to adopt".

It was decided that County Surveyor submit to next meeting of Roads Committee specification for this work; said



specification to provide for the employment of local labour and a recommendation that the Contractors should hire any available machinery of the County Council which was available".

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES) ACT, 1926.

Under date 8th October, 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.3706/1926) forwarding copy of above Act and pointing out that the Officers and employments to which the Act applied are at the present time those noted in paragraphs (a) and (b) of Section 2 (1) of the Act.

APPLICATION FOR SUPERANNUATION BY MR. B. J.  
O'FLAHERTY, SOLICITOR.

Under date 7th October, 1926 the following letter (43592-26 Wexford County) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"With reference to previous correspondence and to your letter of the 23rd ultimo in regard to the application of Mr. B. J. O'Flaherty for compensation for loss of employment as Solicitor to the late Gorey Board of Guardians and Rural District Council, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the question of granting an allowance or compensation under Section 8 of the Local Government Act, 1919, is a matter in the first instance for the Wexford County Council. The Minister's authority to give a decision under that Section does not arise unless and until there is a dispute as to the right of Mr. O'Flaherty to receive an allowance under the Section in respect of ceasing to perform the duties of Solicitor. "

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That as Mr. B. J. O'Flaherty, Solicitor to late Gorey Board of Guardians and late Gorey Rural District Council, was paid for his services by taxed costs we consider he is not entitled to superannuation and hereby refuse his application



for same.

#### INQUIRY RE CLOSING OF ROADS.

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The Secretary stated that the Chief Engineer of the Department of Local Government had fixed Wednesday 10th November, as date for holding Inquiry re closing of Roads to heavy lorry traffic.

#### DRAINAGE SCHEMES.

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##### Grat Island and Camblin.

Letter under date 7th September, 1926, (No.17857/26) from Office of Public Works re above Schemes, which had been adjourned from previous meetings, was read for the meeting.

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

"The Office of Public Works is requested to send down an Engineer to consult with the local people concerned in Great Island and Camblin drainage Schemes in order to ~~ask~~ arrive at some idea of the cost of the proposals. The County Council would not feel themselves in a position to give any undertaking as to maintenance of Schemes, to collect and pay annuities, unless the consent of the local people to the initial cost is secured".

##### Kilmannock Scheme.

It was decided that the further consideration of this matter be adjourned until particulars asked for in connection therewith by Land Commission are available"

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Consideration of letter from Office of Public Works under date 26th August, 1926 (17059-26) directing attention to the difference of opinion as to the ownership of one of the channels was further adjourned. The Council at their meeting on 13th September, 1926.



had adopted a resolution directing Counsel's opinion to be obtained in the matter.

Mr. Elgee explained that the Law Library had been closed for the Long Vacation and in consequence he had not been able to obtain Counsel's opinion, but he would have it by next meeting.

#### COUNTY COUNCILS GENERAL COUNCIL.

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Under date 2nd October, 1926, letter was read from the Secretary, Co. Councils General Council, stating that it had been arranged to have Annual Meeting in Dublin on 10th December and notice of matters for discussion should reach the Secretary on or before 10th November.

#### RECONSTRUCTION WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

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Under date 1st October, 1926, the following letter (404/296) was read from the Department of Finance:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Finance to refer to your letter of the 16th September in regard to the conditional award of £500 made by the Compensation (Ireland) Commission in respect of the partial destruction of the Wexford Courthouse, and to express regret that owing to pressure of public business the Minister finds himself unable to appoint a date for the reception of a deputation from the Council on the subject."

"I am, however, to state that if you will be so good as to furnish a statement in writing of the proposals of the Council and of their reasons for desiring the conversion of the Jail premises for use as a Courthouse instead of proceeding with the reinstatement of the partially destroyed building, the matter will be fully ~~xxx~~ considered."

"It should be borne in mind that the Commission's award was made for the specific purpose of reinstating the original building. "



The following order was made:-

"The County Secretary and County Surveyor to draw up a statement of the Council as to why the latter consider that the Old Jail should be remodelled to provide a Courthouse and Co. Offices". "That the Minister of Justice be asked to arrange or reception of deputation from Council on this matter".

#### BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.

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An application from Michael Bassett, St. Joseph's Blind Asylum, Drumcondra, asking the Council to put into operation section 2 of the above Act was referred to the Finance Committee for report.

#### SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.

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Letter was read from Mr. J. J. Kelly, Hon., Sec., Co. Wexford National Teachers' Association, stating that Messrs H. O'Byrne, Ballindaggin, and himself had been appointed to represent the teachers on the Scholarship Committee of the Council.

#### LAND COMMISSION ANNUITANTS.

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The following resolution from Tipperary S. R. County Council was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That we, the County Council of Tipperary S.R., request that in future the responsible Minister direct the officials of the Irish Land Commission to adhere to the former procedure, namely, cause due notice to be given in every case of intention to proceed for the recovery of instalments due.

"We wish to add that, in our opinion, it is very harsh treatment on the now hard pressed agriculturalists of the Free State the handing over to the State Solicitor the collection



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of half yearly instalments five or six weeks after they fall due, thereby incurring in a great many cases a lot of unnecessary expense".

#### RECOUPMENT SANITARY SALARIES.

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The following resolution from Carrickmacross Urban District was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by the Chairman:-

"That we, the Urban District Council of Carrickmacross, hereby request all County and Urban Councils in the Free State to demand the repeal of Section 6 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902, which enacts that there shall not be paid to any County Council or to any Urban District Council a greater recoupment of Sanitary Salaries than was paid to each Council in the local financial year ended 31st March, 1902."

#### PLANTING OF MOUNTAIN OF FORTH.

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The following resolution was forwarded from a meeting held in Barntown on 10th October, 1926, in connection with the proposed planting of the Mountain of Forth:-

"We, the undersigned, on behalf of the Forth Mountain Afforestation Committee and residents generally, do hereby call upon the Government and the Ministry of Lands and Agriculture to commence the planting of Forth Mountain this Winter."

"We have offered the entire waste portion of the mountain comprising about 1000 acres free of cost, and though this offer has now been made for quite a long time, yet so far as the Government is concerned, nothing definite has been done."

"Our Deputies, Messrs Corish and Doyle, T.D.'s tell us that they are doing all in their power to further the scheme and we would like the County Council to endorse this Resolution and thus



strengthen our Deputies' hands in this matter.

"We want work started on the Mountain as soon as possible as we have no wish to endure another Winter of unemployment, privation and starvation "

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Colonel Gibbon:- "That the Minister for Lands and Agriculture be requested to proceed at once with the planting of the Mountain of Forth. This work would be a great boon to the County and would provide a great deal of employment for the local people who <sup>are</sup> ~~were~~ urgently in need. It would indeed confer great advantages to the community generally".

#### CONVEYANCE OF HARMLESS LUNATICS.

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Mr. Murphy said he wanted to mention a matter that was of vital importance especially to the poorer <sup>portion</sup> ~~parties~~ of the population of the Country and that was with reference to dealing with the admission of harmless lunatics to the mental hospital. There had been a couple of such cases recently in his district and one of them had ~~been~~ a fatal termination. One man became afflicted and was not a very bad case and the Civic Guards could do nothing on their own responsibility. It was a case of waiting on the doctor in the ordinary way. The trouble was that owing to the present state of the law regarding harmless lunatics, the responsibility rested with the friends of the patient. The people belonging to the man he referred to were poor with the result that they could not afford to get a horse or motor to remove the man. The matter was put off from day to day and one evening a certificate was got from the doctor and the next morning the unfortunate man got up and hanged himself. There was another case of a young girl and it meant getting a car to go 22 or 23 miles, and only a neighbour ~~who~~ gave his



car, things might have been bad too. He wished to know if it would be possible for the County Council or the Board of Health to utilise the ambulance in bringing patients to the mental hospital. They all heard a lot about cruelty to animals but when it came to a human being something should be done. The Health Board had ambulances which very often lay idle.

Mr. Murphy then proposed:-

"That the attention of the Local Government Department be called to the anomaly at present existing as to conveyance of dangerous and harmless lunatics. The relatives of harmless lunatics were not in a position to pay for their conveyance to public institutions. Recently in this County, owing to the fact that no money was available for payment of conveyance, a harmless lunatic could not be put under proper control with the result that the unfortunate man committed suicide. We request the Local Government Department should suggest some means by which such unfortunate occurrences could be prevented in the future."

Mr. Walsh who seconded the resolution said that the question of dealing with harmless lunatics was overlooked in the amalgamation scheme. Accommodation for these poor people was available in the old workhouses. The present was a scandalous state of <sup>affairs</sup> ~~affairs~~ and was entirely the fault of amalgamation.

The resolution was adopted nem.con.

GESTETNER DUPLICATING MACHINE.

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Mr. H. W. Serpell of the Gestetner Co., attended before the Council and gave a demonstration as to the capabilities of the



Gestetner machine for duplicating purposes.

It was decided that the machine which cost £31 should be tested in Co. Council Offices and report as to its working be submitted to the Finance Committee by the County Secretary and County Surveyor.

*W. M. G. B. B. B.*  
*Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 1926.*

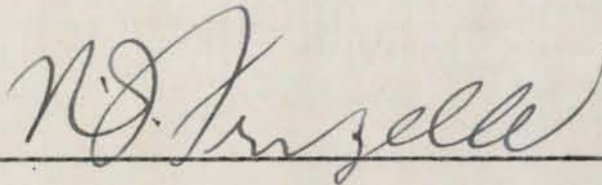


CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY.

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I certify the foregoing to be a correct  
record of the Minutes of Proceedings of my County  
Council in respect of Meeting held on 11th October,  
1926.

(Signed)



Secretary Wexford County Council.

Dated this 14th day of October, 1926.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.  
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MINUTES OF MEETING.  
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HELD ON 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1926.  
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FORTVIEW,  
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

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The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 13th September, 1926.

Present:- Mr. T. McCarthy, (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs William Boggan, James Clince, Michael Cloney, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, Michael Doyle, James Gaul, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, David Kavanagh, Aidan Mernagh, Nicholas J. Murphy, John O'Byrne, M. M. O'Donohue, James Shannon, William Thorpe, John Whyte, John Pender, Thomas Rossiter, Colonel Gibbon and Colonel Quin.

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

A letter was read from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, that he was on Summer holidays and would not be able to be present at the meeting.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

#### TRAGEDY AT DROMCOLLOGHER.

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

"That we extend to the relatives and friends of the victims of the Dromcollogher fire our deepest sympathy in the appalling disaster which occurred there recently.

"That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Very Rev. Canon Begley, P.P., Dromcollogher"

#### VOTE OF CONDOLENCE - REPLY.

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The following letter was received from Mr. W. Thorpe, and was ordered to be inserted on the minutes, on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:-

"Will you please convey to the Roads Committee and Co. Council my sincere thanks for their kind vote of sympathy



in my recent trouble".

# LICENCES - CINEMATOGRAFH ACT.

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

"That the Chief Superintendent of the Civic Guard be requested to report to the County Council any instances in the rural districts of the County in which buildings, portable or otherwise, are being used for Cinematograph performances without the necessary licences under the Cinematograph Act having been obtained therefor from the County Council".

# FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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The following Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 5th August, 1926, were submitted:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 5th August, 1926.

Present:-Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs A. Mernagh, P. Hayes, W. Thorpe and Sean O'Byrne.

The Assistant Secretary and the County Surveyor were also in attendance.

Colonel Gibbon wrote, apologising for non-attendance owing to his acting as Steward at the Horse Show.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4515-4-0 was examined and signed.



The state of the Rate Collection was considered.

Under date 30th July, 1926, the following letter, (No G. 33633/1926, Wexford County), was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"With reference to your letter of the 21st inst, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is quite dissatisfied with the progress of the Rate Collection generally in County Wexford. The Collectors should be notified accordingly.

As regards poundage for 1925/26, the Minister is not willing to consent to the payments proposed, but would agree to entertain a proposal to wind up the collection by an immediate examination of each collector's accounts, giving credit for irrecoverable items and allowing "carry forwards" in cases known to be clearly uncollectable for the time being.

Poundage at reduced rate commensurate with the energy displayed might then be conceded.

The examination of the Arrears List should be entrusted to a responsible officer who would carefully scrutinise each item."

It was decided that Collectors be instructed to have all recoverable rates, in respect of period to 31st March, 1926, lodged by the next Finance Committee meeting and that lists be submitted to said meeting of unlodged rates with explanations from Collectors as regards each unlodged item with a view to having the lists furnished the members.



The following are the percentages of the current rate collected:-

B.Cleary 25.87: E.J. Murphy 21.38: M. Kelly 19.09:  
J. Quirke 16.55: S.Gannon 16.48: C McCarthy 15.58: J.Curtis 13.96  
P O'Byrne 13.27: M.Deegan 11.63: T.Rowe 10.39: J.J.O'Reilly 9.14:  
J.Cummins 9.09: J J.Kelly 8.9: J.J.Sinnott 6.64: W.Cummins 6.34:  
P.Donohoe 6.23: T.Sutton 5.91: P.J Fitzpatrick 5.74: P.Walsh 3.1.

The following are the percentages of the 1926 Rate outstanding:-

J.J.O'Reilly .15: J Quirke .47: J.J.Kelly .47: John J.  
Sinott .55: E.J. Murphy .72: J.Curtis .97: M.Deegan 1.42: P.J.  
Fitzpatrick 1.84: T. Rowe 2.13: B. Cleary 2.2: J. Cummins 2.66:  
S Gannon 2.68: W. Cummins 2.76: P Walsh 3.17: T. Sutton 3.19:  
P. O'Byrne 3.99: M. Kelly 5.21: J Doyle 5.34: C. McCarthy 5.47:  
P.Donohoe 6.06: P.Sinnott 12.9.

COLLECTOR P.J. Sinnott.

The Secretary reported that he had suspended Collector P.J. Sinnott ~~from duty~~ and taken up his books. The Collector did not attend for checking on 28th July or on the day following. He visited Sinnott on both days. He received a wire from Collector Sinnott's sister on 30th July that her brother was away and would attend on his return. He subsequently received a <sup>wire</sup> letter from Miss Sinnott that her brother was in Dublin having an abscess on his tooth attended to. He notified Collector Sinnott's surties of his failure to attend and Collector Sinnott was informed by letter that his case would be considered by the Finance Committee on that day. Collector Sinnott's books had been checked and the amount represented by receipts issued from Collecting books was £13-10-6. Considerably more than this sum was due to Collector Sinnott in poundage.

The Secretary's action in the matter was approved.



EX-COLLECTOR JAMES MURPHY.

Letters were read from Mary Dillon, Adamstown, and James Furlong, Templeshelin, stating that they had been applied to for rates by Collector Doyle, and that they had already paid ex-Collector James Murphy.

Patrick Mahon, Kellystown, Adamstown, attended at Co. Council Office and stated he paid Murphy on 3rd December 1925, but got no receipt. Application had been made to him for payment by Collector Doyle.

In view of the fact that receipts were in all cases in Murphy's Collecting Books, the Committee could take no action in the matter beyond writing to Murphy in connection therewith and forwarding him the statements of the ratepayers with a request for an explanation.

APPLICATION FOR LEAVE- COLLECTOR B. CLEARY.

Collector B. Cleary applied for a fortnight's leave to attend Irish Course at Mount St Benedict. The Gaelic League had selected him from his branch for the course.

In view of the fact that Collector Cleary had the best percentage of current rate lodged, it was decided that necessary leave be granted, and that he be informed the Committee hoped he would keep his collection well ahead by giving extra attention to his work on completion of the course.

CLERICAL ASSISTANT CO. LIBRARY SERVICE.

In connection with Clerical Assistant for Library, Miss Harrison, County Librarian, Kilkenny, who had no Assistant, wrote that there were seventy-four distributing centres in Kilkenny, and the average number of exchanges, three.

The number of centres in County Wexford, as returned by Miss Walsh, Librarian, was 84, and number of changes, four.

The Committee decided that a Clerical Assistant was necessary in County Wexford. On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided to request the Library Committee to submit



recommendations as to conditions of appointment and the subjects for examination to be held by County Council, Irish being compulsory as per resolution on books.

PENSION, MISS MARY HAYES FORMERLY CO. INFIRMARY OFFICIAL.

Miss Hayes, who is in receipt of £11 per annum pension wrote as follows:-

"Would you be good enough to ask your Council if they would be pleased to give me my pension altogether. I would be very grateful to you if you could secure me this concession as it would enable me to make provision for my mother who has no other means of support.

It was pointed out that Miss Hayes was in her 36th year, and it was unlikely the Local Government Department would sanction the commutation of her pension. In cases in which pensions granted before Local Government Act, 1900, were commuted, total amount payable on a pension of £11 would be £153-1-3.

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr P. Hayes, it was decided to request the Local Government Department to consent to a payment to Miss Hayes of £153-1-3 within the next twelve months in lieu of pension of £11 per annum for life

DISTRICT COURT ENNISCORTHY.

Mr Denis Doran, District Court Clerk, Enniscorthy wrote as follows:- "I am directed by the Registrar of ~~EN~~ District Court Clerks to point out to your Council that he is dissatisfied with the Courthouse accommodation at present available in Enniscorthy, as, in his opinion, same is unsuitable for the needs of the public, it being too small and no office accommodation therein being available for the District Court Clerk's offices. I am further directed to request that your Council be good enough to acquire suitable premises in the town for the holding of the weekly Courts and in which apartments can be set aside for offices for District Court Clerk."

It was decided to point out that, ~~according~~ pending



rebuilding of new Courthouse, the present arrangements are the best the County Council can make for the District Court Clerk's offices and District Court. When the new Courthouse is being built, provision will be made for an office for the Court Clerk within the building."

The following Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 19th August, 1926, were submitted:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on August 19th, 1926.

Present:- Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding, Also:- Messrs John O'Byrne, W. Thorpe, A. Mernagh, and P. Hayes.

The Assistant Secretary and the County Surveyor were in attendance.

A letter of apology was read from Col Gibbon stating that he was engaged on business in Dublin and would not be able to attend the meeting.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4997-2-8 was examined and signed.

#### APPLICATION LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Miss Walsh, Librarian, Rural Library Service, applied for leave of absence for Saturday and Monday, 21st and 23rd. inst.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Thorpe, that she be granted the leave applied for, and, in addition, that she be granted leave for Tuesday 24th inst if she requires it.

#### APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT, RURAL LIBRARY SERVICE.

Miss Walsh wrote under date August 19th 1926, forwarding recommendation from her Committee in connection with ~~regarding~~ the proposed appointment of Assistant Librarian. The Committee requested the County Council to cancel their resolution of May 18th., withdrawing their power of appointment from the Library Committee.

The Finance Committee decided that, as the County Council had decided to retain the power of appointment in their own hands, it would not be desirable to make any alteration as regards this appointment.

#### DUPLICATE PAYING ORDER.

Read letter from the County Surveyor stating that Paying



Order No. 7668 (amount £2-12-6) issued to Peter Noctor, Kilcavan, Inch, on the 5th August, 1926, had been accidentally destroyed by Noctor and requested that a duplicate be issued.

It was decided to place a stoppel on the original Paying Order and issue a duplicate.

EX-COLLECTOR P. J. SINNOTT.

Under date 11th August 1926, a letter was read from Messrs Robert Moran and James Murphy, the sureties for P. J. Sinnott, stating that they were satisfied that the County Council appoint Philip Furlong of Loughtown, Broadway, to collect outstanding rates in No 4 Collection District.

A letter (No 4794) was read from Messrs McDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers, Dame Street, Dublin, stating that the Insurance Company approved of Philip Furlong acting as collector to collect the outstanding rates in No 4 Collection District.

The Assistant Secretary reported that Mr Elgee, Solicitor, had paid certain rates to Mr Sinnott by cheque, amounting to £50-0-10, and that the items making up the amount had not been accounted for by the Collector, the receipts being still in the collecting book. Mr Elgee had made inquiries also on behalf of a ratepayer who alleges that he had paid rates to Sinnott in respect of which he did not get a receipt. The amount in this case was £28. It was found that this was also unaccounted for by the Collector, the receipt being still in the collecting book.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, that particulars of these cases be furnished to Collector's sureties.

EX-COLLECTOR JAMES MURPHY.

A report was read from Mr M.J. Finn, Deputy Checker of Rates, New Ross, enclosing particulars of amounts which Ex-Collector James Murphy acknowledged to have received without either lodging the amounts (£69-15-2) or issuing receipts in respect thereof from his collecting books.

In reply to an inquiry, the Assistant Secretary said



there was a sum of £87-9-6 due to Murphy in poundage. There was a large number of cases in which ratepayers alleged that they paid Murphy without getting receipts. These cases were at present being investigated by the present collector and the Deputy Checker, <sup>Mr. M. J. Finn,</sup> and a full report would be submitted to the Finance Committee later in connection with them.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, that a copy of the Deputy Checker's report be furnished to the Insurance Company.

A letter was read from James Murphy, ex-collector, in connection with the resolution passed at last meeting asking for an explanation as to the statements made by Mary Dillon, Adamstown, James Furlong, Templeshelin, and Patrick Mahon, Kellystown, that they had paid him rates and had got no receipts. He denied that he had received rates from the persons referred to.

#### IRRECOVERABLE RATES.

Lists of Irrecoverable Rates from Collectors P.J. Fitzpatrick and John Doyle were submitted.

The meeting having examined the lists, it was decided to ask Fitzpatrick to attend next Finance meeting in order to give an explanation as regards certain items.

Doyle's list was found to contain 38 entries in respect of vacant buildings.

The meeting considered that the number seemed large for this area, but the list was otherwise considered satisfactory.

It was decided that the list be passed subject to a satisfactory explanation as regards the <sup>Number of</sup> vacant buildings.

#### OUTSTANDING RATES.

A list of rates outstanding for the periods up to and including the 1926 rate was submitted and examined by the Committee.

In connection with list submitted by Collector E.J. Murphy, it was decided to ask him for particulars of payments



made by Mr Furlong in connection with Bantry Commons rating and also to request him to send report as to ~~when~~ the present position in connection with arrears or rates on these ratings.

In connection with the printing of the lists of outstanding rates, it was decided that a quotation for same be obtained, and if it is found that the lists could be printed for a reasonable price, that this work be carried out.

TRANSFER TO WEXFORD CORPORATION.

On the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman, it was decided to transfer to Wexford Corporation a sum of £160 Road Grant which had been forwarded to the Co. Council by the Local Government Department on the 14th inst on behalf of the Corporation.

AGREEMENT-INSURANCE COMMITTEE-TUBERCULOSIS TREATMENT.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne, that the date for which the proposed agreement should come into force be October 1st next."

The following Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 2nd September, 1926, were submitted:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 2nd September, 1926.

Present:-Mr Thomas McCarthy (Chairman Co. Council) presiding: also present, Messrs Aidan Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Wm Thorpe and P. Hayes.

The Secretary and Assistant Secretary were in attendance. The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4517-0-2 was examined and signed.

#### CLAIM IN RESPECT OF DEATH OF CIVIC GUARD.

Under date 31st August 1926, the following letter was read from Mr H. G. Donnelly, Solicitor, Athy:-

"I have been consulted by Mrs Margaret Kavanagh of Boherbawn, Kildangan, Monasterevan, Co. Kildare, in reference to the death of her son, Guard Edward Kavanagh, which occurred on Sunday, the 15th inst, as a result of the motor cycle he was riding striking a heap of road material on the road from Waterford to Wexford at a place in the County Wexford. From the information furnished to me, the accident appears to have been due to the negligence of the Wexford County Council in leaving a heap of road material projecting over the roadway to an unreasonable distance, so that it constituted a danger to motorists and others using the road.

As Guard Kavanagh contributed towards the maintenance and support of his mother and several of her children, who are minors, and as his death has caused her grave loss and injury, I am requested to ascertain from you what compensation your Council proposes to pay to my client for the loss she has sustained in the death of her son."

The following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That we instruct our Solicitor to repudiate claim for



compensation made in respect of fatal accident to Edward Kavanagh, Civic Guard."

The following recommendation was also adopted:-

"That in connection with fatal accidents arising on roads, and in which the County Council may be concerned, we request the County Coroners to send notice of time and place of Inquest to Mr Elgee, Solicitor to Wexford County Council."

#### CONVEYANCE OF PRISONERS.

Under date 19th August 1926, the District Superintendent Garda Siothchana, New Ross wrote asking if the County Council would guarantee the payment of expenses which might be incurred in apprehending William Walsh, Aldridge, Duncannon against whom it was proposed a warrant for arrest would issue in connection with the alleged desertion of his wife and family.

It was decided to inform the District Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, New Ross that the County Council would be responsible for the expenses in connection with the apprehension of William Walsh of Aldridge.

#### ILLNESS OF LOCAL TAXATION OFFICER.

Under date 25th August, 1926, the following certificate was read from Dr M.J. O'Neill, Wexford:-

"This is to state that Mr Richards has been suffering from Myositis and Neuritis by reason of which he will not be able to attend to duties for three or four weeks."

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

"That Mr C. H. Richards, Local Taxation Officer, be granted sick leave in compliance with recommendation of Dr M.J. O'Neill. That Mr T. A. Frizelle, Assistant Secretary be appointed Temporary Local Taxation Officer during Mr Richards' absence from duty."

#### CLERICAL ASSISTANT TO COUNTY LIBRARIAN.

Recommendations were read from County Library Committee with reference to above appointment.



The Finance Committee agreed to terms and conditions of appointment and adopted the following recommendation:-

"That our Secretary submit particulars of proposed arrangements for appointment of Assistant to Librarian in office of County Library to Local Government Department with a view to ascertaining if this appointment is affected by the Local Authorities(Officers and Employees)Act 1926.

It was decided that the Superior,Christian Brothers, Wexford, be requested to set and mark the papers for Irish,English and Arithmetic and that the Wexford Urban Technical Instruction Committee be requested to allow typewriting examination to be conducted in their schools and to afford the use of their typewriters for the purpose, each candidate to do a quarter of an hour's typing.

The following conditions of appointment were recommended by the Committee:-

Appointment will be made at meeting of County Council to be held on 11th October 1926.

Salary £78 per annum.

Person appointed to devote his or her whole time to duties of the office.

Applicants for the position must be over 18 years of age on 1st October 1926, and will be required to attend for qualifying examination at County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 1st October 1926 at 10 o'clock a.m.:Subjects;-English,Irish, Arithmetic, Typewriting.

(No further notice of this examination will be given.)

Appointment will be subject to approval of Minister for Local Government and Public Health and will be determinable by a month's notice in writing on either side.

Applications for the position with references must be lodged on or before 10 a.m.on 1st October with the Undersigned.

Canvassing either directly or indirectly will disqualify a candidate, but candidates may submit copies of testimonials and



particulars of qualifications to members of the Council.

The County Council do not bind themselves to make any appointment at the above-mentioned meeting.

#### CONFERENCE OF COUNTY LIBRARIANS.

Letter was read from Secretary of Carnegie United Kingdom Trust relative to proposed Conference of County Librarians to be held in London on November 18th and 19th. The Librarians would be the guests of the Trust and Library Authorities would be responsible for fares only.

It was decided to recommend the County Council to agree to the attendance of Miss Walsh, Librarian, at Conference, the Council to be responsible for fare to and from London.

#### WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor Co. Council, forwarded copy of the following letter from Department of Finance- Compensation Section (D48/571):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Finance to request that you will be good enough to state what progress (if any) has been made in reinstating the structure at Commercial Quay, Wexford in respect of the destruction of which the above award (£5,000 and costs) was made."

Referred to County Council.

#### AWARD PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Under date 26th August 1926, the Secretary, Office of National Education, forwarded results of examination for award of Primary Scholarships.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That County Council be recommended to award Scholarships tenable at approved secondary schools to the following candidates placed in order of merit on the basis of the approved Scheme:-

- (1) Joseph Flynn, Ballyvoclare, Campile (608 marks)
- (2) Thomas Higgins, Monamolin, Rathmure, Enniscorthy (598 marks)
- (3) Richard F. Doyle, Sycamore House, Killurin (583 marks)



(4) Mary Kavanagh, Hollyfort, Gorey (570 marks)

(5) Laurence J. Butler, Lambstown, Killurin (543 marks)

That Scholarships to Thomas Higgins and Mary Kavanagh be of the value of £40 for first year and £50 for second, third and fourth years.

In the event of Joseph Flynn, Richard F. Doyle and Laurence J. Butler being able to conveniently utilise train service for attendance at selected secondary schools, their Scholarships be fixed at £30 per annum for four years. Should train service be unsuitable, Scholarships to these candidates be agreed to at £40 each for first year and £50 for second, third and fourth years.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

The following is percentage of first moiety of 1927 Rate lodged to 2nd September 1926:-

E.J. Murphy 53.58: B. Cleary 45.6: J. Quirke 34.54:  
J. Curtis 34.42: M. Kelly 28.9: S. Gannon 27.46: T. Rowe 26.08:  
M. Deegan 25.68: J. Cummins 25.09: C. McCarthy 20.87: P O'Byrne  
19.9: T. Sutton 17.52: J.J. O'Reilly 16.23: J.J. Kelly 15.44: John J.  
Sinnott 15.20: W. Cummins 13.94: P. Fitzpatrick 13.78: P. Walsh 12.9:  
J. Doyle 12.56: P. Donohoe 11.63.

It was decided to point out to the Collectors that it will be necessary for them to close their warrants for first moiety by 31st October, and to inform them that under no circumstances will any extension of time, beyond the 31st March, 1927, be given for close of warrant for financial year.

It was decided that Rate Collectors furnish lists of habitable houses in their districts which were returned on their last Irrecoverable Rate Lists as vacant.

Under date 27th August 1926, Mr Elgee, Solicitor to Co. Council, wrote that warrant for arrest of P. J. Sinnott, Collector for No. 4 Collection District (and who had absconded) had been issued and lodged with the Civic Guards for execution.

Collector Fitzpatrick (Collection District 15) attended in connection with List of Irrecoverable Rates.



Mr Fitzpatrick was directed to have Examination Orders served on all persons on his lists who, in the opinion of the Finance Committee, were able to pay their rates.

The attention of the County Council is directed to a case in this district in which the Sheriff made a nulla bona return on a decree and in which the Rate Collector subsequently secured payment.

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP - S. J. FURLONG.

In connection with payment of balance of University Scholarship to the above, Mr Furlong submitted the name of Mr R.G. McDonald, Nethertown, of Almerness by Dalbeattie, Kircudbrightshire as the farmer with whom he intended serving a year in connection with his Agricultural Scholarship.

The following resolution was agreed to:-

"That payment of balance of University Scholarship issue to Mr S. J. Furlong, University Scholarship holder, on receipt of intimation from Mr McDonald that Mr Furlong has arranged for a year's apprenticeship on his farm"

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

"That the recommendations of the Finance Committee in respect of meetings held on 5th and 19th August, and 2nd September, 1926, be confirmed, subject to the following alteration:- "That, in the conditions for appointment of Assistant to Librarian, age limit shall read 'appointment to be confirmed to girls who are over 17 years of age on 1st October, 1926'".

#### HEAPS OF MATERIALS ON ROADS.

Mr. Connors complained of the disgraceful way in which material was dumped on roads in his district. One heap was ~~in~~ at a very dangerous corner, and an accident had occurred there recently. He proposed that this heap of stones be removed.



be removed.

Mr. Thorpe seconded. Passed.

Mr. Boggan proposed:-

"That the attention of the Assistant Surveyors be called to the dangerous position in which heaps of stones are, in many instances, placed on County roads. If the Council have any further complaint to make in this matter, serious notice will be taken of the negligence of the Assistant Surveyor concerned".

Colonel Quin seconded. Passed.

#### LAYING OF PIPES ON ROADS AND STREETS.

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

"That the Assistant Surveyor be instructed, in any case in which any street in New Ross Town has been opened for the purpose of laying pipes, etc., and not replaced in proper condition, to report to the County Surveyor for suitable action thereon. That persons interfering with the road surface, without having obtained the previous permission of the County Surveyor, be proceeded against, and that an advertisement to this effect be inserted in the local papers"

#### ROADS COMMITTEE.

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The following Minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 23rd August, 1926, were submitted:-



The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 23rd August, 1926.

Present:-Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding, Also, Col Gibbon, Col Quin, Messrs Wm. Boggan, Michael Cloney, Sean O'Byrne, R. Corish, J. Hall, P. Colfer and James Shannon.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

#### TRUNK ROAD GRANT.

Under date 13th August 1926, the following letter (No R/SGN/32 Wexford) was read from the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst, and enclosures, and to state that he has approved of the Scheme submitted by the County Surveyor for the expenditure of £3,140 out of the sum of £36,976 earmarked for County Wexford under the terms of the Minister's letter dated 27th July 1926.

The Works Number shown on the back of this letter has been assigned to the Scheme submitted and should be quoted in Requisitions (Form No. 97) for instalments of the Grant and in correspondence.

The usual conditions as to men to be employed, wages to be paid and method and conditions respecting the payment of the Grants set aside for the work which were attached to previous Grants apply also in the present instance, save that there will be no condition with regard to the withholding of twenty per cent of the Grant until completion of the works. Suitable demobilised men of the National Army, if available, are to get a preference for employment as already indicated in the terms governing previous Grants.

A statement will be required in due course giving



the total number of men employed on the work, distinguishing the number of demobilised men of the National Army.

The Minister approves of this preliminary work being carried out by Direct Labour.

A supply of Requisitions (Form No 97) is enclosed."

The County Surveyor stated that £3140 was required for bottoming and strengthening part of the road (Enniscorthy-Wexford) to the extent of about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles, also to carry out some drainage work.

The meeting agreed to the expenditure in question on the work mentioned by the County Surveyor.

TRUNK ROAD T.12. NEW ROSS URBAN.

Mr Shortle, Town Surveyor, New Ross wrote as follows under date 6th August 1926:-

"My attention has been directed to the local Press reports of a recent discussion by your County Council of the Road Improvement Work carried out by me in the New Ross Urban District, and as considerable misapprehension appears to exist amongst the members of your Council regarding this Scheme, I wish to briefly state a few facts in connection therewith.

In the first instance, the sum of £1,300 was merely allocated to the New Ross Urban District, through the medium of your Council (out of the Trunk Road Grant) in order to improve that section of road known as T. 12, <sup>from</sup> ~~from~~ the Royal Hotel via North Street and South Street to the U.D. Boundary at Newtown. Total length 200 perches. I was then directed to prepare a scheme to cover the expenditure of this amount. Copy of Scheme enclosed.

I estimated that the £1300 would only suffice to roll and spray 160 perches, and that 1,000 cubic yards of material would be required for this purpose. As an excess of macadam was forwarded from Ballybrennan, 180 lineal perches were rolled and 80 lineal perches surface-dressed with bituminous compound at a total cost of £1311-2-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Particulars of this expenditure are enclosed, from which it will be seen that the sum of £676-16-0 reverts to the County Council Exchequer for the purchase of



macadam and hire of roller.

Except for the fact that the surface of the undressed portion began to loosen under the influence of heavy traffic and dry weather (as usually happens), I am not aware that the work was in any sense defective. This portion of the road has since been surface-dressed (under the maintenance scheme) and I think there is now little, if any, cause for complaint. I may add that the work was recently inspected by the Roads Department Engineer and he found no fault therewith.

With regard to the observations attributed to a member regarding the method of cleaning the road surface, I find that this ~~had~~ had reference to another section of road. (T.7) and had no relation to above subject. The workmen referred to were experienced roadmen and were engaged cleaning the road surface preparatory to repairing pot-holes therein with mastic. It is common knowledge that thorough cleaning is necessary if such work is to be really successful. This particular work was being carried out in accordance with the Maintenance Arrangement arrived at with the County Surveyor in March last. The total cost for labour and materials incurred under this arrangement from 1st April to 30th June last was £11-16-0, particulars of which have already been furnished to the County Surveyor.

The fact that the published reports above referred to are not calculated to be of any service to me, must be my excuse for troubling your Council at all in this matter."

Col Quin mentioned that even with the excess material, 22 perches of road had remained unrolled.

The County Surveyor said that Mr Shortall's estimate was £1600. The work was well done and the 22 perches remaining unrolled would be dealt with under the Maintenance Grant.

No Order.

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR.

Col Quin reported that he was at Courtown Harbour on the 31st July and the state of affairs there was lamentable. Three or four men were supposed to be engaged at the work in



the harbour but they were standing around doing nothing. He waited from ten minutes to half an hour without seeing any work being carried out. He asked if there was a ganger in charge. A man was pointed out to him who turned out to be the Harbour Master, and he (Col Quin) asked him what work he was doing. The Harbour Master said he was not a labouring man. He told him that the men were working very hard, though, as a matter of fact, while he (Col Quin) was speaking to the Harbour Master, these men who were ten or fifteen yards over from him were standing by doing nothing. He (Col Quin) went away for a short time and when he came back the men had gone away at 12-30 o'clock. He could not say whether they were going to any other portion of the work or not.

In connection with this matter, ~~the~~ Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, wrote as follows under date 6th August 1926:-

"On 31/7/26, Colonel Quin visited Courtown Harbour as a result of which he made complaint to you as to men idling. The work done by men that day (Saturday) consisted of dismantling paddle, taking off wood and iron which involved a considerable amount of work as many of the nuts on bolts were rusted. Paddle parts were put in boat and landed on island in Basin, and when this was done 45 two cwt weight bags of sand had to be filled and tied, twine for tying being purchased by Mr Stapleton when Col Quin arrived in the village. The sand for filling was barrowed by one man to site where sandbags were required whilst the other two men were engaged filling and tying."

The following letter under date 7th August 1926 was read from Mr Stapleton, Harbour Master:-

Colonel Quin came here on 31st July (Saturday), and made several false accusations against myself and the other men employed by the Council. Firstly, he told me that we were doing nothing which I deny. Secondly, he stated that he was watching us for half an hour during which time we were standing doing nothing which is untrue. He also stated that the men left work at 12-30 p.m. which is also untrue as they left at 1 p.m.

The facts of the case are as follows:- I went over to



the village for a ball of twine about 12-30 p.m. and saw Col. Quin arrive and go up the back road towards Riverchapel. He came back to us in less than fifteen minutes and he wanted to know what we were doing. I told him we were filling sandbags. He told me we were doing nothing and that he would report it to the Council. I told him to do so, and that I denied we were idling. I asked him how the half hour came in, as I saw him arrive in the village, go up the back road and fifteen minutes would cover the whole time. "Well", said he, "you were doing nothing when I came here." The men ceased work on that day at 1 p.m."

Mr Stapleton, Harbour Master, Courtown Harbour, who attended the meeting, stated that the men were engaged filling sandbags while Col Quin was there. They did not leave as Col. Quin suggested but went to another portion of the harbour to carry out other work and it was past 1 o'clock when they ceased for the day.

Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said he was satisfied with the amount of work which the men had done that day.

After some further discussion, it was decided on the motion of Col. <sup>Gibson</sup> Quin seconded by the Chairman to proceed with the next business.

#### ROAD 27 E.

In connection with complaint made by Mr Hall reported at last meeting, as to rolling work on above road, the following report under date August 19th 1926, was read from Mr T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of 9th inst regarding above work.

For some time past it has been impossible to keep Enniscorthy end of this road in repair, owing to depression of road centre and bulging of sides. During and after rain, there was a stream of water constantly flowing along centre of road which was lower than side channels.



"To remedy this it was necessary to reshape the road and for this purpose last year I had a quantity of scabblings and coarse material brought down from Clonhaston Quarry.

After discussing the matter with you on 20th ult. I made necessary arrangements, and roller started work on 22nd ultimo with ganger, two carters and seven men who worked up to 7th inst, after which job was continued with six men for the remainder of the time except last two days when four men were employed. The roller finished on the 17th inst.

Hereunder I give particulars regarding cost of work:-

Period ending	Wages	Insurance	Roller	Materials
7/8/26	£25-8-6	£1-7-0	£23-16-0	250 R. @ 4/- £50
14/8/26	£32-12-11	£2-2-9	£30-9-0	334Bs @ 8/- £133-12-0
17/8/26	£ 4-1-9	15-9	£ 5-19-0	10scrs @ 4/- £2
	£62-3-2	£4-5-6	£60-4-0	£185-12-0

Summary of cost:-

Wages	£62-3-2
Insurance	4-5-6
Roller	60-4-0
Materials	185-12-0
Haulage	25-0-0
500 c.yds @ 1/-	
	£337-4-8

Included in wages is £19-11-6 paid to carters. There was one horse supplying water to roller and sprinkling road. The other horse was carting clay away from water table, shifting stones, and carting from quarry 87 cubic yards B.S. 7c yds of screenings.

Work Done

Scarified 1660 lineal yards watertables, shovelled out and carted away waste clay, marl, etc. Rolled in 250 cubic yards rough scabblings, 334 cubic yards coarse broken stones on a length of 142 perches. Average width 20 feet.

I inspected job on following dates, varying from early morning inspection to visit at 6 o'clock:-

Wednesday 21st July. Laid out work on road with ganger and arranged for men, etc.

Friday 23rd July, Tuesday 27th (8-30 a.m.)



Thursday 29th July, Wednesday 4th August, Friday 6th August,  
Monday 9th August, Tuesday 10th August, Wednesday 11th August,  
and Tuesday 17th August.

This work is being paid for out of Maintenance Proposal  
(amount £630). The other roads in this account, 28E, 29E, and  
30E are in fairly good order, and can stand a saving this year  
to meet this rolling work on 27E.

The ganger was constantly on the job, except occasional<sup>ly</sup>  
when work elsewhere required his attention, and one of the men,  
(P. Carty) then acted as charge hand.

On my inspections I always found work in full swing  
and a fair amount of work done from one visit to another.

There was great difficulty experienced in rolling  
one side of road owing to its boggy nature, and funds available  
did not allow of sufficient material being used for side filling  
so as to prevent bulging of sides under heavy traffic.

The ganger and charge hand deny that men ever idled  
on the job, or that roller was idle except when allowing traffic  
to pass, or for cleaning of tubes, or other such work as was  
necessary to keep her in proper working order."

The following letter under date August 17th 1926  
was read from the Enniscorthy Branch, Irish Transport & General  
Workers' Union:-

"I am instructed to deny Councillor Hall's allegation  
against the workers employed on the Clonhaston road. He stated  
(according to the Press) at your meeting on Monday week last  
that a fortnight ago he found ten men standing on the road  
doing nothing at all. He did not inform the Council that it was  
raining heavy that morning and that the men were seeking shelter  
under the trees. He further states that on Friday fortnight  
he found the steamroller waiting for a man to spread a barrow-  
full of stones so that they could be rolled. This statement is  
incorrect, as there is no barrow used on the job. At the time  
Mr Hall was there, a man was wheeling a barrow along the road



but the man was not a Council employee. The statement about the man saying that too much water was put on the road while the man who was doing it was saying he was not putting on enough, Mr Hall was very careful in not mentioning that the sprayer fell off the watering cart, that it only took a very short time to put it on, and that that this was the cause of too much water being put on the road.

Mr Hall, ~~for~~ I am sure, did see four or five men standing on the cross roads idle that day but they were not Council workers. He certainly never passes without seeing men on the same cross roads especially during fine weather, men who belong to the huge army of the unemployed.

I wish to inform Mr Hall that there are only seven men employed on the job instead of ten.

Trusting the District Surveyor's report will satisfy Mr Hall, as I am sure it will prove to the Council that each man on the job has done his work satisfactorily."

Mr Hall mentioned that no man was at work while he was there and neither did the steam roller stir from its position. He found that other men were at work on the roads as he came into Wexford.

The County Surveyor stated that the cost on this road was no higher than on other roads. As a matter of fact he believed it was within the average as the cost of haulage was less.

Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor in reply to queries stated that he was well satisfied with the progress that had been made and good work had been done. On the morning in respect of which Mr Hall complained it was raining heavily and he (Mr Cullen) found from his inspection of the work sheets in the Co. Surveyor's office that the majority of the men employed by the Council were idle for about three hours that day.

Mr Sunderland (ganger) stated that the tubes of the engine were being cleaned at the time Mr Hall came along. From ten minutes to three quarters of an hour had to be given to this



<sup>about twice</sup>  
work every day at present as the coal supplied was not of good quality.

No Order.

BALLYBAWN ~~COUNTY~~ BRIDGE.

On the suggestion of Mr Shamon, Mr Corish proposed and Mr Hall seconded that Messrs Shannon and Thorpe with the County Surveyor be appointed to inspect and report on the bridge which had been erected at Ballybawn by Mr Quigley at a cost of £45. The general public had the use of it and Mr Quigley was anxious that the County Council should take it over as their property.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report was submitted by the Co Surveyor:

"I have prepared plans for conversion of the old Jail premises for use as Court and General Offices, and these will be before the Courthouse Committee previous to the meeting.

I have prepared a special report dealing with the Road Grant for the special meeting to be held later on the 23rd inst. Last week I had an interview with Mr Quigley, Chief Roads Engineer to the Department of Local Government, and discussed with him the work in general. The Department has not finally decided on the exact details of the work which will be forwarded later.

I have furnished the Secretary with copy of letter which I have received from the Acting County Surveyor in Kilkenny in regard to re-building of Mountgarrett Bridge. The plans appear not yet to be in a position to enter into a contract.

I have notified the Railway Company of the approval of the Council of plans for reconstruction of Sparrowsland Bridge and I expect the work will be put in hands at once.

I have had some repair work carried out on the Gorey-Wexford road, on the bad section between Castlebridge and Oulart-Wexford turn, and as far as it goes this work is satisfactory. I consider that further work of this nature should be carried out, but the funds at present available will not cover such, and



as the "contingencies" fund is small I hesitate to recommend further depletion at this early period of the financial year.

Unfortunately there was a fatal accident on the Wexford-New Ross road. A Civic Guard was thrown from a motor bicycle and killed. I have asked Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor to report in detail, giving measurements at the site, and I shall submit same to the meeting.

In regard to work on main roads in New Ross Urban District, I beg to report that the unsprayed section of the street recently rolled by the Urban Council under Grant (C 855) has now been completed under Direct Labour Proposal.

I purpose when I can get material and have a roller available to complete the rolling of the gap left by the Urban Council-about 22 perches in length.

The final quantities of Ballybrennan Quarry material set out in Form 11 were 750 c. yds. B.S. and 250 c.y. rubble. There was sent from the quarry 890 c.y. B.S. and 194 c.y. rubble.

I examined the books in the Urban Office and checked over expenditure segregated to Main Roads in first quarter of the year and found the accounts reasonable. The County Council has already dealt with this."

Gorey-Wexford Road. Col Gibbon asked the County Surveyor what he anticipated would be the damage to this road during the coming winter.

The County Surveyor said there would be damage to some extent but not to the same extent as the Enniscorthy to Wexford road.

It was decided that the Roads Inspection Committee visit and report as to these particular roads and also as to the condition of the other roads that are liable to "cut" during the coming winter.

Fatal Accident at Ballyvergin. In connection with this, the following letter was read from Mr John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor:-

"In reference to your letter re the accident which happened at Ballyvergin on No 18R, I beg to state that I visited



the place two days after the accident and made measurements of the road at the place. The man fell from the bicycle exactly 39 yards from where a small heap of chippings was placed on the side of the road. I examined the chippings but could find no mark such as would be made if the cycle collided with it. The foreman (Donovan) told me that there was no mark to be seen on the chippings on the morning after the accident. It was sworn at the Inquest that the bicycle was wobbling over the road when passing the cross above where the accident occurred. The road was widened at this place-by about three feet, when being steam rolled, and the chippings were placed on the part made wide for a width of three feet nine inches.

There was then a clear width of road surface to travel on of fourteen feet."

The Co. Surveyor stated he had seen the place where the accident occurred and there was over 14 feet of a <sup>passage</sup> ~~surface~~ way between the edges of the heaps as they stood at present. It was his opinion that the bicycle of the deceased Guard never collided with the heap which was on the right hand side of the road, in view of the fact that no mark could be found on the heap and that the Guard's body was picked up 39 yards away from the heap.

Considerable discussion took place as to the practice of putting heaps of stones too far out on the travelling surface and directions were given to the Co. Surveyor that he should take steps to see that road material be placed on roads in such a fashion that it would not be a danger to the travelling public.

#### CLOSING ROAD 11G (CRAANFORD-CARNEW).

In connection with this matter, the following letter was read from Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor:-

"In about six weeks from now I will be carrying out repairs to bridge on above road which will necessitate closing of ~~road~~ same for about five clear days.

~~XXC~~  
~~XXC~~ ~~make necessary~~



"Kindly make necessary arrangements for closing road. I will let you know later actual date from which I will require traffic stopped."

The proposal of Mr Treanor was agreed to.

#### BALLYMURRY QUARRY.

The following letter was read from Mr Joseph Hyland:-

"As Ballymurry Quarry is now taken over by Direct Labour, I am denied all work for myself and my horses.

This quarry was handed over to me 16 years ago by the owner, Capt. Maher. I had to take law proceedings against Jerome Murphy, Ballagh for right of way, which cost me £5.

I have improved this quarry at my own expense for borer and breaker. I have a face of rock 20 yards long by 20 yards wide which is after being re-bored. I also had to get Permit from the Civic Guards at Oylegate and had to send to Waterford for explosives at my own expense. I was told two years ago last March by the Roads Committee that so long as I gave satisfaction to the Co. Surveyor and his Deputies, the work would not be taken from me, and that they were wanting 1000 yards of extra material which is loose there in the rock at present. I would be satisfied with £30 compensation or be allowed to finish getting out all my loose rock."

The County Surveyor stated that he considered it would be fair to allow 1/- per cubic yard to Hyland for any material in this quarry which he had drilled and blasted.

The meeting agreed to this and recommended that Hyland should be paid a sum of £20 on account.

#### BALL-ALLEY AT COOLGREANY.

Sean Lyndon wrote stating that a Committee intended building a new ball alley at Coolgreany and wished to know if the County Council would object to the Committee taking in a piece of waste ground for which Bernard Moran was paying rent and rates. Moran had no objection to this being done.

Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, wrote approving of the application being granted. The work in reality consisted in



partly rebuilding and repairing an existing ball-alley.

It was decided on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Col Quin, that the application be granted.

#### WORKSHOP AT BALLYCANEW.

In connection with an application for the erection of a workshop at Ballycanew village by Thomas Morris, Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, reported that the structure in this case was of wood and iron and extended from the front of the existing building to near the water table. No obstruction to view was caused. He recommended that as the street at this point was extremely wide and straight, the permission sought for might be granted.

The County Surveyor stated that the little shop in question would not interfere in any way with the travelling surface.

Permission was granted on the motion of Mr Colfer, seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne.

#### ERECTION OF PETROL PUMPS.

Under date 18th August 1926, the following letter was read from Mr Elgee, solicitor:-

"I now write to say that I have considered the matter of the Council's liabilities in respect of accidents in connection with the above.

I am of opinion that, as long as the pumps are placed in such a position as, according to the opinion of the County Surveyor, not to cause any obstruction to the public roads or the users of them, the Council are under no liability in the matter, and that the responsibility for any accidents that may occur, rests with the owners of the pump.

However in any agreements which I have prepared and had signed by Pump Owners, I have inserted a clause indemnifying the Council in respect of accidents."

It was decided to recommend the County <sup>Council</sup> ~~Surveyor~~ to refuse permission for the erection of Petrol Pumps in cases



in which applicants were not able to prove that they have entered into an Insurance policy to cover third party risks.

#### OLD JAIL-PUMP HOUSE.

The County Surveyor forwarded a letter from Michael Tierney, Coolcotts, Wexford, offering £4-4-0 for the portion of the Old Jail in which the Pump House was contained.

The proposal of Tierney was rejected.

#### FIRE INSURANCE.

Under date 4th August 1926, a letter was read from The Irish National Assurance Company, College Green, Dublin, offering to cover the Fire Insurances of the Council at rates hitherto prevailing but allowing thereon a discount of 25% for a five years' contract.

As the Roads Committee considered this proposal was made for the purpose of interfering with the working of the Irish Public Bodies' Mutual Insurances Ltd, <sup>they recommended</sup> it should not be entertained by the Council.

#### CARRIGBYRNE QUARRY.

Under date 18th August 1926, the following letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that one of this Department's Engineering Inspectors has reported that on the occasion of a recent visit to Carrigbyrne Quarry, 7 labourers were employed without any immediate supervision but it was stated that the foreman had called during the morning and might call back. The Minister considers such lax method of supervision most unsatisfactory and hopes the Wexford County Council will make more suitable arrangements.

With regard to the change from piece work to daily wages made in the working of the quarry, the Minister presumes the Council will be prepared to satisfy the Auditor in the event of the question of increased cost of output being raised."



The County Surveyor stated that, since the letter from the Local Government Department had been received, he had appointed a Charge hand in this quarry and the work was going on well.

MOUNTGARRETT BRIDGE.

Under date 19th August 1926, Mr James Gibbons, Acting County Surveyor, Kilkenny wrote stating that Mr Bowen, County Surveyor, was at present absent on sick leave. The plans for Mountgarrett Bridge had not yet been completed, but he hoped to be in a position to furnish further information in the course of a few weeks.

No Order.

FORD OF LYNG.

The following letter under date 20th August 1926 No 16458/26 was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"We beg to inform you that our Engineer recently conferred with the County Surveyor and the Engineer to the Sloblands Company concerning the above mentioned Drainage Scheme and we have his report under consideration at present. Even if the scheme is approved and all goes well, no works can be carried out in the district this year."

No Order

HAULAGE- TARA HILL QUARRY.

Mr Patrick Higgins, Parkbawn, Gorey, Secretary, Gorey District Executive, Farmers' Union, forwarded the following resolution:- "That we the members of the Tara Hill Branch of the Farmers' Union at a meeting held on Sunday, 17th inst, at Tara Hill Schools (Mr Patrick Murray, Chairman) proposed by Mr John Gannon and seconded by Mr John Kavanagh, do most emphatically protest against the attempt of the Secretary of the Gorey Branch of the Transport Union to intimidate and force the carters at Tara Hill quarry who are all small farmers (except 2 carters) and many of them members of the Farmers Union, to join the Transport Union at once and failing to do so their



Committee would take action as per letter addressed by him to an official of the County Council at Tara Hill quarry."

Mr O'Byrne mentioned that there was no objection on the part of the Transport Union to farmers working as carters if they were members of the Farmers' Union.

No Order.

#### BUNCLODY COURTHOUSE.

The District Court Clerk wrote as follows under date August 21st 1926:-

I am directed by the District Justice to call your attention to the present condition of Bunclody Courthouse. The glass is broken in many of the windows, the walls require some patching and a coat of limewash or paint and the interior requires cleansing and painting. It would take very little expenditure to put the building into a condition in which it would be more suitable and convenient for all those whose business it is to attend the Court.

Will you please see that this matter receives immediate attention."

It was decided to refer this letter to Mr Elgee for advice in order to ascertain the liability of the County Council for any structural repairs. In the event of his decision being that the Council are responsible, the County Surveyor to report to next meeting of the Roads Committee the cost of the repairs set out in the application of the Court Clerk and the Civic Guard to be asked to prevent any further damage to the building.

#### BALLINABOOLA QUARRY.

A statement was received from Mr Thorpe in connection with an allegation that had been made by Mr Laurence Erwin, Raheen, Adamstown as to removal of County Council road material from Ballinaboola Quarry by Aidan O'Neill who was working in the quarry.

This had been investigated some time ago by the Roads Committee.



It was decided on the motion of Mr Shannon seconded by Mr Colfer that Messrs Erwin and O'Neill be requested to attend next meeting of the Roads Committee in connection with this matter."

Mr. Hall proposed:-

"That the Minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 23rd August, 1926, be confirmed."

Colonel Quin seconded.

#### Ballybawn Bridge.

On the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Council take over Ballybawn Bridge, which was erected by Mr. Quigley, as a public thoroughfare. That Mr. Quigley be requested to enter into Agreement with Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, dedicating this bridge to the County Council, acting as the representatives of the public".

#### Closing of Road 11 G (Craanford-Carnew).

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

"That the recommendation of the Roads Committee as to closing of road 11G (Craanford-Carnew) be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health by the County Surveyor, who is directed to specify the dates between which said road will be closed".

The resolution confirming the Minutes of the Roads Committee was then put and passed.

#### COURTHOUSE COMMITTEE.

The following minutes of meeting of Courthouse Committee of 23rd August, 1926, was submitted:-



A meeting of the Wexford Courthouse Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on August 23rd 1926.

The Chairman of the County Council, Mr T. McCarthy, presided and there were also present, Messrs Corish and Cloney.

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

The County Surveyor submitted plans and estimate for the renovation of the Old Jail as a Courthouse and for County Offices at a cost of £4097.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to forward the plans and estimate of the County Surveyor in connection with the reconstruction of the Wexford Courthouse to the Minister of Justice and request that he should allow the amount of compensation awarded for the destruction of the old Courthouse to be expended on the Old Jail building, or, if considered advisable the County Council should appoint a deputation to the Minister of Justice to explain the position with a view to having the compensation money transferred from the reinstatement of the old Courthouse to the Jail."

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A memorial was read from several Solicitors in Wexford Town advocating the reconstruction of the Courthouse on the old site.

A memorial to the same effect was read from a number of merchants and traders.

Mr. Hall proposed and Colonel Quin seconded:-

"That the Minutes of meeting of the Courthouse Committee of 23rd August, 1926, be confirmed".

As an amendment, Mr. Corish proposed:-



"That the plans and specifications, prepared by the County Surveyor, be submitted to Mr. Delap of Delap and Waller for his report".

Mr. Rossiter seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment.:- Messrs Clince, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, Pender and Rossiter- 10.

Against. Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Hall, Jordan, Kavanagh, Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, O'Donoghue, Shannon, Thorpe, Whyte, Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin and the Chairman - 15.

The Chairman then put the resolution as the substantive motion and declared it carried nem.con.

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

"That the Chairman, and Messrs Sean O'Byrne and Doyle, be appointed as a deputation from the County Council, with the County Surveyor and the Secretary, to interview the Minister for Justice in connection with the resolution of the Courthouse Committee advocating the transfer of the allowance for compensation from the old Courthouse site to the Jail"

#### CURRADUFF QUARRY.

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Mr. Jordan moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the County Council agree to the opening of Curraduff Quarry".

Mr. Shannon seconded.

After considerable discussion, Mr. Jordan amended his/ of notice motion to read as follows:-

"That Curraduff Quarry be re-opened at the most suitable position. That Cherryvorchard and quartzite field stones be



utilised for main roads in the district: that quartzite field stones and, in default, material from Curraduff Quarry be utilised on other roads in this locality".

Mr. Boggan seconded. Passed.

#### VACANCY ON COUNTY INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

In connection with resignation of Mr. J. Larkin, High Street, Wexford, as member of the County Insurance Committee, it was decided not to fill vacancy until the meeting of the County Council on 11th October, 1926.

#### VACANCIES - OLD AGE PENSION SUB COMMITTEES.

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

"That Rev. A. McCormack, P.P., Kilanerin, be appointed member of No.4 Old Age Pension Sub Committee vice Rev.W. Fortune, C.C., transferred from the district".

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

"That Rev. R. Talbot, B.A., Killanne, be appointed a member of No.5 Old Age Pension Sub Committee vice Rev. R. Benson, who has left the district."

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

"That Rev. J. Rossiter, P.P., Ferns, be appointed member of No.6 Old Age Pension Sub Committee vice Dean Gibson resigned."

It was also agreed that Rev. Canon Evans, Rector of Ferns, be appointed to the next vacancy which occurs on this Sub Committee.

#### TRUNK ROAD GRANT.

Under date 21st August, 1926, letter (SCB/32) was read from the Department of Local Government (Roads) stating



that a payment of £4537 in respect of grant of £15660 to Wexford County out of Trunk Road Grant of £450,000, had been made to the County Treasurer on 20th August, 1926.

SUSPENSION OF COLLECTOR P. J. SINNOTT.  
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Under date 18th August, 1926, letter (No.G.37102/1926, Wexford County) was read from the Department of Local Government, confirming the suspension of Collector P. J. Sinnott (No.4 Collection District) and stating that no objection was raised to the temporary employment of Mr. P. J. Furlong for the closing of the warrant in this Collection District.

The Secretary reported that the amount of the defaultation by Mr. Sinnott discovered up to 11th instant was £452: 5: 1d.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF MR.P.J. FURLONG  
AS RATE COLLECTOR.  
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Under date 2nd September, 1926, letter (No.G.39888/1926 Wexford County Council) was read from the Department of Local Government, sanctioning the temporary appointment of Mr. P. J. Furlong as Rate Collector for No.4 Collection District.

RATE COLLECTION.  
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Under date 8th September, 1926, letter No.G.40897/1926, Wexford County, was read from the Department of Local Government stating that it was observed that, notwithstanding the various orders of the Council, none of the Rate Collectors had closed their warrants for 1925/26 on 31st August, 1926, and pointing out that the progress made with the current collection was very poor, only £15,800 out of £17,445 being collected.



POUNDAGE - COLLECTOR DOYLE.  
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Under date 10th August, 1926, letter (No.G.34927/1926, Wexford County), the Minister for Local Government wrote, stating that he raised no objection to the Council's proposal to pay Mr. Doyle, Rate Collector, poundage on 56 $\frac{1}{4}$ % of the amount lodged by him.

HEAVY LORRY TRAFFIC.  
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On the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That application be made by the Wexford County Council to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an Order under Section 7 (4) of the Roads Act 1920 prohibiting, subject to such exceptions or conditions as to occasional user or otherwise, as may be specified in the Order, the driving of Heavy Motor Cars (as defined by Article 2 of the Heavy Motor Car (Ireland) Order 1905) the sum of the registered axle weights of all the axles of which exceeds 4 tons, on every public road in the County within the area of the Council with the exception of that portion of the road extending from the County Boundary at Bounds Bridge to its junction with the road leading from Gorey to Wexford via Ballycanew and Castlebridge.

"The grounds for this application are that the said roads are unsuitable for use by a vehicle of the said class.

"That application be also made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an Order under Section 7 (4) of the Roads Act 1920 and section 40 of the Local Government Act, 1925, prohibiting the driving of:-



- (a) Heavy Motor Cars (as defined by Article 2 of the Heavy Motor Car (Ireland) Order 1905) at a speed exceeding three miles per hour on New Ross Bridge
- (b) Motor Cars at a speed exceeding ten miles per hour on Wexford Bridge.
- (c) Motor cars at a speed exceeding fifteen miles per hour on the road from Gorey to Courtown Harbour from its junction with the Arklow-Gorey-Ferns-Enniscorthy road at Gorey via Marlfield House and Ballinastray Bridge to Courtown Harbour.

The grounds for this application are that the said bridges and roads are unsuitable for the driving of vehicles of the said classes at speeds exceeding those set out in the application."

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES) ACT, 1926.

Under date 11th August, 1926, letter No. 37067/1926, Miscellaneous, was read from the Department of Local Government calling attention to the provisions of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926. The letter pointed out that the Act extended to all Local Authorities, including Committees and Joint Committees appointed by Local Authorities and set forth the Offices to which the Act applied and the procedure to be followed in making appointments to such Offices.

Mr. Thorpe proposed and Mr. Clince seconded:-

"We consider there was no necessity to apply the provisions of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, to the County Wexford".

The resolution was put and passed, Colonel Quin dissenting.

TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME - TEMPORARY NURSE.

Under date 13th August, 1926, (letter No. P.H. 37103-26) (Wexford C.B.H.), the Department of Local Government forwarded copy of letter



subject to ratification by the Wexford County Council, of the temporary employment of Miss B. Pigott at a remuneration at the rate of £125 per annum, as substitute for Miss O'Connor, Tuberculosis Dispensary Nurse, during the latter's absence on holidays.

Approved.

#### HOUSING ACT, 1926.

Under date 12th August, 1926, (H.501/21443/1926 Miscellaneous), the Department of Local Government wrote forwarding copy of the Housing Act, 1926, which amended and extended the Housing Act, 1925. Section 1 of the New Act defined the expression "The Principal Act", under Section 2, an additional sum of £300,000 was provided for State Grants to persons, public utility Societies and local authorities erecting and reconstructing houses under the Principal Act. Section 3 extended the provisions of Section 6 of the Principal Act to persons and public Utility Societies reconstructing houses under the Principal Act while under section 4 the normal period for the completion of houses by persons and public utility Societies under the Principal Act was extended to three years and six months.

#### PROPOSED COMMUTATION OF PENSION.

Under date 31st August, 1926, (P.39055/1926 Wexford County Council) the Department of Local Government wrote, stating that there was no legal authority which would enable the application of Miss Mary Hayes, Official, late County Infirmary, for payment of her pension in a bulk sum instead of as an annual allowance, to be acceded to.

#### DRAINAGE SCHEMES - GREATISLAND AND CAMBLIN EMBANKMENT.

Under date 7th September, 1926, the following letter



No.17857/26, was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"We beg to inform you that we cannot proceed with the consideration of the above-named schemes until your Council has passed a resolution, in accordance with Section 3 of the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925, referring the proposals to us for further investigation, and undertaking, if the lands referred to in the petitions or any part thereof, together with or without other lands in the neighbourhood thereof, are constituted separate drainage districts, to maintain the drainage works constructed in such drainage districts as far as the same are situate in their county, and to collect and pay the terminable annuities, drainage rates, and other moneys collectable or payable by them in respect of the construction or maintenance of such works".

It was decided that the matter be adjourned to next meeting.

#### SOW DRAINAGE SCHEME.

Mr. Doyle stated that he had received a complaint from a farmer residing in the Sow Drainage District that his main drains had not been attended to under the Scheme. It appeared that the main drains at one side of the River Sow had been cleaned out but nothing had been done on the other side.

Colonel Quin proposed:-

"That the County Surveyor be asked to furnish report on this matter to the next meeting of the Roads Committee. "

The Chairman seconded.

Passed.

#### FORD OF LYNG DRAINAGE SCHEME.

Under date 26th August, 1926, the following letter (No.17059/26) was read from the Office of Public Works:-



"We beg to inform you that on examination of our Engineer's report referred to in our communication of the 20th instant in connection with the above scheme, we find that there is a serious difference of opinion as to the ownership of the channel between the points marked B and D on the map, copy enclosed, which accompanied the petition in respect of the proposal. This is the most vital part of the Scheme, and the question at issue is whether the Slobland Company own it and are liable for its maintenance. If they are under such a liability - and can be made to discharge it - it is obviously inequitable that the cost of repairing ~~and~~ maintaining the channel should be transferred from them to the landowners of the proposed drainage district.

"It is therefore essential that this point should be cleared up before a drainage scheme for the district is further considered. Unfortunately, the Act under which the works of the Company were constructed throws no light on the point while we find on enquiry that the plans referred to in it were destroyed in the Peace Office in Wexford in the fire of June 1921.

"Possibly copies of the plans may be in other hands and we would be glad if any means could be suggested by which the matter could be cleared up".

The Secretary stated that, at the last meeting of the Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, a letter was read from the Office of Public Works stating that, even if the Scheme for the Ford of Lyng was approved and all went well, no work could be carried out in the district this year.

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



"That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, be requested to obtain Counsel's opinion in connection with the liability of the Slob Co., for the drainage of the ~~mill~~ at Ballybro as soon as possible, and that he consult Mr. M. Doyle, M.C.C., in connection with preparation of queries to Counsel"

KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE SCHEME.

Under date 27th August, 1926, the following letter, (No.16486-26) was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"We beg to inform you that on the facts before us we do not consider that any useful purpose would be served by sending down an Engineer to discuss the works carried out in the above Drainage District, at the next meeting of the County Council. If, however, they wish for any information regarding these works we shall be happy to supply it".

Mr. Murphy mentioned that the deputation which it had been proposed should wait upon the Council were unfortunately unable to attend. He proposed:-

"That the consideration of the position of Kilmannock Drainage Scheme be adjourned in order to ascertain if the Land Commission would come to terms with the tenants in occupation of the Kilmannock Estate, who were the principal beneficiaries under the Scheme, and who, the Council understand, have surrendered their holdings to the Land Commission. Unless the Kilmannock Estate would be made liable for the drainage rate, this impost would unduly press upon the farmers concerned in Greatisland, Ballyedock and neighbouring townlands".

*Mr.* Chairman seconded: Passed.



# RENEWALS - SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

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

"That Continuing Scholarships under Secondary Scholarship Scheme be granted to the following:-

Patrick J. O'Reilly, Killanne, Enniscorthy.

John Hunt, Rath, Duncormack.

M. Frayne, Courtnacuddy, Enniscorthy.

B. Berney, Foxcover, Monaseed.

K. O'Keefe, Moor, Bridgetown.

Edward Breen, Duncannon.

John G. Dillon, Harpoonstown, Bridgetown.

Thomas B. Larrissey, Duncannon.

John Stafford, Poulsallagh, Drinagh".

# UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

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On the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. Corish, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Finance Committee be empowered to approve of the awards of University Scholarships in conformity with the University Scholarship Scheme of the Council. That we request the University Authorities to furnish us with list of ~~marks~~ of applicants for these Scholarships and express surprise that these particulars, though applied for a very considerable time ago, have not yet come to hand"

# DEFAULTING LAND PURCHASE ANNUITANTS.

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Under date 24th August, 1926, a letter was read from the Irish Land Commission, stating that the amount of arrears on 31st July in respect of Land Purchase Instalments due for Gales to 1st June, 1926, inclusive in County Wexford, was £22445.



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

"That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, be requested to advise as to whether it is allowable within the law to publish list of names and addresses of defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants".

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

"That our Secretary request the Land Commission to furnish a complete list up to date of persons in arrear with their Land Purchase instalments. That same be submitted to the Finance Committee in order to extract from said list the names of persons who, in the opinion of the Committee, are able to pay their annuities, and that the names so extracted be referred to the General Meeting of the County Council"

#### COURT CRIMERS.

Under date 3rd September, 1926, letter (No.G.40487/1926, Miscellaneous (Q), was read from the Department of Local Government stating that the Minister for Justice had intimated that, as from 1st September, 1926, provision for the full payment of Court Criers from Voted Monies had been made by that Department. Accordingly such Officers should not be remunerated from local funds from that date.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHTING CONTRACT.

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

"That the County Council of the County of Wexford hereby agrees to the Wexford County Board of Health carrying out the Electric Lighting and Heating, the installation of a Power



House and Laundry Fittings and the general work of Drainage and Sewerage detailed in the attached Specification, which has been submitted to and approved of by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, at the County Hospital Wexford, involving a sum of £4,963, and that the Board of Health for the County Health District of Wexford, are hereby empowered to affix their Seal to the Contract for the said works on behalf of the Wexford County Council".

#### COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT FOR TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS

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

"That, in the event of the comprehensive agreement for the treatment of Tuberculosis, receiving the approval of the County Insurance Committee, to whom it has been submitted, the seal of the Council be attached thereto".

#### GRANT - TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS.

Under date 20th August, 1926, letter No.P.H.27255/1926, Wexford County, was read from the Department of Local Government stating that the payment of a sum of £737 had been authorised as the first instalment of recoupment in respect of the expenditure of the County Council in connection with the County Tuberculosis Scheme for the year ending 31st March, 1927.

#### TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME - TREATMENT OF ADVANCED CASES.

In connection with letter from Department of Local Government (No.29796/26 C.B.H), dated 29th July, 1926, regarding the treatment of advanced cases of tuberculosis and which was referred to the County Board of Health for their observations, the Secretary, to the latter body wrote, under date 20th August, 1926, that the letter was considered by the Board on 16th August, 1926, when it was decided to invite the Department's Architect - Mr. Strahan - to the meeting on 20th September, 1926, to discuss



the recommendations contained in the letter".

#### APPLICATION FOR SUPERANNUATION.

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An application was received from Mr. B. J. O'Flaherty, Solicitor to the late Gorey Rural District Council and Gorey Guardians, for superannuation.

On the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to inform this Council if, in his opinion, Mr. B. J. O'Flaherty, Solicitor for late Gorey Rural District Council and Gorey Guardians, is entitled to superannuation, as he was paid by taxed costs and not by salary. "

#### VERONA BRIDGE.

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The County Surveyor submitted letter, under date 7th September, 1926, from Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, that Mr. McCarthy, Fairfield, had refused to sign agreement regarding work of repairing Verona Bridge. Mr. McCarthy said the work could be carried out as already arranged and that he would not object unless there was undue trespass on his field adjoining the bridge.

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

"That the following be appointed a Committee to wait on Mr. McCarthy of Fairfield and induce him to sign the necessary agreement regarding his land in order to allow of the reconstruction of Verona Bridge:-

Messrs Clince, Shannon, Jordan and Hall, report of this Committee to be submitted to next meeting of the Roads Committee".



# NATIONAL ROAD SCHEME.

Under date 8th September, 1926, a letter was read from the County Surveyor stating he had received from the Department of Local Government copies of draft specifications for above work which appeared to have in view the employment of a contractor.

It was decided that the specifications be referred to the Roads Committee.

## NEW ROSS BRIDGE

The County Surveyor submitted letter, under date 3rd September, 1926, from Mr. P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, stating that work would cease on New Ross Bridge on 4th September, as something over the amount allowed would have been expended by them. At least £70 would be required to complete the entire job satisfactorily.

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

"That a sum of £70 be set aside from Contingencies Fund for repairs to New Ross Bridge as per recommendation of the County Surveyor".

## SPARROWSLAND BRIDGE.

The County Surveyor submitted letter under date, 1st September, 1926, from the Chief Engineer, Great Southern Railways, stating that the Law Agent to the Railway Company had been asked to prepare formal agreement in connection with reconstruction of Sparrowsland Bridge and that he presumed the County Surveyor was taking the necessary steps to obtain the sanction of the County Council and the Minister for Local Government with regard to the closing of the road during the reconstruction.



Under date 11th September, 1926, the County Surveyor submitted further letter from the Chief Engineer, Great Southern Railways, stating that in every other case since the new Local Government Board Regulations came into force all the arrangements with the Local Government Department had been made by the County Surveyor, and that it was not possible, at that stage, to specify the dates between which the road would be closed for traffic as delivery of materials was very uncertain. He suggested that application be made to the Local Government Department to have the road closed for four days, the actual dates, of which it would be possible to give three weeks' notice or even longer, to be subsequently arranged.

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

"That the County Surveyor make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health with a view to the closing of road in order to allow of the repair of Sparrowsland Bridge and that due notice of definite dates, between which the road will be closed, be furnished later. "

#### LICENCES POISONS & PHARMACY ACT.

On the motion of Mr. Clince, seconded by Mr. Murphy, renewals of licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act were granted to

Laurence Codd, Main Street, Enniscorthy.

R. Rackard, Killanne, Enniscorthy.

Edward Redmond, The Harrow, Ferns.

#### MEXICAN CATHOLICS.

On the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the following resolution from Wexford Corporation was adopted:-



"That we express our deepest sympathy with the bishops, priests, and nuns of Mexico in the persecution they are undergoing the at/present time at the hands of the Mexican Government, and hereby express our condemnation of the tyrannical action of that Government".

#### REVISION OF VALUATION.

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On the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Jordan, the following resolution from the Enniscorthy District Association of the Irish Farmers' Union was adopted:-

"That we believe the present is no time for revision or increase of valuation owing to the general depression in farming and every business. Such increase will tend to discontinue improvements and stop any progress that industrial people would be inclined to carry out".

The following resolution was also adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"That the Government be requested to amend the present Valuation Laws with a view to providing for acknowledged cases of hardship which cannot be dealt with under existing Statutes"

#### DEMANDS OF COUNTY BOARDS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEES.

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On the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, the following resolution from Waterford County Borough Council was adopted:-

"That in the opinion of this Council the demands made on the local ratepayers by the County Boards of Public Assistance and Mental Hospital Committees constitute an intolerable and unbearable burden and We call on the Government to take the necessary steps to have such charges borne by the National Exchequer".



EXISTING PRICE OF COAL.  
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Arising out of a discussion on the exorbitant price of coal, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"That we draw the attention of the Minister for ~~Kinn~~ Industry and Commerce to the profiteering which exists in this County as regards the sale of coal, and request him to fix a maximum price for same which he can go under the powers conferred on him under the Emergency Powers Act"



CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

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I certify the foregoing to be a  
correct record of the Minutes of Proceedings  
of my County Council in respect of Meeting  
held on 13th September, 1926.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary Wexford Co. Council.

Dated this 15th day of September, 1926.

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*Thos McCarthy*  
*out 11th 1926.*



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.  
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Special Meeting.  
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HELD ON 23RD AUGUST, 1926.  
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MINUTES.  
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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary.

FORTVIEW,  
Wexford.



A special meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on August 23rd, 1926, for the purpose of making recommendation to the Minister for Local Government as to whether the proposed work on the Enniscorthy-Wexford road under a Grant of £36,976 should be carried out by Direct Labour or by Contract.

The County Surveyor had been directed by last meeting to submit proposals as to how the work should be carried out.

Present:- Mr. T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; Also Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Wm Boggan, Sean O'Byrne, J. E. Walsh, J. Clince, R. Corish, P. Hayes, John Whyte, T. Rossiter, P. Byrne, Aidan Mernagh, James Gaul, Thomas Cooney, John Connors, J. Pender, James Hall, Michael Doyle, W. Thorpe, M. M. O'Donoghue, Ml. Cloney, M. Jordan, D. Kavanagh, Patrick Colfer and James Shannon.

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

The following letter under date 27th July, 1926, was read from the Ministry for Local Government:-

"As intimated by the Minister for Finance in his Budget speech in An Dail on the 21st April last, it has been decided to carry out a National Road Scheme at the cost of £2,000,000. The Scheme contemplates the improvement of a selected mileage of the Trunk Roads of the Saorstát within a period of two years. The roads to be improved are shown in the accompanying sketch map.

" In order that the greatest benefit may immediately ensure both to the Road Authorities and to those in need of employment,



it is the desire of the Government that the work will be started forthwith in every county in the State.

"Having regard to the progress made on the previous Schemes financed out of the Road Fund to the extent of over £1,500,000, it is obvious that the Scheme now proposed will entail a greater effort, a more extensive plant and a larger personnel than under the smaller schemes, if carried through to completion within the next two years. The first instalment of the Scheme involves an expenditure of £750,000. Further instalments of a somewhat similar magnitude will be indicated as soon as practicable having regard to the progress made under the initial programme.

"As will be seen from the accompanying sketch map, some of selected roads run through County Wexford and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health directs me to inform the Wexford County Council that the first section of the scheme ~~here~~ provides for the improvement of the stretches of roads at the cost stated, specified on the accompanying schedule.

"A sum of £36,976 has accordingly been earmarked for this work in your county. The County Surveyor should be instructed to get into communication without delay with the Chief Roads Engineer of this Department with a view to the settlement of details incidental to carrying out the work indicated. As soon as the Minister has an opportunity of considering the facilities available in your county, he will indicate to the Council whether Direct Labour or Contract is to be adopted. He will also indicate the nature of any special requirement in relation to the method adopted."

"The usual conditions as to men to be employed, wages to be paid and method and conditions respecting the payment of



the grants set aside for the work indicated in this letter which were attached to previous grants, apply also in the present instance, save that there will be no condition with regard to withholding of 20% of the Grant until completion of the works. Suitable demobilised men of the National Army, if available, are to get a preference for employment as already indicated in the terms governing previous grants.

The intimation conveyed in this letter is to be taken as of a general character and the Minister reserves to himself the right to specify such further requirements as may be necessary for the successful carrying out of the work having regard to circumstances in each particular county.

SCHEDULE County of Wexford. Ferrycarrig Bridge to Enniscorthy Bridge (11.4 miles) ~~strengthening~~ subgrade where required, re-shaping and rolling surface; drainage, bitumen macadam<sup>1</sup>.

Estimated cost £36,976.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Enniscorthy-Wexford Road. Grant of £36,976 for section between Enniscorthy Bridge and Ferrycarrig Bridge. I made application to the Local Government Department for sanction to expend £3,476 out of the Grant on strengthening the subcrust and drainage. The Department has now approved of the work and has allocated £3,140 for same (No.N.875). There are some lengths that require bottoming, and I am at present having material prepared in Kerlogue and in Brownswood Quarries. This work will be the consolidation by roller of a quantity of rubble stone and will be carried out in the usual manner.

"Regarding the balance of the Grant (£33,836) it is proposed that it be expended in putting a tar macadam surface on the length from Enniscorthy Bridge to Ferrycarrig Bridge. I attach



copy of draft Specification which describes the proposed work. This, however, is subject to amendment and to approval by the Local Government Department.

You will note that the material to be used is from Ballybrennan Quarry, and as it will have to be laid while hot I believe it will be impossible to transport it by rail. A road tramway is out of the question as the distances to the road by the three passable crossings of the Slaney are as follows:- to Enniscorthy Bridge  $6\frac{1}{2}$  miles; to Kyle Cross (via Deeps) 8 miles; to Ferrycarrig Bridge  $9\frac{1}{2}$  miles. Road haulage remains, and in view of the large quantity required per day and distance from quarry, horse haulage is not feasible. Lorry traffic is in my opinion the only method of transport, and though no doubt some of the roads will suffer, I consider the damage can be kept within limits, especially as the work can only proceed in dry weather.

"I estimate that there will be required about 20,000 cubic yards of material and the time occupied in consolidating this will extend over from five to seven months according to weather etc.. This will mean the transport of in or about 200 cubic yards per day. The haulage will have to be done by hired plant.

"Regarding preparation of broken stone, I find the Council's own plant will be available only if extensive alterations be made at Ballybrennan. Also it will be necessary to prepare in advance about half the quantity, viz., 10,000 c.yards.

"The alterations at Ballybrennan will consist of the following:-

- (1) Setting back the existing breaker at a higher level.
- (2) Setting up a second breaker at this higher level.
- (3) Making a ramp and tramway for hauling the rubble from quarry face to breaker platform. There will be required



a Donkey engine to haul the waggon.

- (4) Diverting public road opposite quarry to run nearer face. There will thus be a larger area available for a broken stone dump on site of existing road and part quarry floor between new road and existing road fence.
- (5) Remove existing road bank fence and put in concrete retaining wall to hold up dump.
- (6) Make tramway outside concrete wall to take broken stone from dump to mixer plant.
- (7) Erect timber tressel bridge over new road to carry tramway for running broken stone from breaker to dump.
- (8) Prepare site for mixing plant and made roadway to same to allow of lorries and road waggon being loaded.
- (9) Set up mixing plant.
- (10) It may be advisable to purchase and erect a large crusher to deal with the rubble before running to breakers, and then save heavy sledging as well as getting more output from breaker.
- (11) An Air Compressor Drill Plant will be necessary to deal with this large quantity of material. Special arrangements must also be made for blasting as it will probably be necessary to fire shots every day.

I estimate the cost of above at £5913. I do not consider you can charge this in full against the Grant as on completion of the Grant Work the Plant and improvements will have an appreciable value. If the Local Government Department sanction the expenditure and allow the Council to charge hireage for the plant and Grant Work can be carried out directly.



You will then own the plant and have it available for further improvement works both in Rural and Urban areas.

A good deal of the expenditure on tramways in Ballybrennan Quarry will be such as to reduce cost of production for the Grant work and on completion, part of the tram plant may with advantage be transferred to other quarries.

The Council's own rolling plant can be made available, but if necessary, there will be no difficulty in hiring rollers locally.

If the County Council be not allowed to purchase the plant, etc., there is no alternative to having the work done by contract."

Colonel Gibbon proposed and Colonel Quin seconded and it was passed that the County Surveyor be given instructions in drawing up scheme of work under Grant for Enniscorthy-Wexford road that he provide for the drainage of same to be carried on a tarred channel at each side of a 21 foot surface and on which no vegetation can grow.

After considerable discussion, Mr. Cloney proposed and Colonel Quin seconded that the Minister for Local Government be asked to direct that the work in connection with Grant for Enniscorthy-Wexford road be carried out by contract.

As an amendment, Mr. Shannon proposed and Mr. Rossiter seconded:- "That we request the Minister for Local Government to agree to Wexford County Council carrying out the work under Grant for Enniscorthy-Wexford road by Direct Labour provided that the Council are allowed to purchase out of the Grant the necessary machinery which is estimated by the County Surveyor to cost £5000 odd.



After considerable discussion, a poll was taken on the amendment proposed by Mr. Shannon with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Boggan, Byrne, Cline, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Mernagh, O'Byrne, Pender, Rossiter, Shannon, Walsh, and the Chairman - 17.

Against:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Cloney, Doyle, Jordan, Thorpe, Kavanagh, O'Donoghue and Whyte - 9.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

When put as substantive resolution it was adopted nem. con.

*Thomson & Co*  
*Sent 73<sup>th</sup> 1922.*



CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY.  
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I certify the foregoing to be a correct  
record of the Minutes of Proceedings of my County  
Council in respect of Special Meeting held on  
23rd August, 1926.

(signed) \_\_\_\_\_

Dated this      day of August 1926.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.  
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MINUTES OF MEETING

HELD ON 9TH AUGUST, 1926.

N J FRIZELLE  
SECRETARY

FORTVIEW

WEXFORD



THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBER, FORTVIEW, WEXFORD, ON 9TH AUGUST, 1926.

Present:- Mr T McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; other members:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs W Boggan, P Byrne, James Clince, M Cloney, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Thomas Cooney, R Corish, M Doyle, Jas Gaul, Jas Hall, Patrick Hayes, D Kavanagh, Aidan Mernagh, N J Murphy, John O'Byrne, M M O'Donoghue, Jas Shannon, W Thorpe, Jas E Walsh, Thos Rossiter, John Pender, and John Whyte.

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

A telegram was received from Mr Jordan that he was unable to attend the meeting.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.



# DRAINAGE COMMITTEE.

The following Minutes of Meeting of Drainage Committee of 9th August, 1926, were submitted:-

"A Special Meeting of the Drainage Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 9th August, 1926.

Present:- Mr T McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; other members:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs M Doyle, Aidan Mernagh, N J Murphy, John O'Byrne, M M O'Donoghue,

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

## KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

Mr N J Murphy, M C C, wrote that parties interested in above Scheme were anxious that the County Council should receive a deputation from them to put their position before the Council with a view to having the charge on land for works recently carried out by the Board of Works reduced either by extended payments or otherwise.

The following resolution was agreed to, on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr Doyle:-

'That we request the County Council to receive deputation in connection with works recently carried out on Kilmannock Drainage Scheme. That, as the parties concerned are not satisfied that value has been obtained for the money expended, and that they were not consulted before the work was undertaken, we request the Board of Works to send down a representative to next meeting of the County Council to consider the position.

'That we point out to the Land Commission that, on account of the extra Drainage Rate, three of the ex-British Officers, who obtained holdings at Kilmannock under the Land Distribution programme, have surrendered their farms, and request the Land



Commission to inform the Council what they intend doing regarding the three holdings in question'.

FORD OF LYNG.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That we direct the attention of the Board of Works to the following resolution, which was adopted at the last meeting of the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"That the Board of Works be asked to state the present position of the Drainage Scheme at Ford of Lyng, and when report relative to same may be expected to be presented to the County Council; also, if any work regarding the scheme will be carried out this year'.

"That Counsel's opinion be taken as to the liability of the Slob Company in connection with flooding of road at Ballybro".

SCHEMES, GREA TISLAND AND CAMBLIN EMBANKMENT.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Board of Works be requested to state how these Schemes stand at present".

REPORTS OF COUNTY SURVEYOR.

Under date 21st July, 1926, letter 14226/26 was received from the Office of Public Works, relative to reports furnished by the County Surveyor. The letter pointed out that the primary intention was that these reports should contain such information as would enable the Council to determine which schemes could not be usefully or economically carried out under the provisions of the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925, with a view to rejecting them forthwith. For this purpose, it would be necessary for the County Surveyor to give a rough estimate of the number of acres proposed to be improved, the probable cost of the scheme and his observations on any special features.

It was decided to refer the letter to the County Surveyor for



his observations.

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Rossiter, the Minutes of meeting of Drainage Committee of 9th August, 1926, were confirmed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The following minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 8th July, 1926, were submitted:-



his observations.

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Rossiter, the Minutes of meeting of Drainage Committee of 9th August, 1926, were confirmed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The following minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 8th July, 1926, were submitted:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held on 8th July 1926 in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford.

The following were in attendance:- Messrs Sean O'Byrne, William Thorpe and Patrick Hayes.

The Secretary and County Surveyor were also in attendance.

The Chair was, on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hayes, taken by Mr Thorpe.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### TREASURER'S ADVICE NOTE.

Treasurer's Advice Note covering payments amounting to £5545-12-6 was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

Under date 7th July 1926, letter was read from Mr P.J. Sinnott, Rate Collector No. 4 Collection District asking for time until the end of July to close his collection for 1925-26 to enable him to get cases through the Courts. He had made satisfactory collections in previous years and would have done so as regards last year's collection only for the fact that he was laid up.

The following resolution was agreed to:- "That Mr Sinnott be informed that unless he closes his rate collection for year 1925-26 by end of July, the Finance Committee will suspend him from office.

In connection with resolution of Committee calling on Mr McCarthy, No. 5 Collection District, to appoint a deputy necessary owing to his injuries in motor accident, the Secretary reported that Mr McCarthy had resumed duty.

In reference to derelict farm at Great Island, Campile, Mr Thomas Rowe, Rate Collector for No. 18 Collection District wrote under date 25th June 1926 that the tenant in this case was Patrick Bowe. He and his son were working with Mr N.J. Murphy, County Councillor. The farm had been derelict for six years. There were no cattle on it, and none of it had been set



for grass.

It was decided to communicate with Mr N.J. Murphy, County Councillor in the matter and ascertain from him the exact position as regards Bowe's farm.

The following report was read from Mr J.J. Fanning, Checker Rate Collectors'Accounts, Gorey District:-

"I beg to report that I attended at Gorey on Friday, June 18th to check the Rate Collectors'accounts by appointment. I received a wire from Mr Fitzpatrick, Collector of No 15 Collection District, while I was there that he could not attend on that day but would come to Wexford for this purpose on the following Tuesday, June 22nd.

He did not appear on the latter date but, as you told me, he wired to you that he would attend on Friday June 25th instead. He again failed to come on Friday and sent no word. On Monday June 28th I understand you had a letter from him stating that he would come to Wexford that day but he did not do so.

As directed by you, I went to Gorey on June 29th and took up from Mr Fitzpatrick all his collecting books.

He stated to me that he could not attend on the other dates as his mother had been ill."

The Secretary stated that as Mr Fitzpatrick had not attended he had taken up his books and had them checked. They were found in order.

It was decided to return books to Mr Fitzpatrick and call his attention again to the resolution of County Council on 3rd July 1926 stating that if in future he failed to attend he would be suspended.

Explanations from Mr J.J. Sinnott, Collector for No. 16 Collection District and John Curtis No 20 District were considered satisfactory. In the former case, Mr Sinnott's brother had been knocked down by a motor car and had remained unconscious till the 5th inst. In the case of Curtis, his mother died on the day of checking.



In connection with seizure for rates on the farm of Martin Crosbie, Monachee, Duncannon, the following under date 24th June 1926 was read from Mr T.A. Colfer, solicitor, New Ross:—"I am in receipt of yours of the 23rd inst. Daly the Civil Bill Officer reported here that the two animals seized were worthless and the three carts were old and very considerably damaged.

I also had an urgent entreaty from the Parish Priest to allow the horses to be returned so that Crosbie could finish getting in his crop. Under these circumstances I consented to release the property seized, but on the strict understanding it should be available.

I am afraid owing to the little value in the property that it would be scarcely worth re-seizing.

However I will send Daly down at once to have the two horses and carts re-seized and duly sold."

Adjourned to next meeting to await result of seizure.

It was decided to communicate with the Rate Collector<sup>(6)</sup> and direct them to proceed with collection for current year at once. A sum of only £1000 odd had been collected to date and only five of the Collectors had made any lodgment.

The Finance Committee wish to point out to the Collectors<sup>(ns)</sup> that the majority of them pay little attention to the resolutions and instructions of the Committee. For the future any Collector who does not faithfully and diligently carry out the directions of the Committee or of the Secretary will be suspended by the Committee. We also empower our Secretary to suspend any Collector who is lax or neglectful in the discharge of his duties.

#### INCOME TAX ON COURTTOWN HARBOUR.

A Bill for 16/6 Income Tax on Courtown Harbour was considered and ordered to be paid under protest as Co. Council were carrying on Courtown Harbour at considerable loss.



COUNTY LIBRARY SCHEME.

Under date 2nd July 1926, Miss Johanna M. Murphy Clerical Assistant, County Library Service forwarded her resignation.

Miss J. M. Walsh, Librarian wrote in connection with ~~MISS~~ resignation of Miss Murphy that she (Miss Walsh) had made arrangements for taking her summer holidays as from the 14th August and wished that the new Assistant should be appointed at least three weeks before that date in order that she would have an idea of the work which she would have to carry out while Miss Walsh was on holiday. If this was not possible perhaps the Committee would appoint some one temporarily for about seven weeks as from 19th July or sooner if possible as Miss Murphy was leaving at the end of July.

The following resolutions were adopted:-

"That the resignation of Miss Murphy as Clerical Assistant, County Library Service, be accepted, and that she be released from duty on 31st July 1926.

"That Miss Walshe, ~~be~~ Librarian, be granted her summer holidays for 14 days, as from 12th July 1926.

"That our Secretary communicate with other County Councils and ascertain if they have provided clerical assistance for Librarians, and if so, terms and conditions governing such appointments."

OVERDRAFT OF COUNTY COUNCIL.

Under date 3rd July 1926 (G. 29425/1926/Wexford County) the following letter was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"With reference to your letter of the 25th ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions the continuance of an overdraft not exceeding £40000 on the Wexford County Council to the 31st August next, and a reduced amount not exceeding £30000 from that date to the 30th September next. Interest may be paid on the amount from time to time outstanding at



the usual rate.

A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for the information of the Bank."

DISHONoured CHEQUE.

Mr Richards, Local Taxation Officer, reported that in April last, Michael Dillon, 3 Main Street, Enniscorthy, had forwarded him a cheque for £7-4-0 for Road Tax. The cheque was dishonoured and after considerable correspondence from Mr Richards and Mr Elgee, solicitor to the County Council, Dillon paid £3 and promised to pay the balance. This promise he had failed to carry out.

It was decided that Mr Elgee proceed against Dillon for the balance of amount of his Road Tax remaining unpaid viz, £4-3-0.

GOREY COURTHOUSE.

Mr Elgee, solicitor, wrote under date 2nd July, 1926, enclosing copy of letter from Messrs Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey asking for payment of £42-18-9 amount of decree and costs in connection with Gorey Courthouse. The £2-18-9 costs were according to scale.

It was decided that the amount be paid.

Mr Elgee, under date 7th July, 1926, wrote that, as instructed, he had applied for the Poor Rate due on the Gorey Courthouse premises which belonged now to Mr Braslin and he forwarded copy of reply to application from which it could be seen that under the terms of the lease the rent of £10 reserved thereby was to be paid over and above all taxes. This being so, it would appear to be clear that Mr Breslin was not liable for the payment of the rates.

It was decided to point out to Mr Elgee that when the Courthouse ground rent was paid to the Kirk Estate, the rates had always been paid by the landlord. He was asked if he could obtain an inspection of the lease at the time the rent was paid to the Kirk Estate.



SOLICITOR'S COSTS- GOREY UNION AND R.D. COUNCIL.

Under date 23rd June 1926, Mr Elgee, solicitor, wrote that the costs of Messrs O'Flaherty & Son relative to work for Gorey R.D. Council had been taxed to £65-9-2, and the costs of Messrs O'Flaherty & Son for work performed for the Gorey Union had been taxed to £17-6-7.

It was decided that the amounts be paid and debited to the district of Gorey.

POISONS AND PHARMACY LICENCES.

The following resolution was adopted:-

That the County Council will refuse to renew any existing Poisons and Pharmacy Act licence unless application for renewal be made within fourteen days of the expiration of original licence. If not received within this period a new licence must be applied for.

PETROL PUMP LICENCES.

Ordered- "That persons who have erected petrol pumps on roads in rural districts or on main roads in Urban Districts and who have not obtained from the County Council licence provided by Local Government Act 1925 be prosecuted unless within 21 days from issue of notice under this resolution, application for licence be received."

"ANTI-FYRE" FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.

The County Surveyor was instructed to procure half a dozen "Anti-Fyre" Extinguishers and one dozen cylinders for same.



Mr John O'Byrne proposed and Mr Murphy seconded:-

"That the Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee of 8th July, 1926, be confirmed".

DERELICT FARM, GREATISLAND, CAMPILE.

In connection with derelict farm at Greatisland, Campile,- tenant, Patrick Bowe - Mr Murphy, M C C, asked the Council to use their influence with the Land Commission to have the farm transferred to Bowe's son, who is a very hard-working young fellow.

It was agreed that Mr Murphy submit a memo in the matter to next meeting.

GOREY COURTHOUSE.

Mr Elgee mentioned that he had inspected the original lease of the Gorey Courthouse, and found that the County Council had been always responsible for payment of rates.

The resolution confirming the minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 8th July, 1926, was then put and passed.

The following Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee of 22nd July, 1926, were submitted:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held on 22nd July 1926 in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford.

Present Messrs Sean O'Byrne, P. Hayes, Aidan Mernagh, William Thorpe and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary and County Surveyor were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr Hayes seconded by Mr Mernagh, the chair was taken by Mr Sean O'Byrne.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Letter of apology ~~was~~ for non-attendance was received from Col Gibbon owing to absence from home.

#### VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

A vote of sympathy in the death of his mother-in-law (Mrs Morris) was passed to Mr Thorpe on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hayes.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3867-16-2 was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection was considered.

It was decided that Mr P.J. Sinnott Collector for No 4 Collection District and Mr P. O'Byrne Collector for No 9 District be suspended unless they close collection for 1926 Rate by the end of July. That copy of this decision be furnished the sureties of these collectors.

It was also decided that Collectors Sutton (District No 2), Walsh (No 3), M. Kelly (No 6), Donohoe (No 12) and McCarthy (No 5) be informed that they must close their collections for 1926 Rate at once. That this decision be notified the sureties of these collectors.

It was further decided that the attention of all the



Rate Collectors be called to the terms of their Bonds and that they be informed(as their books were furnished them in proper time to secure the close of warrants during financial period)the Finance Committee recommend the Council to hold the Collectors strictly to ~~their terms of bonds~~ the terms of their bonds, as regards the closing of Rate for 1927.

In connection with derelict farm at Newtown, Clonevin, Mr John J. Sinnott, Rate Collector, wrote that he had served Demand Notes on Mr John Gilbert, Coolharbour in respect of the rates which were due. Mr Gilbert declined to pay stating that he was not receiving any profit out of the lands nor using them for any purpose. The Receiver, Mr H.R. Hamilton, Estate Office, New Ross had also written stating that he had no funds in hands and had received no rent out of the lands.

It was decided that the County Council ask the Land Commission to take over this farm.

Under date 21st July 1926, Mr John Doyle, Rate Collector, Scullabogue applied for payment of poundage.

It was decided that the County Council request the Department of Local Government to consent to the payment to Mr Doyle of allowance for poundage as agreed to in the case of the other Collectors, viz, on 56½% of amount lodged.

#### RATES ON VACANT DWELLING HOUSES.

Under date 16th July 1926, letter (No G.31863/26/ Miscellaneous) was read from the EE Department of Local Government, pointing out that Section 16 of the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Act 1893, which imposed on landlords the liability of defraying the rates levied on vacant dwelling houses to which the Act applied, had been amended by Section 9 of the Act of 1926 which laid down that Section 16 of the principal Act should not apply to a dwelling house unoccupied for six months for the purpose of the execution of repairs etc, or owing to the inability of the landlord to obtain a suitable tenant.



## INSURANCE OF WORKERS ON LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

It was decided that this matter be further adjourned pending the advice of Counsel as to the decision of the National Health Insurance Commission of 9th November 1925.

## COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE.

In connection with position of Clerical Assistant re above, the Secretary submitted returns he had received from Counties in which Libraries were working.

It was decided that the Secretary communicate with the Librarian, Kilkenny County, and request information as to the number of centres at present working and how often books were changed per annum for these centres: also with Librarian, Wexford County and request similar information.

## FIRE INSURANCES.

Circular letter under date 16th July, 1926 was read from Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Co. Ltd. stating they were in a position to offer special discount of 25% of the yearly premiums paid annually in advance, subject to the Council entering into an agreement to continue the insurances with the Company for a period of five years.

It was decided to take no action pending the passing of the Local Authorities Mutual Insurance Bill.

## FIREPROOF SAFES.

Under date 14th July 1926, the following letter was read from the Co. Surveyor:- "I examined this safe (New Ross Union) on Monday with Mr Shortall, who informed me that he had word from the Secretary of the Health Board that he would not require it. Mr Shortall pointed out that the safe is merely fire resisting and not burglar proof, and as it would entail expense transferring it from New Ross, he made an offer to me of £5 for it. I consider this figure is about what would be obtained if the safe were auctioned."

It was decided that Mr Shortall take over safe on the terms of the valuation of the County Surveyor provided



that if in the next six months the County Board of Health state they would require its use, it be returned by Mr Shortall and amount of purchase refunded to him; he to be responsible for the carriage of the safe.

Mr Richards, Local Taxation Officer applied for use of second safe which had been obtained from New Ross Rural District Council, to hold cash, etc. pending lodgment. He had frequently from £200 to £500 in cash and cheques. At the commencement of each year he would have over £1000 in hands at a time. The safe could also be used for keeping a stock of licences.

It was agreed that Mr Richards should have the use of this safe.

COURTOWN HARBOUR HURLING CLUB.

Application was received from above for permission to "hold" the bridges at Courtown Harbour on 25th July 1926 in connection with a football tournament.

It was decided that the Secretary of the Courtown Harbour Hurling Club be informed that the County Council had no power to agree to the application as they could be held liable by any member of the public who would be prevented from using the bridges on the occasion.



Mr John O'Byrne proposed and Mr Murphy seconded:-

"That the Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee of 22nd July, 1926, be confirmed".

Passed.

The following Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee of 5th August, 1926, were submitted:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 5th August 1926.

Present:- Mr T McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also:-  
Messrs A Mernagh, P Hayes, W Thorpe, Sean O'Byrne.

The Assistant Secretary and the County Surveyor were also in attendance.

Colonel Gibbon wrote, apologising for non-attendance owing to his acting as Steward at the Horse Show.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4515:4:0 was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

The State of the Rate Collection was considered.

Under date 30th July, 1926, the following letter, No G.33633/1926, Wexford County, was read from the Department of Local Government:-

With reference to your letter of the 21st instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is quite dissatisfied with the progress of the Rate Collection generally in County Wexford. The Collectors should be notified accordingly.

As regards poundage for 1925/26, the Minister is not willing to consent to the payments proposed, but would agree to entertain a proposal to wind up the collection by an immediate examination of each Collector's accounts, giving credit for irrecoverable items and allowing "carry forwards" in cases known to be clearly uncollectible for the time being.

Poundage at reduced rate commensurate with the energy displayed might then be conceded.

The examination of the Arrears List should be entrusted to



a responsible officer who would carefully scrutinise each item.

It was decided that Collectors be instructed to have all recoverable Rates, in respect of period to 31st March, 1926, lodged by the next Finance Committee meeting and that lists be submitted to said meeting of unlodged rates with explanations from Collectors as regards each unlodged item with a view to having the lists furnished the members.

The following are the percentages of the current rate collected:-

B Cleary, 25.87; E J Murphy, 21.38; M Kelly, 19.09; J Quirke, 16.55; S Gannon, 16.48; C McCarthy, 15.58; J Curtis, 13.96; P O'Byrne, 13.27; M Deegan, 11.63; T Rowe, 10.39; J J O'Reilly, 9.14; J Cummins, 9.09; J J Kelly, 8.9; J J Sinnott, 6.64; W Cummins, 6.34; P Donohoe, 6.23; T Sutton, 5.91; P J Fitzpatrick, 5.74; P Walsh, 3.10.

The following are the percentages of the 1926 Rate outstanding:-

J J O'Reilly, .15; J Quirke, .47; J J Kelly, .47; J J Sinnott, .55; E J Murphy, .72; J Curtis, .97; M Deegan, 1.42; P J Fitzpatrick, 1.84; T Rowe, 2.13; B Cleary, 2.20; J Cummins, 2.66; S Gannon, 2.68; W Cummins, 2.76; P Walsh, 3.17; T Sutton, 3.19; P O'Byrne, 3.99; M Kelly, 5.21; J Doyle, 5.34; C McCarthy, 5.47; P Donohoe, 6.06; P Sinnott, 12.9.

COLLECTOR P J SINNOTT.

The Secretary reported that he had suspended Collector P J Sinnott and taken up his books. The Collector did not attend for checking on 28th July or on day following. He wired Sinnott on both days. He received a wire from Collector Sinnott's sister on 30th July that her brother was away and would attend on his return. He subsequently received a letter from Miss Sinnott that her brother was in Dublin having an abscess on his tooth attended to. He notified Collector Sinnott's sureties



of his failure to attend, and Collector Sinnott was informed by letter that his case would be considered by Finance Committee on that day. Collector Sinnott's books had been checked, and the amount represented by receipts issued from Collecting Books was £13:10:6. Considerably more than this sum was due to Collector Sinnott in poundage.

The Secretary's action in the matter was approved.

EX-COLLECTOR JAMES MURPHY.

Letters were read from Mary Dillon, Adamstown, and James Furlong, Templeshelin, stating that they had been applied to for rates by Collector Doyle, and that they had already paid ex-Collector James Murphy.

Patrick Mahon, Kellystown, Adamstown, attended at County Council Office and stated he paid Murphy on 3rd December, 1925, but got no receipt. Application had been made to him for payment by Collector Doyle.

In view of the fact that receipts were in all cases in Murphy's Collecting Books, the Committee could take no action in the matter beyond writing to Murphy in connection therewith and forwarding him the statements of the ratepayers with a request for an explanation.

Application for Leave - Collector B Cleary.

Collector B Cleary applied for a fortnight's leave to attend Irish Course at Mount St Benedict. The Gaelic League had selected him from his Branch for the course.

In view of the fact that Collector Cleary had best percentage of current rate lodged, it was decided that necessary leave be granted, and that he be informed the Committee hoped he would keep his collection well ahead by giving extra attention to his work on completion of the course.



CLERICAL ASSISTANT → CO. LIBRARY SERVICE.

In connection with Clerical Assistant for Library, Miss Harrison, County Librarian, Kilkenny, who had no Assistant, wrote that there were seventy-four distributing centres in Kilkenny, and the average number of exchanges, three.

The number of centres in County Wexford, as returned by Miss Wallish, Librarian, was 84, and number of changes, usually four.

The Committee decided that a Clerical Assistant was necessary in County Wexford. On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided to request the Library Committee to submit recommendations as to conditions of appointment and the subjects for examination to be held by County Council, Irish being compulsory as per resolution on books.

PENSION, MISS MARY HAYES, FORMERLY CO. INFIRMARY OFFICIAL.

Miss Hayes, who is in receipt of £11 per annum pension, wrote as follows:-

Would you be good enough to ask your Council if they would be pleased to give me my pension altogether. I would be very grateful to you if you could secure me this concession as it would enable me to make provision for my mother who has no other means of support.

It was pointed out that Miss Hayes was in her 36th year, and it was unlikely the Local Government Department would sanction the commutation of her pension. In cases in which pensions granted before Local Government Act, 1900, were commuted, total amount payable on a pension of £11, would be £153:1:3.

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr P Hayes, it was decided to recommend the County Council to request the Local Government Department to consent to a payment to Miss Hayes of £153:1:3 within the next twelve months in lieu of pension of £11 per annum for her life.



District Court, Enniscorthy.

Mr Denis Doran, District Court Clerk, Enniscorthy, wrote as follows:-

I am directed by the Registrar of District Court Clerks to point out to your Council that he is dissatisfied with the Courthouse accommodation at present available in Enniscorthy, as, in his opinion, same is unsuitable for the needs of the Public, it being too small and no office accommodation therein being available for the District Court Clerk's offices.

I am further directed to request that your Council be good enough to acquire suitable premises in the town for the holding of the weekly Courts and in which apartments can be set aside for offices for District Court Clerk.

It was decided to point out that, pending rebuilding of new Courthouse, the present arrangements are the best the County Council can make for the District Court Clerk's Offices and District Court. When the new Courthouse is being built, provision will be made for an office for the Court Clerk within the building.



Mr John O'Byrne proposed and Mr Murphy seconded the following:-

"That the Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 5th August, 1926, be confirmed".

MR P J SINNOTT, RATE COLLECTOR.

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

"That the suspension of Mr P J Sinnott as Rate Collector for No 4 Collection District be confirmed. That the personal sureties of Mr Sinnott be notified that they are responsible to the County Council in the sum of £200 towards the closing of the warrant. That, in order to complete the collection, the County Council are prepared, subject to the consent of the sureties, to appoint Mr Philip Furlong, Loughtown, Broadway, as temporary Rate Collector, since he has had experience of Rate Collection, and performed his duties to the satisfaction of the Council."

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

"That, subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and to his providing the necessary security, Mr Philip Furlong, Loughtown, Broadway, be appointed temporary Rate Collector for No 4 Collection District, in view of the fact that, while acting as temporary Collector for the collection of arrears in this district, he will be able to collect a substantial amount of the current rate at the same time".

The resolution, confirming the minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 5th August, 1926, was then put and passed.



ROADS COMMITTEE.  
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The following Minutes of Meeting of Roads Committee of  
26th July, 1926, were submitted:-



The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 26th July 1926.

Present:- Col Gibbon(vice-Chairman),presiding,also Messrs Sean O'Byrne,P. Colfer, James Hall,Michael Cloney, William Boggan,James Shannon,R.Corish and Col Quin.

The Secretary,County Surveyor, Mr Elgee, Solicitor and Messrs T. Treanor,John Kehoe, R. J. Ennis, J. F. Birthistle and P. O'Neill Assistant Surveyors were in attendance.

A letter apologising for non-attendance was read from the Chairman.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.

On the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Corish the following resolution was adopted:-"That we offer Mr Thorpe, our respected colleague, our heartfelt sympathy in the death of his mother-in-law,Mrs Morris,Fethard. That copies of this resolution be forwarded Mr Thorpe and Mr Morris husband of deceased."

#### HEAVY LORRY TRAFFIC.

Under date 12th July 1926,the following letter, (R/RV/32) was read from the Department of Local Government(Roads)

"With further reference to your letter of the 7th instant and previous correspondence relative to the making of an Order under Section 7(4) of the Roads Act,1920,I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to point out that before he can consider the question of making the required Order it is essential that a public inquiry be held. The County Council will therefore appreciate that a Conference between an engineer of this Department and representatives of the Council with a view to selecting roads for inclusion in the Order would be regarded as prejudicing the result of the Local Inquiry.



"I am to point out at the same time that before the public local inquiry can be held, it is an essential legal requirement that an application should be made by the County Council in the "prescribed form" (See Section 7(4) of the Roads Act, 1920, the second schedule thereto, and paragraphs 40 and 41 of the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 1921). A formal application for an Order under the Roads Act, 1920, should therefore be made by you accompanied by a certified copy of a resolution of the County Council in the following form, which has been approved by the Minister:-

"That application be made by the Wexford County Council to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an Order under Section 7(4) of the Roads Act, 1920, prohibiting, subject to such exceptions or conditions as to occasional user or otherwise as may be specified in the Order, the driving of heavy motor cars (as defined by Article II of the Heavy Motor Car (Ireland) Order, 1905) the sum of the registered axleweights of all the axles of which exceeds four tons on every public road in the County within the area of the Council with the exception of that portion of the road extending from the County Boundary at Bounds Bridge to its junction with the road leading from Gorey to Wexford via Ballycanew and Castlebridge. The grounds for the application are that the said roads are unsuitable for use by a vehicle of the said class."

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

"That we recommend the County Council to apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an Order under Section 7(4) of the Roads Act, 1920, prohibiting, subject to such exceptions or conditions as to occasional user or otherwise as may be specified in the Order, the driving of heavy motor cars defined by Article 2 of the Heavy Motor Car (Ireland) Order, 1905, the sum of the registered axleweights of all the axles of which exceeds four tons, on every public road in the County within the area of the Council, with the



exception of that portion of the road extending from the County Boundary at Bounds Bridge to its junction with the road leading from Gorey to Wexford via Ballycanew and Castlebridge, and also for an Order limiting the speed of heavy motor vehicles crossing New Ross Bridge to three miles per hour; the speed of motor vehicles crossing Wexford Bridge to ten miles per hour, the speed of motor vehicles through town of Gorey to ten miles per hour, and the speed of motor vehicles using Gorey-Courtown road to 15 miles per hour. The grounds for the application are that the said roads are unsuitable for use by a vehicle of the said class and that said bridges and roads are unsuitable for higher speeds of motor vehicles than those set out in this application."

#### ROAD GRANTS.

Under date 25th July 1926, (R/RG/131) the Department of Local Government (Roads) forwarded copy of letter addressed to the Town Clerk, Wexford, stating that the authority of the Minister for Finance had been obtained to the making of a Grant of £200 from the Road Fund for the purpose of treating with "Spramex" the surface of the Faythe in the Urban District of Wexford.

#### DREDGING OF HARBOURS.

Under date, 14th July 1926, the following letter (D/5/2) was read from the Department of Fisheries:-

"With reference to your communication dated 18th ult., I am directed by the Minister for Fisheries to state that, having regard to the special circumstances as set out in the copy resolution of Wexford Council forwarded by you, he has arranged with the Commissioners of Public Works to have 12 days' dredging carried out at Courtown Harbour, the whole cost of which will be borne by this Department. In thus accepting the full cost as a charge against public funds, the Minister desires to make it clear to the County Council that this is done without prejudice to any future proposals for the dredging of this harbour.



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"The application as to the dredging of Kilmore Harbour cannot at present be entertained by the Department and consideration thereof must be postponed to a later date.

With regard to the repairs to the sluice gates, I am to request you to state what progress has been made with the work and when it is expected that they will be in full working order."

As regards Kilmore, the County Surveyor stated that the breaches to which the Chairman called attention were now in course of repair.

In connection with work at Courtown Harbour, it was decided to point out to the Department of Fisheries that some considerable time ago, an offer was made by the Department of Agriculture to provide apparatus for dredging the bar at the mouth of the harbour if the fishermen concerned gave their services free in its working.

The County Surveyor mentioned that the repair of the sluice gates was being carried out and he expected to be able to report within the next eight or ten days as to when the work would be completed.

A long discussion took place relative to the employment of a man named John Furlong, who was in charge of repairs at Kilmore Pier and who was not a member of a Trades Union.

The County Surveyor pointed out that this man had been in charge of similar work for about 30 years and was really a specialist in work of this kind. The Transport Union and the other men concerned stated that a man could be obtained who was a member of the Union and who was equally as good as Furlong, as regards this class of work. He (County Surveyor) wished to point out that he had no knowledge of the capabilities of the man in question, whereas he knew Furlong was an extremely competent man for the job. The work was not such as to allow of experiment as to how it should be carried out.

Mr O'Byrne mentioned that if the Union man was equally competent as Furlong, he should be employed by the Co. Surveyor.



After some discussion it was decided on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Boggan, that the matter be left in the hands of the County Surveyor to select the most competent workman.

The County Surveyor was directed to have list of duties of the Harbour Masters posted at Courtown and Kilmore.

MAIN ROADS-NEW ROSS URBAN DISTRICT.

The following resolutions in connection with Trunk Road Grant of £1300 (Road T 12) were received from New Ross Urban District Council:-

"That any liabilities in excess of £1300, the amount allotted for the steamrolling and spraying of this road be met by the Wexford County Council."

"That we again call the attention of the Wexford Co. Council to the condition of Trunk Road T. 12 and request the County Surveyor to have it sprayed immediately."

With reference to the first resolution, the following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Hall:- "That in view of the fact that the County Council agreed with the Urban District Council of New Ross to resurface Road T. 12 for a contribution of £1300 from Road Grants, this meeting repudiates any liability over and above amount of Grant allocated, viz, £1300, and considers resolution adopted by New Ross Urban District Council highly irregular. This Committee fails to understand why the Urban District Council should direct the County Council to meet any liability over this £1300 in view of the circumstances under which agreement was arrived at."

Mr O'Byrne pointed out that he believed New Ross Urban District Council were complaining that they rolled in more material than had been provided in the specification and should be compensated for cost of same.

It was decided that the County Surveyor furnish detailed report to next meeting of the Roads Committee of the material supplied and any correspondence which he had had with the official of New Ross Urban District Council in connection with the resurfacing of this road.



As regards the resolution requesting the Co. Council to complete the work on Road T. 12, the County Surveyor stated that he believed he would be able to carry out anything that was necessary through the maintenance grant.

The following resolution was also received from New Ross Urban District Council:-

"That the Wexford County Council be requested to state when this Council will receive recoupment for work carried out on Main Roads in the Urban District."

The County Surveyor stated that from an inspection of the books of the New Ross Urban District Council, the cost of work and materials for the main roads in this district for the period during which the maintenance was being carried out by the Urban District Council would be £11-16-0.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to pay New Ross Urban District Council the sum of £11-16-0 for maintenance of main roads in New Ross Urban District for the period during which said roads were dealt with by the Urban District Council pending consideration of agreement with County Council."

#### WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

Under date 24th July 1926, the following letter was read from Mr Elgee, Solicitor:-

"With reference to the instructions of the Council to apply to the Circuit Court Judge for an Order giving liberty to the Council to expend the amount awarded for the burning of the Wexford Courthouse on altering and reconstructing the old Gaol as a Courthouse, I have been looking into the matter, and I find that under Section 10, sub-section (1)(ii) of the Damage to Property (Compensation) Act 1923, it is provided-"That whenever a partial reinstatement condition is attached to a Decree, the person by whom such condition is to be performed may, at any time within three months after the date of the Decree, submit a scheme for the application of the compensation towards the erection of buildings of a residential character at any



specified place in Saorstát Éireann in lieu of the buildings specified in the Decree."

The Decree in this case was dated the 11th May 1925 and there is a reinstatement condition attached thereto.

This being so, the application for liberty to apply the amount awarded for the Courthouse for the purpose of re-constructing the old Gaol as a Courthouse, should have been made within three months from that date, or on or before the 11th August 1925, and consequently, as the date for lodging the application is now long past, the Judge has now no power to hear or consider such an application in this case.

Further, under the Section, the only purpose for which the Judge can make such an Order is "towards the erection of a building of a residential character." I do not think that it can be contended that the alteration of the old Gaol as a Courthouse would be in the nature of a residence or of a residential character, and in my opinion, the application would fail on this ground also.

On both points therefore, I am of opinion that it would be useless to proceed with the application which, under the circumstances stated above, I am satisfied, would not be successful."

Mr Corish proposed and Mr Colfer seconded:-

"That we recommend the County Council to proceed with the erection of Courthouse on the old site, as already agreed to by them "

After considerable discussion this motion was altered by the proposer and seconder to read as follows:-

"That the Courthouse Committee be requested to meet prior to the meeting of the County Council in August, and that the County Council be recommended to proceed with the erection of Courthouse on the old site in the event of the Courthouse Committee not being able to suggest a satisfactory method of overcoming the difficulties mentioned in Mr Elgee's letter relative to renovating old jail for Courthouse and for County Offices. Passed.



The following report was submitted from the County Surveyor:-

"On the 19th inst, Mr Batchen, Board of Works Engineer, met me by appointment in Wexford and we discussed the Ford of Lyng proposed Drainage Scheme. Subsequently, we visited the area, more particularly with reference to section between the County road to Rosslare and the Slob Company's embankment. Mr Batchen is to look up the records in the Board of Works Office and to report further on the matter.

On the 9th inst, I met Mr Murphy M.C.C. at Great Island and we inspected the work done on the Kilmannock system. There would appear to be about 4000 lineal yards of drains cleaned, but these are only main drains and no branches have been touched. I understand the work cost between £1,100 and £1,200, and this would appear to be rather high for the work, though some lengths had to be deepened in shale or rock cutting.

I have forwarded the Secretary recommendations for the two schemes, one at Camblin and the other at Great Island, which are such as to warrant detailed investigation by the Board of Works.

The gramblers ordered some while ago have come to hand and are now at work, one in Tara Hill quarry and the other at Ballybrennan Quarry. They are working satisfactorily, but the output of such small gauge material is of course, low. I have arranged accordingly for working double shifts, as we are waiting for screenings for our tar surfacing.

The work at Wexford Bridge is now proceeding in a satisfactory manner. I have had to order from Messrs Pierce new quadrants for the lifting gear and have had winches overhauled and repairs made to the counter balances by Messrs Thompson. I expect to get some of the new bascule beams in during the coming week, and will make a temporary bridge over the structure, so that the existing temporary bridge can be removed, and I expect not to have to stop traffic at all.



"I have now taken over direct work on this and am dealing with the employment and payment of the men myself.

I am arranging for the repair of the sluice gates at Courtown Harbour, and for this work I am utilizing timber that will eventually be required in the sheeting of the ~~maxx~~ bascule of Wexford Bridge. This, I hope, will enable me to cut the expense on Courtown Harbour as there would be no charge for this other than carriage to and from Courtown Hbr.

The work at Kilmore Harbour is now in progress, and I find that there is a great deal of defective concrete in the breakwater.

I am carrying out repairs at present to the timber flooring on the footway and roadway of New Ross Bridge. In regard to the footway, I find that the under beams are in many cases very defective, and I am therefore replacing them before putting down new decking,

I have started the tarring of the main road in New Ross which was recently rolled by the Urban Council, but not tar surfaced. I shall arrange later ~~for~~ for the repair and improvement of a small section not yet rolled, but the money available for the maintenance may not run to the completion of this as will be necessary later. I have examined the records in the Town Clerk's office in regard to expenditure on the Main roads by the Urban Council and shall submit details at the meeting. The amount of labour was not excessive

I have now handed over the Karrier Lorry to the Health Board who in the future will be responsible for its maintenance and running expenses.

As ordered by the Council, I have directed the Assistant Surveyors to take immediate steps for repairing bad section of the Wexford--Gorey road, using fine material or screenings and tar compound for blinding. The work is now in progress.

The building of the bridge at Gurrawn on 255E is



now in progress, and I am arranging to take up repairs to Verona Bridge on completion of the former. I have prepared an agreement which I have handed to the Assistant Surveyor to get signed so that there may be no claims subsequently, and this will be completed before the work is undertaken.

It has been reported to me that a rather serious accident took place at Ballyvergin(18R), on the main road from Wexford to New Ross. I had a proposal before the Council for the improvement of this corner at a cost of £24, but owing to lack of funds the matter was left over for the present. As this place is very dangerous, and rolling work is being done now in the locality, which may possibly accentuate the danger later, I suggest that the improvement work should now be undertaken.

I submit quotation from Messrs McDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers Ltd, Dublin, for the insurance of the buildings in the Machinery Yard at Enniscorthy. It appears that the Council are required under the lease to cover the premises to the extent of £500, and I ask for sanction to have the Insurance Policy taken out.

I have received a claim from Messrs O'Connor Dunne, Ferns, and submit copy of same. This claim has been under discussion for a great while now and I put the matter in Mr Elgee's hands some time ago and he wrote to the Firm. I am not satisfied that the claim is proper, though some part of it possibly might be payable if proper vouchers were submitted."

#### Drainage Schemes.

It was decided that a meeting of the Drainage Committee be held to deal with drainage proposals in connection with Ford of Lyng, Great Island and Camblin Embankment, meeting to be held at 10a.m. on 9th August 1926.  
Ballyvergin Dangerous Corner.

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



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"That in view of the many motor accidents which have occurred at corner at Ballywargin(Road 18R), a sum of £24, as suggested by the County Surveyor, be allocated from Contingencies Fund in order to improve the approaches to cross-roads at this point."

Insurance-Buildings Machinery Yard.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the quotation for premium was 7/6.

It was decided that this be effected for one year.

Account- O'Connor Dunne, Ferns.

The County Surveyor mentioned that this account was to some extent out of date. It went back over seven or eight years. He had gone into the matter with one of the firm and pointed out that a number of items were not payable at all. If vouchers were produced, it was possible that £4 or £5 would be found to be due, but he did not feel at liberty to deal with this matter in the absence or non-production of any orders or vouchers.

The County Surveyor was directed to repudiate liability in this case.

HAULAGE FROM CARRIGEEN QUARRY.

In connection with application from James Kenny, Greenhall, Ferns, for increase in rate of haulage of tenpence per cubic yard, and which had been referred to Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, to explain why it was necessary to "break load twice in hauling from this quarry, Mr Ennis reported as follows:-

"The men drawing stones from Carigeen to roller on 2E and 3E always have a certain quantity of stones both on the road outside the quarry and also at the Ferns end of 3E. They add stones to their load at both places, arriving at their destination with something near a cubic yard. They have apparently found by experience that they can bring a larger load up the street of Ferns than up the laneway from quarry. There is a short but fairly severe pull to the latter.



"In a few years as the quarry face advances this will disappear to a certain extent. It would not be possible to do anything with it at present without worsening the access of Mrs Rath (quarry owner) to one of her fields."

Mr Ennis in reply to the Chairman, stated that in his opinion, Kenny was able to earn 8/- per day and not 4/2 as stated in his letter.

No Order.

CUSH GAP.

Correspondence was read from Mr M.M. O'Donoghue M.C.C. and Rev James Somers C.C. Blackwater, asking that repairs be carried out to the Cush Gap. The road which formerly sloped down to the strand now ended abruptly and it was very difficult to get down to the sea or to return. The repairing of the Gap would mean a greater influx of visitors to the locality with consequent improved financial results to the people who derive a great portion of their income from setting their houses to visitors.

Mr Elgee, in reply to the Chairman, stated that in his opinion, as the repair in question was not for the protection of a road, the Co. Council had no power to carry it out.

The following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That we recommend the County Council to inform Mr O'Donoghue that this work should be carried out by the local people; Mr Elgee having given his opinion that the Co. Council had no legal power to expend money on a work of this nature.

MOTOR CAR ACTS ADMINISTRATION.

The following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That, in order to ensure that Road Tax, etc. is paid by all motorists, we request the Executive Committee of the General Council of County Councils to put before the Department of Justice the necessity for permitting the County Superintendents of the Garda Siothchana and Local Taxation Officers to arrange periodic "holds up" for examination of



Road Tax discs and Driving Licences. At present, "holds up" are only arranged from headquarters and it appears to be a considerable time since one took place in County Wexford.

From information presented to this meeting, we consider it would be advisable that a "hold up" should be held immediately."

Messrs O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Enniscorthy, wrote that on 16th July, the County Council lorry whilst being driven fast and on the wrong side of the road at Tomnalosset, Enniscorthy collided with a motor car of Mr Denis Doyle, Castle Hill, Enniscorthy, and damaged it extensively. The driver of the lorry never stopped to see what happened. Unless the County Council compensated Mr Doyle, he would proceed against them in Court.

A letter was also read from Mr Doyle, claiming £4-17-0 damage to Dunlop motor cord cover and tube, which had been only a few hours in use when it was destroyed by a sharp flag projecting from the road.

The County Surveyor mentioned that as regards the damage to motor car, the lorry driver was not aware that any accident had happened. Mr Murphy, Machinery Overseer, went to inspect the car but found it had been dismantled. He (Co. Surveyor) had reported the matter to the Insurance Brokers who would deal with it.

In connection with claim of Mr Doyle for £4-17-0, it was decided to repudiate liability.

#### PETROL PUMP AT FERNS.

In connection with petrol pump erected by Nathaniel Hayes at Ferns, Mr Elgee submitted correspondence from which it appeared that Mr Hayes admitted that he did not erect the pump on the original site agreed to by the County Council, as he was informed by Miss Donovan, owner, that it might be required later for building sites. When he received this intimation from Miss Donovan, he took it upon himself to have the pump erected at his garage but he did not obtain authority from anyone for its location.



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

"That as Mr N. Hayes erected petrol pump at Ferns at site which was not approved by the Council, he be instructed to have same removed at once."

"That in connection with erection of petrol pumps generally, Mr Elgee, solicitor be requested to advise the Council as to their liabilities regarding any accidents which might take place owing to their position. At present, although the owners of these pumps have entered into agreements with the Council to indemnify them against damages, etc. the Roads Committee feel that a definite understanding should be arrived at with their Insurance Brokers that their policies cover any liability the Council may be held in owing to the fact that owners of petrol pumps might not be sufficient mark for damages."

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.

A letter was read from Mr Patrick Byrne, foreman of Tara Hill Quarry complaining that, although he had been seven weeks idle, he could not receive any unemployment benefit in consequence of holding a farm. He stated he had to obtain a loan from the Bank in order to purchase the holding, and although he had stamped cards since the Act came into force and never drew anything in benefit, he was now informed that he was not eligible for any contribution from Insurance funds.

It was stated that Mr Byrne held a farm of 20 Irish acres.

Mr Corish mentioned that he had dealt with this case as far as possible, but found that owing to the fact that Mr Byrne was the holder of a farm, Unemployment Benefit could not be allowed under the provisions of the Act of Parliament.

It was decided that Mr Byrne be informed that the County Council were not in a position to take any action on his letter.



REPAIRS AT WEXFORD BRIDGE.

The following was read from the Wexford Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, under date 17th July 1926.:-

"Members of above Union at present working at repairs on New Bridge have asked me to bring under your notice the following grievances:-

These men state, in the first instance, that they are doing semi-skilled work, and while quite fit and able to do such work, maintain they are only paid at general labourers' rate, namely, 30/- per week.

They have instructed me to ask on their behalf that they be paid at the rate of 40/- per week.

They define their statu<sup>s</sup> as semi-skilled workmen as follows:-That they have always followed up such work as rebuilding of bridges, where skill in the handling of boats and cots is very necessary, the handling and unpacking of machinery and steel parts and reassembling of same, and general handiness, which is always required in such constructional work as is being carried out just now at the New Bridge.

I am sure that when the nature of this class of work is understood by the Council, through their County Surveyor, they will have no hesitation in granting these workmen this small increase in their wages, viz., 10/- per week."

The County Surveyor stated that, in his opinion, the men in question were really performing skilled work. He recommended that they should be paid 6/- per week extra.

On the motion of MK Col Quin seconded by Mr O'Byrne the following recommendation was agreed to:-"

"That the men referred to in letter from Wexford Branch of Irish Transport & General Workers Union, under date 17th July 1926, be paid as from this date at 6/- per day."

APPLICATION FOR ACCOMMODATION IN OLD JAIL.

Michael O'Hanlon, foreman in connection with repair of Wexford Bridge applied for a house in Old Jail. His present



house was held on a temporary letting and he would be obliged to vacate it as soon as he could obtain a house. He found it impossible to procure a permanent residence.

Refused, as Mr Elgee informed the Committee that if any letting were made to Mr O'Hanlon, it could not be legally determined.

RATHPIERCE BANK.

In connection with memorial of ratepayers for improvement of Rathpierce Bank(Road ~~43~~ 43 G), which was at present dangerous to vehicular traffic, Col Quin and Mr O'Byrne who were appointed a committee to visit the place and report, recommended that a sum not exceeding £20 be allocated for improvement at this point.

The report of the committee was adopted.

OFFER OF ROAD MATERIAL.

Martin Roberts of Ballinagrallagh, Raheen, Enniscorthy, wrote, offering the County Council, at 4/- per cubic yard, 500 yards of material, which he stated, was similar to that of Carrigbyrne Quarry.

The County Surveyor stated that the material was not as good as Carrigbyrne and he considered 4/- too high a price.

The offer was refused.



Mr Murphy proposed and Mr John O'Byrne seconded the following:-

"That the Minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 26th July, 1926, be confirmed."

PETROL PUMP AT FERNS.

Mr Pender proposed:-

"That we dissent from the recommendation of the Roads Committee relative to removal of petrol pump of Mr Nathaniel Hayes at Ferns".

Mr Colfer seconded.

As an amendment, Colonel Quin proposed and Mr Boggan seconded:-

"That Nathaniel Hayes be prosecuted for having erected petrol pump at Ferns on an unauthorised site".

A show of hands was taken on Colonel Quin's amendment when only six were found in favour of it. The Chairman declared it lost.

As a further amendment, Mr Corish proposed:-

"That the circumstances relative to the erection of petrol pump at Ferns by Nathaniel Hayes be referred to the Department of Local Government, and that they be asked what, in their opinion, is the position of the Council in the matter."

Colonel Quin seconded.

On a show of hands, eleven voted in favour of this amendment and nine against. The Chairman declared the amendment carried, and, on being put as the substantive motion, it passed nem. con.

OULART-CASTLEBRIDGE ROAD.

Colonel Gibbon stated that on 6th August, 1926, he passed over the road from Oulart to Castlebridge, and, owing to the manner in which it was tracked by lorries, two distinct streams of water were flowing down the middle of the road. Unless something was done at once,



The Council would be let in for very heavy expenses.

The County Surveyor mentioned that the work was in hands. He found some considerable difficulty in obtaining the necessary quantity of screenings.

COURTOWN HARBOUR.

Colonel Quin complained that very little work was being done at Courtown Harbour. One day he visited it, there were only seven baulks of timber there, and the men stated they required 21 or 25 for the work.

The County Surveyor stated that there had been delay in delivering these baulks, but they should be there now.

It was decided that the matter be dealt with at the next meeting of the Roads Committee.

CUSH GAP.

In connection with Cush Gap, Mr O'Donoghue stated that the position of the place at present was very inconvenient to visitors and residents of the district. He asked the County Surveyor what would be the probable cost of making the place reasonably passable.

The County Surveyor stated that he would look into the matter.

The resolution confirming the recommendations contained in the Minutes of Meeting of Roads Committee of 26th July, 1926, with the exception of that delaing with petrol pump at Ferns, was then put and passed.



REPORT, WEXFORD COURTHOUSE COMMITTEE.  
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The following report was submitted:-

A Meeting of the Courthouse Committee was held on 5th August, 1926.

Present:- Mr T McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also:- Messrs M Cloney, Jas Gaul and W Thorpe.

The County Surveyor and the Assistant Secretary were also in attendance.

Letter from Mr Elgee, Solicitor, under date 24th July, 1926, as appearing on minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 26th July, 1926, was read.

The following Minute of Roads Committee was also considered:-

'That the Courthouse Committee be requested to meet prior to the meeting of the County Council in August, and that the County Council be recommended to proceed with the erection of Courthouse on the old site in the event of the Courthouse Committee not being able to suggest a satisfactory method of overcoming the difficulties mentioned in Mr Elgee's letter relative to renovating old Jail for Courthouse and for County Offices'.

In reply to the Chairman, the County Surveyor stated that his original estimate for rebuilding Courthouse and Offices on old site was £13,000. This was reduced to £10,000 by Department of Local Government. The reduced amount meant that accommodation proposed in first instance would be considerably curtailed. His opinion was that by an expenditure of £5,000 on the old Jail the Council would have much better and roomier Courthouse and Offices than by expending £10,000 on the old Courthouse site.

Plans with description of proposed building on old Jail site were submitted by the County Surveyor.

It was stated that ground rent on old Courthouse site



was £181, and on old Jail, £207.

The meeting expressed themselves in favour of old Jail site if the legal difficulties as outlined in Mr Elgee's letter could be overcome.

On the motion of Mr Thorpe, seconded by the Chairman, it was decided that the County Surveyor and the County Solicitor interview Judge Doyle and place before him plans for building Courthouse and Offices on old Jail site with a view to securing his assistance in having amount of compensation awarded expended on rebuilding Courthouse and Offices on said site.

A memorial was read from ratepayers, residing in the vicinity of the old Courthouse site, asking the County Council to have the Courthouse rebuilt on the old site, and giving their reasons therefor.

The Chairman proposed and Mr John O'Byrne seconded:-

"That the report of the Courthouse Committee be received and considered".

Passed.

Mr Gaul proposed:-

"That the Courthouse be re-erected on the old site, and that the work be proceeded with as soon as possible".

Mr Corish seconded.

As an amendment, Mr Murphy proposed and Mr Boggan seconded:-

"That a deputation wait on the Minister for Justice and Minister for Finance with Mr Barry, County Surveyor, with a view to inducing them to allow the County Council to expend the money voted in compensation in providing Courthouse and County Offices at the Old Jail".

Mr Elgee mentioned that it would be out of the question for himself or Mr Barry to approach Judge Doyle as recommended by the Courthouse Committee as he had no power to over-ride an Act of Parliament.



After further discussion, Mr Murphy agreed to the postponement of the consideration of his proposal in view of the following proposal made by Colonel Gibbon, and seconded by Mr Doyle:-

"That the Courthouse Committee be instructed to reconsider this matter as soon as the County Surveyor is in a position to submit for their consideration detailed plans and estimates, and that the County Surveyor be empowered to employ an assistant to prepare said plans and estimates at a cost not exceeding £10".

This amendment was carried on a show of hands by thirteen to ten.

#### MOUNTGARRETT BRIDGE.

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

"That Kilkenny County Council be requested to inform this Council how the question of the rebuilding of Mountgarrett Bridge now stands".

#### FOOD & DRUGS ACTS.

Mr Thorpe moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the Department of Agriculture be informed that, as regards the prosecution under Food and Drugs Acts against Mary Power, Sen., and Annie Whitty, Aclare, Campile, for excessive moisture in butter, recommended by Department in their letter of 22nd June, 1926, (L.2609-26), the County Council in ordering said prosecution were misled by the report of Mr Kenny, Inspector of Department, who stated that the butter was purchased at New Ross Market, whereas it was bought on private premises as an unfinished article for manufacture. The County Council would not have ordered the prosecution had



they been made aware of the facts of the case".

Colonel Gibbon seconded.

Under date 28th July, 1926, the following letter was read from Mr Elgee, Solicitor, in reference to the prosecutions against Miss Whitty and Mrs Power:-

"The summonses in these cases, which were for the alleged sale of butter to an Inspector of the Department of Agriculture, which contained 18.23% of water, being 2.23% over the 16% allowed by the Butter Regulations, were heard at New Ross on the 20th inst., when the point was raised by Mr Colfer, Solicitor, for the Defendants, that the butter was not a finished article when it was sold, but had been brought in for sale to a manufacturer, who would complete it to the finished article, and further that, as the butter had been sold in the store or factory of Mr Fleming in New Ross, and not in the open market, that no offence under the Food and Drugs Act had been committed. The Justice accordingly reserved his decision on the matters in order to consider the points as raised.

"Here I should state that, in the report which Mr Kenny, the Inspector of the Department, made to them on the matter, he stated that he bought the sample 'in New Ross Market', and made no reference at all to Mr Fleming's store or factory.

"Mr Fahy, the District Justice, gave his decision yesterday, when he dismissed the case against Miss Whitty, the owner of the butter, and he fined Mrs Power, who actually sold the butter, One Shilling and 2s costs, holding that, as Mrs Power, when asked for a pound of butter by the Inspector, sold it to him without making any comment as to its not being finished butter, Mr Colfer's objection on that point failed.

"With regard to the point that the butter was sold in Mr Fleming's store or factory, the District Justice held that there was no restriction placed by the Act on where the sale was to take



place, and that once the sale had been made, as in this case, it was immaterial where the sale took place, and, accordingly, he fined Mrs Power as above mentioned.

"I am also reporting to the Department on the matter".

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the motion:- Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Hall, Kavanagh, O'Donoghue, Thorpe, Walsh and Whyte. 10

Against:- Colonel Quin, Messrs. P Byrne, Clince, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Mernagh, John O'Byrne, Shannon, Rossiter, Pender and the Chairman. 13.

Messrs <sup>Gaul</sup>Hayes and Murphy did not vote.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

#### PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS.

Mr Hall moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That Road Contractors be paid quarterly in future instead of half-yearly".

Mr John O'Byrne seconded. Passed.

#### CURRADUFF QUARRY.

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr Jordan:-

"That the County Council agree to the re-opening of Curraduff Quarry".

By permission of the meeting, consideration of the motion was adjourned to next meeting owing to the absence of Mr Jordan.



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SHEEP DIPPING.  
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Mr James Hayden, Sheep Dipping Inspector, Wexford District, reported that James Fardy, Blackhall, did not dip his sheep during the Summer period. Richard Joyce, Ballask, Kilmore, had sent notice to dip on 12th August - twelve days over the time.

Under date 5th August, 1926, Sergeant John Dwyer, Garda Siochana, Rosslare Pier, forwarded notices of intention to dip received by him on 4th August, 1926, from

Margaret Lambert, Churchtown, Killinick, date of intended dipping, 23rd July, 1926.

James Sinnott, Sigginstown, Killinick, date of intended dipping, 23rd July, 1926.

T J Mayler, Ballytory, Broadway, date of intended dipping, 22nd July, 1926.

The notices were not received in sufficient time before dipping. Sergeant Dwyer asked if there was any reason why he should not prosecute for these offences.

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

"That James Fardy, Blackhall; Richard Joyce, Ballask, Kilmore; Margaret Lambert, Churchtown, Killinick; James Sinnott, Sigginstown, Killinick; and T J Mayler, Ballytory, Broadway; be prosecuted either by Garda Siochana or County Council's Lay Inspector under the Sheep Dipping Order, as the County Council's Solicitor advises".



LEASE OF PREMISES, OLD COUNTY INFIRMARY.  
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On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That lease of premises of old County Infirmary, now known as the Private Nursing Home, be sealed and signed".

NATIONAL ROAD GRANT.  
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Under date, 27th July, 1926, (SGN/201), letter was read *from* the Department of Local Government (Roads) that it had been decided to carry out a National Road Scheme for the improvement of a selected mileage of the Trunk Roads of the Saorstát within a period of two years. A sum of £36,976 had been earmarked for the road from Ferrycarrig Bridge to Enniscorthy Bridge in County Wexford. The County Surveyor should be instructed to get into communication without delay with the Chief Roads Engineer of the Department with a view to the settlement of details incidental to carrying out the work indicated. As soon as the Minister had an opportunity of considering the facilities available in the County, he would indicate to the Council whether Direct Labour or Contract was to be adopted. He would also indicate the nature of any special requirement in relation to the method adopted.

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

"That we accept the grant of £36,976 from the Department of Local Government for the re-construction of the Wexford-Enniscorthy road".

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

"That we request the Department of Local Government (Roads) to provide £3,476, applied for by the County Surveyor to make good defective bottoming on Enniscorthy-Wexford road, and which



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work needs to be carried out without delay".

A long discussion took place as to whether the work should be carried out by contract or direct labour.

Mr Corish proposed and Mr John O'Byrne seconded:-

"That we request the Department of Local Government to agree to this work being carried out by direct labour".

As an amendment, Colonel Gibbon proposed and Mr O'Donoghue seconded:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to put his proposals for the carrying out of the work under this grant before the next meeting of the Roads Committee.

After further discussion, it was decided that the County Surveyor prepare proposals for the carrying out of this work, to be considered at special meeting of the County Council to be held on 23rd August, 1926, at 2.p.m.

#### CLONHASTON-ENNISCORTHY ROAD.

Mr Hall proposed that the work on this road be suspended until the next meeting of the Roads Committee as it was not being carried out in a satisfactory manner.

Mr Cloney seconded.

As an amendment, Mr Corish proposed and Mr Shannon seconded:-

"That the work on Clonhaston-Enniscorthy road be continued, and that the Assistant Surveyor in charge, Mr Cullen, be requested to furnish report in connection therewith immediately".

After discussion, a poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment:- Messrs P Byrne, Clince, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, John O'Byrne, Shannon, Pender and the Chairman. 13.

Against:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Cloney,



Doyle, Hall, Kavanagh, Murphy, O'Donoghue, Thorpe, Walsh and Whyte. 11.

Messrs Boggan and Rossiter were not present when the poll was being taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried and, on being put as the substantive motion, it passed nem. con.

# RESIGNATION OF MR J LARKIN AS MEMBER OF COUNTY INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

Under date 29th July, 1926, Mr J Larkin, High Street, Wexford, wrote, resigning, owing to pressure of business, membership of County Insurance Committee.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne, the resignation was accepted, and it was decided to fill vacancy at the next meeting of the County Council.

# APPOINTMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.

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

"That the following be appointed on Scholarship Committee:- Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Boggan, Corish, McCarthy, John O'Byrne, Seumas Doyle (Ballycarney), E P Foley (Crossabeg), Rev Mr Talbot (Horetown), Rev Brother Markey (Wexford), Rev W F Murphy, (St Peter's College, Wexford), with a representative to be nominated by Co. Wexford National Teachers' Association".

# APPOINTMENT, FOOD & DRUGS INSPECTOR, GOREY.

Under date, 13th July, 1926, the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Wexford, wrote, recommending the appointment of Garda John O'Brien, 5846, as Food and Drugs Inspector for Gorey district, vice Garda Neylon, 4188, who has been transferred to another district.



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

"That Garda John O'Brien (5846); Gorey, be appointed Ex-Officio Inspector under Food and Drugs Acts for Gorey District, vice Garda J Neylon (4188)".

WEXFORD-ROSSLARE (SLOB) ROAD.  
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Under date 28th July, 1926, (R/RU/32), the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote that directions had been given for the payment of £1,500, balance of grant of £2,000, in respect of Wexford-Rosslare (Slob) Road.

In reply to the Chairman, the County Surveyor stated that it would take £400 or £500 to finish the road.

SUPERANNUATION - MR JJ ROCHFORD.  
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Under date 12th July, 1926, ((G.23082/1926, Wexford County Board of Health), the Department of Local Government forwarded copy of Order under Seal, made by the Minister for Local Government, under date, 7th July, 1926, and No 23082/1926, determining the superannuation allowance of J J Rochford as Clerk of the late Rural District Council of New Ross at £216:10:0 per annum.



TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME → DENTAL TREATMENT.  
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Under date 6th July, 1926, (P H 30428/26, Wexford C B H), the Department of Local Government wrote, forwarding copy of letter addressed to the County Board of Health, setting forth details of arrangements approved by the Department for carrying out dental treatment under County Tuberculosis Scheme.

Under date 24th July, 1926, the Secretary, County Board of Health, wrote, asking to have the arrangements set out in letter of Department of Local Government, under date 6th July, 1926 (No P H 30428/26, Wexford C B H), regarding dental treatment under County Tuberculosis Scheme ratified by the County Council.

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

"That the dental arrangements under County Tuberculosis Scheme, made by the County Board of Health and sanctioned by the Department of Local Government, be and are hereby approved".

ADVANCED CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS.  
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Under date 29th July, 1926, (P H 29796/1926, Wexford C B H), the Department of Local Government forwarded copy of letter addressed to the County Board of Health, relative to the question of the provision of accommodation for advanced cases of Tuberculosis in Wexford County.

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

"That the County Board of Health be requested to furnish their observations relative to letter of Department of Local Government, under date 29th July, 1926, (P H 29796/1926, Wexford C B H), regarding arrangements for the treatment of advanced cases of Tuberculosis.



#### WATERFORD & NEW ROSS PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY.

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Under date 1st July, 1926, (29308/26), the Department of Local Government forwarded copy of their Auditor's report on his audit of the accounts of the Waterford and New Ross Port Sanitary Authority for the seven years ended 31st March, 1926.

#### LOADING FACILITIES FOR LIVE STOCK AT RAILWAY STATIONS.

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Under date 21st July, 1926, (L.1225/26), the Department of Agriculture wrote that the Railway Company had agreed to have furnished at Gorey, Enniscorthy, Ferns, Wexford and New Ross Railway Stations, movable guides or carriers to facilitate the work of loading live stock especially on days other than fair days.

#### RETURN OF STATISTICS.

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Under date 19th July, 1926, (M.1007), the Department of Industry and Commerce (Statistics Branch) forwarded copy of the Statistics (Census of Production) Order, 1926, made under section 16 (1) of the Statistics Act, 1926, and under which statistics for the current calendar year would be collected early next year.

#### LAND PURCHASE ANNUITIES.

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Under date 31st July, 1926, (39767/1926), letter was read from the Irish Land Commission, stating that the amount of Land Purchase Annuities collectible in County Wexford for November-December 1925 gale was £75,129, being £63,352 for the gale alone and £11,777 arrears of all previous gales. At the 30th ultimo, all the above had been collected except £9,106, which at that date represented the total arrears of Land Purchase Annuities chargeable against the County Wexford portion of the Guarantee Fund. Of the



£9,106 arrears, approximately £4,944 represented cases in which Nulla Bona Returns had been made by the Sheriff, and, in all these, Notices of Intention to Sell the holdings had been served by the Land Commission on the owners or occupiers.

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

"That the Irish Land Commission be requested to state the amount of arrears at present outstanding in respect of Land Purchase Annuities payable to 30th June, 1926".

GRANT; DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - TECHNICAL  
INSTRUCTION FUNDS.  
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The following resolution was read from the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"That, in view of the action of the Technical Instruction Branch of the Department of Education in cutting down their grant to Co Wexford Technical Instruction Scheme by £134 for session 1925-26 and of their proposal to reduce grant for 1926-27 by £160 we request directions from Wexford County Council as to what amount from local rates they recommend should be included by this Committee in Technical Instruction Scheme for next session. We wish to point out to the Department that, if this Committee had been aware at the time they agreed to include £400 from local rates for Scheme of 1925-26, the Department intended to cut down their grant for 1925-26 to this Committee, it is improbable that the sum of £400 would have been set aside as the local contribution. The Committee would be glad to learn what - at the moment - is the amount standing to the credit of the Committee in the records of the Department".

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Shannon, the following resolution was adopted:-



"That, in view of the fact that the Department of Education have reduced their normal grant to the Technical Instruction Scheme of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction from £290 to £130, and as we are informed that there is to credit of this Scheme in the books of the Department, £900, we hereby allocate to the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for the purposes of Technical Instruction for session 1926-27, the sum of £180, which is a proportionate reduction on the County Council's normal grant of £400. We understand that the reduced grant is considerably the lowest given to any County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for work on Technical Instruction Schemes, and the County Council always understood that, so long as they contributed £400 towards the County Wexford Technical Instruction Scheme, the Department would provide £290, their normal grant".

#### GOREY SEWERAGE.

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Under date 28th July, 1926, the County Surveyor submitted letter from County Board of Health, asking him to reduce by £23 account for £30:11:0 for hire of engine, etc in connection with Gorey Sewerage Works.

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Shannon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That, as the charges made by the County Surveyor are on the same basis<sup>as</sup> fixed for work in his charge, the Council are not in a position to accede to the request of the County Board of Health".



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AGREEMENT WITH INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

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Under date 24th July, 1926, the Secretary, County Board of Health, wrote, stating that, at the meeting of his Board on the 19th July, it was decided to recommend the County Council to enter into agreement with the County Insurance Committee.

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

That this County Council agrees to enter into the comprehensive agreement with the County Wexford Insurance Committee regarding the treatment of tuberculous patients. That this matter be referred to the Finance Committee in order to fix date on which the agreement shall come into operation, etc."

MAINTENANCE OF MAIN ROADS - WEXFORD URBAN DISTRICT.

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Application was received from Wexford Corporation for payment of £150:4:6, cost of maintenance of main roads in Urban District for quarter ended 30th June, 1926.

The County Surveyor recommended that the amount be paid, and a resolution to this effect was passed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Colonel Gibbon.

NEW ROSS BRIDGE.

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The County Surveyor submitted letter, under date 2nd August, 1926, from the Town Clerk, New Ross, regarding the maintenance of New Ross Bridge and approaches for year ending 31st March, 1927 in view of the fact that the New Ross Urban District Council had not taken over the maintenance of the Main Roads in the Urban District.

The County Surveyor stated that he had replied that, as New Ross Urban District Council had refused to take up the maintenance of the Main Roads, in their District, they would



have no work to do on the Bridge.

The reply of the County Surveyor was approved.

#### MATERIAL FOR ROADS IN NEW ROSS URBAN DISTRICT.

The County Surveyor submitted letter, under date 2nd August, 1926, from the Town Clerk, New Ross, asking if his Urban Council could be supplied with from eighty to one hundred tons of broken stone from Ballybrennan Quarry, and price per ton free on rail at Sparrowsland.

The County Surveyor stated that he had offered New Ross Urban District Council 100 tons, free on rail at Sparrowsland, at 10/- per ton, payment to be made according to Railway Company's dockets of weight.

The proposal of the County Surveyor was approved.

#### SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS.

The following report was submitted:-

Examination for Secondary Scholarships to be awarded by County Council was held on 7th, 8th, and 9th July, 1926, in Christian Brothers' Schools, George Street, Wexford, the Superintendents being Mr Topping, Inspector of National Schools, and Mr O'Reilly of Drumcondra College, Dublin.

The following candidates sat for the examination:-

Charles Hendrick, Belvedere, Coolcots, Wexford.

Patrick Murphy, Garrymile, The Ballagh.

John Corcoran, Bannpark, Craanford, Gorey..

John Cogley, Bulgan, Glynn.

Thomas Higgins, Monamolin, Rathnure, Enniscorthy.

Daniel J Druhan, Lady's Island.

John Francis O'Brien, Allenstown Big, Broadway.

Richard Francis Doyle, Sycamore House, Killutin.

John French, Cliff Cottage, Cullenstown, Bannow.

Laurence Joseph Butler, Lambstown, Killurin.



Mary Kavanagh, Hollyfort, Gorey.

Joshua Kilty, Borleagh, Inch.

Joseph Flynn, Ballyvoclare, Campile.

Nicholas Mernagh, Shelbourne Lodge, Fethard.

Eva Cullen, Ballytarsna, Ballycullane.

Three candidates failed to sit.

The results will be issued to the Council by the Department of Education.

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Shannon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the best thanks of this Council be conveyed to Rev Brother Markey, Superior, Christian Brothers, Wexford, for his kindness in placing at the disposal of the County Council the Schools in George Street for the holding of the Secondary Scholarships Examination".

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

Report was received from University authorities as to scholarship-holders of the Council.

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

"That continuing University Scholarships be awarded the following, who have passed their examinations:-

Thomas Keegan, Thomas J Malone, Patrick Whelan, and  
Enor A M Bolger,

"That the award of continuing Scholarships in the cases of the remaining students be held over, pending receipt of results of examinations taken by these students".



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POISONS & PHARMACY ACT.  
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On the motion of Mr John O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Shannon, licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act was granted to Mr William Armstrong, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, for premises at Blackwater, and renewal of licence to Mr W H McGuire, Commercial Quay, Wexford.

REPORT OF ANALYST.  
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Report of Miss Phyllis Ryan, Analyst, for quarter ended 30th June, 1926, was submitted. The total number of samples analysed during the quarter was 37, of which two samples of drugs, one sample of new milk and one sample of butter were found to be adulterated.

ROSSLARE RACES.  
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Mr J F Kelly, Secretary, Rosslare Race Committee, applied for the permission of the Council to make collections on the roads leading to the Strand at Rosslare on the date of the races, viz., 26th August, 1926.

No Order.

DEFAULTERS, LAND PURCHASE ANNUITIES.  
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A resolution was read from Roscommon County Council, requesting the Government to pass immediate legislation for the protection of tenant purchasers who pay their annuities punctually and prevent the ever increasing abuse of having to pay for well-to-do defaulters who are responsible for the stoppage of grants with consequent increases in rates, and empowering the Land Commission to take over land from defaulters for the purpose of enlarging uneconomic holdings, etc.

The resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr John O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Colfer.



CIRCUIT COURTS  
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A resolution was received from Tirconail County Council, protesting against the institution of the system of proceedings and the consequent increase in the cost of litigation, at present being considered in connection with Circuit Courts.

Marked "Read".

INCOME TAX.  
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A resolution was received from Killarney Urban District Council, protesting against the policy of the Government in interpreting the Income Tax Laws in such a manner as to make it impossible for people of means to take up residence or remain in this country, owing to the incidence of double Income Tax.

No action.

SPARROWSLAND BRIDGE.  
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The County Surveyor submitted letter, under date 6th August, 1926, from the Engineer to the Great Southern Railways, stating that £37 would be the extra cost of effecting an easement to the North Western corner of Sparrowsland Bridge by means of a reinforced concrete slab, together with the provision of an open fence on the Waterford side of the Bridge so that traffic could be seen. With regard to the open fence, should an accident occur from a horse taking fright, or other cause, the Company might be held responsible, since the original work had been altered, and in any agreement come to between the Company and the County Council, an indemnity clause would have to be provided.

On the motion of Mr Shannon, seconded by Mr Corish, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a sum of £37 be taken from Contingencies Fund for the purpose of effecting an easement to the north western corner



of Sparrowsland Bridge and the provision of an open fence on  
the Waterford side of the bridge to enable traffic to be seen.

*W. D. McCarthy*  
*Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 1926*  

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## WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

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## M I N U T E S

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OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 3RD JULY,  
1926.

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,  
WEXFORD.

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The Annual meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 3rd July, 1926.

Present:- Mr. Thomas McCarthy, Chairman, (Presiding); also Messrs William Boggan, Patrick Byrne, James Clince, Michael Cloney, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, Michael Doyle, James Gaul, Colonel C. M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, David Kavanagh, Aidan Mernagh, Nicholas J. Murphy, John O'Byrne, John Pender, M. M. O'Donoghue, Colonel R. P. Wemyss Quin, Thomas Rossiter, James Shannon, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh, and John White.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.



# ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

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Mr. Shannon, in proposing that the out-going Chairman, Mr. McCarthy, be re-elected for the coming year, said that last year he (Mr. Shannon) had the honour of proposing Mr. McCarthy for the chair, and he believed that he had carried out his duties during the past year in a fair and straightforward manner. He believed the Council could not do better than re-elect him.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne, in seconding, said that the Council had been very lucky in getting such a Chairman as Mr. McCarthy who had carried out the business very impartially.

The motion was supported by Colonel Gibbon, Mr. Corish and Mr. Rossiter.

The Chairman returned thanks for his re-election.

# ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN.

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Colonel Gibbon, as outgoing vice chairman, proposed the election of Mr. Michael Doyle to the position.

Mr. Doyle, intervening, said that he could not find time to devote to the position as he already had sufficient commitments on his time, and he certainly would not take on any more new duties.

Mr. Cloney proposed the re-election of Colonel Gibbon. Mr. Boggan seconded.

Messrs Corish, Hayes and Shannon supported the motion.

The Chairman, associating himself with the proposition, stated that Colonel Gibbon had given great attention to his duties, and had shown marked ability in dealing with public affairs.

As there was no other proposition, the Chairman stated he had great pleasure in declaring Colonel Gibbon re-elected.



## APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

### Finance

The following list of attendances of Finance Committee since the election of County Council was laid before the meeting:-

Messrs Sean O'Byrne 26 meetings; P. Hayes 24 do; James Gaul 23 do; W. Thorpe 19 do; T. McCarthy (Chairman) 18 do; M. Jordan 8 do; James E. Walsh 6 do; Colonel Gibbon 4 do.

The total number of meetings held was 27.

The Chairman proposed the re-election of Finance Committee.

Mr. Hall seconded.

Mr. Gaul said that he would be unable to attend for some time and, in consequence, resigned his position. He suggested that Mr. Mernagh should be appointed in his place.

It was then proposed by Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:- "That the Finance Committee for year 1926-27 be composed of the following:-

Messrs Sean O'Byrne, P. Hayes, Aidan Mernagh; W. Thorpe; M. Jordan, James E. Walsh, Colonel Gibbon and the Chairman.

It was decided that meetings in future be held at 2 o'clock on each alternate Thursday.

### Roads.

The following list of attendances of the Roads Committee since the election of County Council was laid before the meeting:-

James Hall 14 meetings; Sean O'Byrne 14; William Boggan 14; Patrick Colfer 13; Colonel Gibbon 13; Colonel Quin 13, James Shannon 13; Thomas McCarthy (Chairman) 12 M. Cloney 12; R. Corish 9.

Total number of meetings held was 14.



Mr. Doyle proposed and Mr. Jordan seconded the following resolution which was adopted unanimously:-

"That the Roads Committee for year 1926-27 be composed of the following:-

Messrs James Hall, Sean O'Byrne, William Boggan, Patrick Colfer; Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, James Shannon, Thomas McCarthy (Chairman); M. Cloney and R. Corish"

MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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The following minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th June, 1926, were submitted:-



24th June, 1926.

Present Mr Thomas McCarthy (Chairman) presiding, Also Messrs Sean O'Byrne, P. Hayes and Ml Jordan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

A letter was read from Col Gibbon that he could not attend as he would be absent from home on business.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4477-12-0 was examined and signed.

#### REGISTER OF VOTERS.

Under date 16th June, 1926, an application was received from Mr Scallan, Registration Officer, for payment of £923-18-0 balance due for preparation of fourth Register of Electors for the County.

It was decided that the amount be paid.

#### WEXFORD COURTHOUSE - EXPENSES OF VALUER.

Under date 14th June 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (G26422/1926 Wexford County), forwarding copy of letter written to Mr Elgee, solicitor, regarding claim of Mr Wood for services rendered in connection with the claim for compensation in respect of Wexford Courthouse.

The letter to Mr Elgee stated that, having regard to the circumstances mentioned in the letter of 8th May from Mr Elgee to the Department, the Minister would raise no objection to the payment of £61-5-0 in settlement of Mr Wood's claim for compensation, provided that this sum be accepted by Mr Wood in full discharge of claim.

It was decided to pay amount of £61-5-0 at next meeting of Finance Committee, Mr Elgee to lodge discharge of claim in the meantime for the sum of £61-5-0.

#### COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE

Miss Walsh, Librarian, wrote that the Underwood Typewriter which had been offered to her for sale was only a rebuilt machine. She could obtain an L.C. Smith machine for £16-16-0.



It was decided that Miss Walsh be empowered to purchase L.C. Smith Typewriter at £16-16-0, resolution agreeing to purchase of Underwood machine to remain inoperative.

Miss Walsh applied for leave of absence to take part in pilgrimage to Lough Derg from 25th to 30th June inclusive.

It was agreed that leave of absence be granted to Miss Walsh from 25th to 30th June, this period to be counted as part of her annual holidays.

#### SMALL SAFE- NEW ROSS BOARDROOM.

An application was read from Mr J.J. Shortall, Engineer to County Wexford Board of Public Health, for use of the small safe recently removed from New Ross Boardroom either on loan or purchase for the safe custody of his official papers.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That provided the County Board of Health does not require the small safe in New Ross Boardroom, same be sold to Mr J.J.Shortall, Engineer, New Ross, on a valuation to be made by County Surveyor.

#### WEXFORD COURTHOUSE-CARETAKER.

Correspondence was read from Mrs McNally Court-keeper, Wexford, asking if she was required to take up her duties in connection with temporary Court in Old Jail, and from Mr Elgee, solicitor, as to the position of Mrs McNally regarding superannuation. Mr Elgee held that Mrs McNally was not a "pensionable" officer.

It was decided to adjourn the consideration of the matter pending reply from the Under Sheriff as to his ~~observations~~ observations in regard to the correspondence which had been furnished to him.

#### IRISH PUBLIC BODIES' INSURANCES.

Circular letter under date 27th May, 1926, was read from the Secretary, General Council of County Councils, regarding the establishment of the Irish Public Bodies' Mutual Insurance Limited.

The following resolution was unanimously agreed to:-



"That, on the passing of the Local Authorities' Mutual Insurance Bill, all insurances of Wexford County Council and its Committees and renewals of same be effected through the 'Irish Public Bodies' Insurances Limited.'"

AFFILIATION FEE COUNTY COUNCILS GENERAL COUNCIL.

It was decided that £20 affiliation fee of Wexford County Council with the General Council of County Councils for year 1926-27 be paid at next meeting of the Finance Committee.

INSURANCE OF WORKERS AT LABOURERS' COTTAGES

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT

Mr Elgee, solicitor, submitted opinion of Mr C.F. Matheson B.L., re above.

It was decided to adjourn the consideration of the opinion to next meeting, the Secretary in the meantime to supply Mr Elgee with copy of the decision of the Insurance Commission of the 9th November 1925 in connection with this matter.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP- Mr S. J. FURLONG.

Under date 18th June, 1926, letter was read from Mr S.J. Furlong, University Scholarship holder (in Agriculture) asking for payment of the balance of his scholarship.

It was decided to inform Mr Furlong that payment in question was suspended until he had furnished the name and address of the farmer with whom he was arranging to put in a year's apprenticeship. This decision was adopted by the County Council and the Finance Committee saw no reason why it should be varied.

RATE COLLECTION.

The Secretary reported that Mr P. J. Fitzpatrick, Rate Collector, No 15 District, had not attended for checking on last checking date. He wired that he would attend next day at County Council Offices but failed to carry out his promise.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That Mr Fitzpatrick, Rate Collector for No 15 Collectio District, be directed to attend for the checking of his rate collecting books at once;



"that he be warned that if he fails to attend for checking on any future date, he will be suspended and his books taken up."

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr C. J. McCarthy, Rate Collector of No 5 Collection District, be requested to appoint a deputy in order to close warrants for period to 31st March, 1926, and to deal with the collection of current rate."

In connection with derelict farm at Newtown, Clonevan, amount of rates, £105-6-2, Mr John J. Sinnott Rate Collector, No 16 Collection District, wrote that he had had a communication from Mr H. R. Hamilton New Ross, Court Receiver, that he had no funds in hands to pay the rates nor was he likely to have any.

It was decided that Demand Notes for the amount due be served on Mr John Gilbert who had paid the rent of the farm to the Land Commission last year.

It was decided to inform Mr P. J. Sinnott, Rate-Collector for No 4 Collection District, that the Committee are not satisfied with the progress of his collection. Unless there is a very substantial improvement in his collection by next meeting, they will recommend the County Council to consider the appointment of a new Collector for the district.

The Secretary reported that only £50 had been collected on current rate- a lodgment by Collector E.J. Murphy, No 17 Collection District.

It was decided that the Secretary communicate with the Rate Collectors and urge upon them the great necessity existing to proceed with the collection with "all due diligence". The Finance Committee are not satisfied as to the energy displayed by the Collectors and expect that a great improvement will be apparent by the date of next Finance Committee meeting.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:-

"That the Department of Local Government be requested to sanction payment of deferred poundage in respect of amounts lodged by the various Collectors to 30th April, 1926."



ANIMALS RELEASED FROM POUND.

Under date 21st June, 1926, Mr B. Cleary Rate-Collector for No 21 Collection District, reported that on 5th May he had made a seizure for rates due by Laurence Crosbie, Monachee, E.D. Rathroe, of two horses and three cars. These were lodged in the Pound, New Ross. A clerk to Mr Colfer, solicitor, New Ross, told him (Mr Cleary) that he had given orders for the release of the animals and cars as he had some communication in the matter from Father Harpur P.P. Ramsgrange, that Crosbie's family were in a bad way.

The Secretary stated that he had written Mr Colfer asking for an explanation in the matter.

Adjourned pending a reply from Mr Colfer.

OVERDRAFT OF COUNTY COUNCIL.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That the National Bank be informed that the County Council will require an overdraft of £40,000 to the end of August and £30,000 to the end of September, when the position will be reviewed. That the Local Government Department be requested to sanction this proposal."

NEW ROSS COURTHOUSE.

Under date 22nd June, 1926, the following letter was read from Mr H. R. Hamilton, Agent to the Tottenham Estate:-

"I submitted your Council's Proposal for a Lease to the Trustees for their approval. They object to the clause giving your Council the option to purchase the Courthouse property for £1,000 at any time during the continuance of the Lease. They state that under the late Colonel Tottenham's will they cannot tie up the property for any period. They say that if you are agreeable to altering the term of purchase to 12 months from date of Lease they would accept it. Please let me know if your Council are agreeable to this amendment in the clause."

It was decided to recommend the Co. Council to delete all reference as to purchase of New Ross Courthouse from the proposal to rent New Ross Courthouse at £50 per annum.



FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

Under date 22nd June, 1926, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L/2609/26) as to sample of butter taken in New Ross market from Mrs Mary Power (senior), Aclare, Campile, and which was the property of Miss Annie Whitty, Aclare, Campile. The sample according to the report of the County Analyst contained 18.23 per cent of water while 16 per cent was the maximum ~~proportion allowable~~ proportion allowable in a sample of genuine butter under the Sale of Butter (Ireland) Regulations, 1902. An offence would therefore appear to have been committed and the Department were desirous that proceedings should, on behalf of the Local Authority (the County Council), be institute<sup>(d)</sup> in respect of the transaction.

The following resolution was agreed to:-

"That Mr Elgee, solicitor, ~~was~~ be instructed to take proceedings against Miss Annie Whitty, Aclare, Campile, under the Sale of Food & Drugs Act, 1875, in respect of samples of butter taken at New Ross market on the 10th June, 1926, by Mr Edward Kenny, an officer of the Department of Agriculture."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee held on 24th June, 1926, submitted to this meeting, be and are hereby adopted".

CLOSING RATE COLLECTION.

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

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to agree to the alteration of the closing of Rate Collection from 31st March and 30th September to first of May and 1st October".



LAND PURCHASE DEFAULTING ANNUITANTS.  
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On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the attention of the Land Commission be called to the fact that the Wexford County Council are convinced that a number of persons whose names appear as defaulters on the list supplied by Land Commission, are well able to pay their annuities, and we consider that steps should be taken to compel these people to discharge their obligations. We would be glad to be informed what action has been taken by the Land Commission in the matter since the list of defaulters was furnished to the County Council"

MINUTES OF ROADS COMMITTEE.  
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The following Minutes of the Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on 28th June, 1926, were submitted for consideration:-



The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 28th June, 1926.

Present:-Mr T. McCarthy(Chairman)presiding, Also:- Col Quin, Col Gibbon, Messrs W. Boggan, Ml Cloney, James Hall, R. Corish, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

The Secretary, the Co. Surveyor and Mr Elgee, solicitor, were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### REPORT OF COUNTY SURVEYOR.

The following report was submitted by the Co. Surveyor:-

"As directed by the Council I have been in communication with the Great Southern Railway Company's Engineer in regard to Sparrowsland Bridge, but have not been able yet to arrange an appointment with him.

In regard to the suggestions for light concrete bridge over the Railway on the Slob road. I have gone into this matter and find that the Slob Company require to bring traction engine and other heavy traffic on to the Slob, and I do not think it would be possible to arrange to have bridge capable of taking only 2 tons. If such a bridge were to be erected there would be very long approaches on each side entailing excessive grade, and the cost would be considerable. I estimate that the bridge and approaches could not be erected for less than £750.

On the 24th March last I notified all the Assistants of the resolution adopted by the Roads Committee on the 22nd of that month in regard to manure heaps on roads, and again on the 16th inst., I sent further notification. Besides this, I have given verbal directions to all the Assistant Surveyors and particularly lately to the Assistant in charge of the district at Castle Ellis, the location of Col Gibbon's complaint

I have not yet been able to examine the work in connection with Kilmannock drainage but hope to do so shortly.

There is a small branch road at Kilrane Station



crossing the railway and going down to the Shore. The shore end has been worn away by tidal action, and the place is very dangerous in the event of motors proceeding through instead of turning to the Pier. Recently I understand a couple of motors did take this road in error. ~~XX~~ I suggest that a fence and gate be placed across the end of the road below cottage as there would be no vehicular traffic beyond this. I estimate the cost will be about £12.

The Trunk Road from Wexford to Killinick on the Rosslare Harbour route is subject to very heavy motor traffic, and it is practically impossible under present methods to prevent bad "pot holing". I expect it will be some years before the Road Grants will be available for reconstructing this road and I suggest now that the pot holes should be levelled up with tar compound and ~~that~~ small stones and that the surface should be sprayed. On this length there are two contracts in existence and I believe I can arrange with the contractors to substitute other work in lieu of material, so that this job can be carried out now, and it would be an eventual saving to do it. I estimate that the extra cost would be in or about £1000, and ask to have this amount allocated out of the "Contingencies Account."

Two of our rollers have been subjected to heavy wear owing to the nature of the material and the amount of the work carried out, with the result that the tires are now worn thin. I recommend that they be reshod with steel plates, and this work could, I believe, be done locally in Enniscorthy. The cost of ~~the~~ new cast rims would be £60 per set; with steel rims about £47, and I consider the latter would be a better wearing job. I ask for authority to get this work done.

The Karrier lorry which we took over from Enniscorthy District Council has entailed a good deal of trouble in maintenance and we have comparatively very little use for it. The Health Board use the lorry a great deal more than we do, and as I



understand that they have in contemplation the purchase of a lorry I consider it would be better to hand over this "Karrier" entirely to them.

As approved by the County Council I have ordered granulators for preparing materials for tar treatment, and hope to have them in shortly. I was in treaty with a Firm for tar-spraying part of the length scheduled to be done under the Grant and as there appeared to be some difficulty with the Local Government Department in the selection of this Firm I put a small advertisement in the Dublin papers asking for tenders, and have had a number of communications, but as yet, no specific figures. Under the specification, the Firm undertaking the work will provide all plant and tar compound, and we shall provide the screenings. The labour, with the exception of the Overseer appointed by the Contractor, must be entirely local and subject to regulations set out by the County Council and the Local Government Department.

The Department of Industry and Commerce has drawn attention to the lack of "Dock Regulations" being posted on the several harbours in the County, and I have these notices in hand. I ask for authority to obtain suitable frames for holding these forms which are of a large size, and which should be protected either with glass or varnishing.

The work at Wexford Bridge is in progress and requires no special comment at the present time.

I have spent some time in dealing with the conversion of the Old Jail into a Court and County Offices, and have roughly laid out the reconstruction, but have not yet prepared estimate of cost.

I have to report that Ganger, Mr Myles Hendrick, in charge of Ballybrennan Quarry, has recently died. He was for some time ill and unable to attend to his work, and during that period the Section Ganger looked after the quarry with satisfaction. I suggest that this ganger should be continued in charge, and also that a charge hand should be appointed for the quarry.



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"I have now started work in Edenvale Quarry under Direct Labour and have employed the former contractor, who is thoroughly conversant with the quarry and quarry methods as Charge hand. This man, John Murphy, is also competent to dress tools, etc., thus avoiding outside smith work.

I have been in communication with the Insurance Commissioners in regard to the stamping of cards belonging to Miss Bishop, Ballyboggan, whose horse was employed at haulage work. The Commissioners contend that the Unemployment Cards ~~should~~ should be stamped for her, but as she gives no personal service, I am of opinion that the cards should not be stamped, and I suggest that the matter be referred to the Solicitor."

Wexford-Rosslare Slob Road. The County Surveyor stated that he had arranged to meet the Railway Engineer on 30th June when he would also discuss with this Engineer the question of Sparrows land Bridge.

Manure Heaps. It was decided that Road Gangers be instructed to call the attention of the public to the resolution of the County Council preventing manure heaps being allowed to remain on roads and that an advertisement to the same effect be inserted in the local papers.

Branch Road at Kilrane Station. Approved, the County Surveyor to erect concrete wall and gate for the protection of the public.

Trunk Road Wexford to Killinick. Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed:-

"That the County Surveyor be recommended to expend £500 from Contingencies Fund in connection with the tarring of road from Wexford to Killinick, and, should he consider it advisable, that he make further representations to the County Council when this amount has been expended." Mr Hall seconded. Passed.

Rollers. On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Corish, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the County Council be recommended to agree to the proposal of the County Surveyor to expend £94 in plating the hind wheels of two steam-rollers.



"Karrier" Lorry. Proposed by Mr Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Shannon, and passed:- "That Karrier Lorry handed over to the County Council by Enniscorthy Rural District Council be re-transferred to the County Board of Health "

Tarring of Roads. On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr O'Byrne, the proposal of the County Surveyor was approved.

Where possible the County Surveyor will provide that contractors for tarring will carry out work on the portions of road which have not already received tar treatment and contracts be confined to portions of roads which carry the heaviest traffic.

Dock Regulations. On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Shannon, the proposal of the County Surveyor was approved.

Ballybrennan Quarry. It was agreed that Martin Bowe, Forristalstown, Clonroche, be appointed section ganger vice Myles Hendrick, deceased, and that the County Surveyor be also empowered to appoint a charge hand in this quarry.

Insurance of Haulier. It was decided that the reference in the County Surveyor's report to unemployment insurance in the case of Miss Bishop be referred to Mr Elgee for his advice.

#### GENERAL ROAD WORK.

Col Gibbon called attention to the pot-holing of road between Oulart and Castlebridge. This road had been rapidly deteriorating for the past six months owing to the fact that heavy lorries passed over it in March last when it was in a soft state. It would entail very heavy expenditure unless it was seen to at once.

The County Surveyor was instructed to attend to this road at once.

Mr Boggan said the County Council should take determined and definite action to prevent heavy lorries destroying the roads. There was an alternative route ~~provided~~ provided for transport by the railway. It was a disgraceful state of affairs that three or four merchants were allowed to put the ratepayers of the county to unbearable expense. Did the commercial requirements of the county call for vehicles of this class? There was not a single



road in the county which had been built to withstand heavy lorry traffic and it was up to the Council to put down its foot at once and prevent this traffic destroying the roads.

Col Quin said that during the General Strike in England the heavy lorries had saved that country from starvation.

No order.

*Cloney*  
Mr ~~Cloney~~ complained of the manner in which road ~~material~~ material was dumped on the roads in some places. If there was heavy rain all the water would be diverted from the blocked up channels on to the middle of the road and great damage would ensue.

The County Surveyor stated he would deal with this ~~matter~~ matter.

Mr Cloney also requested that quarrying would not be carried on at the pinnacle of the Mountain of Forth. This was an ancient landmark and should not be interfered with.

The County Surveyor said he would have the quarrying stopped at this place.

#### MAIN ROADS - NEW ROSS URBAN DISTRICT.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That the New Ross Urban District Council be requested to state at once in what position is their proposal to carry out the maintenance of main roads in New Ross Urban District. Are they prepared to sign specification which has been prepared by the Co. Surveyor on behalf of the County Council and to carry out the work to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor?"

#### MEETINGS OF ROADS COMMITTEE.

It was decided that when there is only a limited amount of business to be transacted at Roads Committee and at County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction the meetings be held on the date fixed for meeting of County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, viz, first Monday in each month, the Roads Committee to be held at 10-30 a.m. and the meeting of Co. Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction at 2-30 p.m.



ROAD T 12 - NEW ROSS URBAN DISTRICT.

The following resolution from New Ross Urban District Council had been referred to the Roads Committee from the June meeting of the County Council:- "That the Wexford County Council be asked to take over the unfinished portion of Road T. 12 in this Urban District."

It was decided that consideration of this resolution be adjourned until the Roads Committee have a definite proposal from the New Ross Urban District Council as to how the latter intend carrying out the maintenance of the main roads in their district.

ALLEGED REMOVAL OF ROAD MATERIAL.

Laurence Irwin Raheen, Adamstown, reported that Aidan O'Neill, who was working by direct labour on the roads, had drawn material from roads and dumped it in Martin Kehoe's old haggard. O'Neill had also removed about a third of one yard to his own cottage for the purpose of building piers.

Mr O'Neill B.E., Assistant Surveyor, reported that he had investigated the matter and found that the contractor for the road was Moses O'Neill, son of Aidan O'Neill. The material was broken in Kehoe's haggard but was used on the road. The stones used for building the piers were not taken from Ballinaboola Quarry or from the road.

No order.

ROAD 236 E.

The following report from Mr T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, under date 11th June, 1926, was read:-

"On recent inspection of this road I found that Mr Joseph Cullen, Ballyrannell, Glenbrien, was building a small addition to his dwelling house, and as this comes within the prescribed distance from roadway, I have noticed him to cease further work until he receives the permission of the County Council.

The new structure in no way interferes with the roadway nor is it likely to do so in the future, being situated ten yards from road centre and in line with existing house.



"Mr Cullen is anxious to know if County Council are satisfied for work to be proceeded with."

Mr Hall proposed and Mr Corish seconded the following

which was adopted:- "That no action be taken as regards encroachment on Road No 236E, as we believe same does not in any way interfere with the use of the road by the public and will not cause obstruction."

GAS MAINS-MAIN ROADS-WEXFORD URBAN DISTRICT.

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter, under date 18th June 1926 which he had sent to Wexford Gas Company:-

"I note that you are relaying gas mains on portion of the Main Road between the Quays and the North Station, and I find that the pipes are being placed at small depth below surface. I interviewed your foreman on the job to-day and examined the pipes and note that they are of steel in long lengths. I understand of course, that this class of pipe will stand heavy strain, but I want now to point out that there is possibility of pipes being injured by rolling work or heavy traffic over same. You are no doubt aware, that the County Council has now the custody of all Main Roads in the Urban area, and it will be necessary to obtain their sanction to this work. I shall bring up the matter at the next meeting of the Roads Committee which will not be until the 28th inst, and in the meantime, I shall be glad to have your views on the matter and also an undertaking to indemnify the County Council against claims for damage.

I understand that the old mains in this street were on the other side of the road-adjoining railway premises-and that these pipes were laid very much deeper than the present pipes.

Will you please let me know why this change was made."

The following reply under date 19th June 1926 from the Wexford Gas Company was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"With reference to yours" of the 18th inst, we duly notified the Borough Surveyor of our intention to open road specified in accordance with the Statute.

Regarding the depth of this main we are now laying, we



have had to abandon the old main which is deeper on account of the ground being waterlogged. The continual movement of this boggy ground breaks the pipes and fills them with water thus making it impossible to sustain a continual supply to Railway and other premises in accordance with our Statutory obligations.

We had no option therefore but to lay steel pipes which will not break, above water level, and we are satisfied that neither roller nor heavy traffic will damage these, and there being few joints, and these long sleeved, are not liable to draw."

It was decided that the attention of the Manager of the Wexford Gas Company be called to the request of the County Surveyor in his letter, asking for indemnification against any claims for damages and that he be asked for a reply thereto. We also desire to point out to the Manager of the Wexford Gas Company that when main roads are broken up for the purpose of laying gas pipes, the surface must be replaced to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

#### ROAD DIRECTION POSTS.

Under date 9th June 1926 (C 11/26), letter was read from the Department of Local Government (Trade Department) stating that the tender of the Cardiff Foundry Engineering Co. Ltd. had been, Hurman Street, Cardiff, had been accepted for the supply of solid drawn steel posts at 22/11 each f.o.r. Dublin.

The County Surveyor stated that he had ordered the sign-posts but they had not yet come to hand.

#### SPEED OF MOTOR-DRIVEN VEHICLES

##### ENNISCORTHY URBAN DISTRICT.

Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote under date 7th June, 1926 (R/RV/32), that the Minister was not empowered to agree to the making of a bye-law fixing the maximum speed of motor driven vehicles in Enniscorthy Urban District at ten miles per hour. Application from the County Council for a regulation under Section 9 of the Motor Car Act 1903, in respect of the Urban District, would be considered on receipt of tabulated particulars in accordance with memorandum enclosed.



The Secretary stated that copy of letter and Memorandum had been furnished to the Enniscorthy Urban District Council, but no reply had been received up to the present.

The Chairman stated that no meeting of the Enniscorthy Urban District Council had been held in the meantime.

It was decided to adjourn the matter pending reply from Enniscorthy Urban District Council.

#### DANGEROUS BANK ON ROAD 43 G.

A largely signed Memorial was received from ratepayers asking the County Council to have the high bank on Road 43G leading from Carnew to Woodenbridge at Rathpierce Upper known as Rathpierce Bank cut away.

A report was read from Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, that the place was more or less dangerous. To remedy the matter would cost about £30 as the cutting would be mainly through rock.

Col Quin and Mr Sean O'Byrne were appointed a committee to visit and report.

Consideration of memorial was adjourned until the report of the committee had been dealt with.

#### ELECTRIC CABLE CASTLEBRIDGE.

The following was read from Mr Joshua L. Nunn (Junr), Castlebridge:-

"I shall be glad to have permission from the Co. Council to carry an overhead electric cable across the public road in this village about 100 yards north of the junction of the Gorey road in the village, and again from my malt house on the same cross over Mrs Sinnott's licensed house, and for a further cable from Mill yard across the Ballymartin road to my dwelling house."

The application was agreed to subject to cable being erected to the satisfaction of Co. Surveyor and to Mr Nunn entering into an agreement as to indemnification of the County Council against all damages, etc., agreement to be prepared by Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council.



HAULAGE RATE.

The following letter was read from Mr James Kenny, Greenhall, Ferns:- "I beg to inform you of the very inadequate price of stone haulage at present. Tenpence a yard per mile at six journeys a day would be  $4\frac{3}{4}$  per day for man and horse. You are aware that there are 24 cwts in a cubic yard and 18 cwts is a good load for a horse. I am a small farmer with three sons and three horses. I am also a contractor for the past 30 years. If I cannot get last year's price I will have to part with my sons and horses. I would also wish to draw your attention to the matter of the haulage of screenings. These weigh much heavier than rough material and consequently handicap hauliers, very much more than the haulage of the rough material. I submit this should receive your consideration also."

The following report was read from Mr R. J Ennis, Asst. Surveyor:- "I can make very little of this man's letter. His figure of  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per day is plainly wrong. The last haulage he did was about  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles. The loads have to be headed twice, once outside Carrigeen Quarry, and once when leaving Ferns and starting on Road No 3E. He was paid  $4\frac{1}{3}$  which is at the rate fixed of 10d a mile plus 6d. At this the earnings per day would be from 7/- to 8/- as close on 2 cubic yards should be put on the road per day. As to whether this is sufficient is of course a matter for the County Council.

As to his point about drawing screenings, there is something in this, particularly if the screenings are wet. It has, however, always been my practice to pay a trifle more for screenings than for drawing of stones."

It was decided after discussion that the matter be adjourned till next meeting of Roads Committee to obtain a report from Mr Ennis as to why it is necessary that load from this quarry should be "broken" a second time.

Mr Hall considered it was not necessary to "break" load outside Carrigeen Quarry.



LICENCES - PETROL PUMPS.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"We recommend the County Council to empower the Roads Committee to deal with applications for licences for petrol pumps and to issue same on behalf of the Council."

In connection with erection of petrol pump at Ferns by N. Hayes, the following report was read from Mr Ennis, Asst Surveyor:- "Apparently this man first intended to put this pump up on 3E, near its junction with the street of Ferns. You may remember looking at the place with him about 12 or 14 months ago. He then changed his mind and put it opposite the garage up above the Post Office. I find that I wrote to you to say that he had put it there on the 9th February last.

It is of course on the edge of the footpath, but is not much of an obstruction. If there had been any objection to it by the local people I would have heard it."

It was decided that consideration of the application be adjourned to next meeting, Mr Elgee, solicitor, to communicate with Mr N. Hayes and ascertain who authorised him to change the site of petrol pump from the position agreed to by the Co. Council

TELEGRAPHIC LINE- ST. JOHN'S ENNISCORTHY.

The following was read from the Engineer-in-Chief of General Post Office relative to erection of telegraphic line along the public road at St John's, Enniscorthy:-

"With reference to your letter of 7th inst, I beg to inform you that it will meet the Department's requirements if the poles are placed close to the fence on the side of St John's Road opposite to that indicated in my application of 22nd ult. As there is no footway on the side of the road now selected, the addition of laths is not considered necessary.

Moreover, I desire to point out that the poles now used by the Department are treated in such a manner as to obviate the possibility of any damage to the clothing of pedestrians. If the proposed new position of the poles meets with the approval of the Council I shall be glad to receive the formal consent at your early convenience.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Gibbon, seconded by the Chairman:- "That in view of the proposal from Post Office in letter of the 16th inst we agree to erection of telegraphic line along the road at St John's, Enniscorthy."

BOUNDARY WALL - GREYWELL ROAD, NEW ROSS.

The following letter from Mr J.B. Hearne, Merchant New Ross was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"A hole has been bored in wall bounding my yard at Greywell Road. The hole being on level of pathway is extremely dangerous. A child could fall through it and with fatal results as there is a big drop to the yard beneath. Should same occur the County Council would have to face heavy damages. Further my yard is being entered at night through this hole and I may have a bill for property stolen against you shortly. I duly informed the Urban Council but was informed by them they were not now responsible but the County Council was.

Please give this matter your immediate attention.

At the moment it would be but a small job but not so for long as the hole will be enlarged."

It was decided that the County Surveyor be instructed to provide sufficient protection for the public at wall bounding yard of Mr J.B.Hearne at Greywell, New Ross.

AHARE BRIDGE.

Relative to the claim of James Maguire for compensation for loss of heifer at Ahare Bridge, Messrs McDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers, 51 Dame Street, Dublin, wrote that, as nothing had transpired in connection with the claim and as a period of six months had elapsed since it was notified, they assumed that no claim would be made.

MILEAGE ALLOWANCE- ASSISTANT SURVEYORS.

The following letter under date 24th June, 1926 (R/RS/32) relative to mileage allowance for Assistant Surveyors, was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"Adverting to Minutes of Wexford County Council on



the 22nd February last relative to the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that, pending a further communication regarding Surveyors' travelling expenses generally, he has concurred with the proposal of the Council to reduce from 6d to 5d the mileage allowance to members of the Survey Staff who use motor cars in the discharge of their duties.

QUARTERLY PAYMENTS- ROADS CONTRACTORS.

The Secretary and County Surveyor presented a report relative to quarterly payments to Road Contractors.

Mr Hall gave the following Notice of Motion:-

"I will move at the August meeting that in future Road Contractors be paid quarterly instead of half-yearly."

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In connection with Slob Road (Wexford to Rosslare) the County Surveyor mentioned that he had arranged with the Engineer of the Railway Company for a further consultation on 6th instant.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne proposed and Colonel Gibbon seconded the following resolution which was adopted without dissent:-

"That the Minutes of Roads Committee meeting, held on 23th June, 1926, submitted to this meeting, be and are hereby approved"

ROAD OULART TO CASTLEBRIDGE.

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Colonel Gibbon mentioned that the above road was in a deplorable condition. The position of the Council in regard to it was worse than as regards the Enniscorthy Wexford Road, as the latter would be put into order out of Government Grant, whereas the County Council would be obliged to supply all funds necessary to put the Oulart



road into order.

Unless attended to at once it would cost the Council several shillings in the £ later on to repair it properly. He gave notice of motion to move at next meeting that this road would be closed to heavy lorry traffic.

Mr. O'Donoghue complained of the state of the roads on the Blackwater District which he said were disgraceful.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Boggan:- "That the Department of Local Government be requested to send down their Road Engineer to confer with the County Surveyor with a view to the closing of the road from Oulart to Castlebridge to heavy lorry traffic and also as regards the advisability of closing other roads in the County which are at present deteriorating owing to this particular traffic. That a special meeting of the Roads Committee be held to meet the Engineer on the occasion of his visit to the County.

Colonel Gibbon said that even if the tax on heavy lorries was £500 it would afford very little relief to the tax payer as it would take £27,000 to put the road in question in the order in which it should be.

#### MAINTENANCE MAIN ROADS NEW ROSS URBAN DISTRICT.

The following resolution was read from the New Ross Urban District Council re above in letter under date 2nd July, 1926:-

"I am directed by my Council to inform you that having considered the resolution of the Roads Committee of the County Council, in reference to above, at their meeting held last evening, they have decided not to take over the maintenance of the Main Roads in this Urban District

"They further directed that the services of the



workmen  
/at present employed by the Town Surveyor on these roads,  
be discontinued from Saturday next, 3rd instant"

In connection with Road T.12 (New Ross Urban District,) the following under date 2nd July, 1926, was read from the Clerk of the Urban Council:-

"I am directed by my Council to draw the attention of the County Council to the condition of the steam-rolled portion of Road T.12 in this Urban District, the unsprayed part of which is ravelling rapidly and needs to be attended to immediately".

The following resolution was adopted unanimously on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the Main Roads in New Ross <sup>Urban</sup> District as from the 3rd July, 1926, be placed in charge of the County Surveyor. That the latter submit to next meeting of the Roads Committee a Report as to the condition in which Road T.12 is now and that the Roads Committee be empowered to take what steps they may consider necessary to deal with this road".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cloney, seconded by Mr. Rossiter:-

"That the wages to be paid men employed on Main Roads in New Ross Urban District be 35/- per week as we understand this is the amount which has been agreed to by the Department of Local Government".



SUPERANNUATION DR. S.A. FURLONG,

LATE COUNTY INFIRMARY.

The following resolution was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne and adopted:- "That the question of allowing superannuation to Dr S.A. Furlong, Surgeon, late County Infirmary, be considered by this meeting and, if agreed to by the County Council, that amount of superannuation be fixed.

The Secretary stated that the Notice of Motion by the Chairman was issued to all members of the County Council on 31st May last.

The Chairman moved and Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con.:-

"That this meeting, acting on the advice of their solicitor, hereby agrees to allow superannuation to Dr S. A. Furlong, Surgeon, late County Infirmary, and that amount of same be now fixed by this meeting.

Letter under date 13th February 1926 from Dr Furlong stated he had 12 years service. His salary as Surgeon to the County Infirmary was £120 and his emoluments consisted of house-rent and rates free and allowance for fuel which he estimated at £100 a year at least. The pension therefore authorised by the Local Government Act 1919 was £146-13-4.

Under date 1st June 1926, Mr Elgee, solicitor to the County Council, wrote that Dr Furlong was paid £94 by the County Council and, in addition to this, in order to bring his salary up to £120-which was the salary stated ~~in~~ in the Advt. for the appointment- the Joint Committee of Management paid him a further sum of £26 out of the funds which they had at their disposal. This brought the entire salary up to the £120 on which he was claiming superannuation.

The Secretary stated that according to Minutes of County Infirmary Committee, Dr Furlong was appointed Surgeon on 10th October 1910 at a salary of £120 (being £94 granted by



County Council and £26 from Cullimore Fund) with Surgeon's residence, etc.

As Dr Furlong had 12 years' service to the date of the closing of the Infirmary the gross amount of superannuation he could receive was two-thirds of his salary and emoluments (if the Council considered £100 as a reasonable sum to allow for house, etc., claimed by Dr Furlong).

This would be £146-13-4. If the Council followed the practice of the Ministry of Local Government in agreeing to an addition of 50 per cent to the actual number of years' service owing to abolition of office, Dr Furlong would receive eighteen-sixtieths of £220 or £66 per annum: if the County Council decided on granting the minimum- one-sixtieth for each complete year of service-Dr Furlong would be entitled to £44 a year.

Col Quin proposed:- "That Dr Furlong, Surgeon, late County Infirmary, be granted an allowance of £44 per annum owing to the abolition of his office, as said surgeon to said Infirmary, in consequence of the Institution having been closed by order of the Minister of Local Government, said allowance to be subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Mr Hall seconded the motion which passed without dissent.



MOTOR TRAFFIC - WEXFORD BRIDGE.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Col Gibbon:-

"That the speed of motor vehicles using Wexford Bridge be limited to ten miles per hour."

Mr Rossiter seconded the motion which was adopted.

ASSISTANT SURVEYORS' SALARIES.

Notice of Motion by Mr Corish that an inclusive salary be paid to Assistant Surveyors (Ennis, Kehoe, Birthistle, and Cullen) was adjourned by permission of the Council to next meeting.

POUNDAGE FEES EX-RATE COLLECTOR J. MURPHY.

Under date 18th June, 1926, the following letter (G 27134-1926 Wexford County) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"With reference to correspondence relative to the payment of poundage fees to Ex-Collector James Murphy, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is not prepared to sanction the payment of any poundage fees to this Collector until the warrant is fully closed.

STANDING ORDERS.

The following resolution was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne, and adopted:-

"That Standing Orders as supplied in draft to the members of this Council be and are hereby adopted with the following change in final paragraph dealing with appointment of officers," appointments shall be governed by any regulations as to examination tests which may be prescribed by the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health and by the Co. Council."



### CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Thorpe seconded by Col Gibbon:- "That, in future, when co-options on the County Council are to take place, these will not be regarded as legally carried out unless the fact that such co-options will be considered and dealt with is set out on Agenda paper of County Council meeting."

The Secretary explained that as regards the co-options of Messrs Pender and Rossiter vice Messrs D'Arcy and Culleton, who were declared to be disqualified by the County Council, Mr Elgee, solicitor had given it as his opinion that an election should have been held to appoint the successors of the disqualified members. The Department of Local Govt. disagreed with this view and decided that the vacancies should be filled by co-option. The agenda paper contained the following:- "Letter from Local Government Department-co-option of members." When the letter of Local Government Department came before the County Council meeting, Mr Elgee advised that the Council were empowered to make the co-options on the day on which the letter was considered.

In view of the position, the Secretary contended that he could not have set out the matter on the agenda paper in any other than the manner in which it had appeared.

### SUPERANNUATION EX-RATE COLLECTOR JOHN SINNOTT.

Under date 22nd June 1926, the following letter (G 28398/26 Wexford Co. Council) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th inst, forwarding a resolution of the County Council requesting the Minister to vary the Order fixing the superannuation allowance of Mr John Sinnott, Ex-Rate Collector, and I am to state that the Minister has no power to alter the Order under Seal made in the matter."



# TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME.

Gorey Hospital.- Under date 28th June, 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H.25204-1926 Wexford C.H.B) that the Minister had approved of the District Hospital, Gorey, in pursuance of Section 16(1)(a) of the National Insurance Act 1911, for the treatment of surgical cases of tuberculosis.

New Ross Hospital. Under date 22nd June, 1926 (P.H.24890/1926 Wexford C.B.H.) a similar approval was given for New Ross District Hospital.

New Ross Tuberculosis Dispensary.-Under date 23rd June, 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H.25036/1926 Wexford C.B.H.) forwarding copy of letter (23rd June-P.H.-25036 Wexford C.B.H) addressed to County Board of Health as to the proposed taking by that Board of a lease for 20 years of the Tuberculosis Dispensary premises and field adjoining at New Ross at a rent of £18 per annum. The Department pointed out that the powers of the County Board of Health did not extend to taking a lease of the premises and the Minister considered the proposed lease should be taken out by the County Council. On the completion of the lease the Minister would raise no objection to the repairs of the premises as proposed being carried out, provided a detailed specification is first submitted to him for his approval.

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted unanimously:-

"That the Department of Local Government and the County Board of Health be informed that the County Council are prepared to enter into lease for 20 years with New Ross Urban Council of New Ross Tuberculosis Dispensary premises and field adjoining, and, that the Board of Health be requested to have prepared detailed specification as to repairs of the buildings so that it can be transmitted to the Minister for Local Government for approval on completion of the lease."



TRAVELLING EXPENSES NURSE O'CONNOR.

Under date 19th June 1926 the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H.27803/1926 Wexford C.B.H), forwarding copy of letter addressed to Wexford County Board of Health relative to the travelling expenses of Miss E. O'Connor, Nurse under the County Tuberculosis Scheme.

The communication pointed out that the Minister was not disposed to raise objection to the allowance of 4d per mile to Miss O'Connor when using her own motor car on journeys in connection with her work under the <sup>County</sup> Tuberculosis Scheme provided that where suitable facilities exist for the carrying out of a journey by train or other cheap form of conveyance these facilities will be utilised by her.

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

"That we approve of allowance of 4d per mile to Miss O'Connor, Nurse under County Tuberculosis Scheme, on the terms and conditions set out in letter from Department of Local Government (19th June 1926 P.H.27803/1926 Wexford C.B.H.)



DISTRICT COURT SUMMONS' SERVERS FEES.  
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In connection with the resolution of the Council complaining of the amount paid to servers of summonses for Poor Rate to District Court the following under date 21st June, 1926 (H.162/11) was read from the Department of Justice:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Justice to say in reply to your letter of the 18th instant - summons servers fees - that as soon as the Court Officers Bill, now before the Seanad, is in operation the Minister will endeavour to secure that summonses will be served without undue cost".

SALE OF FOOD & DRUGS.  
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Under date 25th June, 1926, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.2669/26) that an officer of theirs had obtained three samples of butter for analysis at New Ross on 10th June. The County Analyst had certified that the samples proved to be genuine.

The following resolution was moved by Colonel Quin seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:-

"That the Finance Committee be empowered to take all necessary proceedings in connection with administration of Food and Drugs Acts".

After/discussion the proposal being opposed, a show of hands was taken with the result that 17 voted in favour and the Chairman declared the resolution adopted.

PLANTING MOUNTAIN OF FORTH.  
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Under date 23rd June, 1926, the Forestry Branch of the Department of Agriculture wrote relative to the proposed afforestation of the Mountain of Forth. The Department were at present in communication with the Land Commission on the subject of the acquisition of the lands.



POISONS & PHARMACY LICENCES.

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

"That renewals of licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act be granted the following:-

Sean Roche, Camolin; John Doyle 22, North St., New Ross.;  
E. T. Doyle, The Square, Ferns; Henry Hill, Ballycanew.

PETROL PUMP.

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An application from Mr. M. Maher, South Street, New Ross for licence for petrol pump was referred to the County Surveyor for report.

NEW ROSS COURTHOUSE - CARETAKER.

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Under date 24th June, 1926, the following letter was read from Mrs O'Sullivan, Courthouse, New Ross:-

"As occupier for the past 5½ years and present caretaker of the Court House at New Ross I request to be retained as such, should it be your wish to continue the arrangement. If not, I am willing to become a tenant and remain in occupation on such terms as may be deemed just and equitable.

"I think that in consideration of having taken care of the building in troubled times as Court Keeper, and having spent time and money in caring and repairing the place, I should have first and rightful claim in any decision that may be come to regarding it.

"Should a tenancy be contemplated, my Husband, who resides here, would be willing to become tenant, if, in your opinion, such be the more desirable course.

"Trusting the matter will receive your kind attention. "

It was decided to adjourn the consideration of the letter until lease of the Courthouse was entered into; in the meantime Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, to ascertain whether it is the County Council or the Sheriff who will appoint the Court keeper.



CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY.

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I certify the foregoing to be a  
correct record of the Minutes of Proceedings  
of my County Council in respect of Annual  
meeting held on 3rd July, 1926.

(Signed)

W. J. Fuzelle

Secretary Wexford Co. Council.

Dated this 6th day of July, 1926.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL  
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M I N U T E S

OF MEETING HELD ON 14TH JUNE,  
1926.  
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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,  
WEXFORD.  
  
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The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 14th June, 1926.

Mr. Thomas McCarthy, Chairman Co. Council presided: also, Messrs William Boggan, James Clince, Michael Cloney, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, Michael Doyle, James Gaul, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, David Kavanagh, Aidan Mernagh, Nicholas J. Murphy, John O'Byrne, John Pender, M. M. O'Donoghue, Thomas Rossiter, James Shannon, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh, John Whyte, Colonel C. M. Gibbon and Colonel Quin.

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

At the opening of the meeting a telegram was read from Colonel Quin (who was coming from Scotland) that the boat had arrived late at Dunlaoghaire and in consequence he could not be present until later. Colonel Quin attended at 2 p.m.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

VOTE OF CONDOLENCE WITH MR. M. O'DONOGHUE.M.C.C.

The Chairman said that, before commencing the business of the meeting, the melancholy duty of proposing a vote of condolence with Mr. M. M. O'Donoghue on the death of his brother devolved on him. He was sure the Council sympathised deeply with Mr. O'Donoghue in the loss sustained by him, and, on behalf of the Council, he offered Mr. O'Donoghue the sympathy of the County Council.

Mr. Boggan seconded, and the resolution was adopted in silence.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The following minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 12th May, 1926, were submitted and confirmed on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Clince:-



FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 12th May, 1926.

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A meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Wednesday 12th May, 1926.

Present:- Messrs W. Thorpe, P. Hayes, J. E. Walsh, and Sean O'Byrne.

On the motion of Mr. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Walsh, the Chair was taken by Mr. Thorpe.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

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The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS.

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Treasurer's Advice Note for £4,536: 11: 2d was examined and signed.

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The following Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 27th May, 1926, were submitted:-



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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 27th May 1926.

Mr T. McCarthy, Chairman Co. Council, presided. Also present Messrs Sean O'Byrne, P. Hayes, M. Jordan and Wm. Thorpe.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3826-5-2 was examined and signed.

DR S.V. O'CONNOR V COUNTY COUNCIL

The Secretary reported that a Civil Bill had been served on the Council by Dr S.V. O'Connor, late Medical Officer of Wexford Workhouse, for £160 "arrears of statutory pension of £133-6-8 per annum granted to the plaintiff under the Superannuation Acts, and the Local Government Acts and payable by the defendants to the plaintiff thereunder and for monies had and received by the defendant for the use of plaintiff."

The Secretary stated that, on receipt of the Civil Bill, he had forwarded copy to Mr Elgee, solicitor, and had also asked for the advice of the Local Government in the matter.

Under date 20th May 1926, he had received the following letter (22922/1926 Wexford County) from the Department of Local Government:-

"With reference to your letter of the 17th inst on the subject of the legal proceedings proposed to be instituted by Dr S.V. O'Connor in regard to the amount of the pension payable to him in consideration of his services as Medical Officer of Wexford Workhouse, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that his Order under Seal of the 6th November, 1923, determined that Dr O'Connor was entitled to receive an annual allowance of £70 from the Wexford County Council in respect of his removal from office under the County Scheme. The Order has been validly made within



the powers conferred by Section 11(5) of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923.

I am however to point out that, under the final paragraph of Section 11(4) of the Act of 1923, the determination of the Minister takes effect only from the date thereof, and that Dr O'Connor is entitled to be paid an allowance at the rate originally fixed by the Board of Guardians up to the date of the Minister's determination in his case.

The Minister desires me to refer you to the judgment of the Supreme Court in the case of *Nee v Galway County Council* (1926) I.R.p 141, which would appear to be conclusive as to the meaning to be assigned to the expression "County Scheme" in Section 11(4) of the Act of 1923."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr O'Byrne:- "That instructions be given Mr Elgee, solicitor to the County Council, to appear on behalf of the Council to defend the Civil Bill of Dr O'Connor versus Wexford County Council, and that he be authorised to employ Counsel in the case.

MARIA KEYES V WEXFORD CO. COUNCIL.

In connection with the above, a letter under date 13th May, 1926, was read from Mr Elgee, solicitor, who stated he had been in correspondence with Messrs O'Flaherty & Son, solcra., with a view to a settlement of the claim of Mrs Keyes in respect of the small part of her land which was taken when Tomnahely Bridge was being constructed. As directed by the Council, he informed Messrs O'Flaherty that Mrs Keyes had agreed to leave the ~~xx~~ amount of the compensation to the arbitration of Col Quin and that he had assessed the damage at £2. He (Mr Elgee) offered this amount in full settlement of the claim. Messrs O'Flaherty had since written that she would not accept less than £15 and, if this was not agreed to, would serve Civil Bill.

Under date 20th May, 1926, Mr Elgee wrote that Messrs O'Flaherty acting for Mrs Keyes had served a Civil Bill on the Council for £15 and this would be heard at the Circuit Court



on the 28th May. Mr Elgee advised the Council to pay the amount claimed. Undoubtedly Mrs <sup>Keyes</sup> Kearne was entitled to some damages for the trespass on her land and for compensation for the part of the lands which had been taken for the purpose of diverting the stream, and although £15 was probably more than the value of the damage, still the Judge would probably give her a decree for some amount. This, with costs and witnesses' expenses, would come very close to the £15.

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Hayes seconded the following resolution:- "That Mr Elgee be instructed to enter a defence in the case of Mrs Maria Keyes v Wexford County Council."

MATTHEW J. BRESLIN V WEXFORD CO. COUNCIL.

The Secretary reported that a Civil Bill had been served on the County Council by Matthew J. Breslin, Gorey, for £40 "being four years' rent due and owing by plaintiffs out of premises in the town of Gorey known as Gorey Courthouse and held by the defendants from the plaintiff under lease dated 17th day of February 1845 for the term of 99 years from the 25th day of March ~~1845~~ 1844."

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne, that the Council consent to a decree in this case, and point out that they had offered to purchase the interest of Mr Breslin in the premises and pay any rent outstanding some time ago.

JOHN ACTON V WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

The application of John Acton, a quarry worker who met with an accident in Carriganeagh Quarry, for arbitration was referred to Messrs McDonagh & Boland 51 Dame Street Dublin, Brokers.

PROPOSED SUPERANNUATION DR S.A. FURLONG  
LATE SURGEON COUNTY INFIRMARY.

In connection with above, Mr Elgee wrote that, in his opinion, the salary to be taken into consideration in fixing the superannuation of Dr Furlong was £94 (the actual annual amount paid by the Co. Council). The further £26 claimed by Dr Furlong



for the purposes of calculation of superannuation was paid by the Trustees of the Lady Esmonde Hospital in regard to the management of which the Joint Committee of Management of the County Infirmary had nothing to say.

Under date 28th April, 1926, Messrs O'Flaherty & Son, solicitors, on behalf of Dr Furlong, wrote that, as Dr Furlong held office under the County Infirmary Committee at a salary of £120, ~~and~~ this is the sum which should be taken into account in arriving at the amount of superannuation.

The Chairman gave the following notice of motion:-

"That the question of allowing superannuation to Dr S.A. Furlong, late Surgeon County Wexford Infirmary, be considered at meeting of County Council to be held on <sup>3<sup>rd</sup></sup> ~~12<sup>th</sup>~~ July, 1926, and, if agreed to, that amount of superannuation be fixed at said meeting."

#### SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES- ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATES.

Primary Scheme.- In connection with eligibility of candidates to compete for primary scholarships, the Secretary mentioned that the application of John Kehoe, Aughmore, Ballagh, had been referred to the Finance Committee on a question of valuation. The valuation of Mr Denis Kehoe, father of applicant, set out in application, was £60 but, according to statements which had since been received from Rate Collectors W. Cummins and P. Donohoe, the valuation was £80-5-0.

The Committee considered that, in view of the amount of his valuation and from what they knew of Mr Kehoe's circumstances, ~~that~~ he was in a position to afford his son a secondary education and applicant in this case should not be allowed to compete for scholarship.

University Scheme.- Applications were received from the following for University Scholarships:- James G. Maddock Rosslare, Harbour, Michael G. Stedmond 2 Island Road Enniscorthy, John Joseph Kenny Irish Street Bunclody, (Primary Scholarship Holder) Margaret Berney Foxcover, Monaseed(do), Anastatia Dunne Ballybrannis, Enniscorthy. The meeting agreed that above candidates were eligible to compete for University Scholarships.



Miss Walsh, Librarian, County Library Service, wrote, asking for permission to sell the old Oliver Typewriter for £6-6-0 and purchase a new machine; she had been offered a slightly soiled Underwood at £12.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne:- "That the Co. Council be recommended to agree to sale of Oliver Typewriter at Wexford County Library for £6-6-0 and allow the Librarian to purchase instead an Underwood machine offered to her. at £12."

OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES - MR ELGEE, SOLICITOR.

Out-of-pocket expenses submitted by Mr Elgee, solcr. to the Council, for year ended 31st March, 1926, and amounting to £46-13-6, were examined and recommended for payment to the County Council.

It was decided that the County Council request the Minister for Justice to have fees fixed for services of summonses in civil cases for District Court at the same amounts as apply to Civil Bills dealt with by the Circuit Court.

BURIAL OF CARCASE

It was decided that refund of 9/- be made to Mr J.J. Caffrey, Superintendent, Mercantile Marine, Wexford, for expenses incurred in connection with the burial of the carcass of a heifer washed ashore at Cullenstown on 3rd April 1926.

RATE COLLECTION.

The following shows the percentages of amount of rate collected by each Collector plus amount of Irrecoverable Rate:-  
J.J.O'Reilly and E.J.Murphy 99: J.J.Sinnott 98: Sean Gannon.  
J.J.Kelly and B. Cleary 97: James Quirke and J.Curtis 96: Patrick Fitzpatrick 95: T.Sutton, M.Deegan, J.Cummins and T. Rowe 94:  
W. Cummins 93: P.Walsh 89: M.Kelly 88: P.O'Byrne & P.Donohoe 87:  
C.McCarthy 84: P.Sinnott 69: J Doyle (recently appointed) actual amount, 55.

The Collectors were in attendance and the various items outstanding and set out as irrecoverable were examined



by the Committee.

No one had refused to pay and the amounts outstanding arose owing to the inability of ratepayers to pay at the moment. With the exception of very small amounts, the Collectors expected to secure payments in all other cases.

In connection with a seizure of two horses and three ~~calves~~ <sup>cows</sup> made by Mr Cleary, the animals being subsequently released from Pound, it was decided that Mr Colfer, New Ross, be asked if he could inform the Committee of the circumstances under which the animals were released.

In district of Mr J. Cummins, the latter was instructed to call the attention of the County Board of Health to the refusal to pay rates by occupants of two labourers' cottages.

In the case of Mr Rowe, it was decided that the Land Commission be requested to take over a farm which was derelict.

In the district of Mr Donohoe, a seizure and sale had been effected but no return was made.

It was decided that Mr Donohoe submit full particulars in respect of this matter.

Mr P.J. Sinnott, who had been ill for some time, stated he considered he would be able to clear up his collection in a month's time.

#### COLLECTOR JAMES MURPHY.

A letter was read from a ratepayer in the district of Mr James Murphy ex-Rate Collector that he had paid the first moiety of poor rate to Mr James Murphy, ex-Rate Collector, but had not received any receipt. He was now called on to pay the rate a second time.

The Secretary explained that, as the receipt was in the collecting book, the amount would have to be paid to Mr Doyle, the new Rate Collector.

Mr James Murphy came before the meeting and stated that the ratepayer in question owed him £4 from the previous rate and the amount sent by the ratepayer was £5. The £1 which was over would be paid to the Council later.



Dr. O'Connor V. County Council.

Mr. Elgee , Solicitor, reported that the case of Dr. O'Connor v County Council had been held at the last Circuit Court. The Judge had dismissed Dr. O'Connor's claim and held that the pension , as fixed by the Minister for Local Government, was quite in order and the Council was bound by the Sealed Order issued in the case.

Maria Keys<sup>l</sup> v County Council.

With reference to the case of Maria Keys<sup>l</sup> v County Council, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, reported, that it had been adjourned to the next Circuit Court.

On the motion of Mr. Gaul, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, the minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 27th May, 1926, were confirmed.

The following minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 10th June, 1926, were submitted, and were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Gaul, seconded by Mr. Clince:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 10th June 1926.

Present: Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding, Also : —  
Messrs P. Hayes, Sean O'Byrne, William Thorpe, and James E. Walsh.

A letter was read from Col Gibbon, apologising for his absence from the meeting as he would be away from home on business.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4810-3-6 was examined and signed.

#### SELF-PROTECTION LEAGUE.

Under date 2nd June 1926, the following letter was read from Mr Parker, Self Protection League:—"The Executive of above (Self Protection League) desire to know when the Committee proposed to be set up to go into the question of the rates will be complete. They are also anxious to be apprised of the date fixed (if any) as soon as possible."

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That the attention of Mr Parker be directed to the resolution adopted by the County Council on the 12th April, 1926 as follows:- "That the Self-Protection League furnish concrete proposals and suggestions in writing, and after consideration of these by the County Council, a conference can be arranged as requested by the Self Protection League."

The terms of this resolution were explained to the Deputation on the 12th April by the Chairman of the Council.



Midwives (Ireland) Act 1918.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Central Midwives Board, Saorstát Éireann, that a sum of £12: 11: 7 had been assessed under Section 13 of the Midwives' (Ireland) Act 1918 on Wexford County Council as their share of £362: 2: 11d, the balance against the Central Board after the year's working to 31st December 1925.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hayes that the amount be paid.

Burial of Carcasses.

It was decided that 10/- be refunded Receiver of Wreck, Custom House, Dublin, amount paid by him to Mr. J. Prestage, The Park, Arklow, for the burial of the carcasses of two sheep washed ashore at Kilmichael point.

Rate Collection.

The state of Rate Collection was considered and it was decided to furnish collecting books for Rate 1926-27 to all Collectors who have collected up to 92 per cent of their collections on Rate for 1925-26.

Valuation Lists.

The various applications for revisions of valuation from Rate Collectors and others were considered and the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne "That the various applications for revisions of valuation as presented by Secretary to this meeting be and are hereby approved and reported to the General Valuation Office.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF ROADS COMMITTEE.  
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The following Minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st May, 1926, were submitted:-



The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 31st May 1926.

Present:-Mr Thomas McCarthy, Chairman Co. Council (presiding), also Messrs W. Boggan, M. Cloney, P. Colfer, R. Corish, James Hall, Sean O'Byrne, James Shannon, Col. Quin and Col. Gibbon.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

#### ADMINISTRATION TRUNK ROADS.

In connection with notice of motion by Col Gibbon to have trunk roads and steamrolling machinery placed under one Deputy Surveyor, the following report was read from the County Surveyor:-

"As directed by the Council I beg to report that I have considered the matter of employment of Mr Treanor in a position other than as at present. A copy of the Memo prepared by me on the 23rd April last has been sent to each member of the County Council, and on further consideration, I do not see how any material change can be made with advantage.

Under the current year's Road Grant of £8,400 for Trunk Roads I purpose carrying out a great deal of tar and bitumen surfacing so as to preserve the roads we have at present improved. Mr Treanor will have under this Scheme the spraying of about 12½ miles and one mile of reconstruction work, and this should be ample for one Assistant to supervise.

Mr Ennis will have 7 1/3 miles of spraying work, and over a mile of reconstruction work; Mr Cullen will have 1½ miles of spraying work and Mr O'Neill will have 4 miles of spraying work and ½ mile of reconstruction work.

The work will extend from the County Bounds at Arklow to New Ross and branching to Newtownbarry, and I do not consider it possible for one man to properly supervise this.

Under the £2,000,000 loan Grant it is scheduled to tar macadam the road from Arklow to New Ross.



Enniscorthy to Scarawalsh Bridge, and the estimated cost will be about £50,000. At present, I do not know if the whole of this, or any part, will be allocated this year, but in any case, the Local Government Department, I understand, will make all the arrangements about the work, probably under contract, subject to my final certificate on completion. Possibly when this work is in hands, Mr Treanor could be engaged in looking after it but any change in the present system to provide for this would be merely temporary."

After some discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Gibbon seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That consideration of Notice of Motion relative to placing trunk roads and steamrolling machinery under charge of one Deputy Surveyor be adjourned until the proposals of the Local Government Department relative to improvement of Wexford to Enniscorthy road have been received.

#### REPORT OF COUNTY SURVEYOR.

The following monthly report was received from the County Surveyor:-

"As directed by the Council I transferred the fitting<sup>(s)</sup> from the old Courthouse on the Quay to the Chapel at the Old Jail, and have fitted it up as a Circuit Court which is at present sitting. The furniture from the New Ross Workhouse has been brought to Wexford and is at present in the old Jail premises. A good deal of this furniture was of great utility in fitting up the premises for a Courthouse.

Mr Raftery, Local Government Inspector, was with me from the 19th to the 21st inst, and inspected the Wexford to Enniscorthy road with a view to allocation of a large Grant. I discussed with him the allocation of the £8,400 Grant, and have forwarded the Forms to the Local Government for sanction.

I submit map of the positions where I propose erecting Road Signs, but the Schedule is not yet complete in all details. I can however furnish the Committee with any necessary information and ask for sanction to the Scheme.



"The Sluice Gates at Courtown Harbour are in a defective condition as there is a great leakage, underneath the sill apparently. Repair of this will entail heavy expenditure as it will be necessary to dam off the water at each side of the gates. I applied to the Department of Fisheries with a view to their taking up this repair and I submit copy of letter which I have received in reply.

I have put in hands the repair of the bascule of Wexford Bridge, and have at present engaged divers to retrieve the iron work and so forth of the old structure which will be utilised in great part in the reconstruction work. Later on it will be necessary to close the bridge to vehicular traffic, but I hope to be able to provide for foot passenger traffic at all times.

In connection with the reconstruction work on roads it is necessary to provide a large quantity of chippings, and I have had the bottom screens of the breakers altered to provide for this. The present chippings are, in my opinion, still below the proper standard and I suggest that fittings be obtained to convert the existing breakers into granulators. I suggest that one of the small Goodwin Barsby breakers be so converted permanently to travel from quarry to quarry, and that fittings be obtained for the Baxter breaker at Ballybrennan. I shall have particulars for the meeting.

In paragraph 8 of the Agenda the matter of Sparrowsland Bridge is to come up for discussion. Some time ago I met the Railway Engineer and the question of a new siding was discussed, but the Council decided that the expense would be too heavy. At present the bridge at Sparrowsland is stated to be unfit for heavy traffic and consequently we cannot haul by lorries from Ballybrennan to the existing siding. I consider that the expenditure of £86 in having this bridge made to take all the modern traffic would be well warranted.

I have discussed the matter of the change of Ganger O'Gorman to another district with the local Assistants, and am of opinion that the only satisfactory transfer would be between Mr O'Gorman and Mr Bennett and I ask for sanction to this transfer."



ROAD SIGNS .

The County Surveyor submitted particulars of the signs which he proposed to have erected—approximately 100. The Department of Local Government were providing £300 towards the cost of erection and the Automobile Association were supplying the signs.

The Schedule as submitted by County Surveyor was approved.

COURTOWN HARBOUR SLUICE-GATES

The following letter under date 27th May 1926 was submitted from the Department of Fisheries:-

"With reference to your communication dated 15th inst addressed to Mr Hassard, Engineer to this Department, I am directed<sup>(ed)</sup> by the Minister for Fisheries to state that the Department can not make a grant towards the repair to sluice gates at Courtown Harbour which is in the charge of the County Council.

The Department will contribute towards the cost of having some dredging done in the harbour in the interests of the fishermen, when the Office of Public Works has a dredger available for the work."

The County Surveyor stated he was unable to give an estimate of the cost. The actual repair would not be costly but the damming of the water would be expensive. If the gates were repaired the dredging would be effective. He would submit an estimate to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

The work was approved provided cost of same meets with the approval of the Finance Committee.

ALTERATION-STONE BREAKERS.

The County Surveyor stated that the cost of new fitment for Baxter breaker would be £32-2-6 and with the actual fitting and carriage, the cost would be about £50. The cost for Goodwin Barsby fitment would be £44-7-0 and the fitting and carriage would be about another £20.

The meeting decided on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Col Quin, to approve of adjustment of breakers with



special fitments in conformity with the statement of the County Surveyor.

#### SPARROWSLAND BRIDGE.

In connection with this matter the following letter under date 20th May 1926 was read from the Chief Engineer, Great Southern Railways, Dublin:-

"Your letter of 20th June 1925 has been handed to me, and I am directed to inform you that the Company are prepared to renew the bridge to carry the loads for which it was originally provided. The question of strengthening the bridge has been gone into and I estimate that a bridge ~~has been gone into~~ ~~is~~ designed to carry present day traffic up to the requirements of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce would involve the Company in an increased expenditure of £86, as compared with the first mentioned design.

My Directors would be willing to put in the more substantial bridge if your Council will contribute the amount of the increased cost.

If your Council agree to the proposal and if you can let me have their decision within say one month, I have no doubt the new bridge could be brought into use during the present year."

It was decided on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Hall, that the County Council be recommended to provide £86 as a contribution towards the cost of Sparrowsland Bridge and that the County Surveyor be instructed to request the Railway Company to take steps to ease the approaches to the bridge on each side for the convenience of the public.

#### CHANGING GANGERS' AREAS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Hall:- "That Ganger O'Gorman be transferred to district of Ganger Bennett and Ganger Bennett to Ganger O'Gorman's section (Enniscorthy District).



SLOB ROAD ROSSLARE-WEXFORD.

In connection with above the following letter was read from Department of Local Government under date 14th May 1926(R/RU/32) :-

"With further reference to your letter of the 20th ultimo relative to a further grant ~~in~~ in respect of the above mentioned road, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to request that you will be good enough to furnish a copy of the agreement entered into by the Council with the Slob Company as regards the right of way through their land. Was the Council's solicitor consulted in the matter and if so, is he satisfied?

It is noted from the County Surveyor's letter of the 29th March last that no agreement had up to that date been reached with the Railway Company as regards the right of way at Drinagh accommodation crossing. The whole question of this right of way appears to have been dealt with in an unsatisfactory manner from the start and apparently the matter is no nearer settlement to-day than when the question was first raised by the Railway Company in August last.

It should be clearly understood that no further payment ~~should~~ will be made in respect of this work until the right of way is assured and a definite assurance is forthcoming that the road is a public one."

Under date 20th April 1926, the following letter from the solicitor of Great Southern Railways to Mr Elgee, solicitor to the Council, and which had been referred from last Co. Council meeting to Roads Committee, was read:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 8th inst, and note that the work on the proposed road is now practically completed, and that it is proposed to open it for public use ~~use~~ shortly.

It appears to me that in proceeding with the construction of the roadway your Council is acting without due regard to the legal position of the Company in connection with the level



crossing in question.

It is hardly necessary for me to point out that Section 68 of the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act of 1845, under which the Company are obliged to provide such accommodation works as level crossings, imposes on the Company a duty towards a limited class only, viz, the owners and occupiers of the land adjoining the railway, and that the persons for whose benefit the Company have made an accommodation level crossing may not substantially increase the burden of the easement by altering or enlarging the character of the user.

It appears quite clear that the crossing in question was provided for the accommodation of the portion of the South Slob lands in the occupation of Messrs Meldon, and I do not think it can be seriously contended that persons other than the successors in title of these particular people are entitled to the use of the crossing.

The Company appear to be quite within their rights in preventing all other persons from using the crossing and thereby increasing the burden on them.

In making the suggestion that a public right of way over the crossing has been acquired, you appear to be ignoring the fact that where a right is created by Statute the easement is limited to the purpose for ~~xx~~ which it is so created.

If, notwithstanding this intimation, your Council proceed further with the proposed roadway, they will do so on their own responsibility, and the Company will take any steps necessary to protect their interests when the occasion arises."

After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Gibbon seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That before taking further action in connection with the position of Slob Road, the Co. Surveyor be instructed to ascertain cost of reinforced skeleton concrete bridge same as at Rosslare Pier to carry loads not exceeding two tons."



FLOODING AT NEWTOWN, CAHORE.

Col Gibbon asked if anything had been done to clear the drain under the road at Newtown Cahore, so as to obviate the flooding of road. The County Council are responsible for cleaning up this drain.

The County Surveyor said there was no use in cleaning up this side drain unless the tail end of the drain over which the County Council had no control was cleaned up.

Col Gibbon said that in his opinion the flooding of the road was largely due to the fact that the County Council drain was not cleaned up.

No order.

ENNISCORTHY AND GOREY COURTHOUSES.

Under date 13th May 1926 the following letter was read from Mr Elgee, solicitor:-

"As instructed I now beg to report as to the position in regards to the above Courthouses as follows:-

Enniscorthy Courthouse- In this case I have now heard from Messrs P. J. O'Flaherty & Son, Agents for Lady Portsmouth, the Landlord of the premises, that she is prepared to allow the County Council to resume possession of the premises, which they held under lease at the yearly rent of £15, provided all arrears of rent due to date be paid, or, in the alternative, she will sell the premises to the Council at 26 years purchase or £390.

In view of this I am now serving the Notices in connection with the claim for Compensation for the burning of the premises.

GOREY COURTHOUSE.-In this case as directed by the Council I offered Messrs Huggard & Brennan, solicitors for the owner, the sum of £200 for the purchase of the premises, and they have informed me that the owner considers this sum entirely inadequate and that same could not be accepted. I then asked them to let me know the least sum that the owner would accept, and up to this I have not heard further from them. So there the matter stands at present.

Until some arrangement can be come to between the Council and the owner as to price I am not in a position to



serve the Notices in connection with a claim for Compensation for the burning."

Mr Elgee said that a process had been served on behalf of Mr Breslin who bought the ground landlord's interest in Gorey, for four years' rent. The Finance Committee had agreed that he (Mr Elgee) should consent to a decree which would put the County Council in a position of going ahead with the application for compensation.

Mr O'Byrne said the former landlord had paid rates up to the time of sale. As Mr Breslin was getting the same rent out of the premises as the previous landlord he should be held responsible for the rates also.

It was decided that Mr Elgee be instructed to apply to Mr Breslin for payment of rates for the four years during which he was in possession.

It was also agreed that the County Council be recommended to pay the rent due in respect of the Enniscorthy Courthouse.

#### QUARRIES.

Cherryorchard.— The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Mr F. H. Hawkins owner of Cherryorchard Quarry:—

"Your Assistant, Mr Ennis invited me to sign a Contract 25 per cent under pre-war price. This I refuse to do as I think the existing paltry sum of 4d per cubic yard too small, more especially in my case as most of the quarry owners—if not all—are living at a comfortable distance from their quarries. You know the position of my houses. All the compensation I got after the last blasting was merely my houses patched. As Mr Ennis said to me after the last blasting—"It can't be helped. All we can do is to patch them up." Does the latter compensate me for the damage?

I am not out for trouble but I must have fair play and I will bring my case to Dublin if necessary. Why are some of the quarry owners getting 5d and 6d per cubic yard?"

It was decided on the motion of Col Quin seconded by



Mr Hall that the County Council be recommended to pay 4d per cubic yard for material at Cherryorchard Quarry owing to exceptional situation of the quarry.

Ballybuckley and Dunanore.- The following was submitted from Mr Elgee:- "If Capt Alcock declines to sign the quarry leases unless his solicitors' costs in the matter are paid you cannot compel him to do so, and it is the usual if the question is raised for the Council to pay the costs and this has been done in several cases. Of course it is open to you to apply to the Court for an Order to enter the quarry."

It was decided that the County Surveyor take Court proceedings with a view to obtaining an Order to enter Ballybuckley and Dunanore Quarries.

Curraduff- Under date 25th May 1926 the following was read from Mr James Lawlor, Coolree, Ballindaggin:-

"I am requested by Ballindaggin Branch Self-Protection League to ask you to lay the following facts regarding Curraduff (Kiltealy) Quarry before the Co. Council at their next meeting.

That a deputation was appointed in the Spring of 1925 by the then County Council or Enniscorthy District Council (I cannot say which) to visit Kiltealy area to see if a suitable quarry existed there. This deputation consisted of Messrs J. Shannon M.C.C., J. Lawlor M.C.C., J. Clinee M.C.C. with Mr Barry, County Surveyor, and Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor. They visited McCarthy's and Curraduff Quarries. They believed the quarry in McCarthy's field was inaccessible as there was too much earth over the stone but they believed that Curraduff could be worked. They recommended that the stones already quarried there be immediately broken and used on the adjacent roads, and that the quarry be re-opened further down the lane as they believed that it was first opened in the wrong end and against the grain of the quarry. Those recommendations came before the County Council who unanimously approved of them and directed Mr Barry to proceed with the work immediately, but with the exception of a small quantity of the stones being



broken, nothing further is done, with the result that stones are carted from Ballybrennan, Cherryorchard, Ryland, Ballycarney and Kiltrea to Ballindaggin and Kiltaly areas involving a large outlay for haulage and damaging the roads over which it is hauled while this very good stone in the midst of the district is left untouched. A deputation from the Branch recently visited Curraduff and they are convinced that the stone here is a very good one. This deputation consisted of farmers and labourers and they were unanimous as regards asking the County Council to re-open this quarry and they would like to know what explanation Mr Barry has to give as to why he did not carry out the Council's Order in 1925.

In conclusion I must remark that the people of this district is very anxious to see this quarry in working order. It was purchased by the County Council some years ago and of course before this was done the stone was approved of by the Council's Surveyor."

The County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr R.J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I got down last year about half the stones from this quarry and got them broken, some of them being used and some still on hands. I will be shortly getting down the remainder. I do not draw any stones from Ballybrennan. Even if there were plenty of stones in Curraduff at present, they would be competing not with the stones from the quarries but with field stones. I can get the latter of a better quality than Curraduff and at a less price on the road. I <sup>consequently</sup> ~~constantly~~ use them on the bye-roads. Curraduff is absolutely the worst stone of any County Council quarry, consequently I would never use it on the main roads. I can get from 70% to 35% as much stones from Cherryorchard, etc. even on roads fairly near the quarry for the same amount of money. This results in better and cleaner roads and less spreading, etc, to be done.

As for the damage done by engine haulage, if used at the right period of the year this rather does good.

The roads in this area are a good deal better than



formerly, chiefly because they have been getting a good quality of stone.

On the Carlow side they use limestone gravel which is drawn a good distance right up to the County Bounds. It is useless to expect that say 17E, 16E, 30E or 101E could be anything like as good as the Carlow roads unless Ryland or Cherry-orchard stone is used."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Gibbon, seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:- "That Mr Lawlor be informed that from an official report we find the stone at Curraduff quarry is inferior and uneconomic and unfit for general use."

#### PROSECUTION OF JAMES DOYLE, ROAD GANGER, SECTION G.

The following letter under date 14th May 1926 was read from Mr Elgee, solicitor to the Council:-

"The charge against this man was heard at Gorey District Court to-day. Doyle pleaded guilty to the charge and threw himself on the mercy of the Court, when the Justice taking into consideration that this was his first offence, and that up to this he had a good character, convicted but allowed Doyle out under the Probation of Offenders' Act and placed him under recognisance to come up for judgment within three years if called upon."

#### POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHIC LINE.

An application was read from the General Post Office for permission to place an overground telegraphic line along the road at St John's, Enniscorthy.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr O'Byrne:- "That the County Council be recommended to agree to the application of the Post Office provided they agree to place a protection of laths round the telegraphic poles to protect clothing of pedestrians as was done in the case of Wexford town."

#### RATES ON MACHINERY YARD ENNISCORTHY.

The following letter was read from the Manager of the Enniscorthy Co-Operative Agricultural Society:-



"We beg to enclose Bills for rent of premises and yard in Enniscorthy.

Whilst on this subject we would be glad if you would refer to the lease from which you will note that the leasee is to pay the rates, and as we have not received payment, we would be glad if you could assist us to get this matter squared.

The rates on the whole premises last year was £24-2-2 and we think that about one-fourth of the total premises is leased to you, which would leave your share of the rates £6-0-0, and taking last year as the average, you would owe us for three years at that rate, approximately £18-1-6.

Perhaps you would like to have these premises valued and the amount accurately adjusted."

It was decided that an application be made for revision of valuation of the premises and that when ~~new~~ new ~~valuation~~ valuation ~~is~~ be available, the question of proportion of rates to be paid to Co-operative Agricultural Society be dealt with."

#### PETROL PUMP NEW ROSS.

The following letter was read from Mr John Murphy, John Street, New Ross, to the County Surveyor, in connection with petrol pump:-

"Some time ago the New Ross District Council gave permission for a petrol pump. I understand this street is now in your control and find I have to put the tank under the footpath where the pump is going. If you are in Ross I would be glad to get the necessary permission to excavate or perhaps you would write Mr Shortall."

The County Surveyor forwarded the following reply:-

"In reply to your letter of the 12th inst, I beg to inform you that the County Council has objected in similar circumstances to the erection of a petrol tank under a County Road or footway. It will therefore be necessary for you to make arrangements to have the tank fitted at your own premises. It is only the pump itself and the pump fittings that are allowed to be on or near a County road."

In connection with this the following was read from the Clerk, New Ross Urban Council:-



"With reference to the application of Mr John Murphy, John Street, New Ross for permission to erect a petrol pump outside his premises in that street, which is now a main road, I am directed by my Council to request the County Council to kindly grant him permission to have the tank of same constructed under the footpath of the street, as it has been ascertained by boring that this is the only place in which it can be fixed. The Urban Council are satisfied it will not cause any inconvenience to the public there."

Mr Corish proposed and Col Quin seconded the following:- "That the Council be recommended to refuse permission to allow tank for petrol pump at the premises of Mr J. Murphy, John Street, New Ross, being constructed under the footpath of the street."

ROAD GRANT T 12--GRANT £1300.

The following letter under date 15th May 1926 was read from the Clerk Urban Council, New Ross:-

"At last meeting of my Council I was directed to inform the County Council that the above amount allocated for the repair of that portion of the main road from Royal Hotel to Urban Boundary at Bellevue, or Newtown, will not be sufficient to complete the work, and to request that now, while the rolling plant etc, is on the spot, arrangements may be made by the County Council for a further allocation to this Council so that they may be enabled to complete the work."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Quin, seconded by Mr Hall:- "That the New Ross Urban Council be informed that the County Council are not in a position owing to lack of funds to make a supplemental grant in respect of portion of Trunk Road No T.12 in New Ross Urban District.

PROPOSED ROAD --ROSSLARE HARBOUR

The following report was read from the Co. Surveyor:-

"In reply to your letter of the 5th inst, re above, I beg to report that the Roads Inspection Committee on their rounds last year saw this place, and were not able to recommend



it being taken over: mainly, I think, on account of lack of funds. It is an extension of the contract road and would be a dead end and of service purely and simply to the residents on it. Being within a small town or village would probably influence the matter of its repair, and would probably render it easily legalised though a dead end. At present, the residents do nothing with the repair, as is the usual way what's everybody's business is nobody's business. I estimate it would cost about £50 or £60 to put it in order, and its after maintenance would be practically nothing."

It was decided that as the proposed road was not a through road the County Council were not empowered to have it repaired.

#### ATTENDANCE--ASSISTANT SURVEYORS AT MEETINGS

It was decided that in future the County Surveyor would exercise his discretion as to what Assistant Surveyors should attend meetings of Roads Committee and Co. Council.

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#### County Surveyor's Report - Wexford Bridge.

The County Surveyor mentioned that he found since making his report that it would be only necessary to close Wexford Bridge for a few days to ordinary traffic.



In connection with lorry traffic over this bridge, the following was read from the County Surveyor under date 12th June, 1926:-

"The work of restoration of the bascule of this bridge has been proceeding, and during this week I have had census of traffic taken. I have particularly dealt with lorry traffic which under bye laws, and by notice, is prohibited from crossing the bridge, and in this instance, I have had the registered numbers of the lorries taken. I recommend that the matter should be put in the Solicitor's hands, as the bridge is not calculated to take this modern traffic".

The County Surveyor submitted list of lorries with registered numbers which had been using this bridge contrary to the bye law. Some of the lorries in question ran to six or seven tons.

Mr. Thorpe mentioned that, in addition to limitation of weight, there should be a bye law covering speed, as vehicles driven at excessive speed were responsible for causing a good deal of damage to road surfaces.

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

"That owners of lorries of over two tons unladen, which were using Wexford Bridge, contrary to bye-law, be notified that this practice must be discontinued, and if, after this notification, they are found still using the bridge, Mr. Elgee be instructed to institute legal proceedings against them".

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

"That, while repairs are being carried out to Wexford Bridge, all vehicular traffic be controlled under the directions of the County Surveyor in conformity with the convenience of the public and their safety".



Road Signs.

The County Surveyor submitted letter from Trade Section of the Department of Local Government as to standard post of solid drawn steel which would be used in connection with the erection of sign posts. Up to the present he had provided for 117 new sign posts to be erected. These would cover the main roads of the County and would leave only a few to be dealt with afterwards. .

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to erect 120 sign posts on various roads of the County as per schedule submitted by him to this meeting. That we approve of the utilisation of post recommended by the Trade Section of the Local Government Department, costing 22/<sup>s</sup>11d each"

Sparrowsland Bridge.

In connection with above, the following letter, under date, 12th June, 1926, was read from the Chief Engineer, Great Southern Railways:-

"I am in receipt of yours of the 10th instant for which I am obliged.

"I think it would be well if it were made clear to the members of the County Council that any easing of the approaches could only be done at the expense of the County Council. If they are prepared to bear the cost of the work, the Company would, of course, be happy to carry it out if it is feasible.

"As this is the first time this particular question has been raised, I regret that I have not information available to enable me to say whether any such easing would be possible or not"

After considerable discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Thorpe, seconded by Mr. Glince:-



"That the recommendation of the Roads Committee, relative to Sparrowsland Bridge, be adjourned. In the meantime, that the Great Southern Railways be requested to arrange for an interview between the County Surveyor and their Chief Engineer in connection with the matter in order to ascertain if it would be possible to come to some satisfactory arrangement so that the bridge would be made as suitable as possible for modern vehicular traffic"...

Changing Ganger's Areas.

The County Surveyor submitted letter from J. J. O'Gorman, under date 10th June, 1926, in which he stated that Michael Bennett's section, to which it was proposed he should be transferred, was inconvenient, as it meant travelling a long distance morning and evening and he would not be able to do it. Ganger William Sunderland had volunteered to exchange sections with him and he would ask to be transferred to Sunderland's Section. The change would be also more convenient for Sunderland. He (O'Gorman) was making the application for health reasons only, as he had been medically advised that the transfer to Bennett's district would be injurious to this health.

Under date 9th June, 1926, a letter was read from William Sunderland, Clonhaston, that he was prepared to made a change with J. J. O'Gorman, provided, if a further change was made in Sections, he should revert to the Clonhaston district.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Doyle:-

"That as regards proposed change of J. J. O'Gorman to district of Michael Bennett, the recommendation of the Roads Committee be confirmed, as this Council does not approve of transfer of William Sunderland from his present district".



Slob Road Wexford-Rosslare.

The County Surveyor stated he had not found time to the present to prepare estimate &c., in connection with proposed skeleton re- inforced concrete bridge on this road.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, stated that the agreement between the County Council and Messrs Meldon in connection with the Slob Road had been completed and he intended to have it signed this week. He was also arranging to discuss the question of the objection of the Railway Company with Messrs Meldon in Dublin and would report to next meeting.

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

"That the Seal of the Wexford County Council be affixed to the agreement with Messrs Meldon and Co., relative to the taking of land in connection with the construction of the new road over the slob lands between Wexford and Rosslare"

The recommendations of the Roads Committee as set out on the minutes were confirmed on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall.

MANURE HEAPS ON ROADS.

Colonel Gibbon complained that, on the 8th instant, he found, beyond Castlebridge on the Castle Ellis road, a manure dump. This was about 6.30 a.m., and if any cars had been travelling in the night an accident could easily have occurred as this manure heap was right on the middle of the road. He inquired what steps the County Surveyor had taken to prevent roads being obstructed by manure heaps as directed by a recent meeting of the Roads Committee.

The County Surveyor stated he would submit a report to the next meeting of the Roads Committee in the matter.

ANCIENT MONUMENTS COMMITTEE.

The following minutes of meeting of above Committee, held



on 31st May, 1926, were submitted:-

"A meeting of Committee of County Council (in conjunction with the County Surveyor) to make recommendations to the County Council relative to the preservation of our Ancient Monuments was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on Monday 31st May, 1926.

"The following were present:- Rev. R. Fitzhenry, P.P. Lady's Island, (presiding); Miss K. A. Browne; Messrs Sean O'Byrne, M.C.C., and M. Cloney, M.C.C.

"The Secretary of the County Council and the County Surveyor were also in attendance.

"A Schedule of ancient monuments was submitted by the County Surveyor.

"It was decided to ascertain from the Board of Works the particulars of Ancient Monuments in the County which had been vested in them. Also to procure from County Board of Health and Church Representative Body lists of graveyards in the County over which they had control.

"A resolution was adopted asking the Land Commission to provide that any ancient monuments on lands which were sold to tenants under the Hogan Act should be vested either in the Board of Works or in the County Council.

"The list submitted by County Surveyor will be considered by Local Advisory Committees whose suggestions will be dealt with by County Council Committee, with a view to requesting the Council to take over monuments which are believed to be of historic interest"

Approved on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Hall.

#### OLD JAIL PREMISES - COUNTY HALL.

The following minutes of meeting of Old Jail premises Committee of 10th June, 1926, were submitted:-



"The Committee appointed on 10th May, 1926, to inspect the old Jail premises with a view to report as to suitability of premises for Courthouse and County Council Offices met on 10th June, 1926.

"The following were in attendance:- Messrs T. McCarthy (Chairman Co. Council), Wm. Thorpe and James E. Walsh.

"The Secretary and County Surveyor were also in attendance.

"The Committee spent a considerable time in inspecting the front block after which they instructed the County Surveyor to prepare, for consideration at adjourned meeting of the Committee, sketches and estimates for conversion of front block for Court ~~for Court~~ with apartments for Court Officials, Barristers &c., Jury room; Judge's room; offices for County Council; County Surveyor; County Council Chamber &c."

Approved on the motion of Mr. Thorpe seconded by Mr. Clince.

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

"That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, make application to the Department of Finance for <sup>liberty</sup> to expend compensation of £5000, awarded in connection with old Courthouse, on the old Jail premises which can be fitted up as a suitable Court and County Offices &c., and that he also ascertain what would be the liability of the County Council to the owners of the site of the Courthouse as to rebuilding, and, for this purpose, that he be instructed to have a search made in the Record Office, Dublin, in order to ascertain the tenure under which the old Courthouse was held"

#### NEW ROSS COURTHOUSE

The following report which was signed by Messrs T. McCarthy, P. N. O'Gorman, W. Thorpe, J. E. Walsh, Thomas Cooney, V. A. Doyle and W. F. Barry, County Surveyor, was submitted:-



"We the undersigned members of the deputation appointed by the County Council beg to report that as desired we met Mr. Hugh R. Hamilton, Agent of the Tottenham State, relative to the New Ross Courthouse on 4th June, 1926. Mr. Hamilton informed us that he was prepared to sell at £1000 or lease for 35 years at £50 per annum with the right to purchase at any time at a figure not exceeding £1000. We understood also from Mr. Hamilton that the rent of the Courthouse was £24 per annum for the past 80 years and that it was held as a yearly tenancy. There was no trace as to whom the Courthouse was built by, but it ~~was~~ is believed to have been built by the Tottenhams.

"Having visited <sup>and</sup> ~~the~~ inspected the Courthouse, we recommend that a lease be accepted for 35 years at £50 per annum, the County Council to have the right to purchase at any time they desire during the life of the lease at a figure not in excess of £1000".

The Chairman moved the adoption of the Report.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded. Passed.

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

"That the Wexford County Council agree to enter into tenancy of New Ross Courthouse on lease for 35 years from 1st July, 1926, at the yearly rent of £50, payable half yearly on 1st January and 1st July, first payment to be made on 1st January, 1927, to keep the premises in repair to the satisfaction of the landlord or his Agent and to insure the premises against fire for the sum of £1000; the Costs of said lease to be borne by the Council who are to have the option of purchasing the said premises at any time during the continuance of the lease for a sum not exceeding £1000"



# CIRCUIT COURTS.

The Chairman proposed:-

"That the Department of Justice berequested to arrange for the holding of Circuit Courts at Gorey, Enniscorthy and New Ross now that the County Council were taking steps to have the Courthouses at these centres put into order!"

The Chairman stated he had heard it was the intention of the Government to have the Circuit Court held only in Wexford Town.

This would be a great inconvenience to the people of Gorey, Enniscorthy and New Ross. Quarter Sessions were held in Wexford and Gorey in one half year and in Enniscorthy and New Ross for the other half year.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the motion which was passed.

Mr. Elgee stated he understood it was the intention of the Government to have the Circuit Court held only in Wexford Town.

The Chairman mentioned that if it was the decision of the Government that Circuit Courts were not to be held in Enniscorthy, Gorey or New Ross it would not be necessary to have very elaborate buildings for District Courts.

## COURTKEEPER - WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

Under date 1st June, 1926, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, wrote that Mrs McNally, Courtkeeper, Wexford Courthouse, was appointed by the Sheriff and the County Council had no control over her nor power to dismiss her. She was not in any sense an officer of a Local Body, and further she was not a "whole time" officer. Consequently he was of opinion that, so far as the County Council was concerned, she was not a pensionable" officer.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Boggan the following resolution was adopted:-



"That letter of Mr. Elgee, under date 1st June, 1926, relative to position of Mrs McNally, Courtkeeper, Wexford, be referred to the Finance Committee and that a copy of said letter be furnished to the Undersheriff for his information."

Correspondence was read from Mrs McNally as to her duties as Courtkeeper for Wexford Courthouse.

The Chairman stated that the Court, as the Councillors knew, was at present being held in the old Jail for which the County Council had appointed a caretaker.

It was decided to refer the correspondence to the Under Sheriff and Finance Committee.

ALBERT AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE DUBLIN

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

"That, on transfer of Albert Agricultural College to University College, Dublin, this Council requests that the same facilities be afforded to farmers and other interested persons to visit this College for the purpose of obtaining information regarding experiments &c., as existed when the Institution was under the control of the Department of Agriculture"

WORKING OF CARRIGBYRNE QUARRY.

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. Jordan:-

"That the resolution of Wexford County Council deciding that work at Carrigbyrne Quarry be carried on by Direct Labour be rescinded and that the work be carried on by piece work".

In accordance with Standing Orders the notice was also signed by Messrs W. Thorpe, J. Hall, M. Cloney, M. M. O'Donoghue M. Doyle, W. Boggan, N. J. Murphy and Colonel Gibbon.

Mr. Jordan, in moving his motion stated that this matter



had been very fully discussed at the last meeting of the County Council and it was pointed out that material was being produced by piece work at 6/4d per yard, and by changing to Direct Labour the cost would be 8/-.

This statement was challenged by some Labour representatives.

The County Surveyor stated that the average price for material broken under Direct Labour in quarries was 8/- per cubic yard.

Mr. Thorpe seconded the motion and stated it was very useful to have one quarry worked by piece work as it would be a headline and would furnish comparative figures for the other quarries which were all worked by Direct Labour.

The County Surveyor stated that he believed the change to Direct Labour would mean an increased cost in the production of material.

The Secretary read Section 61 (2) of the Local Government Act 1925 and explained to the meeting that if, by changing the working of this quarry from piece work to Direct Labour, the cost of the material was increased, the Auditor of the Local Government Department would probably surcharge for any loss to the rates.

The Chairman deprecated the practice of handing in notices of motion at every meeting to rescind resolutions which had been very carefully considered. It certainly did not add to the dignity of the Council, and when a decision was arrived at at a full meeting, in his opinion, a notice of motion should not be handed in to upset this decision. They would not have continuity or finality in carrying on the business of the Council if this practice were to continue.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the motion. Messrs Jordan, Thorpe, Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Hall, Kavanagh, Walsh, Whyte, Murphy, O'Donoghue and Colonel Gibbons.



Against Messrs Cline, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, O'Byrne, Pender, Rossiter and Shannon - 12.

The Chairman declined to vote and Colonel Quin was not present when the poll was taken.

As the voting was equal the motion fell through.

SUPERANNUATION MR. JOHN SINNOTT, EX-RATE COLLECTOR.

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. Pender:-

"That John Sinnott, ex-Rate Collector be voted superannuation at £80 per annum as granted to him by County Council in 1925".

Under date 27th May, 1926, letter (No.G.18952/1926 Wexford County), the Minister for Local Government transmitted Sealed Order made by him, consenting to superannuation allowance of £52 per annum to Mr. J. Sinnott, ex-Rate Collector.

By permission of the meeting Mr. Pender amended his notice of motion to read as follows:-

"That we request the Minister for Local Government to vary Sealed Order fixing Superannuation Allowance to Mr. John Sinnott, Ex-Rate Collector, at £52 per annum, and to grant Mr. Sinnott superannuation allowance of £80 per annum, as agreed to by the County Council at their meeting on 16th June, 1925. In the struggle against the British Government, Mr. Sinnott gave yeoman service to the Council and it is only just and equitable that the part he played then should be properly recognised."

Mr. Hall seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

SALARIES OF ASSISTANT SURVEYORS.

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. Corish:-

"That Assistant Surveyors who applied for increase in their



salaries (Messrs Ennis, Kehoe, Birthistle and Cullen) be paid an inclusive salary to cover all duties and all locomotion expenses of these officers, inclusive salary to begin as from date fixed by County Council and approved by Department of Local Government".

By permission of the meeting, consideration of the motion was adjourned to next meeting.

#### SPEED LIMIT, MOTOR VEHICLES.

Mr. O'Byrne, moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the speed limit for motor vehicles through town of Gorey be fixed at ten miles per hour, and on Gorey-Courtown road fifteen miles per hour".

Mr. Hall seconded the motion which was passed.

#### ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL.

Under date 14th May, 1926 (letter No.F.21459/26 Mise) the Department of Local Government wrote that the Annual meeting of County Councils, except in the case of Dublin County, was due to be held on 3rd July.

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

"That any ordinary business available be transacted at the annual meeting on 3rd July, 1926".

#### ROAD GRANTS.

Under date 7th June, 1926, the Department of Local Government (SGB/32) wrote that a payment of £400 was made on 2nd June from grant of £15660 (out of Trunk Road Grant of £450,000) in respect of work being carried out by New Ross Urban District Council.

Under date 18th May, 1926, (RIRG/32), the Department of Local Government wrote that a payment of £470 was made to the Council on 26th April, in respect of Ministry of Transport Grants.



DENTAL TREATMENT - TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME.

Under date 5th June, 1926 (P.H.20565/26 Wexford C.B.H) the Department of Local Government transmitted copy of letter addressed to the County Board of Health, stating that the terms quoted by Miss M. Stafford and Mr. B. F. Dunne for the New Ross area in respect of dental work in connection with the Wexford County Tuberculosis Scheme were satisfactory. The quotations for multiple extractions received from Mr. J. O'Byrne, Enniscorthy and Messrs Doyle and O'Connor Wexford were not satisfactory and the attention of these dentists should be drawn to the terms offered by their colleagues in New Ross.

CLAIM FOR SUPERANNUATION MRS HAYES.

Under date 3rd June, 1926, (P.25428/1926 Wexford County), the Department of Local Government wrote, calling attention to their letter of 27th July, 1925, (P.33369/1925 Wexford County B.H) which pointed out that the functions of the Minister under Section 55 of the Act of 1925 were confined to giving or withholding his consent to the grant of a superannuation allowance thereunder. 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.

No Order.

BALLYCULLANE FAIR.

Under date 29th May, 1926, (S.11418/1926) the Department of Local Government wrote stating that <sup>minute</sup> the had made an Order on 13th May, 1926, directing that the day of holding Ballycullane Fair should be altered from the third Tuesday of every month in each year to the second Monday of every month in each year.



# KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE SCHEME. -----

Under date 25th May, 1926, (G.16936/1926, miscellaneous Drainage), the Department of Local Government wrote transmitting copy of Order, dated 19th May, 1926, transferring the business of the Kilmannock Drainage District to the Wexford County Council.

Colonel Gibbon proposed:-

"That this Council protests against the handing over of the Kilmannock Drainage Scheme to the County Council as the recent work there was carried out without the sanction of the Council and against the wishes of the local people"

Mr. Murphy seconded. He understood £1100 had been expended on the work and better results could have been obtained for half the money. The new sluices had been erected by a handy man and were useless.

The resolution was adopted and it was also decided to request the County Surveyor to make a report as to the works which had been carried out.

## AREAS OF CHARGE - MALICIOUS INJURIES. -----

Correspondence was read from the Department of Local Government and the Department of Justice stating that they had no power to interfere in the matter of altering areas of charge for Malicious Injuries Decrees.

The following resolution was read from the Wexford District Executive of the Farmers' Union:-

"This meeting of the Wexford District Farmers' Union Executive consider that the placing of charges for Malicious Injuries which took place in Rathaspeck and Kilcowan Divisions on the Bridgetown Division is most unjust. We believe that the mistake occurred in the abolition of the old Bridgetown area. We consider that if the charge



cannot be amended in the present rate, then a guarantee should be given that the mistake will be allowed for and certified in the allocation of the 1926/27 Rate".

Mr. Elgee reported that he had seen the Circuit Judge in connection with this matter and he had amended the decrees in question in view of the fact that the old Bridgetown County Area had been abolished. The area of charge would now be this old County Area which comprised the following District Electoral Divisions:-

Aughwilliam, Bridgetown, Kilcowan, Killag, Kilmore, Mayglass, Newcastle, Rathaspeck.

In connection with Malicious Injury Decree John Staples, £46: 10: 3d (Separate Charge No.202), Bridgetown Electoral Division would be credited with 4d in £ and the other Districts would be debited with  $\frac{3}{4}$ d in £.

In connection with Malicious Injury Decree B. Radford, £381: 5: 0 (Separate Charge No.197) Bridgetown and Rathaspeck Electoral Divisions would receive a credit of  $11\frac{1}{2}$ d and the other districts would have a rate of  $4\frac{1}{2}$ d in £ raised on them.

The net result was that Bridgetown would receive a total credit of  $1/3\frac{1}{2}$ d and Rathaspeck  $11\frac{1}{2}$ d.

Mr. Elgee referred to allegations of dereliction of duty which had been made against him and the officials of the County Council at the Executive meeting of the Wexford Branch of the Farmers' Union by Captain Harvey. He stated he had taken the matter up with Captain Harvey from whom he had received a long written apology in regard to remarks made about himself and the other officials of the Council. Captain Harvey admitted he had no justification for his remarks and was willing to have his apology published in the press if so desired.

Mr. Elgee further stated he took exception to statement



made by Mr. Michael Doyle at the same meeting, that County Solicitor had received costs in respect of prosecution which he thought should go into the ~~costs~~ <sup>costs</sup> of the County Council.

Mr. Elgee stated that the case in question was a motor prosecution the Costs of which were paid by Roads Section Local Government Department, and it was not part of his duty as County Council Solicitor to carry out these prosecutions. After these remarks it had been "hit up" to him by the public that he had received costs to which he was not entitled.

Mr. Doyle stated that if he did Mr. Elgee any injury he certainly did not intend to and he willingly apologised for it. At the same time he desired to point out that as the Motor Car Act was part of County Council administration and as when he paid Motor Duty he always made his cheque payable to Wexford County Council he thought it peculiar that Costs should be allowed Mr. Elgee.

Mr. Elgee stated that the Motor License duties did not pass through the County Council Accounts and that the expenses of collection were defrayed by Local Government Department on whose behalf the license duties were collected.

Mr. Thorpe raised the question of the area of charge for No.193 Whitemoor E.D., and stated from the circumstances of this particular case, Whitemoor should not have been held responsible for the damage.

Mr. Elgee promised to raise the matter before the Circuit Judge but he did not hold out any hope that a further application of this character would be successful.

#### SHEEP DIPPING.

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Under date 17th May, 1926, (L.18228-26) the Department of Agriculture wrote, asking what steps had been taken in connection with the provision of suitable dipping



facilities in the County during the forth-coming Sheep Dipping Seasons. Expenditure in connection with Sheep Dipping operations ranked for recoupment from the General Cattle Diseases Fund on the usual basis, viz., one-half.

It was decided to inform the Department of Agriculture that the steps taken by the Council last year would be continued in 1926.

Under date 31st May, 1926 (L.1902-26), the Department of Agriculture wrote approving of the appointment of the undermentioned as Sheep Dipping Inspectors during the dipping periods of the current year, with remuneration at the rate of £1 per week to cover the expenses of locomotion; the amount spent for incidental expenses, viz., postage, to be allowed by the Council:-

James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns.

Myles Roban, The Moyne, Enniscorthy.

Morgan Flaherty, Ballyellis Carnew.

Thomas Prendergast, Knockskimolin, Oulart.

M. J. Hennessy, Monamolin, Rathnure.

James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin.

Under date 3rd June, 1926, (1924/26), the Department of Agriculture wrote that any dip used for the compulsory dipping of Sheep (as well as for Sheep Scab) must have been approved beforehand by the Department in specified proportions of dilution. Their list of approved Dips included a number of Irish-manufactured dips. Local Authorities should be careful to see that only an approved dip was used in the compulsory dipping of sheep in their respective administrative districts.

BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER - SALARIES OF VETERINARY INSPECTORS.

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Under date 25th May, 1926 (L.1050-26) the Department of Agriculture wrote, approving payment at the undermentioned rates for ~~xxx~~ a period of twelve months to the Veterinary



Inspectors in County Wexford for work under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order of 1926:- Mr. T. A. Mernagh, V.S. Gorey, £40 per annum; Mr. P. J. Hayes, V.S., Enniscorthy £50 per annum; Mr. R. Malone, V.S., Wexford £40 per annum; Mr. Joseph Lynch, V.S., New Ross £22: 10: 0d per annum and Mr. F. W. Taylor, V.S., New Ross £12: 10: 0d per annum.

COURTOWN HARBOUR.

Under date 2nd June, 1926, (W/5/2), the Department of Fisheries wrote that, before arrangements could be made to have a dredger sent to Courtown Harbour for dredging work, it would be necessary to learn what amount the Wexford County Council were prepared to contribute towards the cost of the operations. It was understood that the minimum charge for the services of the dredger was £14 per day and it was not improbable that about twelve days' dredging would be needed. For dredging work which had been promised at Arklow the local Harbour Commissioners were finding one-half the cost.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Gaul, the following resolution was adopted:-

"We desire to point out to the Department of Fisheries that the County Council have had to arrange for an expenditure of £200 to repair the sluice gates at Courtown Harbour which leaves no money available for dredging. In the circumstances, we are of opinion, the necessary dredging, to assist the fishermen, should be carried out without any cost to the Council. Work on the sluice gates is absolutely necessary, and unless this is done, no dredging at the place could be effective. We would also point out that while the dredger is in the County, it would be advisable it should be employed at Kilmore Harbour where dredging is very necessary at the present moment"

HEAVY LORRY TRAFFIC.

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



"That the Department of Local Government be asked for a reply as soon as possible to the application of the County Council as to closing of roads to heavy lorries".

#### SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS.

Under date 21st May, 1926, the Department of Education (Secondary Education Branch) wrote that the recommendations of the Council, regarding renewal of Scholarships in Secondary Schools, should be received during the month of July in order that cases in which sanction to renewal was refused might be notified to the Council before the holders commenced attendance at school for the School year 1926-27.

As regards award of new Scholarships, Secondary Schools attended by holders of County Council Scholarships must be approved of for the purpose and the Department should be notified of the awards when made, especially in the case of Scholars who proposed attending Secondary Schools not already approved by the Minister of Education for Scholarship purposes.

The Secretary stated that the instructions of the Department of Education would be complied with.

#### SALARY OF MR. J. J. FANNING .

Under date 13th May, 1926, (G.21679/1926 Wexford B.B.H), the Minister for Local Government wrote that he agreed to the continuance of the terms of the Local Government Board's letter of the 20th June, 1920, as regards the increment of Mr. J. J. Fanning, late Clerk to the Gorey Rural District Council.

#### FISHERIES ACT, 1925.

Under date 8th June, 1926, (G.25000 miscellaneous) the Department of Local Government wrote, calling attention to the provisions of Section 13 of the Fisheries Act 1925, and pointing out that sub-section 6 of that Section provided that



any person liable to be rated in respect of a fishery under the Fisheries (Ireland) Acts 1842 to 1909, as amended by the Act of 1925, was exempt from liability for any rate leviable by the Council of any county, County Borough or Urban District, or the Commissioners of any town, in respect of that fishery for the local financial year commencing on the 1st day of April next after the commencement of Part II of the Act or for any of the nine succeeding financial years and that no such Council or Commissioners should levy or collect any rate in respect of such fishery for any of the said financial years. Part II of the Act had, by order of the Minister for Fisheries, been brought into operation as from 1st October, 1925, and the first local financial year, for which the exemption from rates was in force was that commencing on 1st April, 1926. Sub Section 7 of Section 13 of the Act provided for the payment to Rating Authorities by the Minister for Fisheries of any excess over £1 in the £ of the increase in rates on any area which might be ~~caused~~ by the operation of Sub Section 6.

The Secretary stated that the amount of rates, which would be lost to the Council for fisheries in the present year, would be £103: 7: 6d.

#### AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Under date 10th June, 1926, (26751/26) the Department for Local Government wrote, transmitting the following report of the Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of the County Council for the half year ended 30th September, 1925:-

"I beg to report that I have audited the accounts of the Wexford County Council for the half-year ended 30th September, 1925, Certified copies of the Abstracts are forwarded herewith.

"The Accounts were well kept and submitted for audit in a satisfactory manner."



# MAINTENANCE OF MAIN ROADS IN NEW ROSS URBAN DISTRICT

Under date 26th May, 1926, the Town Clerk, New Ross, wrote forwarding copy of report of meeting of Street Committee of New Ross Urban District Council which had considered the specification from the County Surveyor, the resolution from County Council adopting the report of the Conference relative to the maintenance of main roads in Urban District and the instructions of the County Council that the work must be carried out by Direct Labour; this condition also to apply to the New Ross Bridge Contract, which the County Surveyor proposed to enter into with the Urban Council. At the meeting of the Urban Council on 25th May, 1926, five members voted for the adoption of the report of the Street Committee and six against, The Chairman declared the resolution "not passed".

In a further letter under date 11th June, 1926, the Town Clerk, New Ross, wrote that at a meeting of his Council on 8th June, 1926, a notice of motion had been handed in by Mr. Dooley to rescind the decision rejecting the recommendation of the Street Committee regarding the maintenance of Main Roads in Urban Districts and to adopt the recommendation of the Street Committee.

It was decided to adjourn the question of the maintenance of Main Roads in New Ross Urban District until the notice of motion given by Mr. Dooley had been decided.

## TRUNK ROAD T.12 GRANT £1300.

The following resolution was read from New Ross Urban District Council:-

"That the Wexford County Council be asked to take over the unfinished portion of Road T.12 in this Urban District.

Referred to County Surveyor for report to next meeting



### COASTGUARD STATIONS.

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Under date 22nd May, 1926, the following letter was read from the Secretary, County Board of Health:-

"Your letter of the 13th instant and enclosures in connection with the above matter was laid before my Board at its last meeting when they decided not to accept the offer of the Board of Works".

Ordered that the Board of Works be informed that the County Council are not in a position to avail of their offer to rent Coastguard Stations.

### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

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Under date 25th May, 1926, the Secretary, County Council's General Council, wrote, acknowledging receipt of the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee of the County Council regarding the establishment of a Faculty of Agriculture, and stating that the recommendation would be placed before the Executive Committee in due course.

### LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES) BILL, 1926.

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The following resolution was received from Kilkenny County Board of Health:-

"That we enter our strong protest against the Bill recently introduced in the Dail, providing for the appointment of County Officials by the Government.

"Acting as we do as directly elected representatives of the Rate-payers who supply the funds to pay these Officials, we are of opinion that the County Councils and Boards of Health are the proper Authorities for making these appointments - as well as regulating the salaries - and we know that our authority in such matters will be appreciated by the people who pay.

"We call on the T.D.'s for the County to oppose such a retrograde step which would appear to be the beginning of the subversion of all authority of the Bodies"



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

"That we request Messrs Corish & Doyle T.D.'s., on the report stage of the Bill to introduce an amendment whereby the every qualified candidate should be submitted for appointment to the Local Authority"

COUNTY-AT-LARGE WORKS 1926/27.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the following allocation of expenditure for County-at-Large Works, 1926-27, as recommended by the County Surveyor, was agreed to:-

<u>Bridges :-</u>	<u>Maintenance</u>	<u>Repair.</u>
Wexford	£100	£20
Ferrycarrig	30	20
Deeps	30	-
Edermine	20	10
New Ross	40	150
" Caretaker	40	-
Mountgarrett"	12	-
<u>Harbours:-</u>		
Kilmore	-	100
Fethard	-	10
Slade	-	15
Duncannon	-	15
Arthurstown	-	50
Ballyhack	-	10.
<u>Courthouses Offices etc.. :-</u>		
Wexford		25.

VACANCIES ON COMMITTEES.

Mental Hospital Committee.

The following resolution was read from Mental Hospital Committee Enniscorthy:-

"That we recommend the County Council to appoint the Rev. Mr. Talbot, Killanne, a member of the Mental Hospital Committee vice the Rev. Mr. Benson".

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Shannon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Rev. Robert Talbot, The Rectory, Killanne, be appointed a member of Enniscorthy Mental Hospital Committee



vice Rev. Mr. Benson resigned"

No.5 Old Age Pension Sub Committee.

Under date 28th May, 1926, a recommendation was received from No.5 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee that Mr. James Clince, M.C.C., Caim, be appointed a member of that Sub-Committee vice Thomas Doyle resigned.

On the motion of MR. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. James Clince, M.C.C., Caim, be appointed a member of No.5 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee vice Mr. Thomas Doyle resigned".

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES INSURANCE.

Under date 27th May, 1926, a letter was read from the County Council's General Council relative to Irish Public Bodies Insurance and referred to the Finance Committee.

POISONS & PHARMACY ACT.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, renewals of licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act were granted to

N. Tackaberry, Bunclody and  
Laurence Harpur, North Main Street, Wexford.

PETROL PUMP.

Under date 26th April, 1926, Mr. N. Hayes, Ferns, applied for licence for petrol pump.

Granted, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE (Moveable Cinema).

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, renewal of licence under Cinematograph Act was granted to Mr. Patrick Walshe, Cinema, Kilmackthomas, who was granted a licence last year in respect of his moveable Cinema which at that time was located at Campile.



REFRESHMENT STALL - COURTTOWN HARBOUR.  
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Mrs E. Furlong, Courtown, applied, under date 31st May, 1926, for permission to erect a refreshment stall on the Council's property at Courtown Harbour for the Summer months. She was willing to pay any reasonable charge.

Communication was read from the Courtown Harbour Committee recommending that the application be granted, rent to be 1/- per week.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the application was agreed to, provided that the site selected meets with the approval of the Council and that the stall is erected to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

WILD BIRDS PROTECTION ACT.  
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Under date 6th May, 1926, Miss A. L. Massy, Hon., Secretary, of the Committee of the Irish Society for the Protection of Birds, wrote, asking the County Council to renew the order, which became inoperative in 1921, prohibiting the taking of the eggs of all kinds of Wild Birds throughout the Saltee Islands and the Keeragh Islands off the County Wexford Coast.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Colonel Quin, the following resolution was adopted:-

"We the County Council of the County of Wexford, do hereby petition the Governor General for Ireland to make an order under the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1894, prohibiting the taking or destroying of the eggs of all species of Wild Birds throughout the Saltee Islands and the Keeragh Islands in the County Wexford for the space of five years between 1st of March and 1st August in each year beginning first of March, 1926, for the following reasons, that owing to the great increase in the number



of egg collectors, the birds in the above named Islands are much persecuted."

CO. WEXFORD TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

Under date 29th April, 1926, a letter was read from Co. Wexford Tourist Association, thanking the Council for having decided to strike a Rate of  $\frac{1}{2}$ d in £ for advertising the tourist attractions of the County and asking that four members of the County Council be appointed to act with four members of Executive of the Tourist Association to discuss the form the advertising campaign should take.

It was decided that the communication from the Co. Wexford Tourist Association be considered at the meeting of the County Council to be held in December, 1926.

LAND PURCHASE ANNUITIES.

The following resolution was read from Roscommon County Council:-

"That, in view of the abnormal increase in the number of Defaulters in the Land Commission Annuities, it is imperative that the Government devise a remedy for same and as the Loan system proposed by the Government to relieve temporarily Land holders who suffered severely through the ravages of the Fluke Disease and otherwise has proved inoperative, we again ask the Government to give each purchasing tenant the option of taking a further advance to be added to the purchase money of his holding equal to two years instalment, such sum to be retained by the Land Commission as repayment of the instalments due in the coming two years and to extend to tenant purchasers under the 1903 and subsequent Acts the option of taking decadal reductions on the lines of the Ashbourne Act".

No order.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF MEMBERS.

The following resolution was read from Meath County Council:-



"That members of the County Council and Authorised Committees be paid travelling expenses at the rate of fivepence per mile to and from the place of meeting for each meeting attended"

No Order.

MEDICAL TREATMENT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

A resolution was read from the Annual Council Meeting of The Irish Nurses' Union, calling upon the Ministry for Local Government and Public Health to put in force the provisions of the Medical Treatment of School Children Act, 1919.

Memorandum showing salary scale and conditions claimed for School Nurses was submitted from the Irish Nurses' Union.

Referred to the County Board of Health.

VALUATION OF JOHN DOYLE, PALACE WEST.

In connection with case of John Doyle, Palace West, referred to at last meeting by Mr. Thorpe, a letter was read, under date 18th May, 1926 (2605108) from the Valuation Department, stating that the 10/- added in this case on the revision of 1925 was for an office which had been previously exempted from Rates for the statutory period of seven years from date of erection.

STATE OF THE RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the RateCollection was submitted.

The Secretary stated that, as regards the 1925-26 Rate, a sum of £6181: 11: 3d was still uncollected out of a total warrant of £146,318: 4: 3d.

It was decided that the Collecting of 1927 Rate be commenced in all Districts except in the Areas of Collector P. J. Sinnott and John Doyle.

STANDING ORDERS.

The Chairman directed that consideration of the revised Standing Orders of which have been submitted to each



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each member of the Council, be taken up at the meeting of the Council on the 3rd July and an item would appear on the agenda to that effect.

AFFORESTATION OF MOUNTAIN OF FORTH.

A resolution from a meeting of the people of the Mountain of Forth was read calling on the County Council as the premier representative body of the County to draw the attention of the Government to a previous request made by them to have a State Forest established in the Mountain of Forth.

Mr. Peter Farrell and Mr. Patrick Whelan attended as a deputation on behalf of the people of the district.

The Chairman stated that, as this item was not on the agenda paper, he had decided it should remain over until the conclusion of the business which had appeared on the agenda paper.

On the motion of Mr Gaul, seconded by Mr. Boggan, it was decided to hear the deputation.

Mr. Whelan stated that the people concerned wished the County Council to bring pressure to bear upon the Government to have the Mountain of Forth planted. They thought that the County Committee of Agriculture did not take sufficient interest in the matter and also that the County Council were the direct representatives of the people and were the proper body to go to.

Mr. Doyle ~~explained~~<sup>ex</sup>plained that everything possible had been done by himself and Mr. Corish in the Dail to further the project and suggested that those interested should appoint a deputation to wait on the Minister for Agriculture in the matter. Mr. Corish and he would arrange with <sup>this</sup> the Minister for them. He repudiated the statement that had been made that Mr. Corish and himself were not giving sufficient attention to this proposal. They had never lost an opportunity of



of bringing it forward.

Mr. Corish also explained that no effort had been spared by himself and Mr. Doyle to push forward the project and asked the deputation to state what it was that had been left undone.

Mr. O'Byrne pointed out that the County Committee of Agriculture had paid very special attention to this matter. They had appointed a special Committee which had heard the views of the people concerned and promptly took every step which had been suggested for the furtherance of the proposal.

After further discussion, Messrs Doyle and Corish reiterated their intention to arrange for the reception of any deputation from the people concerned to the Minister for Agriculture and also stated that, notwithstanding the attacks that had been made upon them, they would continue to display every possible interest in having the project brought to fruition.

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

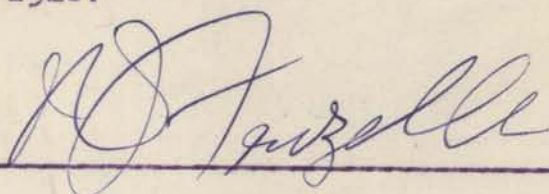
"That we call upon the Department of Agriculture to take all possible measures to expedite the proposed scheme for the planting of the Mountain of Forth"

*Thommas McCarthy*  
*July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1926*



CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY.  
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I certify the foregoing to be  
correct record of the Minutes of Proceedings  
of my County Council in respect of Meeting  
held on 14th June, 1926.

(Signed) 

Secretary Wexford County Council.

Dated this 17th day of June, 1926.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.  
=====M I N U T E S.  
=====Meeting - 10th May, 1926.  
=====N. J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary.Fortview,  
Wexford.  
  
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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on Monday 10th May, 1926.

Present:- Mr. T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs William Boggan, Patrick Byrne, James Cline, Michael Cloney, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, Michael Doyle, James Gaul, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, Aidan Mernagh, John O'Byrne, M. M. O'Donoghue, John Pender, Thomas Rossiter, James Shannon, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh, John White, Colonel C. M. Gibbon and Colonel R. P. Wemyss Quin.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, the following letter from Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, in reply to vote of condolence, was ordered to be inserted on the Minutes:-

"I feel deeply grateful for your letter of 16th instant conveying your Council's sympathy to me in the loss I have sustained through the death of my Father, and desire through you to sincerely thank members of Council and also those who kindly associated themselves with this mark of sympathy to me in my bereavement"

#### RATES, 1926-27.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Colfer, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That as set out on Forms 42 and 43 we hereby strike the Rate for General and Separate Charges for financial year, 1926-27, as agreed to at meeting of Wexford County Council on 22nd February, 1926, as follows, and which makes provision



for receipt of double ordinary Agricultural  
Grant.

GENERAL CHARGES.

Land

s: d  
6: 3

Other Hereditaments.

s: d  
8: 7.

Separate Charges.:-

DETAILS OF RATES FOR SEPARATE CHARGES.

					s	d
No. 4.—	Repayment of Loan Arklow Harbour (Barony of Gorey in Enniscorthy and Gorey Rural Dist.)				0	1
No. 13.—	Gorey R.D. School Attendance Committee Expenses (Gorey R.D. less D.E.D. of Gorey Urban)				0	0
No. 18.—	Enniscorthy R.D. School Attendance Committee Expenses (Enniscorthy Rural District)				0	0
No. 19.—	New Ross R.D. School Attendance Committee Expenses (New Ross Rural District)				0	2
No. 14.—	Repayment of Loans and Superannuation Allowances ex-Union Officials (Enniscorthy R.D.)				0	2
No. 15.—	Repayment of Loans and Superannuation Allowances ex-Union Officials (Gorey R.D.)				0	2
No. 16.—	Repayment of Loans and Superannuation Allowances ex-Union Officials (New Ross R.D.)				0	3
No. 17.—	Repayment of Loans and Superannuation Allowances ex-Union Officials (Wexford R.D.)				0	1
No. 20.—	Repayment of Loans Enniscorthy R.D. Council (Enniscorthy R.D.)				0	11
No. 21.—	Repayment of Loans, Gorey R.D. Council (Gorey R.D.)				1	1
No. 22.—	Repayment of Loans, New Ross R.D. Council (New Ross R.D.)				0	4
No. 23.—	Repayment of Loans, Wexford R.D. Council (Wexford R.D.)				0	6
No. 24.—	Liabilities, Wexford R.D. Council (Wexford Rural District)				0	11
No. 25.—	Part Arrears, Quarries and Machinery, due by Enniscorthy R.D. Council (Enniscorthy R.D.)				0	18
No. 26.—	Part Arrears, Quarries and Machinery, due by Gorey R.D. Council (Gorey R.D.)				0	2
No. 27.—	Part Arrears, Quarries and Machinery, due by New Ross R.D. Council (New Ross R.D.)				0	5
No. 28.—	Part Arrears, Quarries and Machinery, due by Wexford R.D. Council (Wexford R.D.)				0	4
No. 2A.—	Lighting of Newtownbarry Town (Townlands of Ballinapark and Newtownbarry in Newtownbarry D.E.D.)				0	6
No. 4A.—	Expenses Public Health Act (Oulart Dispensary District)				0	0
No. 5A.—	Expenses Public Health Act (Clonroche Dispensary District)				0	1
No. 181.—	Criminal Injury Decree P. Hanton					
No. 182.—	do. do. do. P. Hanton					
No. 183.—	do. do. do. J. Devereux					
No. 184.—	do. do. do. P. Devereux					
No. 185.—	do. do. do. M. Murphy					
No. 186.—	do. do. do. C. M. Doyne and others					
No. 187.—	do. do. do. B. A. McDonald					
No. 188.—	do. do. do. John Sinnott (D.E.D. of Bree)					
No. 189.—	do. do. do. James Kenny (D.E.D. of Ferns)					
No. 190.—	do. do. do. Michael Spencer (Gorey Rural District)					
No. 191.—	do. do. do. Patrick Ebbs (D.E.D. of Gorey Rural)					
No. 192.—	do. do. do. James Walsh (D.E.D. of Ballyanne)					
No. 193.—	do. do. do. E. Keenan (D.E.D. of Whitemoor)					
No. 194.—	do. do. do. R. Moran (D.E.D. of Fethard)					
No. 195.—	do. do. do. Aidan Roche					
No. 196.—	do. do. do. J. Farrell					
No. 197.—	do. do. do. B. Radford (D.E.D.'s of Bridgetown and Rathaspeck)					
No. 198.—	do. do. do. M. McCabe (D.E.D. of Ballymitty)					
No. 199.—	do. do. do. Catherine J. Kelly and Jas. Kehoe					
No. 200.—	do. do. do. M. Kehoe					
No. 201.—	do. do. do. B. Cullen (D.E.D.'s of Taghmon, Bannow, Dunmain, Inch and Killesk)					
No. 202.—	do. do. do. John Staples (D.E.D. of Bridgetown)					
No. 203.—	do. do. do. James Staples (D.E.D. of Mayglass)					



"We allow and make the same as assessed in the Rate Books, said Rates being in conformity with the Valuation in force for the time being as set out in the Valuation Lists forwarded by the Valuation Department.

"That the allownace of said Rates as entered at foot of said Rate Books, signed by the Presiding Chairman, and two members present at this meeting, be adopted, attested by the seal of the Wexford County Council and countersigned by the Secretary.

"That the demands of the Wexford County Council on the Urban Councils of Enniscorthy, New Ross and Wexford, be duly signed and sealed, the amounts demanded from the said Urban Councils being:-

	<u>General</u>	<u>Separate</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Enniscorthy	£2687: 16: 10d	£108: 6: 4	£2796: 3: 2
New Ross	£2484: 13: 2	£170: 1: 4	£2654: 14: 6
Wexford	£6174: 18: 5	£174: 5: 0	£6349: 3: 5.

#### MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The following Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of the 15th April, 1926 were submitted:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on the 15th April 1926.

Present- Mr T. McCarthy, Chairman County Council, (presiding), also Messrs Sean O'Byrne, James Gaul and P. Hayes.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary and the County Surveyor were in attendance.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed  
Treasurer's Advice Note for £3453-1-8 was examined and signed.

CLAIM BY COURTHOUSE KEEPER, WEXFORD.

Mrs McNally, Courtkeeper, Wexford, applied for £58-10-2 remuneration for year ended March 1926 and made up of the following amounts:- Salary £10, contingent expenses £9, rent £26, coal ~~£~~16-0, and gas £5-14-2.

It was decided that Mrs McNally be requested to furnish bills for amounts claimed for coal and gas and that consideration of the claim be adjourned pending receipt of this information.

The following minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 29th April, 1926, were submitted:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 29th April 1926.

Present:- Mr T McCarthy (Chairman) presiding, also Messrs Sean O'Byrne, James Gaul, William Thorpe, and P. Hayes.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3119-0-8 was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

The amount of Rate collected up to the present showed the following percentages for each Collector:-

94-J.J.O'Reilly, E.J.Murphy: 93 J.J.Sinnott: 90 John Curtis:  
89 J.Quirke; B.Cleary and J.J.Kelly: 88 Thomas Rowe: 87 W.Cummins  
86 M.Deegan; Sean Gannon: 85 J Cummins: 84 P.J. Fitzpatrick:  
82 Thomas Sutton: 80 P.Donohoe: 79 M.Kelly: 78 P. O'Byrne:  
77 P. Walsh: 61 Charles McCarthy: 53 P.Sinnott: 10 J.Doyle.

The Secretary stated he would communicate with the Rate Collectors whose collections are backward.

It was decided that the attention of the Collectors be called to the necessity for attending punctually for checking

#### ILLNESS OF COLLECTOR P.J. SINNOTT

Mr P.J. Sinnott, Rate Collector for No 4 Collection District, submitted the following certificate from Dr P.A. Doyle, Bridgetown:- "This is to certify that Mr Patrick Sinnott, Rate Collector is suffering from Carbuncle of Thigh and is unfit for duty."

Mr Sinnott wrote under date 15th April in forwarding this certificate and pointed out that he had been laid up for three weeks in February with the same disease. His eyes then got bad. This accounted for the fact that his collection was not better.

The Committee decided to call on Mr Sinnott to appoint a deputy to close his collection if he was unable to resume duty immediately.



SALARY, ETC., OF COURTKEEPER, WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

Claim for year, March 1925-26 was submitted by Mrs McNally Courtkeeper, Wexford Courthouse for £58-10-2 made up as follows:- Salary £10, Contingent expenses £9, Rent £26, Coal £7-16-0 and Gas £5-14-2.

This had been before the previous meeting of the Finance Committee and adjourned for the production of vouchers for coal and gas.

In view of the terms of Mrs McNally's appointment the Committee decided to recommend payment of the amount. They also decided that the Under Sheriff should be communicated with as regards Mrs McNally's continuance in office as Courtkeeper in view of the fact that the Court was now being held in the County Council Chamber and there is only the office of the Clerk of the Peace to be looked after at the old Courthouse buildings.

STANDING ORDERS.

The meeting approved of draft Standing Orders relative to the conduct of the meetings of the Council and directed that same be submitted to the general meeting of the County Council for sanction.

ADVERTISING CONTRACT.

It was decided to invite offers from the local newspapers for advertising of County Council and County Committee of Agriculture at an inclusive price for entire advertising. "

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded the confirmation of the Minutes of the Finance Committee in respect of meetings held on 15th and 29th April, 1926.



### State of the Rate Collection.

The state of the Rate Collection to the 10th May, 1926, was laid before the meeting, showing that the following percentages of amounts of warrants for financial year ended 31st March, 1926, had been collected and lodged:-

E. J. Murphy 97; J. J. O'Reilly 96; J. J. Sinnott 94; John Curtis 94; B. Cleary 93; J. Cummins 92; J. J. Kelly 92; J. Quirke 91; M. Deegan 91; W. Cummins 91; Thomas Rowe 91; Sean Cannon 89; P. Fitzpatrick 88; T. Sutton 84; P. Walsh 84; M. Kelly 84; P. O'Byrne 84; P. Donohoe 84; C. McCarthy 74; P. J. Sinnott 58; John Doyle 28.

It was decided that the Rate Collectors be summoned to attend the meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on 27th May, 1926.

In connection with the Rate Collection Mr. Thorpe brought forward the case of John Doyle of Palace West who complained that his valuation had been raised from £17: 10: 0d to £18 and who contended that this was done in error.- Doyle refused to pay rates until the matter was explained.

It was decided that the Secretary communicate with the General Valuation Department relative to this case.

### Court Keeper Wexford.

The Chairman stated that he had interviewed the Under Sheriff who was not certain if Mrs McNally was a pensionable officer. If she were not, he (Sheriff) was satisfied to do what he could to have an adjustment of the salary owing to diminution of duty.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, for his advice.

### Standing Orders.

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



"That rough proof of Standing Orders as agreed to by Finance Committee be circulated to the members of the Council for their suggestions, and, when these have been received and collated, that the County Council again consider their adoption."

The motion of the Chairman, confirming the Minutes of meetings of the Finance Committee of 15th and 29th April, 1926, was then put and passed.

MINUTES OF ROADS COMMITTEE.

The following Minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 26th April, 1926, were submitted:-



Present:-Mr Thomas McCarthy(Chairman)presiding:

Also, Messrs Patrick Colfer, Sean O'Byrne, James Hall, Michael Cloney, William Boggan, James Shannon, R. Corish, Col Gibbon and Col Quin.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

TRUNK ROADS AND STEAMROLLING MACHINERY.

The following notice of motion was moved by Col Gibbon:- "That the trunk roads and steamrolling machinery of the Council be placed under one Deputy Surveyor and that the districts be re-arranged so as to dispense with the services of two Deputy Surveyors. That the County Surveyor prepare for the Roads Committee meeting a report as to how this proposed new system can be worked. "

Col Gibbon in moving his notice of motion said that the quarries would still have to be worked by the EH Surveyor for each district, but the technical work of steamrolling should be under one man who would be held responsible for the manner in which it would be carried out. The present system could not be allowed to continue.

Mr Cloney seconded the motion.

The following report was read from the County Surveyor in regard to the proposal of Col Gibbon:-

"Though this Notice of Motion has not yet come before the Roads Committee, I think it well to prepare, in advance, a report as required in the last sentence of the Motion.

In the first place, I do not believe the system could be worked in any satisfactory manner. At the time the Direct Labour work was adopted in the County the Local Government's Engineer recommended that each Assistant should be in full charge of a particular area, including all roads, quarries and machinery therein. At this time Mr Treanor was acting in a general capacity and he was asked to take over a district which he agreed to do if his salary was not interfered with.



The County Council agreed to this and adopted the system as suggested, and I am quite satisfied that the existing system is the best obtainable: any change will be against efficiency.

In the proposed change there will be no saving in the mileage travelled, as two men will have to cover the Trunk Roads: the general Assistant in the ordinary course of his work, and the District Assistant in getting to and from second class roads and third class roads. At the present time in the inspection of an area, the Assistant must travel about twice the scheduled mileage that he means to inspect and under the proposed change, I believe he will have to travel at least three times the scheduled mileage, hence the total mileage travelled will be increased.

At the present time, in order to deal with fortnightly payments, the Assistant's time is fully occupied in inspecting his area, and if this be altered, fortnightly payments will be unsatisfactory for want of proper checking if not rendered impossible. For efficient inspection of roads, quarries, etc. I consider that not more than 50 or 60 miles could be covered in the day, and the 100 miles a day is nothing, I consider, but waste and inefficiency.

Quarries cannot be worked under dual control which new system entails. At present each Assistant has to lay out his work so as to provide proper quantities of various gauge materials, and he can have the work done in the most suitable manner. If he has to supply a large quantity of special gauge material for rolling work without consideration for the demand for smaller ~~gauge~~ gauge material in the area, economic working of the quarry will be upset.

Under special rolling gangs there will be a ~~duplication~~ duplication of employment to a certain extent, which will necessitate the periodic throwing of men idle. At present, the section ganger looks after rolling as well as ordinary maintenance of Trunk Roads, quarries, etc., but under the new



system a separate ganger will be necessary. Moreover, the Assistant in charge of this work may have six outfits at work from Arklow bounds to Duncannon, and these cannot be efficiently be looked after, and in any case, will entail high travelling mileage. At present rolling work is bound to slack off from time to time, and the District Assistant transfers the men to other work and back as circumstances require. This system does not provide for the use of the rolling plant either except on the trunk roads, and from time to time, when the Assistant is slacking off on the trunk roads he could transfer the plant to the second class roads with decided advantage.

If the number of Assistants be reduced, the remaining ones will require an increased salary for increased work and responsibility: hence there will be no saving in this, but rather a loss on account of the certain depreciation in efficiency, and the actual cost of the work will be greater. We have now a system that in general is satisfactory, and the County Council should allow this to continue. Of course, in detail there may be matters that could be improved, and the County Surveyor and the Assistant Surveyors have these constantly in mind. The part of our system dealing with quarries and machinery has now been adopted by the Local Government for the Free State and is embodied in the Public Bodies' Order, Articles 58 and 59.

Finally after mature consideration I would earnestly request the County Council for the present not to make any change in my staff or system except in detail that may tend towards efficiency."

Col Gibbon proposed:- "That consideration of notice of motion relative to placing steamrolling work in the charge of one Assistant Surveyor etc. be adjourned to next meeting of Roads Committee and in the meantime that Memo prepared by Co Surveyor be furnished to each member of the Roads Committee.

This was seconded by Mr Cloney and adopted.



The following notice of motion was moved by Col Gibbon:- "It having been placed on record by the County Council that there was over-expenditure incurred in the repair of the gullet at Clonhaston, the County Surveyor shall place before the Roads Committee a detailed report of the cause and as to who was responsible; also what steps are being taken to protect the interests of the County in precluding the possibility of a recurrence of such a case."

The Chairman said that in view of the difficulties which had arisen on this matter he did not think there was any waste of money.

Col Quin mentioned that according to the County Surveyor, the work should have been done for £12.

The County Surveyor stated that when he said he would have estimated the cost of the work at £12 no cognisance could be taken of the fact that the gullet in the first instance was made only half way across the road and that O'Reilly would refuse to allow the gullet to be made through his field, and the fact that these unforeseen circumstances arose was the cause of the additional outlay.

Mr Boggan held that, if any commonsense had been exercised, the inlet and outlet of the gullet would have been located before the work started.

Col Gibbon contended that for this work which cost £42 odd and for which the Co. Surveyor estimated £12, the members of the Committee should have a detailed statement giving the items in detail making up the amount.

The Chairman said that all the details had been submitted to the last meeting of the County Council.

Mr Shannon proposed:- "That the question as to cost of gullet at Clonhaston be dropped."

Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded.

Col Gibbon considered that as the County Surveyor had all the particulars and had no objection to furnish same, that these should be circulated to the members of the Roads



Committee and the matter could then be finally dealt with at next meeting of the Committee. He moved an amendment to this effect.

Mr Cloney seconded.

The following was moved by Mr Corish seconded by Mr Colfer:- "That in view of the extenuating circumstances explained by Mr Barry, County Surveyor in connection with the work of repairing gullet on Clonhaston road, we are of opinion that the resolution passed by the County Council on the 12th April 1926 deals adequately with the matter but that in future an estimate should be prepared by the Co. Surveyor in connection with all works of this description"

This was passed, Col Gibbon and Col Quin dissenting.

ROADS AND QUARRY AT BROWNSWOOD-  
CASE OF MR J.J. O'GORMAN.

The County Council at their meeting on 12th April 1926 referred to the Roads Committee for investigation the case of Mr J.J O'Gorman, ganger at Brownswood quarry, against whom allegations had been made that he took men from the quarry and from roads to do work on his own land.

Mr Godfrey, solicitor (Messrs Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey) appeared for O'Gorman.

The statements of the men concerned appear in full on Minutes of County Council for 12th April 1926.

Matthew Ryan, Ballycoursey, stated he was employed by O'Gorman about half a dozen times to work on his land, being taken for the purpose from Brownswood quarry, but could not give dates. This did not always occur on Saturday afternoons.

Mr Godfrey said it would be admitted that O'Gorman did employ the men after working hours and on Saturday afternoons.

Col Gibbon held that this admission showed such grave irregularity on the part of the ganger as should preclude him from being retained in the service of the Council. The second allegation that men worked for O'Gorman during a



period for which they were paid by the County Council should be dealt with by the Civil authorities.

Edward McCormack, Brownswood, verified a statement alleging that he had been taken from Brownswood quarry by O'Gorman for four days to mow rushes. He was never paid by O'Gorman for this work as it was included in the payment made by the County Council. It was on the 7th and 8th September<sup>2</sup> 1922 he cut rushes in Lady Grey's bog. He fixed this by the time of the death of a boy named Barker. In August, 1923, he cut rushes for O'Gorman in Atkinson's bog but he could not give the dates. O'Gorman never paid him anything out of his own pocket. He denied he had any conversation on Friday last with Daniel Dempsey or that he threatened him not to go to the meeting of the Roads Committee.

Patrick Toole, Glenbrien, verified his statement giving dates when three men were taken from the quarry. It might have been between 2 and 3 o'clock when the men left the quarry. He did not see Dunne's cheque from the County Council though in his statement he said he had seen it. He saw O'Gorman paying money to Nolan but could not say for what. It was a general thing for men to be taken out of the quarry. O'Gorman "had his knife" in witness but it could happen there was spite all round.

Kearns Ryan, Monroe, Glenbrien, verified his statement. He alleged that O'Gorman took him from county work on a couple of occasions to work at harvest and threshing. Witness was with McCormack when they met Dempsey on Friday last. McCormack did not speak to Dempsey but witness asked Dempsey if he would be in at the meeting of the Roads Committee and Dempsey said he would not if he could avoid it.

Hugh Dunne, Creefogue, Enniscorthy, also verified his statement. It was about half past three in the afternoon he was taken from the quarry. He was paid by County Council cheque for the day he worked with O'Gorman. Some of the men had spite in for O'Gorman.

John Darcy stated he acted as charge hand in the



absence of O'Gorman. Matthew Ryan was never taken out of the quarry by O'Gorman. Edward McCormack mowed the rushes on Lady Grey's bog on 29th and 30th August 1922; he could not say when the rushes were cut in Atkinson's but saw O'Gorman pay Nolan for the work. McCormack went in the evening to cut the rushes. Witness marked him present in the morning and then told the ganger about McCormack's absence.

James Kavanagh, workman with O'Gorman, said that the rushes in Atkinson's bog were cut on a Saturday afternoon.

Dan Dempsey said he heard Kearns Ryan say he ~~XXXX~~ assisted at O'Gorman's threshing on the 16th October 1923. The threshing was carried out on the 18th October which was a Saturday. He had always threshed for O'Gorman on a Saturday. Ryan might have been present at the threshing in 1923, but he was not there during daylight. On Friday last Kearns Ryan and McCormack told him not to be caught in Wexford on Monday.

John J. O'Gorman stated he had ten acres of land. There was no truth in Matthew Ryan's statement. The latter worked for him but not in time which should be given to the County Council. McCormack worked on 29th and 30th August, 1922, in Lady Grey's bog and on a Saturday evening in September 1923 in Atkinson's. He paid McCormack for this. McCormack was out against him because he had not been kept on the road. Darcy had been kept on the road by Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor<sup>0</sup> but this was because Darcy was the senior man and witness<sup>1</sup> did not interfere with McCormack and the road work. On the 28th December last, McCormack promised to give evidence for him (O'Gorman) in connection with another matter which was before the Roads Committee but he never turned up. The present charges were all actuated out of spite to run him out of his job. On the 26th September, 1924, he took Dunne and Nolan out of the quarry to save his harvest. He had 2½ acres of corn to get in, the weather was very bad, and he had tried to procure men everywhere but without success. These men had each worked a half day and he paid one man a full day out of his own pocket and the other day was paid by the County Council.



He was eleven years in the employment of the Council. Nolan was to be here to-day but he sent word last night that he lived "up against" one of the men-Matthew Ryan-and was afraid to come.

In reply to Mr Corish, O'Gorman said he had taken about six acres of land from Mr Kavanagh. Sometimes the Co. Council men came to him after working hours to work. He never left his work on the road or in the quarry to superintend the work on his farm. He never employed Darcy and Bennett to mend a fan bellows when they should be working for the Co. Council. He denied that Ryan was working for him on the 16th October 1923.

A man named Culleton said that O'Gorman's threshing in 1923 took place on the 16th October. He identified the day by the fact that the Briens were going to Australia then.

O'Gorman in reply to Mr Corish said he never took a man from the quarry to work for another farmer but one of the men in the quarry asked permission to go to a threshing for a farmer and permission was given.

Mr Godfrey, on behalf of O'Gorman, contended that if the latter acted irregularly in taking Dunne and Nolan from the quarry he acted honestly and the Council was not at a penny of loss in the matter.

Col Gibbon proposed:-"That the services of John J. O'Gorman as Road and Quarry Overseer be dispensed with. His action in employing workers of the County Council on his farm was highly irregular. If they were working for him it was certain to interfere with the work and discipline of the quarry. The men were allowed Saturday afternoon off to look after their own cottages and gardens and the County Council should not approve of their going to work for another employer. If in a very bad year, men were allowed to take up harvesting with the approval of the County Surveyor, something might be said for it, but they could not stand for a ganger taking the men from the quarry for work on his own farm."

Mr Corish seconded.



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Mr Boggan considered that O'Gorman should get ~~anx~~ another chance. He did not think a member of the Co. Council would hang a dog on the evidence which had been adduced against him.

In reply to Mr Cloney, Mr Treanor, ~~xxx~~ Assistant Surveyor, said O'Gorman did a good deal of work for him in 1916. He found him a good worker and a steady man.

The Chairman said that he did not think that the irregularities in O'Gorman's conduct would warrant the dismissal of a man who had been in their employment for eleven years.

The Co. Surveyor said he had never been wholly satisfied with O'Gorman but he could not point to any ~~partic~~ particular reason for his dissatisfaction with him.

Mr Boggan proposed and Mr Cloney seconded: the following amendment:- "That the County Council be recommended to transfer O'Gorman as ganger to another road section and that he be suspended for a month "

A vote was taken on the amendment with the following result:-

For the amendment- Messrs Hall, Boggan, Cloney, Shannon and the Chairman---5

Against- Messrs Corish, O'Byrne, Colfer, ColGibbon and Colonel Quin-----5.

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the amendment which was carried.

On being put as the substantive motion it was adopted nem.con.

#### MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES.

Col Gibbon brought before the meeting the question of area of charge for Criminal Injury No 197(B. Radford), amount £381-5-0 leviable off Electoral Divisions of Bridgetown and Rathaspeck and No 202(John Staples), amount £46-10-3, leviable off Electoral Division of Bridgetown. The people of Bridgetown had been under the impression that the levy in both ~~these areas would come off the~~



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these cases would come off the County Electoral area of Bridgetown. Instructions had been given the County Council's solicitor that the levy should be on the district in which the damage took place, but there were, as regards Staples' case two divisions-Newcastle and Kilcowan in between-and the place at which the damage occurred was not in Bridgetown division. In Radford's case, the damage took place either in Rathaspeck or Newcastle but there was no levy on the latter while Bridgetown was included. This was a very unjust rate and would lead to very unpleasant results.

Mr Elgee said that the areas of charge had been fixed by the Judge after hearing the evidence and could not now be altered. It might be well if all these notices were brought before the Council in future.

Col Gibbon considered there was going to be real trouble over this matter and suggested the Council should communicate with the Department of Local Government and the Department of Justice and see if anything could be done to alter the area.

It was decided that the matter should be referred to the County Council meeting.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded:-

"That minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 26th April, 1926, be confirmed"

As an amendment, Colonel Quin proposed and Mr. Corish seconded:-

"That the recommendations in the Minutes of Roads Committee of 26th April, 1926, be confirmed except that regarding J. J. O'Gorman, Overseer, Brownswood Quarry; That the services of this official be dispensed with".

On a show of hands eight voted for the amendment and twelve against.

Mr. Doyle asked to be taken as not voting.



The Chairman declared the amendment lost and the original motion was then put and passed nem.con..

In connection with Malicious Injury Decree No.197, leviable off District Electoral Divisions of Bridgetown and Rathaspeck, and No.202, leviable off the District Electoral Division of Bridgetown, Mr. Doyle mentioned that, owing to the representations which had been made to him in the matter, he had interviewed the Minister for Local Government to ascertain if anything could be done to divide the payment over a longer period than one year. The Minister told him that he would look into the matter but his personal opinion was that no change could be effected and that the Solicitor who had acted in the case had a great deal to do with the area of charge fixed by the Judge.

Mr. Elgee pointed out that the Judge generally followed the area of charge as set out in the notice and this was done in the present instances. It was now too late for appeal.

The Chairman pointed out that the Rate had been agreed to and actually struck at the present meeting.

It was decided that the Secretary call the attention of the Ministers for Local Government and Justice to the two cases in question and ask if any alteration could be made to spread the payment over a wider area. In the event of this being found feasible, the County Council will be prepared to make adjustments in the rates for Bridgetown and Rathaspeck Electoral Divisions in next estimates.

The following Minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 3rd May, 1926, were submitted:-



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An adjourned meeting of the Roads Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, WExford on 3rd May 1926.

Present:-Mr T. McCarthy(Chairman) presiding,Also, Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin,Messrs Patrick Colfer, James Hall, Sean O'Byrne, William Boggan, Ml. Cloney, James Shannon, and R. Corish.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor and the six Assistant Surveyors were in attendance.

A letter was read from Mr Elgee, solicitor stating that he could not attend owing to illness.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### PROPOSED CHANGE OF ADMINISTRATION

##### RE TRUNK ROADS ETC.

The following Notice of Motion of Col Gibbon which was adjourned from last meeting of the Roads Committee came up for consideration:-

"That the Trunk Roads and steamrolling machinery of the Council be placed under one Deputy Surveyor, and that the districts be rearranged so as to dispense with the services of two Deputy Surveyors. That the Co. Surveyor prepare for the Roads Committee meeting a report as to how this proposed new system can be worked."

With reference to this motion, Col Gibbon stated he was willing to have it adjourned to next meeting, provided instructions were given to the County and the Assistant Surveyors as to preparation of a scheme whereby the Co. Council would get what he considered an adequate return for the money they were spending on the salary and expenses of Mr Treanor.

The County Surveyor stated he would go into the matter and see what the position would be.

Mr Boggan said in view of the proposed million Pounds Grant for Main Roads, Col Gibbon's notice of motion appeared to be premature. He suggested that no action should be taken until they knew what was going to happen relative to the maintenance of the main roads.



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Col Gibbon stated his notice of motion was given on the assumption that the Government was going to provide a subsidy for the main roads. His notice could be easily postponed<sup>to</sup>/next month if they considered they had not sufficient information at hand.

EMPLOYMENT OF ROAD WORKERS.

In reply to Col Quin, Mr Barry, Co. Surveyor stated that about 200 men were employed on roads at present.

Col Quin said the men were doing nothing but using brushes to sweep roads which, in his opinion, was waste of money.

Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, said he had a good many men employed at present, as he was steamrolling Carrigbyrne road, as well as repairing the wall near Col Gibbon's and was also dealing with the laying down of railings at Slade Harbour,

Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said he was employing at present 45 to 50 men. The usual staff for his district would be from 140 to 150.

Mr O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, stated he was employing about 40 men in his area; the normal figure would be 100.

Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, mentioned he had had employed 90 men to the middle of March. At present he had only six or eight employed.

Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, stated he usually employed 150 men on roads and in quarries. The latter were all working at present.

Mr Hall complained of the condition of the road from Crane to Enniscorthy.

Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, stated that he intended to have this road looked to as soon as other roads which were in a worse state had been repaired.

Mr Boggan contended that the brushing of roads and trimming of hedges (except where such was interfering with traffic) should be discontinued.



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brushing of road referred to by Col Quin, stated he was preparing this road for tarring and it was necessary to have it swept regularly for some little time to get the most beneficial results from the tarring.

#### COMMUTATION OF RENT-OLD JAIL.

Under date 22nd April 1926, Mr Elgee, solicitor, wrote that Mrs Johns to whom the Co. Council paid an annual rent of £207-11-6 for the old Jail premises, which she held under Fee Farm Grant at the yearly rent of £22-1-6 and which was also subject to a perpetual annuity of ~~£20~~ £20 at present payable to Miss Richards, Juliamount, was prepared to sell her interest in the premises subject to the same head rent and annuity to the Council for £2100.

It was decided that the offer for commutation of the rent of the old Jail did not offer sufficient inducement to the Council to accept.

#### SCAVENGING ON MAIN ROADS.

Under date 28th April 1926, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (RD/201/2) that where it was the duty of a County Council to maintain and construct main roads in Urban Districts, it was an obligation on the County Council to cleanse the roads so far as might be necessary for the proper maintenance of the roads for traffic; where the road was a "street", section 52 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878 empowered the Urban District Council as Sanitary Authority to undertake or contract for the proper cleansing of the street. Extra cleansing could and should be performed by the Urban District Council. There was no legal objection to the two Councils mutually agreeing that one Council should perform the other's duty and receive a reasonable payment for doing so.

#### ROAD SIGNS.

Under date 28th April 1926, letter No. IR/32/1, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote that the Grant for the erection of Road Signs was to be regarded as available on condition that a like amount was contributed by the Local Authority; that the latter accepted responsibility for maintaining the signs after erection and that a substantial



number of the signs were erected within the next few months.

The County Surveyor stated he had the matter in hands.

#### REPORT OF COUNTY SURVEYOR

The following report was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"I submit a Memo with reference to Notice of Motion by Colonel Gibbon on Deputy Assistants which expresses my considered view on the case.

I have prepared a memo of the conditions in connection with the proposed demolition of the back premises at the Old Jail, and have put advertisements in the local papers dealing with the matter. Up to the present there has been little inquiry in regard to the taking over of the work. I have carefully examined the front part of Old Jail with reference to fitting it up for a Circuit Court, and believe satisfactory arrangements can be made. I examined the fittings in the present Courthouse and discussed the matter with the Clerk of the Peace. I estimate the making good of the building and transferring the fittings from the Courthouse will run to about £30, but this will not include supply of furniture which may be required for the Bar room, Solicitor's room and Jury room.

I have arranged with Mr Radford to carry out the work approved in transferring the District Clerk's office from the Courthouse to one of the rooms in the old Jail.

The local Sanitary Official complained to me of the insanitary condition of the premises which are being used by the Rate Clerks and will be in use also for the Circuit Court. I have gone over the place with a local plumber, and have arranged with him to put all closets etc. in sanitary order for the sum of £3. This does not include any extra work that may be entailed in making good the water supply, but this I believe will be a small item, as the pipes are already laid on.

The work of rebuilding the road-retaining wall at Sledagh on No. 26W is now in progress. At the last meeting



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I have drafted a form of specification for use between the County Council and the Urban Districts covering the maintenance of main roads in the Urban areas, and submit same for your approval. I propose making an agreement with the New Ross Urban Council for the maintenance of the roadway over New Ross Bridge as an addendum to the agreement for the ordinary main roads in that area, and a special clause can be added to the specification in this instance. The repair of the opening span will of course remain directly in my hands and at present I am arranging to have some defective planking made good in it.

Last week Mr Raftery, Local Government Inspector, was with me for two days going into the closing of old accounts on the British Government Grants. He also dealt with the Slob Road job. The old Grants are now wound up, and there is a balance due to the Council on same. We inspected the Slob road thoroughly from end to end, and I believe Mr Raftery was well satisfied with the work in so far as it had been carried out. There is a gap at one end still remaining to be surfaced with gravel, etc. and some contingency works to be done in the way of fencing. I have put in an application for a further Grant to complete the work.

I have started the work in the new quarry at Tinneccarrig and expect shortly to carry out some blasting work there. I believe the quarry will be of great utility and should be economically worked."

In connection with the proposed demolition of portion of the old Jail premises, Messrs M. O'Connor & Co. Building Contractors, Wexford submitted an offer for £40-10-0 for taking down and clearing away according to the County Surveyor's specification, lot 1 (Hospital Buildings).

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed that the offer be accepted.

Mr Hall seconded. Passed.

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman, a recommendation was adopted empowering the County Surveyor to expend a sum not exceeding £30 to fit up premises



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of the Council I was directed to close the road against heavy traffic, but as this would entail special advertisement<sup>e</sup> and sanction of the Minister for Local Government I carefully looked into the matter before deciding on the closing. The lorry traffic is now diverted to the far side of the road, and I believe will not have any material effect in disturbing the clay face where exposed and we shall have the wall raised sufficiently in a short time. Moreover, if the road be closed all the traffic will be diverted to by-roads which are sure to cut up badly, and therefore I have not taken action.

I inspected the proposed new road running off 168W and had Mr Hayes M.C.C. and a number of local people with me. One section of the line is narrow and bad, but the greater part of the length is of sufficient width. If the new line be run across the heath at the southern end, there will be no difficulty, but this will entail getting the consent of any possible owners. This would be a most useful road, and if funds permitted might be undertaken. At the present time financial difficulties will, I think, prevent the work as it would cost from £150 to £200 in the first instance, though after maintenance would be little.

I am informed that Ganger Doyle has now made good to the workmen the money which he withheld and I ask for your directions as to what steps should now be taken. The Civic Guards have been notified, and I think it is up to them to deal with the matter whatever way they think fit as the County Council is not at any loss.

By direction of the Council, the agreement made a couple of years ago with the workers in Edenvale Quarry has been terminated, and I take it that this also applies to the other two quarries which were worked under similar agreements namely, Ballymurray and Clolourish. I have applications from the men who formerly worked in these quarries for employment under the Direct Labour system, and I ask for your authority to use my discretion to take them into employment.



in the old Jail as a Courthouse, etc. and a sum not exceeding £3 in repair of lavatories, etc.

In connection with proposed new road running off 168W, Col Gibbon said there might be a possibility of Messrs Corish and Doyle obtaining a Government Grant for the repair of this road which was quite impassable. He understood it could not be repaired out of County funds.

It was reported that Ganger James Doyle (Section G, Gorey) had refunded to the men the amounts which he had withheld and the receipts of the men had been lodged in the Co. Council offices.

Arising out of the order made at the last meeting of the County Council that the Civic Guard and the Insurance Company should be informed of Doyle's action, the Secretary mentioned that the Civic Guard considered the sworn information for Doyle's arrest should be made by Mr Treanor, but on consultation with Mr Elgee, the latter decided that the County Surveyor, as he received the usual receipts of the men, which in this particular instance, had been forged by Doyle, was the proper officer to make the information.

The County Surveyor stated he wanted instructions from the County Council on this point.

It was decided that he be directed to make the necessary information in order to have criminal prosecution entered against Ganger James Doyle, Section G. Gorey.

In connection with Ballymurray and Clolourish quarries Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr Shannon seconded:- "That the County Surveyor receive authority to employ by Direct Labour men who had been employed in these quarries up to the present, in so far as work was available for them "

As an amendment, Mr Hall proposed and Mr Cloney seconded:- "That no change be made in the working of Ballymurray<sup>a</sup> and Clolourish quarries for at least the ensuing twelve months and that the work be continued at piece-work rates."

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



The Chairman gave his casting vote against the amendment which he then declared lost.

Mr Byrne's motion was then put and passed.

Forms of specification for repair and maintenance of main roads in Urban Districts and for maintenance of roadway over New Ross Bridge, as submitted by the County Surveyor, were approved.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne, the general recommendations contained in the County Surveyor's report were approved.

#### ERECTION OF RAILINGS AT SLADE PIER.

Mr Colfer complained that men from an outside road section had been brought in to erect the railings at Slade Pier and the local men strongly objected.

The County Surveyor stated that this was a special job and he thought it was the proper thing to employ men from the adjoining quarry at Haggard as they had technical skill as regards the boring of holes for the railings, while there was no quarry in the Slade area. The local ganger had started the work in the place without any proper authority. He was not doing the work the right way and he (Co. Surveyor) did not consider the local men competent to deal with it.

Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, mentioned that the local tender for this work had been £21, whereas the accepted tender was £14, and the latter in addition covered the removal of the old railings.

After discussion it was decided to leave the matter to the discretion of the County Surveyor.

#### WEXFORD BRIDGE

The following report was read from Mr Delap:-

"In accordance with instructions received I examined the opening span of this bridge on February 20th 1926, and again on March 21st and 22nd, and took measurements etc. in order to ascertain what would be the best course to adopt to make the opening span again available for river traffic.



"Although my attention was principally directed to the opening span I thought it right to make some enquiry into the condition of the rest of the bridge so that the work done in connection with the opening span might bear some reasonable relation to the condition of the rest of the structure.

The whole bridge consists of 15 spans of 40 feet, 2 spans of 20 feet and 1 span of 6 feet on each side of an opening span of about 50 feet or approximately a total length of 1350 feet.

No examination was made under water level but there is no reason to fear that any serious deterioration has taken place under water since the very satisfactory report on this part of the structure, which was made by Messrs Webb & Co. in 1911. Above water the bridge is in remarkably good condition considering its age; where decay has taken place it has chiefly been above the main cross heads, where rain water could lodge under the blocking piece that supports the rail. The result of decay at this point, while it hardly affects the strength of the bridge, has been to cause from time to time irregularity in the line of the rail, which gives the impression that the whole bridge had sunk or is unstable, -an impression which is very far from the fact, as inspection below deck level shows very clearly. Practically all timber that showed signs of decay has been removed and renewed, and the bridge, apart from the opening span and the adjacent injured piles, is, so far as can be ascertained by the rather superficial examination made, in as sound a condition as when it was made.

The liberal use of tar on the whole structure above water level, which has done much to account for the excellent condition of the timber, and the absence of the ship-worm in the water at this point are factors of great importance in the life and expectation of life of this bridge.

The condition of the bridge is excellent but it was designed for traffic much lighter and slower moving than is at present usual, and making due allowance for some deterioration



of the wrought iron ties used for the trussing of the principal beams, it is probable that a wheel load of 3 tons equivalent dead load is as much as the bridge should be asked to carry. Making the allowance that is usual nowadays of 50% for impact due to high speeds, brings the permissible load on any one wheel down to 2 tons, and I think this should not be exceeded unless a more minute examination than I have made shows a greater effective working strength of tie rod of more than ten tons.

As there is no use in having an opening span stronger than the rest of the bridge, this gives a measure of the load to be calculated for when designing the opening span, and as the old bascules were capable of dealing with such a load and were effective and sufficiently convenient, I do not think the Council can do better than reconstruct the opening bascules on the same lines as the old, keeping as nearly as possible to the old design.

This will mean a complete reconstruction of both bascules, as all beams and deck are destroyed, and only the tail ends of the beams (and this, in some cases only) remain.

Little from the old work can be salvaged and re-used except the cast-iron counterweights, the gearing is much rusted and worn, and it would probably be advisable to replace this. The wrought iron axles or shafts on which the bascules turn and their bearings will also have to be replaced.

Of the standing part of the bridge next the opening some of the piles have been destroyed to nearly water level, others are but little injured. In so far as they have been seriously injured, all these members will have to be replaced with sound and seasoned timber of first quality, and the new work made one with the old by fishing pieces bolted on, and by braces where these are seen to be necessary. Each pile and member will have to be examined by cutting or boring and dealt with as its soundness indicates. A certain amount of diver work will probably be necessary in the case of those ~~PI~~ piles which



have been burned to water level, in order to get adequate connection with the new work. There should be no insuperable difficulty in reconstructing the destroyed or damaged part ~~fix~~ of the standing structure so as to give a sufficiently firm and rigid base for the bascules to work on, but unless your engineer has good reasons for not doing so, I suggest that it is a job that should be carried out directly under him, and not through a contractor. It would be almost impossible to let a contract for this work as it will be only as the work goes on that it can be seen what work there is to do. For the same reason it is not possible to make any close estimate of the cost of the work.

When examining the bridge, I looked at the temporary structure now carrying the load over the opening, it consists of 4 trussed beams 51 feet 6 inches long decked with 3½" plank. The beams will easily carry any load that should be allowed on the rest of the bridge, but the planking should not be asked to carry more than ½ ton on any wheel even when fairly new. Planking under the condition obtaining here, will cut away and deteriorate from the ordinary wear and tear of traffic fairly rapidly, and should be very carefully watched till the new opening span can be got in.

I submit a drawing herewith showing a cross section of the bridge and sufficient details of the standing part of the bascules to enable these to be reconstructed."

The County Surveyor stated that he had previously made an estimate of £3100 for this bridge for the Board of Works which he considered was approximately correct. The works would be paid for out of the rate raised under the "Damage to Property Compensation Act". He proposed having a contract of service with the contractor whom he would employ. He believed a new bridge would cost about £90000.

Col Gibbon proposed that the County Surveyor be directed to carry out the repairs immediately.

Mr Cloney seconded.                      Passed.



SLOB ROAD.

Under date 20th April 1926, the following letter was read from the Great Southern Railways Company:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 8th inst. and note that the work on the proposed road is now practically completed, and that it is proposed to open it for public use shortly. It appears to me that in proceeding with the construction of the roadway, your Council is acting without due regard to the legal position of the Company in connection with the level crossing in question.

It is hardly <sup>necessary</sup> for me to point out that Section 68 of the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act of 1845, under which the Company are obliged to provide such accommodation works as level crossings, imposes on the Company a duty towards a limited class only, viz, the owners and occupiers of the land adjoining the railway, and that the persons for whose benefit the Company have made an accommodation level crossing may not substantially increase the burden of the easement by altering or enlarging the character of the user.

It appears quite clear that the crossing in question was provided for the accommodation of the portion of the South Slob lands in the occupation of Messrs Meldon, and I do not think it can be seriously contended that persons other than the successors in title of these particular people are entitled to the use of the crossing.

The Company appear to be quite within their rights in preventing all other persons from using the crossing and thereby increasing the burden on them.

In making the suggestion that a public right of way over the crossing has been acquired, you appear to be ignoring the fact that where a right is created by Statute, the easement is limited to the purpose for which it is so created.

If notwithstanding this intimation, your Council proceed further with the proposed roadway, they will do so on their own responsibility and the Company will take any steps necessary to protect their interests when the occasion arises."







instruct their Surveyor to take up the matter of proper Court-house accommodation in the County at once in view of its urgency.

It was decided to refer the portion of the letter relative to Court accommodation to the County Surveyor.

Under date 27th April 1926 (letter No G 17469/1926 Wexford County), the Department of Local Government wrote that the Council should endeavour to come to terms with the landlord of New Ross Courthouse regarding the acquisition of these premises for Court purposes. As the section of the Local Government Bill providing for the recovery of the Wexford Courthouse at a price to be fixed by arbitration, had been rejected by the Oireachtas, the main consideration for the Council in negotiating with the owners of New Ross Courthouse should be the cost of providing an alternative suitable building.

Under date 30th April 1926, Mr M.J.Finn, Clerk, New Ross Urban District Council, wrote that Mr P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman of the Urban Council and Mr V. A. Doyle were appointed by the Urban Council to wait upon the County Council in connection with the desirability of acquiring New Ross Courthouse.

It was decided to adjourn the question of Court accommodation at New Ross pending the reception of the deputation at the meeting of the County Council on 10th May 1926.

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

"That Mr Elgee, solicitor, be requested to submit to the meeting of the County Council on 10th May 1926, a report as to how the question of compensation for Enniscorthy and Gorey Courthouses now stands."

#### ACCOMMODATION FOR NEW ROSS DISTRICT COURT CLERK.

Under date 13th April 1926, Mr Denis Corish, District Court Clerk, New Ross wrote asking the Co. Council to provide him with the necessary accommodation for the purposes of his office as District Court Clerk. Through the courtesy of the Superintendent of the Civic Guard, he had the use of a room in the Barracks, but this accommodation was not now available.



Under date 27th April 1926 (No G 17486/26 Wexford County), a letter was read from the Department of Local ~~GOVERNMENT~~ Government pointing out that the provision of office accommodation for the District Court Clerk, New Ross, had become urgent owing to the temporary arrangements with the Garda Siothchana ceasing to be available. The Council should make immediate arrangements to provide suitable accommodation and furniture for the District Court Clerk, or, in the alternative, authorise him to rent a place fixing a reasonable sum for rent.

Adjourned to next meeting.

CLAIM FOR £20 - WIDENING OF ROAD.

Under date 8th April 1926, Mr John Redmond, Ballycourcy Enniscorthy, wrote claiming £20 compensation for portion of land taken off his field at Ballycourcy to widen a bend of the road known as the "Gap Cross". It was now nearly two years since the work was done.

Under date 1st May 1926, Mr T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that the corner referred to in Mr Redmond's claim, was cut about July 1924, verbal permission having been obtained before the work was started. Some time later, when the work had been finished, Mr Redmond mentioned to him that he expected the County Council would give him a fair thing for the corner as he had heard that landowners were always paid in like circumstances.

Mr O'Byrne mentioned that, according to the Local Government code, the claim was out of date.

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Colonel Quin, it was decided that Mr Redmond be informed that the Council regretted they are not in a position to pay him anything as his claim is out of date.



The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr Colfer:- "At the next meeting of the County Council I will move that the rate of ten pence per yard for haulage be ~~IXX~~ increased to the rate paid last year."

The following which was extensively signed was received from the Carters' Section of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, South Wexford Branch:-

"We, the undersigned, condemn in the strongest possible manner the action of the Roads Committee in reducing the rate of haulage to 10d per mile per cubic yard, as we find even the rate of 1/- very inadequate."

The following was read from the carters employed at Carrig<sup>foyle</sup>~~foyle~~ Quarry:- "That we, the carters of Carrigfoyle quarries, do hereby resolve to accept no less rate of pay than 1/9 a yard for the first mile and 1/3 for every succeeding mile, as we consider the County Council price of 10d a yard a mile entirely inadequate as cost of living and various expense incurred in the cost of carting material has not reduced whatever for the past two years."

Mr Colfer stated that he brought the notice of motion before the Roads Committee for the purpose of discussion, as he knew, in order to move it, that it should be signed by six other members of the Council.

The County Surveyor mentioned that there were some quarries like Carrigfoyle and Barmoney in which owing to heavy draft an additional amount would have to be paid.

Col Quin proposed that 8d additional per cubic yard be allowed in the case of Carrigfoyle Quarry as the men had to break load.

Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded.

Mr Boggan proposed 4d additional but this was not seconded and Col Quin's resolution was adopted.

The County Surveyor stated he would report in the case of other quarries in which there were exceptional haulage difficulties.



MILLDAM AT CARRIGANEAGH.

Under date 30th March 1926, the County Surveyor submitted letter from Mr William Cousins, Ballycale, Gorey to Mr Elgee, solicitor in which Mr Cousins stated that owing to the leaking dam of the pond ditch opposite the quarry at Carriganeagh and also to an opening in the overflow pond ditch at the other side of the road, the road would be flooded when sluice gates were shut down. If these openings were repaired he would erect any spillways required to prevent the flooding of the road.

The County Surveyor stated in his letter that he had directed Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, to make good any damage caused by blasting but did not consider that Mr Cousins should be allowed to raise the water level of the pond above the road level. The fence or embankment between the pond and the road should be only as a protection to the road against excessive floods, and should not be or form part of an embankment to retain the water above road level. In his opinion, proceedings should be taken against Mr Cousins to abate the nuisance, and let the Court decide if the Council were responsible.

Under date 3rd April 1926, Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that Mr Cousins had informed him that day that it was his intention to get the mill-pond thoroughly cleaned out during this summer, and this work when done, would reduce level of water. If flooding afterwards occurred he would lower wall in any way directed to take overflow. The breach in road fence would be repaired at the time the pond was being cleaned.

It was decided that Mr Cousins be informed that the County Council will expect that by the 30th June, satisfactory progress will have been made relative to the cleaning of mill-pond, etc.

DAMAGE TO KILMORE ROAD.

The County Surveyor submitted letter under date 10th April 1926 from Mr Elgee, solicitor relative to damage caused



to Kilmore road by lorries drawing maize from the wrecked steamer, "Valdura" at Kilmore. Mr Elgee was of opinion that the chances of success in obtaining orders against any of the lorry owners was very remote, as to succeed, the Council would have to be in a position to prove that each lorry owner proceeded against had used the road for the purpose of carrying maize from the wrecked steamer, that he carried a certain number of tons of cargo, that he made a certain number of journeys over the road, and that his lorry caused a certain definite amount of damage. It would also have to be proved that this was extraordinary traffic.

Letters were read from Messrs Birtthistle and Kehoe Assistant Surveyors stating that it was impossible to obtain reliable evidence as to the damage done by each lorry.

No order.

LOCAL TAXATION OFFICER V GEORGE CARROLL

Under date 17th April 1926, a letter was read from Mr T.B. Dunbar, solicitor, Enniscorthy asking the Co. Council to consider further mitigation of the fine in above case from £10 to £5.

It was decided to inform Mr Dunbar that, as the recommendation of the Roads Committee making the penalty £10 in this case, had received the approval of the Council, further consideration of the matter could be dealt with only on a notice of motion.

SPEED LIMIT -HEAVY MOTOR VEHICLES-NEW ROSS BRIDGE.

Under date 30th April 1926, Mr M.J. Finn, Clerk, New Ross Urban District Council wrote enquiring if the County Council had yet adopted a bye-law fixing a speed limit for heavy motor vehicles crossing the New Ross Bridge.

Col Quin proposed, Mr Shannon seconded and it was passed:- "That the speed of heavy motor vehicles crossing New Ross Bridge be limited to three miles per hour, and that Mr Elgee, solicitor be instructed to prepare bye-law accordingly.



Under date 20th April 1926(R/SGB/32) the Department of Local Government(Roads) wrote that £4135 had been paid in respect of Grant of £10465 allotted to Wexford County out of the £450000 Grant. Immediate steps should be taken to have work expedited so that the accounts might be wound up at an early date.

APPLICATION - QUARTERLY PAYMENTS ROAD CONTRACTORS.

Mr Joseph Cullen, Road Contractor, Ballyrannell, Glenbrien wrote asking that the amounts for road contracts be paid quarterly instead of half-yearly. It was a grave hardship on him and on many other contractors to wait six or seven months before receiving any payment for work done.

Referred to the Secretary and the County Surveyor for report.

ROAD 88G.

Under date 26th April 1926, Mr William Kinsella, Castlewhite, Carnew, contractor for Road No 88G wrote that he considered he had been unfairly dealt with in having £9 struck off his contract. He asked that the Roads Committee inspect the work and he was quite satisfied to abide by their decision.

Under date 30th April 1926, report was read from Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor giving details of amount struck off and work unattended to for some time past.

No order.

PROPOSED WALL AT BURROW, ROSSLARE.

Under date 17th April 1926, a letter was read from Burrow, Mr James Bent, ~~Bannoy~~, Rosslare asking the Council to build a wall at Burrow, Rosslare to prevent encroachment of the sea on his premises.

Adjourned to next meeting.

PETROL PUMPS IN URBAN DISTRICTS.

The following resolution was received from New Ross Urban District Council:- "That the Co. Council be requested not to permit or consent to the erection of Petrol Pumps or any other fixtures which might cause an obstruction on the main roads of this Urban District with the exception of this Council's particular site.



It was decided that the application of New Ross Urban District Council in connection with petrol pumps be submitted to the County Council for their approval.

#### QUARRY AGREEMENTS.

The County Surveyor submitted correspondence as to the refusal of the owners of Monarrig, Boley and Gorey Hill Quarries to sign new agreement forms.

It was decided that Mr Elgee, solicitor, be instructed to apply to the District Justice for permission to enter these and any other quarries in respect of which owners refuse to sign agreements.

The Chairman proposed, Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded and it was passed:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to have stamped all quarry agreements which have been entered into with owners of quarries."

#### DUNANORE AND BALLYBUCKLEY QUARRIES.

The County Surveyor submitted letter under date 27th April 1926 from Mr T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, stating that he had sent Lease Agreement forms to Messrs Weyman, Ludlow, Salop, Solicitors for Captain Alcock, owner of above quarries for the latter's signature. Messrs Weyman had replied that it was usual for the tenants to pay the solicitor's costs of the preparation and completion of the lease and the Stamp Duty, and asked if the Council were prepared to do this.

Referred to Mr Elgee, solicitor for advice.

#### MANURE HEAPS ON ROADS.

On the motion of Col Gibbon, seconded by Col Quin, the following resolution was adopted:- "That persons allowing manure heaps to remain on public roads be warned that these must be removed by 1st July or prosecution will ensue."

#### ANCIENT MONUMENTS

On the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by the Chairman the following were appointed a Committee in conjunction with the Co. Surveyor, to make recommendations to the County Council relative to the preservation of the ancient monuments of the County:- The Chairman, Mr M. Cloney, Mr Sean O'Byrne, Rev R. Fitzhenry P.P. Lady's Island, Mr Seumas Doyle, The Bungalow Bally-



Mr John Keane, Ballyadam, Kilmuckridge, Gorey wrote under date 26th March 1926 that he was directed by Kilmuckridge Branch Ratepayers' Self Protection League to ask what were the intentions of the County Council re Killincooley road which last winter was practically impassable. Little or nothing had been done on this road for the past two years. He asked information as to what the Council intended doing with the large amount of material broken and lying between two and three years on the Ballinamona road. Notwithstanding that this material was available, gravel was being used for the maintenance of the road. He also asked what had been the cost of this broken material to the ratepayers for breaking and haulage.

Under date 17th April 1926, the County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor for the district:- "183E. For the three years ending 31st March 1926, this road received a tonnage of 198 cubic yards broken sea stones and 33 cubic yards sea gravel. Drainage and trimming work was attended to. Although at times this road was cut and tracked by heavy traffic, yet at no time was it anything near impassable.

Sea Stones Ballinamona. In 1923 arrangements were first made for the breaking of sea stones at Ballinamona, the price paid being 10/- per cubic yard delivered on Blackwater-Kilmuckridge road. In 1924 the price was reduced to 7/- per cubic yard.

It is necessary to have a stock of material here as supply of rough stones cannot always be obtained on the sea shore. Last year there were 20 cubic yards sea gravel supplied on road 54E at rate of 4/- per cubic yard. This material was used on part of road to fill pot holes, etc. where it suited better than sea stones. Gravel is not available in this locality except in very small quantities and owing to sandy nature of roads does not hold bond in dry weather. Material at Ballinamona will be used to tonnage roads for coming year."

Referred to County Council.



The Chairman proposed:-

"That the Minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 3rd May, 1926, be received and adopted".

Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded.

Road Signs.

In connection with this matter it was decided that the County Surveyor submit full information as to road signs which he proposed having erected to next meeting of the Roads Committee.

Wexford Courthouse Accommodation.

In connection with this matter the following letter, under date 7th May, 1926, was read from the County Surveyor:-

"I am, at present having the fittings removed from the old Courthouse on the Quay to the old Jail, to have them put up for the coming Circuit Court, and have arranged with Messrs Sinnott and Company to do ~~the~~ work for the sum of £26: 10: 0d. I find that several of the ceilings are damaged and must be made good before the place could really be considered in proper condition and this and other necessary work will cost an extra sum of £20: 10: 0d. I had already employed Messrs Sinnott to fit galvanised covers to the outer doors of cells (corridors) and to make good the inner doors, so as to prevent persons unauthorised, using the lavatories, and also to fit locks and keys on all the doors; so that the place may be maintained free from trespass. This will cost a sum of £17: 5: 0d. The two latter items are covered by the compensation paid us by the Military, and in making good their damage!"

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

"That extra sum of £37: 15: 0d to be paid from grant for repair of damaged buildings &c., be allocated to the County Surveyor to carry out repairs to the old Jail premises as mentioned in his letter of the 7th May, 1926".



Relative to the use of the old Jail premises the County Surveyor considered that if the £5000 compensation awarded by the Government, were expended on the buildings, a sufficiently good courthouse and County Council offices could be secured at the old Jail.

Owing to the fact that the Local Government Engineer had cut down the amount to be spent on proposed Courthouse from £13,000 to £10000, it would not be possible to secure on the site of the old Courthouse the extra accommodation that would be required by the Council.

Colonel Gibbon proposed that, as a Committee had already seen these buildings, and had on the advice of the architect, Mr. Delap, and the County Surveyor, turned down any proposals for these repairs, it was advisable that an unprejudiced Committee of the Council went into the matter anew and made a report to the County Council.

Mr. Boggan seconded.

Passed.

The following Committee was appointed on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Rossiter:-

"The Chairman, Messrs Corish, Walsh, Cloney, Gaul and Thorpe, with the County Surveyor".

New Ross Courthouse Accommodation.

Mr. P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman, and Mr. V. A. Doyle attended as a deputation from New Ross Urban District Council relative to a further attempt being made to come to terms with the owners of New Ross Courthouse to secure the building for Court purposes.

The Chairman proposed that the deputation be received.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded. Passed.

The Chairman explained that New Ross Courthouse was surrendered in 1920. Negotiations had been in progress to secure the return of the buildings. Mr. Hamilton proposed to



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to sell to the Council at £1,000, but the Council considered that, as the buildings had been erected by the ratepayers, £600 was a reasonable offer.

Mr. O'Gorman mentioned that New Ross Urban District Council were under the impression that, if negotiations could be re-opened, there might be a possibility of coming to terms with Mr. Hamilton. It was a hardship on the people to have to come to Wexford for Circuit Court on account of the present deadlock.

Mr. Cooney stated that he regarded the present buildings in which the Court was held in New Ross as quite sufficient for the needs for the people. The County Council had offered to go to arbitration in the matter but Mr. Hamilton<sup>had</sup> refused.

Mr. Doyle proposed that a Committee meet Mr. Hamilton and ascertain from him the terms on which he is prepared to hand over New Ross Courthouse to the Council: these terms to be submitted to the first available meeting of the Roads Committee but that said deputation receive no delegation to commit the Council to any decision in the matter.

Mr. Hall seconded. Passed.

The following deputation was appointed:-

Representing the County Council:- The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Messrs Thorpe, Walsh, Cooney.

Representing New Ross Urban District Council:- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman and V. A. Doyle.

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

"That the facts in connection with the surrender of New Ross Courthouse and proposed purchase price of same asked by Mr. Hamilton be put before the Department of Justice by Messrs Corish and Doyle T.D.'s.

Office for District Court Clerk New Ross.

Consideration of the Minute of the Roads Committee relative to the application of the District Court Clerk,



New Ross, for office accommodation was adjourned pending report of deputation to Mr. Hamilton.

Corner at Darby's Gap.

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Messrs J. A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, Enniscorthy, under date 6th May, 1926:-

"We are instructed by Mr. John Redmond of Ballycoursey, Enniscorthy, to apply to the County Council for the sum of Twenty Pounds stg, as compensation for the value of part of his land at Ballycoursey or "Darby's Gap" acquired by your Council through their Deputy Surveyor Mr. T. Cullen in the year 1924. Our client informs us that he has already communicated with the Secretary of your Council on this matter.

"Unless we hear from you that your Council are prepared to compensate our client for the quantity of his land acquired by them as above he must have recourse to proceeding in the matter"

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, stated that, when he was negotiating the matter with Mr. Redmond, he understood the latter intended giving the land free and it was only after the work had been executed that any question of compensation arose.

Mr. Hall proposed:-

"That Mr. John Redmond, Ballycoursey, be paid a sum of £3 as compensation for land taken in order to widen dangerous corner at Darby's Gap".

Mr. O'Donoghue seconded.

As an amendment, Mr. Thorpe proposed, and the Chairman seconded:-

"That Mr. John Redmond, Ballycoursey, be paid at the rate of 40 per acre for the amount of land taken from him in order to widen corner at Darby's Gap".

On a show of hands the amendment was carried.



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The resolution of the Chairman confirming the Minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 3rd May, 1926, was then put and passed.

SHEEP DIPPING.  
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The following resolution from meeting of County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction of 29th March, 1926, was submitted:-

"That the Scheme as laid down in the Sheep Dipping Order be carried out as heretofore. That the attention of Sheep Owners be called to the necessity of erecting proper swim baths and that they be recommended, through co-operation and otherwise, to provide sufficient baths for the purposes of the Order. Unless Sheep owners were prepared to take up the provision of baths in a whole-hearted and energetic way, a compulsory Scheme of Sheep Dipping must be adopted next year".

On the motion of Mr. Clince, seconded by Mr. Hall, the foregoing resolution was confirmed.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASE IN ANIMALS.  
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The following resolution from the meeting of the Diseases of Animals Acts Committee of 29th April, 1926, was submitted:-

"That an advertisement be inserted in local papers warning that prosecution will be taken against persons who neglect reporting, within due time, cases of contagious disease in animals".

On the motion of Mr. Clince, seconded by Mr. Hall, the foregoing resolution was confirmed.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES.  
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The following Minutes of meeting of Scholarship Committee of 15th April, 1926, were submitted:-



A meeting of the Scholarship Committee of above Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 15th April 1926.

Present- Mr Thomas McCarthy, Chairman Co. Council, (presiding), also present Very Rev. W. Murphy, President St Peter's College, Rev. T. Talbot, Rector, Horetown, Sean O'Byrne, and E. P. Foley.

The Secretary to the County Council was also in attendance.

#### SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Applications for extension of Scholarship for a further year- from three to four- were read from Misses M. Frayne, Courtnacuddy, Kathleen O'Keefe Moor, Bridgetown, Bernadette Berney, Foxcover, Monaseed and from Messrs Edward Breen Duncannon, J.G. Dillon Harpoonstown, Bridgetown, Thos B. Larrissey Duncannon, John Stafford, Poulsallagh, Drinagh, and John Hunt.

These pupils pointed out that under the new regulations of the Department of Education, the examination for Intermediate Leaving Certificate was held only every two years. Owing to this it was necessary that Scholarship should be extended for a fourth year. The present Secondary Scholarship Scheme of the Council provided for a fourth year.

It was decided to recommend the County Council to agree to the extension of scholarships applied for at this meeting.

The following resolution was read from County Wexford Committee of the Irish National Teachers' Organisation

"That we request the Wexford County Council to make the amended conditions of Primary Scholarship of 1925 viz, £40 and three additional years of £50, retrospective to holders of Scholarships before 1925 chiefly because:-

(1) £40 is quite insufficient for students' essentials, (2) Four years are necessary, (3) The fewness



of students holding scholarships presently.(4) also we believe that parents of students ought not to have to defray considerable or any expenses on their behalf while holding such scholarships."

The Committee adopted the following resolution:-

"While agreeing that holders of Secondary Scholarships awarded prior to 1926 should receive a year's extension to enable them to compete for Intermediate Leaving Certificate, we cannot see our way to increase the amount of these scholarships beyond £40, the amount at which they were awarded.

Circular letter was read from the Department of Education(Secondary Education Branch)stating that students who did not satisfy the conditions of the programme as to pursuing an approved course of study as pupils of a secondary school may be admitted to the Department's Leaving Certificate at the request of ~~the~~ County Council for the purpose of competing for County Council Scholarships.

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UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1927.

The meeting then agreed to the following University Scholarship Scheme for year 1926.-

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"There shall be open for competition in 1926, three Scholarships, each valued at £70, tenable for three years, confined to children(male and female) of ratepayers of the County Wexford who have resided in the county for a period of five years immediately preceding 1st January 1926. One such Scholarship shall be tied to Agriculture.

Scholarships will be tenable only at a University or College which has made Irish an essential subject for the matriculation examination, and up to the time when specialisation begins.

In connection with the allocation of Scholarships attention is called to Section 10(2) of the Irish University Act, 1908 as follows:-



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"The Council of any County or County Borough in Ireland may assist by means of Exhibitions, Scholarships, Bursaries, Payment of Fees, or otherwise, any students at any University in Ireland who are ordinarily resident in their County or Borough, who satisfy the Council that they are qualified to profit by University education and are in need of assistance, and who also satisfy such tests of ability as may be prescribed by the University, and may also place any sums at the disposal of any University in Ireland or any College thereof to be applied for any educational purposes which the Council may consider will benefit their County or Borough, being purposes for which monies provided by Parliament under this Act may be applied."

"Students for Scholarships must pass the Leaving Certificate Examination ~~of the Intermediate of~~ 1926.

1. The subjects of examination (~~and the marks~~) to be considered for the award of a Scholarship must include Irish and four subjects from the following list. The subjects on which the awards are to be made shall in every case include at least three Honour subjects.
2. The subjects of examination and the marks (Pass and Honour) for the various subjects will be as follows:-

Irish, Latin, Greek, Practical Agriculture	400 each
Mathematics	600
History, Geography, English, French, German, Spanish, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Physiology and Hygiene, Domestic Economy and Music	300 each
Drawing	200

3. The recommendation for the award of Scholarships will be made by the Academic Council of University College, Dublin, after consideration of the total marks obtained in each of the five subjects from the above list, estimated for Honours subjects at the relative value assigned to the subjects in the Regulations set out by University College and Pass



4. The list of Candidates in order of merit will be furnished the <sup>County</sup> Council by the Academic Council of University College. Applications for University Scholarships must be made to the Secretary, County Council, Fortview, Wexford, on or before <sup>20<sup>th</sup></sup> ~~1st~~ May 1926. A list of the applications approved by County Council will be furnished the Registrar, University College, Dublin, on or before 1st June 1926.

5. Copies of the Examination Papers of the Examination for the Leaving Certificate, and the written answer books of the candidates at that examination whose names have been approved by Wexford County Council as eligible for award of University Scholarships, are to be available for the College Professors in the subjects in respect of which recommendations for the awards of Scholarships are to be <sup>made.</sup> made.

6. Students who are not pursuing an approved course of study as pupils of a secondary school may be admitted to the Leaving Certificate Examination at the request of the ~~ECM~~ Council for the purpose of competing for their University Scholarships. They will not, however, be eligible for the award of the Secondary Leaving Certificate. Students in this category should, when lodging application form, call the special attention of the County Council to the fact that they are not pursuing an approved course of study in a Secondary School.

All candidates must pass the Matriculation Examination of the selected University within the year in which award of the University Scholarship is made.

In no circumstances will a Scholarship be awarded to any student who fails to pass <sup>Leaving Certificate</sup> ~~Intermediate~~ Examination in respect of the year for which application for Scholarship is made.

In case a successful candidate fails to avail of the Scholarship awarded, the same may be awarded to the next qualified candidate in order of merit.

Students obtaining a Scholarship shall be required to pursue a course of studies leading up to and to be ~~on~~



completed by a Degree in any of the faculties embraced within the curriculum of the University, and must, prior to the conclusion of the second year of their course, specify the particular branch of study in which they desire to specialize.

Students for a Degree in Agriculture must notify their intention to proceed with their studies in this direction before the termination of the first year of their Scholarship course, and must, in addition to passing the Scholarship Examination, produce satisfactory evidence of a practical acquaintance with Agriculture. Scholarships in this subject will be tenable for four years instead of three, and as a further inducement to secure a high standard of knowledge in this subject, students passing an exceptionally brilliant course for their degree and being recommended therefor by the University authorities, may be awarded a post graduate course for one year in the shape of a travelling studentship or a Research Scholarship value £150.

Students for the Higher Diploma of Education will hold Scholarships for four, instead of three years to enable them to secure this Diploma.

Students for Degrees in branches of Science applicable to Agriculture, Commerce or Industry, and in Accountancy, Finance and Economics, may, in the discretion of the Council, have the term of their Scholarships extended from three to five years, but this provision will not apply to Art Scholarships.

Scholarships will be confined to students whose ages shall not exceed 20 years on 1st August 1926. The awards of Scholarships may be entirely withheld in the event of the result of the Examination failing to show a high standard of merit; and in the event of any disputes or differences arising in connection with the Scholarships or with the holders thereof or candidates therefor, the decision of the County Council shall be final and binding on all parties concerned.

The renewal of Scholarship for third year is contingent on a student being able to show that he or she has acquired a speaking knowledge of Irish.

Actual amount of College fees will be paid out of



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Scholarship at beginning of academic year, and balance will be paid over monthly to the student as from 1st Nov. in each year.

To meet exceptional cases, the provision<sup>s</sup> of this Scheme (except those dealing with the subjects for examination and with the award of marks) may be varied by the Council, but such variation can only be moved on Notice of Motion to be considered at a meeting of the Wexford County Council.

No change can be made as regards subjects for examination or award of marks.

Forms of application, which must be lodged by the <sup>20<sup>th</sup></sup> ~~1st~~ May, 1926 can be obtained from the undersigned,

N. J. Frizelle, Secretary, Wexford Co. Council. "

The Committee desire to point out that for a number of years past the County Council have provided four University Scholarships. They consider that the time has arrived when the Government and County Councils should make a united and determined effort to establish a proper Faculty of Agriculture covering educational and research work.

In order to appropriately finance such a Faculty the Scholarship Committee consider that portion of the rate which, up to the present has been used for direct subvention to holders of University Scholarships, should be put in charge of the County Councils General Council with a mandate to enter into negotiations with the authorities of University College and the Department of Agriculture in order to establish a Faculty of Agriculture worthy of an agricultural country.

In the case of Wexford County, the Scholarship Committ<sup>ee</sup> are of opinion that £70- the equivalent of one University Scholarship- should be put into this fund annually and recommend accordingly for year 1926.



On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, the Minutes of meeting of Scholarship Committee of 15th April, 1926, were confirmed.

Arising out of the minutes of the Scholarship Committee, the following resolution was adopted, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Clince:-

"That the eligibility of candidates to compete for University Scholarships be dealt with by the first available meeting of the Finance Committee".

Under date 29th April, 1926, a letter was read from the Secretary of University College, Dublin, stating that the draft Scheme of University Scholarships for 1926-27 of Wexford County Council was submitted to the Academic Council at their meeting on that date and was approved by them.

Under date 19th April, 1926, Rev. Wm Gibson wrote resigning membership of the County Scholarship Committee owing to inability to attend the meetings of the Committee.

The Secretary mentioned that Rev. T. Talbot, Rector, Horetown, had been appointed to the vacancy created by the resignation of Rev. Canon Gibson.

#### EMBEZZLEMENT BY OFFICIALS

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Colonel Gibbon mentioned that instructions should be given to all County Council officials that, in any cases in which they find malpractices in connection with public money, such as forgery and embezzlement or falsification of documents, reference should be made to the legal adviser and immediate action taken.

Mr. Elgee pointed out that it would be necessary for him to obtain express instructions from the Council or some of its Committees as to any criminal proceedings in matters referred to by Colonel Gibbon.

It was then decided that, in such cases as mentioned by Colonel Gibbon a special meeting of the Finance Committee



should be summoned with the least possible delay".

SPEED OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN ENNISCORTHY  
URBAN DISTRICT.  
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The following resolution was received from  
Enniscorthy Urban District Council:-

"That the County Council be requested to make  
a Bye-law limiting maximum speed of motor driven  
Vehicles in the Urban District of Enniscorthy to  
10 miles an hour".

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

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested  
to agree to a bye-law fixing the maximum speed of motor  
driven vehicles in Enniscorthy Urban District at 10  
miles per hour".

IRISH REPUBLICAN PRISONERS.  
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The Chairman mentioned that a letter had been  
received from the Irish Republican Prisoners' Defence  
Committee, asking the Council to protest against the  
continued detention of Irish Republican Prisoners and  
their treatment. He considered this a political matter  
and so ruled it out of Order.

PROPOSED BRIDGE ON 255E.  
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Mr. Shannon moved the following of which he had  
given previous notice:-

"That a bridge be built on Road 255E (from Gurrawn  
to Rathnure) and that cost of same (estimated by County  
Surveyor at £70) be provided from Contingencies Fund".

Mr. Shannon pointed out that children had great difficulty  
in attending School owing to the condition of the place -  
in fact they ran the risk of being drowned and doctor or  
clergyman could not pass along the place.



In moving his motion, Mr. Shannon pointed out that it had been considered recently by the Council and adjourned as he was challenged relative to the views of the ratepayers of the district. He now produced a memorial signed by Clergymen, doctors, and a very large number of ratepayers.

Mr. Clince seconded.

After discussion, a show of hands was taken when it was found that twenty were in favour of the motion which the Chairman declared adopted.

DIRECT LABOUR IN QUARRIES  
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Mr. P. Byrne moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That all quarry work in future be carried out by Direct Labour".

Mr. Cooney seconded.

The County Surveyor mentioned that the quarries concerned were Eden Vale, Ballymurray, Clolourish and Carrigbyrne. As three had been already dealt with, it was only necessary to have an order in connection with Carrigbyrne. He asked the Council to exclude any change in the working of Carrigbyrne by piece work for this year. Material in Carrigbyrne was produced at 6/3d per cubic yard while 8/- was the average cost for quarries worked by Direct Labour.

The Chairman suggested that the motion should be adjourned until December or January when the estimates for next financial year were being considered. If the motion were agreed curtailment of other essential work would be necessary in order to provide for expenditure under this head.

The County Surveyor stated that he believed Carrigbyrne



Quarry would be worked by Direct Labour at some figure per cubic yard between 8/- and 6/3d. He did not believe it could be worked for 6/3d.

After considerable discussion, a poll was taken with the following result:-

For the motion:- Messrs P. Byrne, Clince, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Pender, Rossiter, and Shannon - 13.

Against:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Hall, Jordan, O'Donoghue, Thorpe, Walsh, Whyte and the Chairman - 12 .

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP - STEPHEN J. FURLONG.  
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Mr. Boggan moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the resolution, cancelling University Scholarship to Stephen J. Furlong, be rescinded, and that the Scholarship be renewed for a further year, on condition that Mr. Furlong agrees to spend, at his own expense, at least twelve months on a suitable farm".

Mr. Rossiter seconded.

Under date 16th April, 1926, a letter was read from Professor James Wilson, College of Science, Dublin, stating that Furlong was one of a good number of County Council Scholars who should never have been sent up to study agriculture as they had no experience of agriculture without which no college could make them agriculturists. If Furlong went to a farm for a year he could come up for examination again. Had Furlong taken an ordinary Science course he would probably have got through.

Under date 19th April, 1926, Professor Wilson wrote, submitting Furlong's examination figures for sessions 1924-25



and 1925-26. His record was good except in the one subject - Agriculture - for which experience was necessary.

The County Council could continue Furlong's Scholarship till the end of the present session <sup>or</sup> ~~and then~~ let him go on a farm from now to next April and then revive his Scholarship so that he could return for the third term.

Mr. Boggan's motion was then put and passed.

#### ROAD GRANTS. =====

Under date 8th March, 1926 (SGO/201) a letter was read from the Department of Local Government (Roads) stating that £8,400 had been provisionally allocated to the Council out of the Trunk Road Grant for £250,000 with the conditions governing same.

#### HAULAGE. -----

The following notice of motion, signed by Mr. Colfer and seven other members was submitted:-

"That the rate of 10d per cubic yard for haulage be increased to the Rate paid last year".

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Hayes seconded the adoption of the motion.

After discussion a poll was taken with the following result:-

For the motion:- Messrs P. Byrne, Cline, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Mernagh, Pender, Rossiter, Shannon and Hayes - 12.

Against:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Hall, Jordan, Sean O'Byrne, O'Donoghue, Thorpe, Walsh, Whyte and the Chairman - 13.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

#### MAINTENANCE OF MAIN ROADS IN URBAN DISTRICTS. >>>-----

The following report of Conference held on 15th April, 1926, was submitted:-



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MAINTENANCE MAIN ROADS IN URBAN DISTRICTS.

The following resolution was adopted at the meeting of Wexford County Council on 12th April 1926:-

"That the Urban District Councils of Enniscorthy, New Ross and Wexford be requested to nominate each a Representative to confer with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the County Council and the County Surveyor in connection with the terms and conditions upon which the main roads in Urban Districts are to be maintained. That the Co. Surveyor fix date for Conference."

The Conference was held on 15th April 1926 in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford when the following were present:-

WEXFORD CO. COUNCIL-The Chairman (Mr T. McCarthy), the Secretary and the County Surveyor.

ENNISCORTHY URBAN DISTRICT- Mr Martin Kehoe.

NEW ROSS URBAN DISTRICT-Mr P.N.O'Gorman (Chairman) and Mr Shortall, Town Surveyor.

WEXFORD URBAN DISTRICT- The Mayor (Mr R. Corish) and Mr Hanrahan, Borough Surveyor.

After considerable discussion the following was arrived at:-Urban District Councils of Enniscorthy, New Ross and Wexford to enter into agreement with the Co. Council to maintain the scheduled main roads in their respective district under the ordinary road specification of the Wexford County Council with consequential amendments necessary to cover the fact of the Urban District Councils acting as contractors instead of private individuals. That the following amounts be agreed to as contributions by County Council <sup>to</sup> ~~by~~ each Urban district respectively for maintenance of main roads in said Urban Districts:-



Enniscorthy	£486
NEW ROSS	£518
WEXFORD	£855

That this agreement be determined at any time by six months' notice at either side.

That it be subject to ratification by Wexford County Council and the approval of the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

In connection with this matter the following resolution was submitted from new Ross Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union:-

"That we ask the County Council to take over maintenance of the Main roads passing through the Town and have said work done by direct labour".

Mr. Corish proposed:-

"That the report of Conference of 15th April, 1926, relative to maintenance of main roads in Urban Districts be received and adopted. That instructions be given to the Urban District Councils concerned that the work must be carried out by Direct Labour. That this latter provision apply to New Ross Bridge contract which the County Surveyor proposes to enter into with New Ross Urban District Council.

Mr. Colfer seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the motion:- Messrs P. Byrne, Clince, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Hayes, Corish, Gaul, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Pender, Rossiter; Shannon and the Chairman - 14.

Against :- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Hall, Jordan, O'Donoghue, Thorpe, Walsh and Whyte - 11.

The Chairman declared the motion carried

SUPERANNUATION - MR. J. J. ROCHFORD.

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Letter from Department of Local Government proposing a superannuation allowance of £216: 10: 0d to Mr. J. J. Rochford, Clerk late New Ross Rural District Council, which



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was adjourned in order that the Secretary should ascertain from the Secretaries of Carlow and Kilkenny County Councils what were the superannuation allowances granted to Mr. Rochford on his retirement as Clerk to Ida and Idrone Rural District Councils, came up for consideration.

Letter was read from the Secretary, Kilkenny County Council, stating that a superannuation allowance of £53: 14: 8d per annum had been fixed for Mr. Rochford, who was claiming twelve years' additional service as Assistant Clerk.

The Secretary Carlow County Council wrote that his Council fixed £54: 8: 0d per annum as superannuation allowance to Mr. Rochford. The latter declined to accept this and appealed to the Minister for Local Government.

In reply to a query the Secretary stated that Mr. Rochford's pension as Clerk to late New Ross Board of Guardians was £160: 10: 0d per annum. Assuming that pensions for Clerk of District Councils were as fixed by the County Councils concerned, Mr. Rochford's total superannuation would be £450: 0: 0d per annum.

The Chairman proposed:-

"That we adhere to our former decision fixing the superannuation allowance of Mr. J. J. Rochford as Clerk to the late New Ross Rural District Council at £181: 7: 11d per annum!"

Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded.

Passed.

TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME - PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH  
COUNTY INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

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Under date 13th April, 1926, (P.H.3364/1925 Wexford County) the Department of Local Government wrote, requesting the Council to again take into consideration the desirability of concluding a comprehensive agreement with the County Insurance Committee for the provision of treatment for



insured and exempt persons suffering from Tuberculosis. The effect of such agreement would be to concentrate in the hands of the County Authorities the provision of treatment for all tuberculous persons in the County and to assist in the co-ordination and improvement of the arrangements for dealing with such cases. Under the standard form of agreement, the Sanatorium Benefit Fund of the County Insurance Committee, estimated at £807 for the current financial year would be transferred to the County Council; and the proportion of this sum to be allocated in pursuance of clause 5 of the Agreement towards the cost of institutional treatment would justify a reservation in clause 2 (d) of three Sanatorium beds and two Hospital beds.

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

"That the letter and agreement from Department of Local Government, relative to entering into agreement with the County Insurance Committee for treatment of persons suffering from tuberculosis be referred to the County Board of Health, which is now carrying out the functions of the Tuberculosis Committee, for adoption".

SEALED ORDER - SEWERAGE SCHEME, ARKLOW ROAD GOREY.

Sealed Order, No.8837/1926, dated 12th April, 1926, & fixing Gorey Dispensary District as the area of charge for expenditure incurred for the purpose of improving and maintaining the sewerage system of Arklow Road Gorey, was read from the Department of Local Government.

SCHEME FOR TREATMENT OF VENEREAL DISEASE.

In connection with proposed scheme for treatment of persons suffering from venereal disease, which was adjourned to ascertain cost of such Schemes in other Counties, the Department of Local Government under date 19th April, 1926,



(P.H.17045/1926 Wexford C.B.H) submitted figures showing the average yearly cost for two years of Schemes in Counties Kildare and Wicklow as follows:-

County	Approx. Total Cost.	Charge to Rates	Charge to State Grant.
Kildare	£115	£29	£86
Wicklow	£132	£33	£99

Referred to the County Board of Health, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Clince.

#### ELECTRICITY UNDERTAKINGS.

Under date 27th April, 1926, a letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce stating that as a bulk supply of electricity from the Shannon Works would be available in the greater part of An Saorstát in about three years' time and as it was important that any distributing systems should be constructed in conformity with the conditions for the Shannon bulk supply, the Minister for Industry and Commerce would esteem it a favour if the Council would communicate with him in the event of any application being made for fresh concessions as to the breaking up of roads or streets for the purpose of distributing electricity.

#### CHANGE OF NAME FROM NEWTOWNBARRY TO BUN CLOIDIGHE.

Under date 29th April, 1926, (P.2970/26) letter was read from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs relative to the change of name from Newtownbarry to Bun Claidighe, stating the question of altering place names did not come within the functions of that Department and suggesting that any further representations in the matter should be addressed to the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

Under date 16th April, 1926, (G.14511/1926 Wexford County) letter was read from the Department of Local Government, stating that it was only in the case of Urban Districts that statutory conditions existed for the changing of place names. The general question of reverting to the Irish names of places



Was Under consideration by the Executive Council to whom correspondence on the subject might be addressed.

Under date 9th May, 1926, Mr. P. Tobin, Secretary, Enniscorthy District Committee of the Gaelic League, wrote, asking the County Council to make application to the Executive Council to have the name of Newtownbarry changed to Bun Claidighe in accordance with the decision of the County Council made in 1920.

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

"That our Secretary communicate with the Executive Council and ask them to promote the necessary legislation to enable Irish place names to be revived in Rural Districts"

CLAIM OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONERS.

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In connection with claim of £72: 18: 0d made by the Insurance Commissioners for the stamping of National Health ~~INSUR~~ and Unemployment Insurance cards for men who were employed by the late Enniscorthy Rural District Council in 1923 and 1924 in the erection of Labourers' Cottages, the following letter, under date 19th April, 1926, was read from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor:-

"I have gone carefully into the correspondence herein which you have sent me and I agree with the opinion expressed by Mr. Dunbar, Solicitor for the Enniscorthy District Council, that the men in respect of whom contributions for National Health and Unemployment Insurance, are claimed, were independent contracters, to the District Council, and as such not insurable employees of theirs, and this being so that no contributions were liable to be made on their behalf.

"The Insurance Commissioners having already given a decision in the matter, holding that they were insurable, the only course open to the Council in order to obtain a re-hearing, is to appeal to the High Court. The new rules of Court



dealing with such appeals have not yet been issued, and this being so it is impossible to say when such an appeal would be heard.

"As mentioned by Mr. Dunbar, the costs of such an appeal would be considerable, and the chances of upsetting the Insurance Commissioners decision rather remote, and the Council would be faced with the possibility of having to pay the Insurance Commissioners' Costs, as well as the fees to Counsel, and other outlay of their own.

"Accordingly I would advise the Council to carefully consider the matter before finally coming to any decision as to an appeal"

Mr. Doyle proposed and Colonel Gibbon seconded:-

"That Mr. Elgee be asked to take Counsel's opinion as to the liability of the Council regarding the claim of the Insurance Commissioners for £72: 18: 0d for stamps for insurance cards of workmen, employed by the late Enniscorthy Rural District Council in 1923 and 1924, in the erection of Labourers' Cottages"

This was carried on a show of hands.

#### TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF MEMBERS.

Under date 19th April, 1926, the following letter was read from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 17th instant and note that the Department has ruled that Mr. Pender, who was co-opted a member of the Council on the 14th December, 1925, and has attended the five meetings of the Council which have been held since then, is not entitled to be paid a contribution towards his travelling expenses inasmuch as he had not attended as required by the Local Government Act the necessary  $\frac{3}{4}$ ths of the meetings held in the half year, the  $\frac{3}{4}$ ths being seven meetings.

"Under Sec. 63 of the Local Government Act 1925, Sub.Sec. (2) (a) it is provided that the County Authority (i.e., the



County Council) shall pay to every member of such County Authority who has attended three-quarters of the meetings of such County Authority held during the preceding six months a contribution towards the expenses incurred in attending the meetings of such County Authority during such period.

This being so, the Department are strictly correct in their decision.

At the same time, however, it seems to me, that an allowance should be made in Mr. Pender's case having regard to the fact, that owing to his not having been co-opted until the 14th December, 1925, it was impossible for him to comply with the strict letter of the law by attending  $\frac{3}{4}$ ths of the entire meetings of the half year, while as a matter of fact he attended every available meeting of the Council since his appointment.

The Act apparently never contemplated such a case as Mr. Pender's where a member was elected or co-opted in the middle of the six months period and this being so I think the Council should make a standing representation to the Local Government Department in order to endeavour to obtain sanction of the payment to Mr. Pender of the contribution towards his travelling expenses for the five meetings which he did attend.

On the motion of Mr. Boggan, seconded by Mr. Shannon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That copy of Mr. Elgee's opinion in this matter be submitted to the Department of Local Government with a request for their sanction to the payment of contribution to Mr. Pender's travelling expenses"

APPOINTMENT OF SHEEP DIPPING INSPECTORS.  
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On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by P. O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the following be appointed Sheep Dipping Inspectors at a salary of £1 per week for both dipping periods, to cover



locomotion expenses, amount spent for incidental expenses, viz., postage, to be allowed by the Council:-

JAMES MURPHY, COOLBAWN, FERNS, for the Electoral Divisions of Ballycarney, Ballymore, Bolaboy, Ferns, Castledockrell, Kilbora, Kilcormack, Killanne, Kiloughrim, Kilrush, Marshalstown, Moyacomb, Newtownbarry, Rossard, St. Mary's, The Harrow, Timnacross and Tombrack.

MYLES ROBAN, THE MOYNE, ENNISCORTHY, for the Electoral Divisions of Ballindaggin, Ballyhogue, Ballyhuskard, Ballyvaldon, Bree, Castleboro', Castle Ellis, Castle Talbot, Clonroche, Edermine, Enniscorthy Rural, Kilmallock, Kildealy and The Leap.

MORGAN FLAHERTY, BALLYELLIS, CARNEW, for Districts of Coolgreany, Ballylarkin, Kilgorman, Limerick, Wingfield, Monaseed, Kilnahue, Gorey Urban, Gorey Rural, Ballynestragh and Courtown.

THOMAS PRENDERGAST, KNOCKSKIMOLIN, CULART, for Districts of Ballybeg, Ballyellis, Ballyoughter, Huntingtown, Kilcomb, Rossminogue, Ardamine, Ballycanew, Ballygarrett, Cahore, Ford, Killenagh, Killincooley, Monamolin and Wells.

M. J. HENNESSY, MONAMOLIN, RATHNURE, for New Ross Rural District.

JAMES HAYDEN, CORLICAN, KILLURIN, for Wexford Rural District.

If found advisable Messrs Roban and Murphy to be allowed to exchange any of their district Electoral Divisions which will suit their convenience.

#### SALARIES OF ASSISTANT SURVEYORS.

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In connection with application of Messrs Ennis, Kehoe, Birthistle and Cullen, Assistant Surveyors, for increase of salaries, the Chairman proposed that the application be adjourned for a further three months.

Colonel Quin seconded.



Mr. Corish stated he would serve notice of motion for next meeting that the Surveyors concerned be paid an inclusive salary and the resolution was therefore withdrawn.

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

"That we hereby agree that the following applicants for Secondary Scholarships are eligible to compete as we are of opinion their parents or guardians would not be in a position to provide necessary Secondary Education for them:-

- John Kehoe, Aughmore, The Ballagh.
- Patrick Murphy, Garrymile, The Ballagh.
- James Kenny, George Street, Gorey.
- Joseph Breen, 8, McCurtain Street, Gorey.
- James Swords, North Parade, Gorey.
- John Corcoran, Bannpark, Craanford.
- Mary Kavanagh, Hollyfort, Gorey.
- Joseph Kilty, Burleagh, Inch.
- Thomas Higgins, Monamolin, Rathnure.
- Joseph Flynn, Ballyvoclar, Campile.
- Nicholas Mernagh, Shelburne Lodge, Fethard.
- Eva Cullen, Ballytarsna, Ballycullane.
- Charles Hendrick, Belvidere, Coolcots, Wexford.
- Daniel J. Druhan, Lady's Island, Wexford.
- John Francis O'Brien, Allenstown Big, Broadway.
- Richard Francis Doyle, Sycamore House, Killurin.
- John French, Cliff Cottage, Cullenstown, Bannow.
- Laurence Joseph Butler, Lambstown, Killurin.
- John Cogley, Bulgan, Glynn.

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



"That, in consequence of the fact that only two applications have been received from girl students for three Scholarships, we hereby agree that all Scholarships under Secondary Scholarship Scheme be awarded in order of merit irrespective of the sex of applicants".

Under date 13th April, 1926, a letter was read from Miss K. A. Browne, Hon. Secretary, Uí Ceinnsedaigh, Historical Society, asking that some such book as "Treasures of the Past" by Rev. Charles Scantlebury, S.J., should form a subject for examination for Secondary Scholarships.

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

"That the Minister for Education be requested to provide as text book for Secondary Scholarships "Treasures of the Past" by Rev. Charles Scantlebury, S.J.".

DEMANDS OF ABOLISHED RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

Under date 26th April, 1926, the Secretary, County Board of Health, wrote, asking that the balances due on foot of demands of abolished Rural District Councils be transferred to the County Board of Health to enable that body to proceed with the building of labourers' cottages so as to relieve unemployment in the Rural areas.

On the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. Hall, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That our Secretary apply to the Minister for Local Government for permission to hand over unexpended balances of demands of abolished Rural District Councils in respect of year ended 31st March, 1926, to the County Board of Health, to allow of the amount of same being utilised for the building of cottages"

LICENCE - CINEMATOGRAPH ACT.

Mr. M. Hassett, Bridgetown, applied for licence under Cinematograph Act for premises at Kilmore Quay.



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Under date 8th May, 1926, Mr. John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, wrote stating that Mr. Hassett's new house at Kilmore Quay in which he intended exhibiting cinematograph pictures complied with all the requirements of the law".

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

"That licence under Cinematograph Act be granted to Mr. M. Hassett, Bridgetown, in respect of premises at Kilmore Quay".

#### POISONS & PHARMACY ACT.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, new licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act was granted to Mr. Owen Kehoe, Raheenduff, Oulart, and renewal of existing licence to Mr. James J. Codd, Court Street, Enniscorthy.

#### Petrol Pump.

Application for permission to erect petrol pump was received from Mr. N. Hayes, Ferns.

Adjourned in order that Mr. Hayes would comply with the provisions of Section 35 of the Local Government Act 1925, by furnishing plans, position, design and capacity of proposed pump.

#### APPLICATION FOR SUPERANNUATION DR. S. A. FURLONG.

Under date 13th February, 1926, Dr. S. A. Furlong, Surgeon, abolished Wexford County Infirmary, wrote applying for superannuation. He was appointed Surgeon to the Wexford County Infirmary in October 1910 and became entitled under Sections 44 (2) and 55 of the Local Government Act, 1925, to a pension, on the abolition of his office, not greater than two-thirds of his yearly salary and emoluments. His yearly salary as Surgeon to the County Infirmary was £120



and he estimated his emoluments (house, rent and rates free and fuel allowance) at £100, and the pension, therefore, authorised by the Act was £146: 13: 4d.

Under date 19th April, 1926, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, wrote:-

"I have now looked into the question of Dr. Furlong's superannuation.

"When the matter was before the County Council for consideration in the month of June 1925, it was considered that as Dr. Furlong, could not be held to be a "whole time" officer he having private Practice outside his duties as Surgeon to the County Infirmary, and this being so it was resolved that he was not entitled to any pension or superannuation.

"Since the matter was previously under ~~the~~ consideration the Local Government Act of 1925 was come into force.

"By Section 42 (b) of that Act it is provided that the Expression "Pensionable Officer" means any Officer (other than a temporary Officer, who is required by virtue of his office to be a Registered Medical Practitioner and that the expression "Pensionable Officer" shall be construed accordingly. It was declared that the expression "Emoluments" includes (inter alia) the money value of any apartments appertaining to his office.

"Section 55 of the Act provides that every person who at the date of abolition of a Committee of a County Infirmary was (if a Medical Officer) an Officer of that Committee if his service to that Committee was not less than ten years should have the same rights to receive an allowance as he would under this Act if he were a pensionable officer of Joint Committee of the Council and had held office there under and had been removed from office for a clause other than misconduct or incapacity."



In my opinion therefore under the above quoted Sections Dr. Furlong is entitled to a Superannuation allowance.

The Salary which was paid by the Council was £94.

"He estimates the value of his Emoluments at £100 which taking into consideration house, rent, Rates and fuel appears to be reasonable.

"This being so the basis on which his Superannuation would be calculated would be £194 not £220 as claimed by Dr. Furlong.

"I return the Papers you sent me".

Under date 28th April, 1926, the following letter was read from Messrs P. J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Wexford:-

"Dr. Furlong was consulted us in reference to the application for pension which he made to the County Council and has called our attention to a report in the "People" Newspaper of the 17th instant in which it is stated that the Solicitor for the County Council expressed the opinion that he would be entitled to a pension only on a salary of £94 a year. We submit however that this is not correct. His salary was £120. We presume that the £94 referred to is the amount contributed by the County Council but this is a matter with which Dr. Furlong had nothing to do. He held office under the Committee of the County Infirmary at the above mentioned salary of £120.

"Section 55 of the Local Government Act 1925 provides that every person who is an officer of a Committee of the County Infirmary is to have the same right to receive an allowance from the County Council as he would have under the said Act 1925 as if he were a pensionable officer of a Committee of the County Council. The effect of this is that an officer of a Committee of the Co. Infirmary is to be in the same position as if he had held office under a



Committee of the County Council, in other words, under the County Council itself. If he held office under the County Council he would be entitled to a pension accordingly. What portion of his pay or emoluments was contributed by the County Council is quite immaterial under the Section, and we submit that it is clear that £120 is the salary on which his pension is to be computed and that to this figure is to be added the other emoluments which Dr. Furlong had, estimated by him at £100 per annum".

Under date 1st May, 1926, the following letter was read from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo with copy of one from Messrs P. J. O'Flaherty & Son, as to above, enclosed.

"Messrs O'Flaherty are not correct in their statement that Dr. Furlong held office under the Committee of the County Infirmary at a salary of £120.

"Dr. Furlong's salary as Surgeon of the County Infirmary was only £94 and this was paid to him by the County Council.

"In addition to the above sum of £94 Dr. Furlong was paid a further sum by the Trustees of the Lady Esmonde Hospital as surgeon of that Institution, but the Joint Committee of Management of the Infirmary, as such, had nothing whatever to say to the Lady Esmonde Hospital, which as far as they were concerned was an outside Institution, over which they had no control, and might be looked on, as in the nature of private practice of Dr. Furlong's and Dr. Furlong, as Surgeon of the Lady Esmonde Hospital, was not an officer of the Joint Committee of Management of the County Infirmary.

"I may add further that the Lady Esmonde Hospital has been closed down since in or about the year 1911, so it cannot be said that his Office as Surgeon of the Lady Esmonde Hospital was abolished on the closing of the County Infirmary"



"This being so I see no reason to alter the opinion expressed in my letter to you, on the matter, dated the 19th ult, that the £194 was the proper figure on which Dr. Furlong's Superannuation was to be calculated"

Referred to Finance Committee for report, in order that a member may give necessary notice of motion for next meeting of County Council to have amount of Superannuation fixed.

APPLICATION FOR SUPERANNUATION - MRS HAYES,  
COUNTY INFIRMARY.

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Under date 10th January, 1926, Mrs E. Hayes, late female Searcher, County Wexford Infirmary, wrote, asking the County Council to reconsider her application for a pension on the abolition of her office. Her husband was now dead, so she had lost her only means of support. She hoped the Council would see their way to grant her something.

Under date 19th April, 1926, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, wrote, that he had looked carefully into all the Sections of the Acts dealing with pensions to officers and could not find anything which would enable the Council to pay Mrs Hayes a pension. Mrs Hayes was female searcher at the old County Infirmary for over 40 years at a salary of £5 per annum. Under existing circumstances, she was no doubt a deserving case but it could, <sup>not</sup> in his opinion, be contended that a person receiving a salary of £5 a year was a whole time office For this reason, he held that Mrs Hayes was not entitled to any pension.

Mr. Corish stated that the reason Mrs. Hayes salary was no small was owing to the fact that her husband was also employed in the Institution.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Rossiter, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Department of Local Government be asked to allow the County Council to vote an allowance to Mrs



Hayes, in view of her long service.

RURAL LIBRARY SERVICE - APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.  
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On the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. Hall the following resolution was adopted:-

"That this Council hereby delegate their powers under Section 12 of the Public Libraries Act (Ireland) 1855 to the County Library Committee with the exception of appointment of officers, conditions of service of such officers and their dismissal, which the County Council decide to retain in their own hands".

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT.  
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Under date 29th April, 1926, a resolution was read from the Rosslare Tourist Association thanking the Council for having unanimously decided to strike a rate of  $\frac{1}{2}$ d in £ for advertising the tourist attractions of the County, and asking that four members of the County Council meet four members from the County Wexford Executive of the Tourist Association when the rate is available to discuss the form of the advertising campaign so as to ensure that most of the money would be spent in the County.

Adjourned to next meeting.

CLAIM FOR POUNDAGE.  
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Mr. James Murphy, ex-Rate Collector, Shanoule, Foulksmills, wrote under date 10th May, 1926, applying for payment of poundage due to him. He wanted money very badly as he was going to Canada.

On the motion of Mr. Rossiter seconded by the Chairman, the Following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Department of Local Government be asked to sanction payment of poundage in this case".

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CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY.  
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I certify the foregoing to be a  
correct record of ~~the~~ Minutes of Proceedings  
of my County Council in respect of meeting  
held on 10th May, 1926.

(Signed) Thomas Carthy

~~Secretary~~ Wexford County Council.  
*Chairman*

Dated this 14th day of May, 1926.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

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M I N U T E S

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Meeting - 12th April, 1926.

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,  
WEXFORD.

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 13th April, 1926.

Present Mr. Thomas McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs William Boggan, Patrick Byrne, James Clince, Michael Cloney, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, Michael Doyle, James Gaul, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, David Kavanagh, Aidan Mernagh, Nicholas J. Murphy, John O'Byrne, M. M. O'Domoghue, John Pender, Thomas Rossiter, James Shannon, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh, John White, Colonel C. M. Gibbon and Colonel R. P. Wemyss Quin.

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

The minutes of ordinary meeting of 8th March, 1926, and of Special meeting of 29th March, 1926, were read and signed.

#### VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That we offer our heartfelt condolence to Mr. Thomas Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor of this Council, in the loss sustained by him through the death of his father. That a copy of this resolution be furnished Mr. Treanor".

#### REPLIES TO VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, the following letters of reply to votes of condolence adopted by the County Council were ordered to be inserted on the Minutes of present meeting.

From Miss L.A. Jones, Camblin Lodge, New Ross under date 16th March relative to the death of her father, Mr. W. H. Jones, late Assistant Surveyor to County Council:-



"Please convey to the members of the Wexford County Council my sincere thanks for their vote of condolence on the death of my father. I wish also to thank you for your kind words of sympathy with myself and my sisters."

From Mr. George Mulvey, 4, George Street, Wexford, Representative of "The Echo" newspaper on the death of his wife:-

"I beg to acknowledge with grateful thanks the receipt of your letter conveying to me a copy of the resolution passed by the members of your Council. Will you please return them my best thanks. At the same time, I wish to thank yourself and your staff for your very kind expressions. I need hardly remind you how much I appreciate such a letter from the Secretary, Staff and members of Wexford County Council".

#### NOTICES OF MOTION.

#### Proposed Rate - Health Resorts and Watering places.

The Chairman moved the following of which he had given previous notice:- "That the County Council raise in estimate for 1927-28 a rate of one halfpenny in the £ under Health Resorts and Watering places Act for the purpose of development of Tourist Traffic and that as much as possible of amount raised be spent in the county".

In moving the motion the Chairman said that a deputation from the Tourist Development Association had attended a recent meeting of the Council and asked the Council to strike a Rate under the Act. He (Chairman) believed if the Council agreed to the proposal it would be money well spent. Tourist traffic in Ireland was well worth development and would form a very valuable asset to the County Wexford. The watering places in the County



Wexford would compare favourably with those in any other district in Ireland and in devoting a half-penny in the £ in the Rate for 1927-28 for this purpose the Council would be doing a very good work. It was not a time when the Council could afford to incur expenditure for any but the most useful of purposes and in helping to develop tourist traffic there was no doubt but a very handsome return on the amount spent would be forthcoming.

Mr. Corish seconded the resolution.

Colonel Quin thought they should first have some guarantee that hotels would be kept more cleanly and made more comfortable and up-to-date before they agreed to provide funds for development.

Colonel Gibbon proposed that the following words be added to the Chairman's motion:- "Provided that the financial position of the County Council when Rate is being considered for next financial year will allow of the allocation in this instance."

Mr. Doyle seconded the resolution of Colonel Gibbon. He considered that no definite action should be taken that day. The proposal should be put up to the people outside and see if they were in favour of it. There would, he feared, be an outcry from districts which had no tourist resorts and he did not wish to fly in the face of ratepayers. He considered Colonel Gibbon's proposal reasonable. No District in the County would benefit so much by the matter as that which he (Mr. Doyle) represented and it would be with great reluctance that he would be obliged to oppose the Rate unless he was informed that the condition of the finances of the County when next year's rate was being considered would permit the County Council to cover the allocation.

The Chairman said he was prepared to embody in his motion the proposal made by Colonel Gibbon.



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Mr. Thorpe proposed:- "That the question of agreeing to any rate under the Health Resorts and Watering places Act for Tourist development be adjourned until the Rate is under consideration next year".

Mr. Hall seconded the motion.

After further discussion Mr. Thorpe withdrew his amendment and the Chairman's motion, seconded by Mr. Corish, was adopted in the following form:-

"That the County Council raise in Estimate for 1927-28 a rate of one halfpenny in the £ under Health Resorts and Watering places Act for the purposes of development of Tourist Traffic and that as much as possible of amount raised be spent in the County. <sup>condition</sup> That this proposal be contingent on the financial position of the County Council, when Rate for next year will be under consideration, being in a position to allow of allocation of expenditure to be paid under this head "

PROPOSED BRIDGE ON 255E.  
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The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Shannon:-

"That a bridge be built on Road 255E (from Gurrawn to Rathnure) and that cost of same (estimated by County Surveyor at £70) be provided from Contingencies Fund" Mr. Shannon pointed out that children had great difficulty in attending School owing to the condition of the place - in fact they ran the risk of being drowned and doctor or clergyman could not pass along the place.

Mr. Hall seconded the motion.

The County Surveyor stated that he had brought forward the proposal in his original Road Works' Scheme but, owing to the necessity for economy, it was cut out as it was not absolutely essential.

Mr. Pender and Mr. Thorpe said several similar works were required in their districts but they did not consider the present



an opportune time to bring them forward.

Mr. Doyle pointed out that the County Surveyor considered that the work could be postponed without prejudicing anybody. Probably the ratepayers did not want it at all.

Mr. Shannon asked that his motion be adjourned to next meeting when he would show Mr. Doyle whether it was wanted by the Ratepayers or not.

The motion was adjourned to next meeting.

Appointments of County Council *Officers*  
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Mr. N. J. Murphy moved the following of which he had given previous notice:- "That in future candidates who secure the highest number of marks at examinations conducted for positions under the gift of the Council be appointed to such positions provided their personal character and references are considered satisfactory".

Mr. Whyte seconded.

Mr. Hayes opposed the motion; there should be an agreed on standard which all candidates voted on should reach.

Colonel Gibbon said that the standard set for every exam would be according to the post offered. He proposed:- "That in future candidates for positions in the gift of the County Council shall be selected from those who obtain the three highest places at the appropriate examination".

Mr. Corish proposed:- "That in future candidates who secure thirty-three and one-third per cent of marks in each subject at examinations conducted for positions in the gift of the Wexford County Council be regarded as eligible for appointment".

Mr. Hall seconded this amendment.

Colonel Quin said if the County Councillors had to obtain thirty-three and one-third per cent in an Irish paper.



at an exam they would be all debarred.

Mr. Boggan considered candidates should get a nomination for examination signed by five members of the Council.

Mr. Thorpe was also in favour of this course.

Mr. Murphy added to his resolution:- "Provided that candidate who secures the highest place at exam obtain thirty-three and one-third per cent marks in Irish paper"

After some further discussion Mr. Murphy withdrew his resolution in favour of the proposal made by Colonel Gibbon for selection of candidates from the three securing highest marks and which he (Mr. Murphy) seconded.

A show of hands was taken on the amendment of Mr. Corish with the result that 17 voted in favour and 8 against.

The Chairman declared it carried.

When put as substantive motion it was agreed to nem. con.

#### MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

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The following minutes of Roads Committee of 8th March, 1926, were submitted:-



The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 8th March 1926.

Mr T. McCarthy, Chairman, presided. Also present, Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Colfer, Corish, Hall, S. O'Byrne, James Shannon, Col Gibbon and Col Quin.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, Six Assistant Surveyors and Mr Elgee, solicitor were in attendance

#### REPORT OF COUNTY SURVEYOR.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"During the present month I spent two days with the Overseer in making a detailed inspection of all the County ~~xxx~~ machinery. A good deal of the plant is at present idle and a number of engines and breakers are in the Yard in Enniscorthy. I found that in all cases the machinery has been well looked after, and the engine men now in charge are generally careful. Disemployed men in connection with the machinery are at present on the Unemployment Benefit, and will be taken back as we require them.

I made a special examination of Ballinaboola Quarry and consider it would be advisable to almost entirely close it down owing to the cost of working. I inspected the locality ~~/~~ around Tinnecarrig Hill where we already have a quarry, but it is too far away to replace Ballinaboola. I have, however, found a site which is only two miles beyond Ballinaboola, and I have directed the Assistant Surveyor- Mr O'Neill- to make inquiries and obtain particulars in regard to opening this. The road from Ballinaboola to New Ross could still be largely maintained out of Ballinaboola, but for the greater part of the area now supplied from this quarry I consider that a new quarry as suggested would enable a large saving to be made, and I ask for authority to open a quarry if satisfactory arrangements can be made.

I examined the eastern side of Carrigbyrne Hill with a view to getting a new quarry here and shortening the haulage, but at present, as far as I can see the charge would not be warranted. The existing quarry at Carrigbyrne is turning out material now in



fairly large quantities, and when the Grant work is completed on Nos 17 and 18R will be able to meet requirements.

For some time the Sea Bank beyond the Coastguard ~~XXXX~~ Station at Rosslare has been slipping and the matter was under discussion by the District Council, and the County Council Inspection Committee saw the place. Quite recently there has been a further slip and the road is endangered though not absolutely damaged at present. In the event of a serious slip taking place here it will be necessary to close the road, and I ask for authority to do so if necessary. The closing of the ~~xx~~ road will not be a great inconvenience as there is an alternative route.

Some time ago I reported on the flooding of the Road 16G at Carriganeagh Quarry and I was directed to communicate with the owner of the Mill dam whom I considered responsible. I wrote to him requiring that he should lower the dam and thus obviate the flooding. Recently the road was again flooded and I made inspection on the 11th inst and found that no work had been done to the dam. I again wrote to Mr Cousins-owner of the Mill dam-and pointed out that if the work were not done at once that I would recommend the County Council to take proceedings.

The centre section of the road between Gorey and Camolin is at present cutting and may seriously deteriorate. It is part of the line scheduled for improvement under Road Grant, but unless we obtain a fairly large grant this coming year the work cannot be undertaken. The proper strengthening and surfacing of this road will require about 6,000 c. yds. of material and possibly the Council may obtain a Grant under the Relief Scheme to prepare this material and the balance of the work could be carried out under the ordinary road grants.

With reference to Relief Grants I have made application to the Local Government Department for a supplementary grant to complete the Slob Road amounting to £769 and am preparing list of other works which I shall submit to you.

I have arranged with Mr Delap to make a thorough inspection



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to you in detail later.

Last Summer Mr W. H. Jones who had been Assistant Surveyor in New Ross area for a number of years was retired on pension, and I am now sorry to report that he died on Saturday last, the 13th inst."

The following was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin:- "That we approve of the action of the County Surveyor as regards opening quarry at Timnecarrig, proposals as to compensation and working to be submitted for the approval of a future meeting of this Committee."

The following resolution was proposed by Col Quin seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne and adopted:- "That we approve of the proposal of the County Surveyor to close the road adjoining the sea bank beyond the Coastguard Station at Rosslare should he consider this step necessary in order to ensure the safety of the public.

The following resolution was adopted as regards the flooding of road No 16G:- "That the question of flooding of Road No 16G be referred to Mr Elgee, solicitor and that he be instructed to inform William Cousins, Ballycale, Gorey that if he does not carry out the directions of the County Surveyor to prevent the flooding., the Council must proceed against him."

As regards the condition of road between Gorey and Camolin the following resolution was proposed by Col Gibbon seconded by Mr Hall and adopted:- "That action in connection with condition of road between Gorey and Camolin be deferred until the County Surveyor reports as to the main roads on which repair is most needed."

Relative to Rosslare -Wexford Slob Road, Mr Elgee, solicitor was instructed to communicate with the Great Southern Railways Company and endeavour to get a reply from them as to what rights they claim relative to level crossing.



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HEAVY LORRY TRAFFIC.

The following extract from the report of County Surveyor of Waterford County was read:-

" INCREASED COST ON ROADS-- While on the question of increased cost it must be borne in mind that the damage done by any vehicle on a road increases very much with any increase of speed on the vehicle, and authorities agree that the amount of damage done is proportional to the square of the speed. This being so it is of the greatest importance to secure that the speeds of the motor vehicles, especially heavy vehicles, are kept down to the statutory limits. In practice there is no serious attempt to enforce statutory limits on lorries, and in my opinion the exception is to find a lorry within the limit, the average being probably nearly twice that figure. Lorries are taxed by weight-what check is exercised on the weight? It is generally agreed that lorries are not paying a proper share for their use of the roads, and then why allow them to evade the law and cause several times as much damage as they have a legal right to do.

TAXATION ON LORRIES- The present rate of taxation on lorries by unladen weight is as follows, 1 ton £16 per annum, 2 tons £21, three tons £23, 4 tons £28, 5 tons £30, 6 tons £30. If these vehicles are taxed in proportion to the damage done and to the cost of providing and maintaining suitable roads for them, then rates must be increased so as to range from £100 to £400 each per annum. It is useless and inequitable to expect the rural ratepayers to maintain the roads for such traffic and it is only by combined action or inaction by the Councils that this question can be forced to an early and equitable issue.

Most lorry owners are not contributors to the rural rates and the rural population does not derive any advantages from lorry traffic commensurate with the increased cost of road maintenance.

PROHIBITION OF USE OF CERTAIN ROADS-- In view of the foregoing I strongly recommend the Council to avail themselves fully of the provisions of Section 7(4) of the Roads Act 1920, and Article V(3) of the Heavy Motor Car (Ireland) Order 1905.



These sections provide for the prohibition or restriction of use of certain roads by lorries, with the consent of the Minister. All Councils should move at once in this matter and take steps to restrict all lorry traffic to such roads as have been already made up with funds derived from motor taxation. If such steps are taken, arrangements must also be made for policing the roads to secure the enforcement of the prohibition, as it is obviously demoralising to make laws and not secure their enforcement, such as the law governing the speed of lorries. Action is necessary if your roads are to be maintained in passable condition with the funds now available from all sources. So far the question of road making has only been nibbled at while road destruction has ~~full~~ full scope at unlimited speeds and weights over roads that were never intended for heavy traffic. We should provide roads as far as possible to carry all traffic without restriction, but until the necessary funds are provided and a reasonable time given for reconstruction work, it must be the policy of local Councils to prevent destruction (wanton and otherwise) of the existing roads which are quite suitable for ordinary traffic, and for the requirements of the bulk of the ratepayers.

We must settle down to hard facts, and clear our minds of cobwebs, obsessions, prejudices and nonsense, and calmly recognise that when we purchased and insist on operating thousands of motor lorries, we also purchased and became liable for a road expenditure of millions of pounds, just as much a part of the cost of these vehicles as are themselves, their tyres, engines and supplies. They go together, the vehicle and the highway on which it must run, and all costs must be paid."

Col Gibbon mentioned that he had been over the Enniscorthy-Wexford road recently and found that a heavy lorry which had recently passed over it had left a track of three inches deep for a considerable distance at this side of the village of Oylegate. If this happened often, the County would



be let in for repair of damage which the ratepayers would not be able to meet. There were only about half a dozen lorry owners in the county who were responsible for the great injury which was being done and he suggested that the roads should be closed to all heavy lorries. They had spent £11000 on Enniscorthy road and if it had not been for the heavy lorries it could have been maintained for £2500. They would have to spend another £11000 to get it into proper condition instead of another £2500 which would be all that would be necessary if they were concerned with traffic outside of heavy lorries. Thus the heavy lorry traffic was responsible for an excess sum of £16000 to maintain this one road alone. He proposed:- "That the County Council be recommended to close to heavy lorries, viz, those which are over five tons "all in all roads unless such as the County Surveyor certifies to be capable of bearing such traffic. That sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked for this proposal."

#### HAULAGE RATES.

The following which was extensively signed was received from the Carters' section of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, South Wexford Branch:-

"We, the undersigned, condemn in the strongest possible manner the action of the Roads Committee in reducing the rate of haulage to 10d per mile per cubic yard, as we find even the rate of 1/- very inadequate."

Adjourned to next meeting of Committee as Mr Corish moved for a return from the County Surveyor as to the average earnings of carters at various centres.

#### RELIEF GRANTS.

Under date 27th February 1926, the following letter (S 9058/26) addressed to Secretary, County Board of Health was read:- "I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that a deputation from Gorey attended at this Office on Friday last the 19th inst in regard



to obtaining a Grant for the relief of unemployment in that town, and on consideration of all the circumstances he has obtained the sanction of the Minister for Finance to allocate a Grant from the Relief Schemes Vote not exceeding £300 as a contribution towards work to be provided in that town for the relief of unemployment and distress.

Two schemes of work have been suggested, viz.,

- (1) street improvement in the town of Gorey at an estimated cost of £389-10-4; and
- (2) a partial sewerage scheme at a cost of £625.

Before giving his sanction to the work to be undertaken taken the Minister is instructing his Engineering Inspector, Mr Ryan, to visit Gorey on Tuesday, the 2nd proximo to go into the matter on the spot.

It is to be clearly understood that no contribution from the Relief Schemes Vote can be made after the 31st March next and it is important that no time should be lost in getting a scheme started.

In the event of the sewerage scheme being adopted, the Grant can only be sanctioned on the condition that adequate arrangements for the completion of the Scheme will be made by the local authority."

Under date 3rd March 1926, the Department of Local Government forwarded (S 9339/26) copy of letter which they had addressed to the County Board of Health and which referred to Mr Ryan's visit. It was understood that a special meeting of County Board of Health would be held on the 8th inst to consider the nature of the work to be undertaken.

A special meeting of the Co. Board of Health had been summoned for 8th March 1926 to deal with a scheme costing £500 of which the Department of Local Government were to contribute £300 and the County Council £ 200.



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The County Surveyor reported the following proposals to be covered by Relief Grants:-

Slob(Wexford-Rosslare Road) supplemental Grant £769:  
Provision of road metalling £2200:Carriganeagh Quarry £1200:  
Brownswood Quarry £1200: Carrigbyrne Quarry £1200 ~~and~~ Kerlogue  
Quarry £1200 and widening of Railway Station lane at Rosslare  
£760.

It was decided to refer the proposed relief grant for Gorey and Co. Surveyor's proposals to the general meeting of the Council.

Under date 16th February 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote that a recommendation for a relief grant could not be made to the Minister for Finance unless it was supported by full particulars as required on Form RW/201. On receipt of this the Minister would consider if the position in Co. Wexford would justify the making of a recommendation to the Minister for Finance for a relief grant.

Local authorities were expected to make a contribution towards the cost of relief schemes.

#### DRAIN AT KILMACREE.

The County Surveyor submitted correspondence from Mr J. Kennan Cooper, solicitor for John Butler, Kilmacree relative to drain which carries the surface water of the road at Kilmacree. He(Mr Cooper) wished to know if the Council were prepared to lay pipes at their own expense to remedy the flooding.

A letter from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co. solicitors, Wexford, acting for William Stafford, in this matter was read. Messrs O'Connor contended that Butler had cut a hole through the fence which separated his field from Stafford's field in order that the water etc. from Butler's yard could go into Stafford's field which as a result was now quite useless to him.

After some discussion it was pointed out that the Council had gone very fully into this matter some time ago and had decided not to interfere.

It was decided to adhere to this decision.



EDENVALE QUARRY.

Under date 4th March 1926, the following letter was submitted by the Co. Surveyor from John Murphy, Castlebridge:- "I received your letter telling me that my time was up as regards the working of above quarry. This will mean great hardship for myself and three of my sons. For nearly eight months of the year the quarry work is our sole support. Two of my sons are married and are living in houses of their own and have a wife and family to support. I have always given satisfaction and I feel sure you will admit that in view of all this and considering that I opened this quarry and have worked it for the past forty years, I would be very grateful to you if you would ask the Council to let me continue as usual at my work. I promise to give the same attention to the work and will guarantee to get any tonnage that the Surveyor may want as I have done in the past."

The Chairman proposed and Mr Boggan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That agreement with Mr John Murphy, Castlebridge for the working of Edenvale Quarry be continued for another year."

ROAD GRANTS.

Under date February 11th 1926, a communication was read from Roads Department, L.G.D.(S.G.A./32) stating that a further sum of £3501 in respect of grant of £30800 had been paid on 5th February, and under date 13th February 1926, the Department wrote(S.G.B/32) that a sum of £600 in respect of Grant of £15660 had been lodged on the 11th of February.

ROSSLARE SEWERAGE SCHEME.

A petition from the unemployed in Rosslare area, and which was extensively signed was read for the meeting. The document pointed out that the majority of the signatories were married men with families: they were in dire want and distress as they had been unable to procure employment in any shape.

They asked the Council to give the work of proposed



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Sewerage Scheme at Rosslare their favourable consideration.

It was decided that copy of petition be furnished to the Minister for Local Government.

ASSISTANT SURVEYORS AND "CUT" IN MILEAGE ALLOWANCE.

The following signed by the six Assistant Surveyors in the employment of the Council was read:-

"Will you please inform the Council that we emphatically protest against their action to-day in reducing our travelling expenses to 5d per mile, which is a definite breach of our original agreement with the Council, under which agreement we were to get Local Government scale which is 6d.

The matter is being referred through our local branch to Headquarters of the Local Government Officials' Union, Dublin with a view to having it brought before the L.G.D. authorities. Pending a result of their deliberations we wish to avoid occasioning any hardship to the Council's employees, or to put any set back on the work. In consequence it is our intention to carry on pro. tem. under protest and without prejudice to any further action that may be necessary in the matter."

ROAD NO. 80E.

The following was read from Mr John Connors, County Councillor:- "With regard to road held as contract by Edward Kavanagh, No 80E(Road Schedule) from the turn in Newtown to turn at Aidanswood, the contract expires on 31-3-26 and I object to this road being placed on contract for any further period. Several ratepayers in my district have asked me to get something done with this road as it is the main road ~~in~~ leading to the town of Ferns, to chapel and schools. The material put on this road has been of very inferior quality and the ratepayers say that the least they should have is a road they could travel along."

After some desultory discussion it was decided that the matter be referred to the general meeting of the Council to deal with when Provisional Road Works Scheme is under consideration.



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SPEED OF MOTOR CARS IN NEW ROSS URBAN DISTRICT.

Under date 25th February 1926, Mr Finn, Town Clerk, New Ross wrote that the Urban Council recommended the County Council to fix a speed limit of 15 miles per hour for motor vehicles passing through Urban District of New Ross.

Col Quin proposed, Mr Colfer seconded and it was adopted:- "That the County Council ~~be~~ recommended to fix a ~~speed~~ speed limit of 10 miles per hour for motor vehicles passing through the Urban District of New Ross."

MOTOR CAR ACT ADMINISTRATION.

A letter from Mr Dunbar, solicitor, applying for remission of penalty of £20 in the case of George Carroll, Ballyroe buck, had been referred to the Local Taxation Officer for report. Mr Dunbar pointed out that the tax was paid at the time the summons was issued. As a matter of fact, he contended the tax was in the Local Taxation Officer's hands when his client was caught.

Mr Richards, Local Taxation pointed out that the offence was committed on 21st August 1924 and application for licence was not made until the 14th September 1924. The statement made by Mr Dunbar that the tax was actually in the hands of Local Taxation Officer on the day of the offence was untrue. The offence was the second occasion on which Carroll was reported for using motor cycle without a licence.

Col Quin proposed:- "That no action as to mitigation of motor tax fine in the case of George Carroll, Ballyroe buck be taken."

Mr Corish seconded.

Mr Cloney proposed:- "That the fine in the case of George Carroll for breach of Motor Car Act be mitigated to £10."

Mr Boggan seconded.

Mr Hall proposed:- "That fine in the case of George Carroll for neglect in paying tax on motor cycle be mitigated to £5."

This last proposal was not seconded.

A show of hands was taken when it was found that



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four were in favour of mitigating the penalty to £10 and four against.

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of £10 which was carried.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF LOCAL TAXATION OFFICER.

In connection with above, the Department of Local Government wrote (R/MT/209/32) that neither the Minister for Local Government and Public Health nor the Minister for Justice can properly give directions to District Justices with respect to the penalty to be imposed upon defendants in motor car cases. The Local Taxation Officer should however press for the allowance of adequate travelling expenses, but where the amount of these was not sufficient, the difference may, with the sanction of the Minister, be charged to the expenses of the Council in connection with motor licensing work. The fact that the penalties imposed are considered low should not be allowed to interfere with the Council assisting the Garda Síochána in any legal proceedings taken by them for breaches of the motor licensing laws and regulations

WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

Under date 17th February 1926, a letter was read from the Under Sheriff calling attention to the fact that the roof of Wexford Courthouse was letting in the rain.

Referred to the County Surveyor.

FOOTPATHS - NEW ROSS.

Under date 17th February 1926, the Town Clerk, New Ross wrote that the footpath on Cherry Road required some surfacing and spraying: the same applied to the footpath from Ely's Walk to Brandon Well whilst the one on Camblin road, or road to Arthurstown required surfacing and repairs to kerbing.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.



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ROAD - COOLECROSS TO RAMSGRANGE.

Under date 6th February 1926, Patrick Doody, Curraghmore, Ramsgrange wrote that the road leading from Coolecross to Ramsgrange was in a dangerous state for traffic; several portions of it were burst up with surface springs which could be easily remedied at small cost by a few shallow drains filled with cobblestones.

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr P. O'Neill Assistant Surveyor:-

"Accompanied by the ganger I inspected the above road on the 2nd inst. It was very soft in a few places but the surface man was engaged in filling in field stones in the worst parts. At no time was there danger of an accident as Mr Doody seemed to think. I have been over this road recently and it is fairly good. Like the majority of roads it will be heavy for horse traffic during the present weather."

It was decided that copy of report of Assistant Surveyor be furnished Mr Doody.

PROPOSED NEW ROAD AT ROSSLARE HARBOUR.

Mr J. Carroll, Rosslare Harbour, asked to be advised of the procedure in presenting a road for reconstruction. The road is about 300 yards long and runs east from the top of Ballygillane Lane overlooking Rosslare Harbour. The occupiers of houses along this road paid rates and required a roadway to their houses. The present passage was in a bad state with holes two feet deep and was a source of danger to the residents.

Referred to County Surveyor.

GULLET AT CLONHASTON ROAD.

Mr Hall referred to the expenditure in laying gullet at Clonhaston road. This cost £42-12-10 and would have been carried out by any contractor for £12 or £15.

Mr Cullen, Asst Surveyor, said as no one knew how the old gullet ran, a good portion of the road had to be opened to try and find it.

Mr Hall moved a vote of censure on the Co. Surveyor and Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor for allowing this road to cost an exorbitant sum, but after some discussion it was







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working of the quarry be determined and that the quarry be worked on the Direct Labour system for the future".

Mr. Gaul seconded.

As an amendment, Mr. Cloney proposed and Colonel Quin seconded:-

"That the working of the quarry be advertised, so that any persons, willing to work it, will have an opportunity of tendering"

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment:- Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Hall, Jordan, Kavanagh, Murphy, O'Donoghue, Thorpe, Walsh, Whyte, Colonel Gibbon and Colonel Quin - 13.

Against:- Messrs P. Byrne, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Connors, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, John O'Byrne, Pender, Rossiter, Shannon and the Chairman - 14.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost and the original motion was then put and passed without dissent.

#### Speed of Motor Vehicles in New Ross District.

Mr. Walsh considered that a speed of ten miles per hour was too low for the whole Urban District of New Ross. It was quite all right in connection with busy streets.

It was decided to again refer this matter to the Urban District Council and ask them to specify the streets relative to which they would be in favour of a speed limit of ten miles per hour.

#### Motor Car Acts Administration.

As regards application for mitigation of fine in the case of George Carroll of Ballyroebuck, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, pointed out that the costs incurred by the Council in this case amounted to £3: 19: 6d.

Mr. Corish proposed that the recommendation of the Roads Committee be confirmed.

Colonel Quin seconded.



Mr. Thorpe proposed:-

"That the fine be mitigated to £5".

Mr. Pender seconded.

On a show of hands 14 were in favour of the confirmation of the Minute of the Roads Committee which the Chairman declared confirmed.

Gullet on Clonhaston Road.

Mr. Jordan stated that, in connection with the above, Mr. Shannon, the Chairman, and himself had acted as a Committee. They found that this work had cost £42: 12: 10d while in his opinion £20 would be its fair value.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, came before the meeting, and, replying to queries said, in his opinion, the men could not have done much better. They had to chase up an old gullet in the middle of the road with the result they had to carry out three times more excavation than would be necessary in a straightforward job.

Mr. Jordan held that two men in three weeks should complete the work.

The County Surveyor stated that he would have offered £12 for the work by contract but, of course, that was assuming that the unforeseen obstacles, which turned up in this case, had not to be dealt with.

Mr. Doyle proposed:-

"That a new Committee, composed of members of the Council outside the district concerned, be appointed to investigate the cost of gullet on Clonhaston Road and report to next meeting of the Council!"

In seconding, Mr. Hall stated he did not wish to cast any reflection on the Committee which had reported.

As an amendment Colonel Gibbon proposed and Mr. Rossiter seconded:-



"That, in the opinion of this meeting, the work of repairing gullet at Clonhaston road has been too costly; we request the County Surveyor to exercise more care in future, and make such arrangements as will prevent a recurrence of excessive expenditure as occurred in this case".

On a show of hands fourteen were in favour of the adoption of the amendment and ten against.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried, and, on being put as the substantive motion, it passed nem.con.

The various recommendations of the Roads Committee in respect of meeting of 8th March, 1926 and which were not covered specifically by resolution in the foregoing Minutes were then approved on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne.

The following Minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 22nd March, 1926, were submitted:-



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The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Offices, Fortview, Wexford on 22nd March 1926.

Present:- Mr Thomas McCarthy, Chairman(presiding), also, Col Gibbon, Col Quin, Messrs Sean O'Byrne, P. Colfer, W. Boggan, M. Cloney, James Hall, James Shannon.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, the six Assistant Surveyors and Mr Elgee, solicitor were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

#### COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following monthly report was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"On the 8th inst, the upper part of the cross wall in the Courthouse collapsed, fortunately not injuring anyone. I visited the place and had an interview with the Town Surveyor who has served a formal notice on me in reference to ruinous or dangerous buildings, requiring them to be secured or repair (ed. I have been in communication with Mr Delap, Architect for the new building, and he is to be down in Wexford on Monday next, 22nd inst, to deal with this matter, and also the revised plans that will be necessary in view of the Local Government's decision as regards the Loan for the rebuilding work. I have had a hoarding erected in front of the entrance and at part of the side. I have closed off the hall from the public, except for a temporary passage way through while the Court was actually sitting. All loose masonry etc. has been taken down, but owing to the walls having been exposed to the weather for a lengthened period they have become defective and immediate steps must be taken to remove all walling etc. that will not be preserved in the new building. On the 19th inst I made a thorough inspection of the premises including the existing roof of Court, and I am of opinion that the party wall of this Court as well as the roof will require substantial repairs when the rebuilding is under operation. The Courthouse Committee will deal with this matter previous to the meeting of the Roads Committee.

Arrangements are being made during the coming week



to consider tenders on the fourth class roads, and I have prepared specifications and sheets covering the work.

No definite arrangements have yet been made in regard to the maintenance of Main Roads in the Urban areas, and I ask for authority to make arrangements with the several Urban Councils to take over the actual carrying out of the work in a similar manner to a contract. This system will, in my opinion be the best, as it will obviate the possibility of dispute in regard to scavenging etc. Of course, there must be specifications prepared for the work to be done. Payment by the Co. Council to Urban Councils will be dependent on my ~~my~~ certificate from time to time, as the work proceeds. Under the Road Scheme the amount set off for the three Urban areas are as follows:-

Enniscorthy	£486 per annum
Wexford	£855 per annum
New Ross	£518 per annum

These amounts cover the ordinary maintenance and can only be supplemented by a special resolution of the Council transferring money from "contingencies" on Main Roads.

On the 12th inst., I visited the road on which flooding takes place from the defective Cahore Drainage System, and made examination of the gullet carrying the water in the side drain at Newtown. The gullet is almost completely choked owing mainly to a heavy deposit or growth on the down stream at the north side of the roadway, and no advantage will be obtained nor abatement of the flooding until the side drains are properly cleaned. I have directed Mr Treanor to notify the landowners to clean these drains, and he informs me that they dispute their liability and state the side drains form part of the Drainage system. It is essential that this matter be taken up at once, and whoever may be responsible should be compelled to clean the drains. I think if this is done we would have no difficulty in cleaning out the gullet if we are responsible for same. The matter should be put in the hands of the County Solicitor.

I require two new chains for working the Sluice



Gates at Courtown Harbour; they will be 72 feet long each and I estimate that they will cost in or about £20 for the two. I ask for authority to get them.

Most of the Lease Agreements for Quarries terminate on the 31st inst, and I have directed the Assistants to obtain from the owners renewals of the leases. Under Section 32 of the Local Government Act, 1925 the Council has extended powers in dealing with this matter, and are bound to make compensation. The ruling price we paid in the past was fourpence per cubic yard for stone taken, and five shillings per perch for land (excluding quarry area) which may be required for dumping ground etc. These prices are, I think, fairly reasonable, and I ask for authority to have the agreements completed.

I have a provisional agreement with the owner of the land at Timnecarrig where the Council has approved of a new quarry being opened, and I shall have the formal agreement made out for submission to the Council for their approval. Adjoining the site of the proposed quarry there is a small house which the owner offers to the Council at a rent of £3 per annum. This house would be most useful as a store or forge and a shelter for the men, and would obviate the necessity of putting in a hut in the quarry. I suggest that this be taken into agreement also.

I have not yet received from Mr Delap his report on the Ferrycarrig Bridge, nor have I been able to deal with the re-building of the bascule of the Wexford Bridge, but I have had the flooring of the temporary bridge repaired.

In regard to the coastguard stations, I have seen the one at Curracloe, and shall submit a report later when I deal with the other two.

In view of the communication from the Local Government Department on the matter of heavy lorry traffic, I have not prepared any schedule of the roads, as it would entail the purchase of a complete set of six inch maps of the County (53 sheets) and the marking of all the roads thereon. I await your instructions after you have considered the Local Government's communication.



The Insurances covering the Employer's liability and Public Liability expire on the 31st March and must be renewed. I ask for instructions as to the renewing of these with the old company or entering into an agreement with the General Council of County Councils who are formulating a Public Bodies' Mutual Insurance Company.

Owing to the closing down of the greater part of the machinery at the present time, when his work would be consequently at a minimum, I have given leave of absence to the Machinery Overseer. Of course he is not under pay while absent from work.

I am now preparing balance sheets in connection with the quarry and machinery expenditure during the year ending 31st March inst, and am also making out return of expenditure under Direct Labour. I shall submit these particulars to the Council as soon as possible."

COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

The following report of County Courthouse Reconstruction Committee was submitted:-

"A meeting of County Courthouse Reconstruction Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 22nd March 1926. Present:- T. McCarthy, Chairman, Co. Council, presiding, Col Gibbon, Sean O'Byrne, and W. Boggan were also present. The Secretary, the County Surveyor, Mr Elgee, solicitor and Mr Delap (Waller & Delap Architects) were in attendance.

"Under date 9th March 1926, the following letter, (No. L6921/1926) was read from the Department of Local Govt:-

"With reference to previous correspondence, relative to the application of the Wexford County Council for sanction to the raising of a loan of £7000 for the reconstruction of Wexford Courthouse, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that, as desired, the Department's Chief Engineering Inspector conferred with Mr Delap at this Office in regard to the plans for the building. It was arranged that the plan should be altered by the omission of the large three-storey block at the S.E. corner of the



building. This will reduce the estimate for the works to £10,000 approximately, and the Minister will be prepared to approve of the raising of a loan of £5000 which with the sum of like amount granted as compensation will suffice to cover the cost of the works."

"Mr Delap explained that the Engineering Inspector of the Local Government Department considered that as only £5000 had been allowed for the destruction of the building, a loan of £7000 was too big. It was admitted the amount of compensation was entirely inadequate. Would there be any possibility of getting the amount increased.

"Mr Elgee did not think anything would be gained by re-opening the claim."

"Considerable discussion took place as to whether it would be better avail of a site in the old Jail for an entirely new set of offices, fitting up portion of the existing building there for a Court and Court offices, as against rebuilding on the old Courthouse site."

"It was finally agreed that it would be advisable to rebuild Courthouse on existing site, Mr Delap to prepare revised plans in accordance with the reduced cost as per the directions of the Local Government Department."

"As regards the old Jail it was suggested that the Council County/~~Surveyor~~ should ask the County Surveyor/~~to~~ prepare sketches of blocks of buildings at the rare which could be disposed of for wrecking purposes. That particulars of these be advertised, and as the sites are cleared, the Co. Council should take steps to have them taken up for building purposes."

The report of this Committee was received and ~~xxx~~ approved on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Cloney

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Cloney:- "That we approve of the action of the County Surveyor in closing down old Wexford Courthouse etc. for the protection of the public."

#### MAIN ROADS IN URBAN DISTRICTS

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



"That the Urban District Councils of Enniscorthy, New Ross and Wexford be requested to nominate each a representative to confer with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Co. Council and the Co. Surveyor in connection with the terms and conditions upon which main roads in Urban Districts are to be maintained. That the Co. Surveyor fix a date for conference."

#### Cahore Drainage System.

Col Quin mentioned that the local landlords considered it was the landholders who should keep the side drains open.

The County Surveyor said that the cleaning up of the side drains would be a very big job.

Mr Elgee stated that as already explained, any legal steps which the Council desired to take would have to be instituted in the Chancery Court.

The County Surveyor said unless the side drains were cleaned at the same time nothing would be gained by cleaning up the gullet.

After considerable discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That no further action be taken as regards cleaning up gullet at Newtown on Cahore Drainage system."

#### Chains for Courtown Harbour.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin:- "We recommend that a sum of £20 be allocated for the purchase of two chains for working the sluice gates at Courtown Harbour."

#### Renewal of Quarry Leases.

Mr Hall proposed and Mr Cloney seconded the following recommendation which was adopted nem. con.:-

"That agreements for Quarry leases which are falling out be renewed and that the price to be paid for material taken from quarries be fixed at 3d per cubic yard."

#### Tinnecarrig Quarry

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr O'Byrne:- "That we recommend the Co. Council to rent/house at site of proposed quarry at Tinnecarrig from Mr Power, Ballynabola at £3 per annum."



Insurances.

It was decided that the County Surveyor have insurances referred to in his report- renewed for a further year.

Machinery Overseer.

The meeting approved of the Machinery Overseer (William Murphy) having been granted by County Surveyor leave of absence (without pay) during the present slack season.

Employment of Assistant Surveyors.

Col Gibbon referred to the fact that on the consideration of Estimate for Rate for next financial year, it came out that Mr Treanor's salary was double that of other Assistant Surveyors and apparently there was also a very large travelling allowance in this case. Mr Treanor's total cost to the County was nearly equal to that of the Co. Surveyor. For 1924, the Co. Surveyor received £716 without travelling allowance, Mr Treanor's salary for the same period was £400 and his travelling expenses £288. He (Col Gibbon) believed that the latter figure was exceeded for 1925. He wished to know if it were necessary to have such a highly paid officer in charge of a small section of the county. He said this without any prejudice to Mr Treanor as on going over the Gorey roads they were certainly quite equal to those of any other district while the constructional work which was carried out by Mr Treanor generally was standing as well, and, in many cases better, than what had been done in other districts. At the same time, in view of the situation of the country they were entitled to know why the cost of Mr Treanor is practically the same to the county as ~~xxx~~ was Mr Barry, Co. Surveyor. He (Col Gibbon) was anxious to know why the areas of Assistant Surveyors could not be extended. They were using modern methods to enable District Surveyors to travel round their districts but he did not think they were using these methods at present to their maximum utility. He considered some of the districts could be done on an ordinary push bicycle. He wished to have the views of the Co. Surveyor as to the feasibility of his proposal that they should employ only four



Assistant Surveyors and as to the salary of Mr Treanor.

The County Surveyor stated that Mr Treanor came to the County as a special Assistant Surveyor and his salary was fixed when he was doing a very special job, viz, supervising the working of the quarries of the county. When direct labour came into force, a representative from the Local Government Department suggested that each Assistant Surveyor should be responsible for all work in his own district and the provision of six District Surveyors' districts instead of five, Mr Treanor to take charge of one. Mr Treanor at the time asked what about his salary and it was arranged that his salary should remain as it was. As regards carrying out the work of the county with four Assistants, he (Co. Surveyor) joined issue with Col Gibbon that this was possible; neither could the work of any district be done on a push bicycle. It might be feasible if the Council reverted entirely to the contract system but even then it would not be satisfactory. At the end of a long day, he knew from experience that a man using a push bicycle was of no real value for inspection work. A motor cycle was all right in fine weather but was not suitable for winter.

Col Gibbon- With the use of motor cars they should be able to cover bigger districts.

The County Surveyor said that a man like Col Gibbon who travelled from place to place was in a very different position from a Surveyor who was engaged on inspection work. With frequent stops it was not possible for a Surveyor to do more than 50 miles effectively in a day.

Col Gibbon, after some further discussion, said he would propose that Mr Treanor be placed in charge of the Trunk Roads of the county. It was not quite economical to have a man with Mr Treanor's salary in a small district like Gorey. Also he considered the whole surveying staff should be reorganised and that the services of two Assistant Surveyors be dispensed with.

The County Surveyor said it would not be possible to carry out the work of supervision of roads etc. under the proposal.



made by Col Gibbon.

The Chairman pointed out that if the Council dispense with the services of two of the Assistant Surveyors, the latter would have to be compensated. To his mind, there would be no economy in the scheme of Col Gibbon.

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution:- "That the report of the Co. Surveyor as presented to this meeting be approved." Passed.

#### HEAPS OF MUD ON ROADS.

Col Quin complained of the manner in which road scrapings had been dealt with on a road near Enniscorthy. The stuff was being thrown on to the road instead of into the ditch as had been directed by the County Council. He considered a vote of censure should be passed on Mr Ennis, the Assistant Surveyor in charge of the area. The man working on the road said he never received any instructions in the matter.

Mr Ennis said that a good deal of the scrapings had been taken off this road.

The Chairman said that he walked this road constantly and it had been greatly improved recently. There had been immense mounds there but they were being gradually removed.

Mr Boggan considered that a definite and recognised policy for the removal of all margins and for the masking of material on roads should be laid down.

The Co. Surveyor said he had given frequent instructions as to the removal of margins, but it was not possible to lay down any hard and fast rule. In some cases if margins were removed the road would be disimproved and might be left in a dangerous condition.

#### MANURE HEAPS ON ROADS.

Col Quin raised the question as to why heaps of manure should be allowed to remain on roads.

The County Surveyor said he had not allowed manure to be kept permanently on the roads but did allow it temporarily in Spring for four or five weeks in order to convenience farmers to cultivate their land.



Mr Shannon said that in certain seasons men were not able to enter on their land and it was a convenience to them to have manure on the road adjoining such land.

Mr Boggan proposed and Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded the following:- "That the dumping of manure heaps on roads be prohibited."

On a show of hands this was carried by a majority of one, the voting being, five for, and four against.

#### DANGEROUS CORNER.

Mr Shannon referred to the necessity of having a dangerous corner on the road from Ballyvergin through Shanoules widened; it was very necessary to have this work carried out.

The County Surveyor stated that as soon as money would be available, the necessary work would be carried out.

#### PUCK'S BRIDGE.

Mr Shannon complained of the danger of accidents owing to the condition of wall at Puck's Bridge which had fallen

Mr Ennis said money had been provided for this work in the forthcoming financial year and he would have the work carried out as soon as the money could be obtained for it. The place was in the same condition for a long time.

Mr Shannon considered that a paling protection should be provided.

Mr Ennis considered this unnecessary; it was on a by-road and had been in its present position for a long time.

No action.

#### ROADS BROWNSWOOD DISTRICT

Under date 18th March 1926, the following was read from Mr Aidan Mernagh M.C.C.:-

"I wish you to bring under the notice of Roads Committee on Monday 22nd March a complaint which was made to me by Edward McCormack, Brownswood who was working on main road from Whitefort to bounds at Castle in Brownswood until the 10th of the present month when all men in quarry and roads were dispensed with. In that area only one man John D'Arcy, Glenbrien was taken out of Brownswood quarry and put to work on this road from which



McCormack was taken. On the 3rd March Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, came along and noticed all those men with the exception of McCormack, who I believe he did not see that day; and when Mr Cullen came to Kearns Ryan who was also working on some road in this district he told Kearns that all men were to get notice on roads and quarries with the exception of McCormack who was to be kept on.

Now on the following day Thursday 4th March, John O'Gorman, the foreman in that area, came along and gave notice to McCormack. I was asking Mr Cullen in Wexford why he did this and the reply he made was that John D'Arcy was the senior man on the job. But as I found out since that D'Arcy is not the ~~xx~~ senior man on this job, as Patrick Toole is the longest in the job in this area. Neither was this man Toole asked to go on the road if it does go by seniority. There is no difference in the dependants of these men either, as far as I believe, as each of them has a wife and four children depending on them. But I do believe there is some spite against this man McCormack since December last. When the case of the carters was up for consideration of Roads meeting, McCormack was asked to go to Wexford with O'Gorman and other men whom he had there on his side but ~~MEETXXX~~ McCormack did not go, for what reason I cannot say, with the result that he is victimised for that. These men are prepared to verify everything that is in this letter."

The following reply to complaint of Mr Mernagh was submitted by Mr John J. O'Gorman, Overseer, of the Road Section:-

"This man Edward McCormack was working on roads 229E and 230E for past winter, and when temporary staff was dismissed he was sent to work on 26E on Monday 19th January and remained on until work ceased. This man was generally employed on second class roads.

On 3rd March Mr Cullen gave all men one week's notice only McCormack, and he did not see him. If he had seen him I believe he would have given him notice as well as the other men. When Mr Cullen was in quarry he left word for me to be in his office on next morning, 4th inst, before 10 o'clock a.m. When in his office he asked me who was the senior man on the job and I told him John D'Arcy was.



He then gave me instructions to put him to work on 25E on Thursday 11th inst. Now Mr Mernagh says this is wrong and that P. Toole is senior man. Well I am prepared to prove that D'Arcy is the senior and also that Mr Mernagh knows this to be a fact. He says there is no difference in dependants of these men as far as he knows. I say he knows perfectly well that there is because he knows the circumstances of each man as well as I do. D'Arcy has a wife and three children and an aged woman depending on him and all that he could get out of the dole is £1 per week, as his children are over age and not able to work, and his wife is under the care of Dr Murphy for the past twelve months.

McCormack has a wife and four children and is a fisherman as well, and can go to fish on River Slaney on 1st April next and will get 24/- per week from dole. Mr Mernagh should be well aware of these facts as he lives in Oylegate.

I have no spite against McCormack and never had. He was told by Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, to attend meeting in Wexford mentioned by Mr Mernagh and I always believed he should have been there.

I am prepared to prove any statements that are in this letter."

It was decided to make no order in the matter as all work in section was closed down this week.

Mr Hall said that he had been told recently by a man who appeared to be trustworthy that O'Gorman had taken men off the road to work on his farm. He should be transferred to another district or his services dispensed with.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Gibbon seconded by Mr Cloney:—"That the statement of Mr Hall in connection with John J. O'Gorman Road Overseer, Ballyrannell, Glenbrien, made at this meeting, be referred to the Co. Surveyor for prompt action."

Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, in reply to queries stated that rumours had reached him on several occasions as to O'Gorman employing road men on his farm, but he (Mr Cullen) had not been able to find any evidence of this. On one occasion certain men were employed by O'Gorman but they had not been charged against



the County Council for the time absent from road work.

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GANGER DOYLE SECTION G. GOREY.

The following from Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey District was submitted:-

"I enclose herewith statements signed by three of the four men who did not receive their wages though same certified and sent to Ganger to pay. I have gone into receipt sheets for periods concerned and find amounts due these men set out thereon and receipted in their names. Peter Doyle who did not sign states he was not paid but will go no further than that.

There is another man who informed me he was not paid for horsework but as I have not full particulars will leave matter until later when I will report to you."

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Peter ~~Doyle~~, Tomcoyle, Ballycanew certified that he did not receive £2-17-10 for fortnight ended 30th January 1926.

Arthur Nolan Ballycanew, Patrick Kinsella, Ballyteigue, Ballycanew, and Peter Doyle Killenagh, certified that £2-2-10 in each case had been retained by the ganger.

Mr Treanor stated that he had had the ganger before him in Gorey. He admitted having taken the money but promised to refund it.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Gibbon seconded by Col Quin:- "That the facts in connection with alleged embezzlement of the wages of men in the employment of this Council by Ganger James Doyle (Section G. Gorey District), Kilanerin, Gorey be communicated to Messrs McDonagh and Boland, Insurance Brokers, 51 Dame Street, Dublin and to Chief Superintendent, Civic Guards with a view to prosecution."

MOTOR LORRY TRAFFIC.

Under date 13th March 1926, the following letter (R/RV/32) was read from Roads Department of Local Government:-

"With reference to the entry in the Minutes of Proceedings of Wexford County Council on the 8th inst on the question of heavy lorry traffic, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer the Council to the terms of Circular Letter (T.P.V. 220) of the 24th May last: ar



to point out that it will be necessary if the Council wish to prohibit motor traffic over a particular weight on certain roads in their County, for them to obtain an Order from the Minister. A resolution in general terms is ultra vires.

If the Council decide to apply for an Order under § Section 7(4) of the Roads Act, 1920, prohibiting certain motor traffic on particular roads in their county they must specify definitely each separate road in respect of which an Order is desired and the Council must be prepared to prove the necessity for the making of an Order in each case. It will also be necessary for the Council to specify definitely the class of vehicles for which an Order is desired e.g. "mechanically propelled road vehicles exceeding.....tons in weight unladen." As the grounds specified in section 7(4) of the Roads Act, 1920 for the making of an Order are not limited in their application to any particular kind of traffic, the Council should consider the question of including in the class of vehicles to which the application relates, vehicles similar in weight to "motor lorries."

The following information will be required in connection with an application for an Order.

1. 6 inch scale maps (or other maps on suitable scales) showing by distinguishing colours the portions of highways to which the application relates and the alternative routes which it is suggested that the vehicles of the class to which the application relates should take.
2. An exact description in which each portion of highway is distinguished by a separate number and indicated on the map by a corresponding number. For the purpose of the advertisement of the inquiry into the application it is important that the description supplied should be sufficient without reference to the map.
3. The length and average width of the carriageway and average width between fences, the width of the footpaths (if any) on either side and also particulars of gradients.
4. Particulars of any accidents which may have been caused by vehicles of the class to which the application relates.



5. Information including statistics(if any) showing the character (e.g.private motor cars or commercial motor vehicles etc.)and extent of the traffic. If no statistics are available it will suffice if a general description of the traffic on the road is furnished. The statement should indicate the various classes of traffic and should deal particularly with the amount of (a) Commercial lorry and(b)Omnibus and / or Char-a-banc traffic which is comparable so far as the weights and sizes of such vehicles are concerned.
6. A full statement of the grounds on which the application is made. The grounds must in each case come within section 7(4) of the Roads Act, 1920.
7. Copies of any existing Bye-law, Regulation or Order in force prohibiting the driving or restricting the speed of any class of vehicle on any portion of highway included in application. If no such bye-laws are in force it should be so stated.

On receipt of the required information the Minister will inform the Council whether he is prepared to consider a formal application for an Order and will indicate to the Council the form of resolution they should pass in the matter."

Col Gibbon proposed:- "That the following action be taken in connection with letter(R/RV 32/13th March 1926) from Roads Department, Local Government Department-The Minister for Local Government to be informed that we desire the prohibition of heavy motor traffic on every road in the county with the exception of the main road from Gorey to Arklow, as this is the only road we can mention as capable of withstanding this heavy traffic. Since such is the case there is no need to specify any other road. With the aid of a rough map the County Surveyor can set out this road for the guidance of the Local Government Dept. We suggest that the Local Government Department be requested to send down an Engineering Officer to inspect the Wexford -Ennis-corthy road when he can see what damage has been done by heavy lorries. This road according to the figures of County Surveyor will require an outlay up to £21000 to maintain it for two years while it would have required only £2500 per year if it had not been for this exceptional traffic. The County Council do not



intend to interfere with traffic for any class of vehicle except lorries of a greater weight than 5 tons.

Further, that having obtained a report from the Local Government Engineer as to Enniscorthy road, the Council should arrange for a deputation to the Ministers for Local Government and Finance to place before them the absolute impossibility of the Council to maintain even in a passable state roads which were open to this very heavy traffic."

Mr Cloney seconded the resolution which passed un-animously.

As regards extraordinary traffic on Kilmore road in consequence of drawing corn from wrecked steamer, "Valdura," Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor stated that an extra 244 cubic yards of material had to be provided.

Col Gibbon proposed and Col Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted unanimously:- "That the County Surveyor be directed to make claim against lorry owners who were responsible for the damage to Kilmore road in connection with haulage from steamer "Valdura" grounded at Kilmore."

DISTRICT COURT FOR WEXFORD.

Under date 19th March 1926, the following letter, (G 11479/1926 Wexford County) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that the condition of the Wexford Courthouse has been brought to his notice by District Justice O'Fathaigh through the Department of Justice. The Council should take immediate steps to provide a suitable place e.g. the Town Hall, Wexford for Court purposes.

I am to refer to your letter of the 5th October last enclosing a communication from Mr Elgee, solicitor, regarding the New Ross Courthouse, and I am to request to be informed how this matter now stands in view of our letter of the 12th October last No. 46188/1925."

Mr Fahy D.J. came before the meeting and asked for permission to use the County Council Chamber as a Courthouse for the present.



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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Cloney:- "That Mr Fahy District Justice be granted the use of County Council Chamber for District Court until the Council are in a position to make more suitable arrangements.

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Courthouse Re-Construction

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded:-

"That the report of the Courthouse Committee which was presented to the Roads Committee meeting on 22nd March, be approved".

Passed.

Employment of Assistant Surveyors.

As regards proposed employment of Assistant Surveyors, referred to in Roads Committee minutes, Colonel Gibbon stated that he believed it would be ~~an~~ economical if the Trunk Roads of the County were put under one officer who would also take charge of the valuable steam rolling machinery and the very technical work of constructing modern roads. If this were done with the present system he was of opinion that they could dispense with the services of at least one, and probably two of the Deputy Surveyors. As regards the question of compensation or superannuation, it was better get rid of surplus staff as soon as possible and not to wait until they had accumulated additional years' service when superannuation would be much heavier on the County. He proposed as notice of motion to be considered by the Roads Committee:- "That the Trunk Roads and steamrolling machinery of the Council be placed under one Deputy Surveyor, and that the districts be re-arranged so as to dispense with the services of two Deputy Surveyors. That the County Surveyor prepare for the Roads Committee meeting a report as to how this proposed new system can be worked"

Ganger Doyle - Section G. Gorey.

In connection with report of Mr. Treanor, relative to



withholding of payment of wages by this ganger, the Secretary read the following letter which purported to be signed by Doyle:-

"As you are already aware I am in trouble over wages which I did not pay to men working under my charge and as the matter will come up for consideration on Monday I have seen Mr. Traynor and he told me to write to you giving you a date which I am prepared to pay those men and also to have receipts signed by them in his (Mr. Traynor's) presence. I am prepared to pay each man half of his pay to-day (Friday) and the balance on this day week without fail and Mr. Traynor will have all receipts by then. I would be very grateful to you if you would try and keep the matter out of the papers. Mr. Treanor told me he would also write to you about this. I will keep my promise faithfully re payment to men. If this gets to the papers I am destroyed and worse than all it would kill my father if he got to know about it as he is in a bad state of health at present. Hoping I am not asking you too much"

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter, under date 9th April, 1926, from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor:-

"Your wire and letter of 7th instant confirming received 8th instant. In reply I beg to state I met Ganger Doyle on 8th instant when he informed me he would settle with men in my presence to-day at 10.30 a.m. I attended at Office as arranged with him for this purpose and though I waited until after 11 a.m., Doyle did not put in an appearance. I saw him later in the day in Gorey but as he seemed more inclined to avoid me than meet me I took it for granted he was not prepared to make settlement, and so far as I am aware he has not done anything in the matter"



On the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr. Hayes the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Treanor be directed to swear informations against James Doyle, Cottage, Kilanerin, Gorey, as regards withholding of wages of workmen employed by Wexford County Council".

Roads & Quarry Brownswood District.

In connection with this matter the County Surveyor submitted statements taken by Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, and himself, from the following workmen in connection with allegations that John O'Gorman, Overseer, had used County Council workmen on his land.

Hugh Dunne, Crefogue, Enniscorthy, stated he was taken from work in Brownswood Quarry, with Phil Nolan, Ballycoursey, Glenbrien, last harvest twelve months (1924) but could not remember exact date. Both men left quarry about 3 p.m., or 3.30 p.m., and stacked corn for O'Gorman. Dunne offered to give a day stacking corn previous to this, and was satisfied to be at loss of this time. Dunne was paid in full by County Council cheque. Nolan was not paid by County Council for time absent but was paid later in quarry by O'Gorman himself".

Matthew Ryan, Ballycoursey, stated he was employed by O'Gorman to work on his land half a dozen times - half days and some whole days - while employed in Brownswood Quarry. This happened during three years while he was a quarry workman but he could give no dates. He could not tell regarding payment but believed he was paid at times but not always. He was not always paid full time out of quarry as there were days he was sick and days he was at home working for himself.

Edward McCormack, Brownswood, stated that Kearns Ryan, Matthew Ryan and himself were employed on O'Gorman's land. He was taken away from quarry work and was paid quarry wages for time. He could not give exact dates but was two days in September 1922 in Lady Grey's bog mowing rushes and two days



in August 1923 at Atkinsons'. O'Gorman paid nothing out of his own pocket. Matt Ryan was taken by O'Gorman last Summer: Patrick Toole in quarry had the dates, having taken a note at the time. He (McCormack) was never cut pay for absence from quarry and never paid by O'Gorman".

"Patrick Toole, Ballyroe, Glenbrien, Workman in Brownswood Quarry stated he took note of date when men were taken from Quarry by O'Gorman. On 26th September, 1924, he took Hugh Dunne from quarry, and about 2 p.m., on the day after races in Ballymurrin, Phil Nolan. He knew O'Gorman took McCormack to mow rushes on Lady Grey's land. He took Hugh Dunne's time because he saw his cheque the following pay day (Friday) and it was for full money. He would appear before County Council to make full statements if asked to do so".

"Kearns Ryan, Monroe, Glenbrien, stated he was taken from County work on road by O'Gorman to do work for the latter on a couple of times Summer before last - once at harvest and once for threshing but was paid same as always for his county work. Gorman never paid him anything. He remained at home to do work for himself but was not paid for such. He would appear before County Council and make full statement if required".

Mr. Godfrey, Solicitor for O'Gorman, came before the meeting and stated O'Gorman had not had time to prepare his defence, and in the circumstances, as he had a perfectly good answer to the allegations of the workmen, he requested consideration of the statements be adjourned to the meeting of the Roads Committee on 26th instant.

This was agreed to on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. Jordan.

Mr. Pender proposed and Mr. Connors seconded that O'Gorman be suspended.

The County Surveyor explained that at present O'Gorman was not in the employment of the Council, and it was then



agreed to unanimously that he should not be re-employed until the Roads Committee had had an opportunity of considering the statements which had been submitted to this meeting as regards his having taken men from the quarry and from roads to work on his land.

Heavy Lorry Traffic.

The recommendations of the Roads Committee were agreed to, on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Colonel Quin.

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

"That the recommendations of the Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on 22nd March, 1926, and which have not been covered by resolution at this meeting be and are hereby confirmed"

FINANCE COMMITTEES.

Minutes of meetings of Finance Committee held on 18th March, 1926, and 1st April, 1926, were submitted as

follows:-

Meeting

18th March, 1926.



A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortvie Wexford, on 18th March 1926.

Present: Messrs Sean O'Byrne, William Thorpe, and James Gaul.

The Secretary, the Co. Surveyor, and Mr Elgee, solicitor were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr Thorpe seconded by Mr Gaul, the Chair was taken by Mr O'Byrne.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5554-2-0 covering payments to Road and Quarry workers and £10250 being for transfer of £5750 to Subsidiary A/C and £4500, transfer to Board of Health were examined and signed.

#### POOR RATE COLLECTION.

The following shows the precentages of amounts collected in respect of ~~current~~ second moiety of current collection:- E.J. Murphy 58: J Quirke 56: J. Cummins 55: B. Cleary 55: S. Gannon 51: M. Deegan 49: T. Rowe 48: John J. O'Reilly 48: M. Kelly 47: J. Curtis 46: J.J.Sinnott 43: J.J.Kelly 43: P. Donohoe 41: W. Cummins 40: T. Sutton 40: P.J.Sinnott 37: P.J. Fitzpatrick 35: C. McCarthy 34: P. Walsh 32: P. O'Byrne 19: and James Murphy(dismissed) 1.4.

It was decided that ~~y~~ the Secretary communicate with Mr O'Byrne and his personal sureties and inform them that if he does not complete his collection in a satisfactory manner by the 31st inst, the Co. Council will be recommended to discontinue his services as Rate Collector.

#### ARTERIAL DRAINAGE ACT.

Under date 3rd February 1926, Mr Barry, Co Surveyor, wrote with reference to two petitions under above Act(which had been referred to him for report) that he wished to point out the County Surveyors' Association had this matter of drainage under discussion and it was decided that as the work



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was outside ordinary duties, fees should be paid. The County Council were not bound to employ the County Surveyor on these jobs.

Attention was directed to Section 3(1) of the Arterial Drainage Act which reads "every County Council to which a petition is presented under this Act shall refer such petition to the Co. Surveyor for his report on the general merit of the proposals outlined in the petition."

The County Surveyor pointed out that the following appeared in the "Explanation of the Arterial Drainage Act," which had been issued by the Office of Public Works, "If the Co. Council for any reason do not wish to employ the Co. Surveyor on this work, they may employ an outside engineer with the sanction of the Minister for Local Government."

It was decided to defer the consideration of the letter of the Co. Surveyor for the present.

#### DEFAULTING LAND COMMISSION ANNUITANTS.

Lists of defaulting Land Commission Annuitants were carefully examined. The opinion was expressed that a number of the defaulters were in a position to pay.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That the Co. Council issue an advertisement that the names of defaulters under Land Purchase Acts will be open to the inspection of anyone concerned- in the County Council Office, Wexford during office hours. That the Land Commission be requested to proceed against all defaulters as soon as possible. That as regards annuitants proceeded against, the State Solicitor be requested to furnish the County Council with the number of decrees which had been taken out and the result of the execution of said decrees.

#### PREPARATION OF ELECTORS' LISTS.

Under date 24th February 1926, Mr Scallan, Registration Officer wrote asking for an advance of £125 to enable him to meet current expenses in connection with the preparation of the Register of Electors for the year 1926-27.



It was decided that the £125 asked for by the Registration Officer be paid over to him.

WEXFORD COURTHOUSE COMPENSATION CLAIM.

Under date 13th March 1926, the following was read from Mr Elgee, solicitor to the County Council:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday and note that the Department of Local Government have sanctioned the payment of £11-5-0 to Mr Wood in connection with the above compensation claim.

I regret that in my letter to you of the 20th. January last on the subject, the amount of Mr Wood's fees were incorrectly stated to be £11-5-0 instead of the sum of £111-5-0 which is the correct amount, as you will see by the enclosed copy of his account.

Will you be able to get the matter set right by the Department?

Save the above and the £26-5-0 for costs mentioned in your letter there are no other claims for professional assistance in connection with the claim that I am aware of."

It was decided that as the amount claimed by Mr Wood formed portion of the award it should be paid subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

GOREY R. D. COUNCIL-SOLICITOR'S BILL OF COSTS.

Under date 3rd March 1926, Messrs O'Flaherty & Son, solicitors, Enniscorthy wrote in connection with Bill of Miscellaneous Costs for £67-14-4 for Gorey Rural District.

It was decided to refer bill to Mr Elgee for his examination and report.

It was agreed to pay £26-7-7, taxed costs of Messrs O'Flaherty & Son, solicitors in connection with Gorey Rural District Labourers' Order(No. 1) and Gorey Rural District Labourers' Order(No. 2).



OVERDRAFT.

It was decided that as it is apparent it will be impossible to complete Rate Collection by 31st March, the Secretary be directed to apply for sanction to such amount of overdraft as he considers will be necessary to carry on the work of the Council for the three months ended 30th. June 1926.

EMPLOYMENT OF TEMPORARY STAFF.

A resolution was adopted that the Secretary be empowered to employ temporary staff for preparing Rate Books and Collectors' Receipt and Demand Notes-remuneration to be calculated at 1/- per working hour.

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Meeting - 1st April, 1926,-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 1st April, 1926.

Present:- Messrs Sean O'Byrne, P. Hayes, James Gaul and William Thorpe.

The Secretary, the Co. Surveyor and Mr Elgee, solicitor, were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr Hayes seconded by Mr Gaul, the chair was taken by Mr O'Byrne.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2564-10-0 was examined and signed.

#### CONTINUATION OF CO. COUNCIL OVERDRAFT.

Under date 31st March 1926, the Department of Local Government (G 15865/1926 Wexford Co. Council) wrote that the Minister sanctioned the continuance of overdraft not exceeding £40,000 on the account of Wexford County Council to the 30th June next. Interest could be paid on the amount from time to time outstanding at the usual rate.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Gaul seconded by Mr Hayes:-

"That we request the Directors of the National Bank Limited to agree to present overdraft of Wexford County Council being continued for a further period of three months in consequence of the backward condition of the Rate Collection, the amount of rate outstanding at present being £31173-10-6 to 31st March 1926. Owing to this the collection for current financial year cannot be put in force for some months. Meantime the County Council have to finance the subsidiary Bodies and the County administration."

#### RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the rate collection to the 31st March 1926 was submitted.

The following are the percentages collected:-

78 J. Curtis: 76 James Quirke: 75 Joseph Cummins: 74 Edward J. Murphy: 70 M. Deegan, Thos Rowe and Patrick Donohoe,



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69 B. Cleary: and J.J. O'Reilly: 65 J.J. Sinnott: 64 Thomas Sutton: 62 M.M. Kelly and Sean Gannon: 60 Walter Cummins: 57 J.J. Kelly: 55 P. Walsh: 53 P.J. Fitzpatrick: 45 C. McCarthy: 43 P.J. Sinnott: 36 P. O'Byrne. (No 19 District-Collection suspended ~~pending~~ awaiting cover note from new collector from Insurance <sup>Company</sup> Society).

As regards the collection of Mr P. O'Byrne (No 9 District) a medical certificate was read from Dr Kehoe, Larkfield, Killanne that this collector was suffering from a septic arm from 1st to 22nd March 1926 (inclusive) and was unable during that period to perform his duties.

In connection with this matter, the following letter under date 31st March 1926 (G.15865/1926 Wexford Co. Council) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"With reference to my letter of to-day's date conveying sanction to the continuance of an overdraft on the Account of the County Council, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to point out to the Council that the necessity for this course and the charge for interest involved is entirely due to the ~~fact~~ failure of the Rate Collectors to perform their duties properly.

The Collectors all received their warrants in July last but up to the end of last month had only collected £93300 out of the total levy of £146300.

It is intolerable that there should be such an arrear as £54,000 and the Council should no longer hesitate to dismiss any Collector whose progress is not satisfactory. The course suggested in the final paragraph of my letter of the 3rd July last (28421) should now be followed and the Committee suggested might take definite action in the light of the position as disclosed at the end of April. Each Collector should forthwith be warned that this will be done and furthermore that the Department will not be prepared to sanction poundage fees unless satisfactory collections are meantime made."



The paragraph of the letter of 9th July 1925 (28421) referred to in the letter of the Department 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 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 the Chairman seconded by Mr Gaul:-

"That the County Council be recommended to have the current rate collection concluded by the end of April 1926 when the Collectors will be obliged to have all recoverable rate collected and lodged."

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP- STEPHEN J. FURLONG

Under date 20th March 1926, a letter was read from the Secretary, University College, Dublin, that he had received a report from the Registrar of the College of Science that the supplemental examination in third year Agriculture was held on 16th March and that Stephen J. Furlong failed in the examination.

The Secretary stated he had asked for further information in the matter from University College and had received a reply under date 25th March that Stephen J. Furlong failed in the subject of practical Agriculture. His marks were:- Written 39%, Oral 30%, Total 34½%.

The Professor of Agriculture in the College informed the Secretary, University College that Mr Furlong was severely handicapped by the fact that he had had no early training in practical Agriculture, such as the sons of farmers



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have, and that it would be very difficult for him to pass the examination without a year's experience of work on a farm.

On the 22nd October 1925, the following resolution was adopted:- "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 this meeting That in the event of his failure at the forthcoming Exam. his Scholarship lapse automatically "

The Committee did not see their way to suggest any amendment of this resolution.

#### GENERAL BUILDINGS LIST.

Circular letter of the 20th March 1926(50/172/25 Miscellaneous) in connection with General Buildings List was read.

The General Buildings List as submitted by the Secretary was examined, approved, and signed.

#### WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

Under date 22nd March 1926 the Department of Local Government wrote(G 12166/1926)forwarding report from District Justice O'Faithaigh relative to Wexford Courthouse in which it was pointed out that the old building had been condemned and had to be abandoned. Accommodation was however available in the Old Jail(County Hall) in what was formerly the Chapel. Failing the immediate use of this, he suggested the County Council Chamber should be granted for Court purposes.

The Secretary mentioned it had been arranged with Mr Fahy that he should hold his weekly Court in the County Council Chamber.

The County Surveyor submitted a further letter from Mr Fahy asking him to arrange the first room on the left as one entered the old Jail premises as an office for Mr Gregory, District Court Clerk, as soon as possible.



The County Surveyor submitted an Estimate for necessary repairs to this room from Messrs John Sinnott & Co. Builders, at £12-10-0 including provision of counter and £6-10-0 without counter.

The Committee having inspected the premises, the following resolution was adopted: on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Thorpe:- "That the temporary use of room in old Jail be granted Mr P.J. Gregory, District Court Clerk, Wexford, and that an amount not exceeding £6-10-0 be expended in having the premises repaired and in the removal of office furniture and documents from old Courthouse to new office."

As regards holding of Circuit Court the following under date 23rd March 1926 was read from the Clerk of the Peace:-

"As the Wexford Courthouse has been condemned it will be necessary to make arrangements for the Circuit Court which will be held here on the 27th of May next.

If your Council could arrange to have accommodation in the old Jail with rooms for Judge, Jurors, Barristers, Solicitors and a temporary office while the Court sits for myself, it would in my opinion be the most convenient,

As the Precept has to be sent to the Under Sheriff early next month in order that he can summon the Jury, I would be obliged if you will let me have an early reply. Besides I have to report the matter to the Ministry of Justice to have an Order made."

It was decided that the use of old Chapel in Jail premises be available for use as Circuit Court on 27th May 1926 and that County Surveyor utilise any possible fix fittings in the old Court for the purpose. That he submit to next meeting of this Committee an estimate of the cost of the removal and refixing of old fittings and any other small repairs which are absolutely essential in order to provide for Court requirements.



Under date 27th March 1926 the following letter (G 11784/1926 Wexford County Council) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"With reference to your letter of the 15th inst. regarding the proposed payment to Mr Wood for his services in connection with claim for compensation in respect of Wexford Courthouse, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the Compensation Commission appear to have awarded a sum of £50 in full settlement for Mr Wood's services and there seems no reason why that amount should be exceeded."

Mr Elgee said he had communicated with Mr Wood in the matter and would submit his reply to next meeting of the Committee.

The County Surveyor submitted bill for £9-19-6 for taking down dangerous portion of old Courthouse which had been condemned by the Borough Surveyor and for the fixing of a hoarding round the place.

It was decided on the motion of Mr Hayes seconded by Mr Thorpe that the amount be paid.

#### SOLICITOR'S BILLS OF COSTS.

Mr Elgee said that he had arranged with Messrs O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, that their costs for Gorey Rural District Council and Gorey Board of Guardians should be taxed by a High Court Taxing Master.

A recommendation was adopted that a Requisition for the taxing of the Bills of Costs in question should be signed by the County Council.

#### "KARRIER" MOTOR LORRY.

The County Surveyor said that he had taken over from the Enniscorthy Rural District Council their "Karrier" motor lorry for use of the County Council. The tyres require replacement and the cost of this with the necessary fitting would be £42-17-6. He wished to know whether the vehicle would in future be used by the County Council or the County



Board of Health; it was really required by both bodies.

It was decided that the tyres should be replaced by the County Council at a cost of £42-17-6, and that the lorry be hired to the Board of Health when required by that Body at a price to be arranged.

COUNTY COUNCIL MOTOR CAR.

It was decided on the motion of Mr Gaul, seconded by Mr Hayes, that the County Surveyor be empowered to purchase at a cost of £5 new battery for County Council Chevrolet motor car which was used by Machinery Overseer in bringing supplies, tools, etc. to the various County Council Quarries.

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On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman, the foregoing minutes of Finance Committee, in respect of meetings held on 18th March, 1926, and 1st April, 1926, respectively, were confirmed.

STATE OF THE RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection to 9th April, 1926, was considered. The following were the percentages of their warrants lodged by the Collectors:- J. J. O'Reilly 91; T. Rowe 87; J. Cummins 85; J. J. Sinnott 85; J. Quirke 84; E. J. Murphy 83; J. Curtis 82; B. Cleary 80; M. Deegan 80; W. Cummins 79; J. J. Kelly 78; P. Donohoe 77; S. Gannon 76; M. Kelly 73; T. Sutton 72; P. Fitzpatrick 71; P. Walsh 67; C. McCarthy 57; P. O'Byrne 54; P. Sinnott 43.

The Secretary mentioned that the attention of the Rate Collectors had been called to the resolution of the Finance Committee by which they had been directed to



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close their collections in a satisfactory manner by the 30th April, 1926.

LOAN FOR COUNTY HOSPITAL.

In connection with loan of £4763 balance necessary to finish work of improvements at County Hospital the following under date 7th April, 1926, was received from Sir Thomas Esmonde, Bart., National Bank, Dublin:- "Please thank the Council for me for their resolution.

"It is always a pleasure to me to help the County Council in any way I can, if only in remembrance of "old times". But in this case my hands were strengthened by the special circumstances of the case, not to speak of the excellent relations that have always existed between the National Bank and the County Council which has always invariably held a high record for its capable administration of local affairs."

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

"At a meeting of the County Council of Wexford held on the 12th day of April 1926 it was resolved: That in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Department (Ireland) by letter dated 11th February 1926 the Council do borrow from the National Bank Ltd., Wexford, the sum of £4763 for the purpose of County Hospital Improvements to be repaid to the Bank by half yearly instalments spread over a period of 10 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 4% 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".

WEXFORD BOROUGH.

It was decided to refer for consideration of next



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meeting of Roads Committee of County Council to be held on 26th April an important letter from Mr. A. D. Delap (Messrs Delap & Waller Engineers), Northern Bank Chambers, 115, Grafton Street, Dublin, in connection with the present condition of Wexford Bridge.

HAULAGE - CARRIGFOYLE QUARRY.  
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A resolution from a meeting of carters of Carrigfoyle quarry asking for 1/9d per yard for first mile of haulage and 1/3d for each succeeding mile, instead of 10d per cubic yard fixed by the County Council, was referred to the Roads Committee for consideration.

SANATORIUM CO. HOME ENNISCORTHY.  
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Under date 1st April, 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H.579/26 Wexford C.B.H) that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had approved of the Sanatorium attached to the County Home Enniscorthy in pursuance of section 16 (1) (a) of the National Insurance Act 1911, for the treatment of advanced cases of Tuberculosis.

COUNTY HOSPITAL AND SURGICAL TUBERCULOSIS.  
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Under date 30th March, 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H.578/26 Wexford C.B.H) stating that the Minister for Local Government & Public Health, had approved of the County Hospital, Wexford, in pursuance of section 16 (1) (a) of the National Insurance Act 1911 for the treatment of surgical cases of Tuberculosis.

PROPOSED SUPERANNUATION MR. J.J.ROCHFORD.  
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Under date 26th March, 1926, the following letter (No.G.3156/1926 Wexford Co) in connection with proposed superannuation of Mr. J. J. Rochford, late Clerk, New Ross Rural District was read from Department of Local Government

"With reference to the superannuation allowance granted



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by the Wexford County Council to Mr. J.J. Rochford, late Clerk of the New Ross Rural District Council, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that Mr. Rochford has appealed on the grounds that the pension proposed does not represent a fair compensation for his length of service.

"It appears that Mr. Rochford at the time of resignation had 31½ years official service and that he was then aged 59 years and 5 months. His emoluments are stated to have averaged £346: 8: 6d per annum as Clerk of the Rural District. He had also received £14 as fees under the Labourers' Acts for an Improvement Scheme in the year 1925. The pensionable emoluments would thus appear to amount to £351: 1: 10d per annum on the 3 years' average. It is requested that the Council will verify these figures.

"Mr. Rochford also claimed for pensionable purposes his fees of £38: 4: 0d as Deputy Returning Officer but these are not pensionable.

"The terms of the Department's Circular of the 3rd April, 1925, indicate that in the case of abolition of office the Minister would not be averse to the addition of one year in two for purposes of pension calculation. It is considered, however, that any such addition should be governed by the normal age of retirement, that is 65 years. In this case, therefore, it would appear that an equitable addition might result in the fraction for calculation being assessed at 37/60ths. The resulting pension would be £216: 10: 0d".

"I am to request that the Council will be good enough to furnish their views generally as to the services rendered in the past by Mr. Rochford and whether they have any specific grounds for differentiating his treatment in regard to pension from the normal course.

"It is proposed to determine the appeal early next month and the Council's views are accordingly requested without delay".



The Secretary stated in reply to query that the difference between the amount proposed by Local Government Department and amount proposed by the Council was £35: 2: 1d the Council having agreed to a figure of £181: 7: 11d. as against the proposal of the Department of Local Government of £216: 10: 0d.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"That consideration of letter of Local Government Department under date 26th March, 1926 (G.3156/1926 Wexford County) relative to proposed superannuation of Mr. J. J. Rochford, late Clerk R.D. Council, be adjourned to next meeting of the Council and that in the meantime our Secretary ascertain from the Secretaries of Carlow and Kilkenny County Councils what are the superannuation allowances granted by them to Mr. Rochford on his retirement as Clerk to Idrome and Ida R. D. Councils"

#### NATIONAL TUBERCULOSIS GRANT.

Under date 22nd March, 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H.48906/26 Wexford Co) that the issue to the Council of Paying Order for £281 as a second instalment of recoupment from the National Tuberculosis Grant for current financial year had been authorised.

Under date 22nd March, 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H.47016/26 Wexford County) that Pay Order for £141: 14: 9d final instalment of recoupment from National Tuberculosis Grant in respect of financial year ended 31st March, 1925, had been authorised.

#### RELIEF GRANTS.

Under date 11th March, 1926, the Local Government Department wrote (R/RU/32) that having regard to the allocations already made from Relief Schemes Votes for the present financial year further relief grants could not be sanctioned.



TREATMENT OF VENEREAL DISEASE.  
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Under date 1st April, 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H.11671-1926 Wexford C.B.H), ~~wrote~~ forwarding copy of Scheme for treatment of Venereal disease in the County of Kildare. By the establishment of an out-patient clinic for patients suffering from Venereal disease at County Hospital, Wexford, very few cases would require to be sent to Treatment centre at Dr. Steeven's Hospital, Dublin, for residential treatment.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by the Chairman:- "That the Local Government Department be requested to furnish the County Council with the average annual cost of two or three County Schemes for the treatment of Venereal Disease as this Council desire information as to what their financial liability would be in the event of adopting a Scheme of this nature"

SANCTION MR. JOHN DOYLE AS RATE COLLECTOR  
FOR NO.19 COLLECTION DISTRICT.  
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Under date 27th March, 1926, the following letter (G.12771/1926 Wexford County) was read:-

"With reference to your letter of the 23rd instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions the temporary appointment of Mr. J. Doyle, Scullabogue, Newbawn, as Rate Collector for the No.19 Collection District on the terms set out in the accompanying form of queries.

"The Declaration Form which has been noted is returned herewith"

The Secretary reported that Mr. Doyle had entered into his personal bond.



As regards fidelity guarantee bond the Department of Local Government had written (G.14448-1926 Wexford County Council) that the Minister was prepared to approve of a bond of the New Ireland Assurance Co., for this collector.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Doyle had been directed to furnish this bond at once.

FURNITURE NEW ROSS UNION  
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Under date 22nd March, 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.7882/1926 Wexford County) that the furniture in the New Ross Workhouse Buildings is the property of Wexford County Council they having paid for it under the adjustment Order made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

A resolution was read from the Ida Rural District Committee of Kilkenny Board of Health requesting the County Councils of Wexford, Kilkenny and Carlow to get the furniture valued for the purpose of adjustment.

A similar resolution was received from Kilkenny Board of Health.

The Secretary stated he had furnished the Secretary to the latter body with a copy of the letter from the Department of Local Government (P.7882/1926 - 22nd March, 1926), and had received a reply under date 7th April, 1926, stating that the furniture in the New Ross Rural District Council Offices (Union Block) was not valued by the adjusting Auditor and was not transferred to the Wexford County Council as the District Councils were in existence at the time and the furniture was the common property of the Rural Districts of Ida, Idrone and New Ross. The letter concluded. "It is the intention of the Board of Health to maintain their rights in this matter and it is hoped that this property will not be disturbed."



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin:-

"That in view of the decision of the Local Government Department that the furniture of New Ross Union is the property of the Wexford County Council we hereby direct our County Surveyor to arrange to take over same at once. We fail to see what rights the Kilkenny County Board of Health can have in this matter"

Under date 22nd March, 1926, a letter was read from Mr. L. Barron, Assistance Officer for some of the small presses at present in New Ross District Hospital Boardroom.

It was decided that the application be adjourned to next meeting.

COURTOWN HARBOUR & HARBOUR COMMISSION.  
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Under date 4th March, 1926, the Department of Industry & Commerce (Transport & Marine Branch) had written (T.54250) that the Tribunal which was about being established as regards working of Irish Harbours would be confined in its enquiries to the statutory undertakings specified in the schedule to the resolution moved by the Minister and agreed to by the Dail on 19th January. Courtown Harbour was not a statutory undertaking and had not therefore been included with those comprised in the schedule referred to.

No order.

WEIGHTS & MEASURES ACTS STANDARDS (BOTTLES)  
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In connection with the above a letter was read from the Department of Industry & Commerce (Power Section) under date 30th March, 1926, that it was considered advisable to make an alteration in the arrangement for the testing of beer and stout bottles by the substitution of



a properly designed set of glass measures for each of the working standards. This would in the case of Co. Wexford mean that the proposed expenditure by the Council of £28: 2: 6d for a supply of gun metal local and working standards would be reduced to £15: 6: 0d for a gun metal local standard and a set of glass measures for each Inspector.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, that the revised tender taken by the Ministry of Industry & Commerce from Messrs DeGrave Short & Co., London, for supply of local Standards and glass measures for testing of bottles for beer and stout at £15: 6: 0d per set for each Inspector be approved .

#### SALE OF FOOD & DRUGS ACT.

Under date 23rd February, 1926, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.342/26) that in cases in which samples under above Acts had been taken by one of their officials and proceedings were necessary, summonses should be issued under the name of an officer appointed by the County Council under section 13 of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act 1875.

Under date 25th February, 1926, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, wrote that the course suggested by the Department had been always followed in prosecutions by Wexford County Council.

#### ROAD THROUGH CAMOLIN PARK.

Under date 24th March, 1926 (1735/F), the Department of Agriculture wrote, relative to memorial from certain ratepayers in Camolin district asking for a grant from the County Council towards the repair of surface of a passage to the Department's property at Camolin Park, that, as this passage was actually only a right of way through the Department's lands for the benefit of neighbouring **tenants**, they could not see on what grounds



other local Veterinary duties, and the whole paid for by a fixed annual salary. In the case of all future appointments such an arrangement should be adopted.

"It is not suggested, however, that any revision of appointments need now be made, unless, in the view of your Council, the arrangements at present existing are unsatisfactory or unduly expensive. Except in such circumstances, the duties under the new Order should be discharged by the Council's present Veterinary officers, to whom an addition to their salary for ordinary duties should be given in respect of the Tuberculosis work.

"In no case can the Department sanction the payment of fees.

"Having discussed the matter of payments with a representative body of Veterinary Surgeons, and having carefully considered the duties to be carried out, and the circumstances of the time, the Department have arrived at the opinion that an appropriate additional payment for the duties under the New Order would be £35 in respect of each former Union Area. In such of those districts, however, where the area is exceptionally large, and/or the number of cattle unusually great, payments of £40, and in some cases of £50, for the former Union Area might be made. Parts of former Union Areas could be paid for proportionately. On such a basis the additional payments to be made in your County for the Tuberculosis work would be as shown hereunder

"The new payment is to be inclusive of all expenses.

"As these rates of payment are, to some extent, experimental, in the Department's view they might be considered anew in the light of experience at the end of a year.

"The Tuberculosis duties to be discharged by Local Authority Veterinary Inspectors are as set out in the Order



and in the explanatory Memorandum.

"The Department earnestly trust your Local Authority will consider as soon as possible the question of arrangements for the effective working of the Order in your District".

"I have to add that as vacancies occur amongst Local Authority Veterinary Inspectors, any new appointment should be made on the basis of a single fixed annual payment to cover all duties to be discharged by the Inspector, that is, duties under the Diseases of Animals Act, and the Departmental Orders thereunder, including duties in relation to Bovine Tuberculosis, Sheep Dipping and attendance at Fairs in his district.

"Moreover, in the Department's view (concurring in by the Veterinary Surgeons who attended at these Offices), each newly appointed Veterinary Inspector in future should, as far as possible, be employed for duty in one area only (former Union), and he should reside therein".

"As your Local Authority are, of course, aware, all such appointments are subject to the Department's approval".

The amounts which the Department agreed should be added to the salaries of the Veterinary Inspectors to cover this work were as follows; payment by fees being discontinued.

Gorey (Mr. T. A. Mernagh V.S.)	£40 per annum.
Enniscorthy (Mr. P. J. Hayes V.S.)	£50 " "
Wexford (Mr. R. Malone V.S.)	£40 " "
New Ross (Mr. Joseph Lynch V.S., for Southern portion)	£22: 10: 0d per annum.
New Ross (Mr. F. W. Taylor V.S., for Northern portion)	£12: 10: 0d " "

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, to approve of the adoption of the new Bovine Tuberculosis Order, including additional amounts to salaries, fixed by the Department in lieu of fees, as remuneration to the Veterinary officers of the County Council under this Order.



## UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS.

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Circular was read from the Department of Education (Secondary Education Branch) that students who desire to compete for University Scholarships and who do not satisfy the conditions of the programme as to pursuing an approved course of study at a Secondary School may be admitted to the Department's Leaving Certificate Examination at the request of the County Council for the purpose of competing for these Scholarships but these students would not be eligible for the award of the Secondary Leaving Certificate.

Referred to Scholarship Committee.

## COASTGUARD STATIONS.

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In connection with the proposal of the Office of Public Works to hand over buildings formerly used as Coastguard Stations, at Rosslare, Curracloe and Courtown, a letter was read from the Office of Public Works, under date 22nd January, 1926 (No.5667/26), that they had decided to refrain, for the present, from determining the existing weekly tenancies at Rosslare.

Proposals of the Office of Public Works, relative to Rosslare, Courtown and Curracloe stations had been referred to the County surveyor for report.

It was decided that this be considered at the meeting of the Roads Committee on 26th April, 1926.

## DEDUCTIONS FROM GRANTS.

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Correspondence was read from Department of Finance that a sum of £3511 : 1: 11d had been deducted from the Agricultural Grant and £152: 2: 11d from the Estate Duty Grant to make good instalments of repayment of principal and interest of Labourers' Acts Loans, and Loans payable



by former Boards of Guardians.

#### ERECTION OF TELEGRAPHIC LINE.

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The Minister for Posts and Telegraphs applied for the consent of the Council to the placing of an overground telegraphic line from cross-roads at Mercy Convent, Wexford, to a point opposite Carrig Ruadh, Wexford.

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

"That the Wexford County Council hereby consent to the placing of an overground telegraphic line from cross roads at Mercy Convent, Wexford, to a point opposite Carrig Ruadh, Wexford, provided same is erected to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor and that the poles are placed on the Sports Field side of the road."

#### CLAIM, INSURANCE, NATIONAL HEALTH & UNEMPLOYMENT COTTAGE WORKERS.

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Correspondence was read from Inspector William McLoughlin, National Health Insurance Commission, Mr. A. A. Connolly, Clerk late Enniscorthy Rural District Council and Mr. T.B. Dunbar, Solicitor, relative to claim of £72: 18: 0d for National Health and Unemployment Insurance stamps for workers engaged in the erection of cottages in the Enniscorthy Rural District between August 1924 and February 1925.

It was decided that the matter be adjourned to next meeting; in the meantime, Mr. Elgee to advise and report as to the liability of the Council.

#### CO. WEXFORD FARMERS' UNION AND RATES.

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The following copy of resolution adopted at the meeting of the Standing Committee of the County Wexford Farmers' Union on 13th March, 1926, was read:-



"That the members of the Standing Committee of the Co. Wexford Farmers' Union believing as they do that there can be no recovery from the depressed state of the Agricultural Industry until the ruinous burden of taxation (both National and Local) is relieved; view with grave concern the fixing of the County Rates for 1926-27 at such a high figure.

"We believe that that rate will be a crushing burden on the farmers as a whole and that its collection must inevitably involve numbers of farmers in ruin and bankruptcy.

"We consider imperative an entire re-organisation of the County expenditure to meet the need of the times.

"That (1) The amount spent on salaries and wages must be reduced.

(2) Waste of Public funds on the roads must stop.

(3) the expenditure of funds on Public Services not absolutely essential must be postponed till better times arrive.

We therefore call on our Representatives both in the Dail and on the County Council to do all in their power to save the farming community and taxpayer from the ruinous burden of taxation which is rapidly crushing their industry and killing all spirit of enterprise in the County"

No Order.

MIDWIVES (IRELAND) ACT, 1918.  
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Under date 25th February, 1926, a letter was read from Mr. T. D. Sinnott, Secretary, Wexford County Board of Health and Public Assistance, in reference to the case of Johanna Browne an unqualified midwife in New Ross attending maternity cases, and stating that, as a result of correspondence with the Department of Local Government, it appeared necessary for the County Council to transfer, by resolution, their duties under the Midwives (Ireland) Act, 1918 to the Board.



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

"That the powers of the County Council under the Midwives (Ireland) Act, 1918 be, and are hereby, delegated to the Wexford County Board of Health and Public Assistance".

TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF MEMBERS OF  
COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

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In connection with travelling expenses of members, the Secretary stated that Mr. John Pender, who was co-opted a member of the Council at the meeting of the 14th December, 1925, had attended all the five meetings that had subsequently been held. According to the regulations a member to be qualified for a contribution under this head should attend three fourths of the meetings held in each half year. As nine meetings had been held in the half year ended 31st March, 1926, Mr. Pender should have attended seven to qualify for contribution. Of course, owing to the time at which he was co-opted, this was impossible. He (Secretary) submitted the circumstances of Mr. Pender's case to the Department of Local Government and had received a reply, under date 30th March, 1926, (G.12881/1926 Wexford County), stating that Mr. Pender could not receive a contribution for the number of meetings actually attended.

It was decided to refer the circumstances of Mr. Pender's case to Mr. Elgee for his advice.

In connection with the general question of contribution towards members' travelling expenses for journeys to and from County Council meetings, which had been referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, the latter wrote under date 13th March, 1926, setting out the section of the Local Government Act 1925, under which contribution was payable, with the various rules. In conclusion, he stated that it appeared to him to be quite clear that it was never the intention to pay members the



the entire expenses of their journeys. The word "contribution" showed an intention to pay only part of the expenses and Article 6 of the Schedule defined how that contribution was to be arrived at, i.e., to be calculated on the distance from the residence to the place of meeting, and only on that distance not on the double journey.

Under date 22nd March, 1926, a letter was read from the Secretary, Wexford County Board of Health and Public Assistance, stating that as his Board came into statutory existence only as from 1st October, 1925, the members of the Board were not entitled to travelling expenses until on or after that day. Under Section 63 of the Local Government Act 1925, however, the County Council could appoint them as an "authorised Committee" with the view of legalising the payment of travelling expenses for the period from the date of their election until the 1st October, and his Board now asked the County Council to make such appointment.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Shannon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That, as the County Board of Health, were from the date of their appointment by the County Council performing their functions in the same manner as at present, we hereby constitute them as an "authorised" Committee as from the date of their election to 1st October, 1925, in accordance with section 63 of the Local Government Act 1925"

#### BALANCES OF LOANS - LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Gaul, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That the remaining balances of loans transferred from Rural District Councils to County Council, be re-transferred to County Board of Health to allow the latter to proceed with



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the work of erection of Labourers' Cottages".

CLAIMS FOR SUPERANNUATIONS - EX-OFFICIALS, COUNTY  
INFIRMARY.

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Under date 13th February, 1926, Dr. S. A. Furlong, wrote applying for pension of £146: 13: 4d per annum as late Surgeon of Wexford County Infirmary, under section 55 of the Local Government Act 1925. He had 12 years' service being appointed in October 1910. Under Section 44 (2) of the Act he was entitled to a pension on the abolition of his office not exceeding two-thirds of his yearly salary and emoluments. His yearly salary was £120, while he estimated his emoluments consisting of house, rent and rates free and fuel allowance to be worth £100 per annum.

Referred to Mr. Elgee for his advice and report to next meeting.

A claim was also received from Mrs E. Hayes, late female Searcher at County Wexford Infirmary for a pension on the abolition of her office. Her husband was now dead and she had lost her only means of support. Her salary had been £5 per annum.

It was also decided that this claim should be referred to Mr. Elgee for his advice and report to next meeting.

CONFERENCE URBAN DISTRICTS - MAINTENANCE  
MAIN ROADS.

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In connection with proposed Conference to be held on 15th April, 1926, between the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the County Council with the County Surveyor and a representative from each of the Urban Districts, as to maintenance of main roads in these districts, communications were read from Urban District Council of Wexford that the Mayor and the Town Surveyor had been appointed on their behalf and from Enniscorthy Urban District Council that Mr. Martin Kehoe would represent that body.



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Proposals to nominate a representative had been defeated at the meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council but notice of motion to rescind this decision had been handed in.

COURTOWN HARBOUR COMMITTEE.  
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On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That, as recommended by the Courtown Harbour Committee, Rev. Mr. Perdue, Ardamine, be appointed a member of that Committee, vice, Rev. Mr. Talbot, transferred to another district and Mr. Richard Garland, Courtown Harbour, vice Mr. J. Gannon, who had not attended for the past three years"

COURTOWN LIFEBOAT HOUSE.  
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Under date 19th February, 1926, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution wrote that they were prepared to hand Courtown Lifeboat House over to the County Council for a sum of £50 in consideration of the surrender of the existing lease granted by the County Council and expiring in 1940 held at a ground rent of 1/- per annum.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr. P. Byrne seconded a resolution that the building be taken over, but, after some discussion, it was decided that no action be taken.

MOUNTGARRETT BRIDGE.  
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Under date 11th February, 1926, the Secretary, Kilkenny County Council wrote that only one meeting of the Mountgarrett Bridge Committee had been held, viz., on 18th June last, when the only business transacted was the appointment of Chairman and preliminary consideration of plans and specifications obtained some years ago when the proposal to construct a new bridge was first mooted. It was agreed that the plans required some modification. Consequently they were referred



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to Messrs Delap and Waller for their suggestions, as it was considered the specification required amendment with a view to strengthening the structure to carry modern traffic. He took the legal position to be that the Joint Committee would have full control of the erection of the bridge, the right to determine the type, plan &c. As to the cost he did not think any proposal could be considered which would involve expenditure in excess of the amount originally estimated, namely £18,000, one-fourth of which the Roads Department had agreed to contribute. In the event of the estimate on the amended plan being in excess of the figure quoted, it was clear that a new mandate must be sought from both contributing bodies. One of the four representatives from Kilkenny had ceased to be a member of the County Council but this did not interfere with his status and the same would apply, he presumed, to the Co. Wexford representatives.

In connection with the Mountgarrett Bridge Committee a letter was read from Mr. Michael Byrne, Ballynabearna, New Ross, asking on what authority the County Council acted in declaring a vacancy on this Committee and filling his position thereon until he had formally resigned.

The Secretary stated that when Mr. Byrne was asked if he would continue membership of the Committee, he wrote, under date 22nd January, that he was willing to act if he had an assurance from the Council that an attempt would not be made later to disqualify him on some silly technicality. As the Council did not see their way to give any assurance to Mr. Byrne they regarded the office as vacant and Mr. Thorpe was appointed *vive* Mr. Byrne.

Mr. Thorpe said in the circumstances he would withdraw from the Committee to allow Mr. Byrne to continue membership.



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ARKLOW HARBOUR - APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE.

Under date 11th March, 1926, a letter was read from Mr. A. B. Brennan, Arklow, asking to have Mr. Michael Tyrrell, Shipbuilder, Arklow, appointed as the representative of Gorey District on Arklow Harbour Board vice Very Rev. Canon Breen P.P. resigned.

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

"That Mr. Michael Tyrrell, Shipbuilder, Arklow, be appointed by the County Council as member of Arklow Harbour Board to represent Gorey District on that body, vice Very Rev Canon Breen P.P., resigned".

POISONS & PHARMACY ACT.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, it was decided to issue to Mr. Richard Breen, Commercial Quay, Wexford, renewal of Poisons & Pharmacy Act Licence.

PRINTING RECEIPT AND DEMAND NOTES.

For the printing of Rate Collectors' Receipt and Demand Notes, the following tenders were received:-

The People Newspaper Ltd. Wexford.	£26: 5: 0d.
The Free Press Wexford	£35: 0: 0d.
J. English & Co., Wexford	£24: 0: 0

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, the tender of Messrs J. English & Co., Wexford, at £24 (being the lowest) was accepted.

FISHING INDUSTRY.

A resolution was received from Wicklow County Council, viewing with alarm the grave danger from the possible extinction of the fishing industry which, they believed, x could be made a source of national wealth, and urging the



the Government to take such steps as would prevent a national disaster of this magnitude taking place.

Adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne.

LAND PURCHASE ANNUITIES.  
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The following resolution was received from Longford County Council:-

"That the Land Commission be requested to extend the term of years for payment of annuities so as to reduce the annuity proportionately".

No order.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF MEMBERS.  
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A resolution was received from Roscommon County Council demanding that the travelling allowances for all members should be made for the return journey at 5d per mile, or otherwise, that the members of the Oireachtas for the sake of national economy should adopt the principle as they applied it to County Councils".

No Order.

RATING OF NEW BUILDINGS ORDER.  
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The following resolution was received from Dublin County Council:-

"That this Council is of opinion that the system of exempting New and Reconstructed Buildings, enacted by Section 69 of the Local Government Act 1925, is most inequitable, and the Council urges the Minister for Local Government to take steps to have the law altered, so that Buildings erected previous to the passing of the Act shall not be exempt from Rates".

Adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Corish.

DRIVING OF CATTLE  
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A resolution was received from Kildare County Council



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calling attention to the danger to the public constantly arising from the driving of cattle on the roads after dark, and asking the Government to promote legislation by which all drivers of cattle and sheep on public roads after the official lighting-up time of vehicles should be required to carry a conspicuous light.

No Order

MOTHERS' PENSIONS.  
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Correspondence was submitted from the Irish Mothers' Pensions Society asking for support to their efforts to secure the establishment of State Pensions for all Necessitous widows and orphans.

No Order.

SELF PROTECTION LEAGUE & RATES.  
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Under date 7th April, 1926, Mr. M. Parker, Secretary, Self Protection League, wrote, asking the County Council to receive a deputation from the League to further discuss the question of the rate, which the people were able to pay for the ensuing financial year.

The Chairman stated that, as this communication was not received until the morning of the meeting, the deputation would not be heard until after the disposal of the ordinary business of the Council.

Messrs Johnson Pasha, Michael Ryand and Gregory Devereux subsequently attended the meeting.

The deputation pointed out that ratepayers were not able to pay a higher rate than 6/- in the £.

The Chairman stated that it would be impossible to alter the rate now as it had been considered and agreed to and all the rate books prepared. None of the members of the deputation had been able to give particulars as to how the proposed rate of 6/- was made up.

Colonel Gibbon proposed:-



"That the Self Protection League furnish concrete proposals and suggestions in writing, and after consideration of these by the County Council, a Conference can be arranged, as requested by the Self Protection League".

The Chairman seconded.

Passed. Date of Conference to be fixed later.

Alderman Corish considered that the proposed Conference should be composed of four members of the Council, two members from the Self Protection League and two representatives of organised labour.

PRIVATE ROAD AT CORRAMACORRA.  
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In connection with private road, commencing at a point about half ways between Kate's Cross and Kilmannon School and ending at Sunrise (Murrintown District), a deputation consisting of P. Reilly, Corramacorra and two other residents on the road came before the meeting and asked the Council to do something in connection with putting this road into repair. It was impassable at the moment, and neither priest nor doctor could visit any resident owing to its condition. It would take about £100 to put it into proper order.

After some discussion it was proposed by Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Gaul, and adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be asked to inspect and report to meeting of Roads Committee on 26th April, 1926, on the condition of the road near Murrintown (referred to in observations from deputation at this day's meeting) giving an estimate as to the probable cost of putting it into reasonable repair. That, on considering the County Surveyor's Report, the meeting be requested to favourably entertain the proposal to request Messrs Doyle and Corish to endeavour to secure a grant from the Government to cover the probable cost".

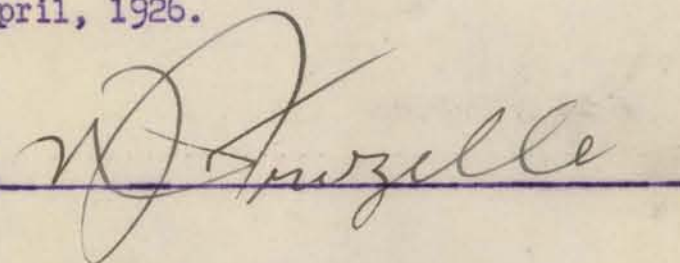
*Mr. McCallister  
May 10th 1926*



CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY.  
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I certify the foregoing to be a  
correct record of the Minutes of Proceedings  
of my County Council in respect of meeting  
held on 12th April, 1926.

(Signed)



Secretary Wexford Co. Council.

Dated this 16th day of April, 1926.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

SPECIAL MEETING

29th MARCH 1926.

MINUTES.

N. J. FRIZELLE

FORTVIEW

SECRETARY.

WEXFORD.

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A special meeting of the above County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on Monday 29th March 1926 for the purpose of considering and accepting the reports of Tenders Committees as to Road Contracts for which tenders had been provisionally accepted by these Committees.

Present, Mr T. McCarthy, Chairman (presiding), also present Messrs William Boggan, Patrick Byrne, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Michael Doyle, James Gaul, Colonel Gibbon, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, Aidan Mernagh, John O'Byrne, M.M. O'Donoghue, Colonel Quin, James Shannon, Wm Thorpe and John Whyte.

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

#### ENNISCORTHY ROADS.

The Tenders Committee for Enniscorthy District reported having accepted the following tenders at meeting held on Wednesday 24th March 1926:-

Index No.	From	To	Price per annum	Accepted tender per annum	Contractor
62	$\frac{31}{26}$	$\frac{31}{29}$	£16-0-0	£16-0-0	Thomas O'Hara Ballingate, Carnew.
Pt 63	"	"	£22-10-0	£19-19-0	Same.
" 72	"	"	£26-0-0	£22-19-0	James Molloy Corragh, Buncloody
92	"	"	£14-0-0	£14-0-0	Hugh Byrne Kilmyshall.
95	"	"	£18-0-0	£18-0-0	Thomas Finn Ryland.
97	"	"	£40-0-0	£40-0-0	James Kehoe Kyle
99	"	"	£40-0-0	£32-0-0	Michael Kearns Ballycrystal.
340	"	"	£20-0-0	£17-10-0	James Hendrick Ballycrystal.
345	"	"	£33-0-0	£27-0-0	Patrick Kearns Ballycrystal
354	"	"	£16-0-0	£16-0-0	Peter Murphy Clorogue more
80	"	"	£30	£27-0-0	Edward Kavanagh Rosemary Hill, Ferns.



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Index No.	From	To	Price per annum	Accepted tender per annum	Contractor.
84	$\frac{31}{3}$	$\frac{31}{3}$	£50-0-0	£44-0-0	Denis Lancaster Ballyboy, Strahart.
86	"	"	£15-0-0	£15-0-0	Michael Nolan Askinamoe, Ferns.
129	"	"	£18-0-0	£15-0-0	Edward Kavanagh Rosemary Hill, Ferns.
339	"	"	£16-0-0	£16-0-0	Edward McDonald Kilbora, Camolin.
103	"	"	£17-0-0	£16-10-0	Edward Leary Cullentra, Kilttealy.
252	"	"	£18-0-0	£16-10-0	Martin Cullen Newtown, Grange.
253	"	"	£12-0-0	£12-0-0	Michael Foley Killanne.
254	"	"	£18-0-0	£17-10-0	Philip Howlin Ballyhyland.
334	"	"	£20-0-0	£17-10-0	James Fenlon Grange Upper.
341	"	"	£10-0-0	£8-0-0	Michael Cooney Carrigeen, Grange.
351	"	"	£22-0-0	£17-0-0	James Fenlon Grange Upper.
355	"	"	£10-0-0	£10-0-0	Edward Leary Cullentra, Kilttealy.
357	"	"	£10-0-0	£8-0-0	Michael Cooney Carrigeen, Grange.
123	"	"	£30-0-0	£29-10-0	John Byrne Ballydaw, Marshalstown
289	"	"	£23-0-0	£23-0-0	Same
107	"	"	£20-0-0	£17-10-0	Edward O'Connor Coolree, Ballindaggin.
118	$\frac{30}{26}$	$\frac{30}{26}$	£24-0-0	£21-0-0	Walter Doyle Mohurry, Kilttealy.
242	$\frac{31}{26}$	$\frac{31}{26}$	£32-0-0	£29-0-0	William Doran Tomonia, Kilttealy.
287	"	"	£14-0-0	£13-15-0	Myles Slevin Kiltrea.
336	$\frac{30}{26}$	"	£17-0-0	£16-15-0	Same.
243	$\frac{30}{26}$	"	£12-0-0	£12-0-0	Edward Leary Cullentra, Kilttealy.



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275	<u>31</u> 3	<u>31</u> 3	£18-0-0	£17-0-0	John Leonard Moneytucker.
278	26	29	£21-0-0	£20-0-0	Same.
279	"	"	£21-0-0	£20-0-0	Patrick Dunne Cloheaden.
269	"	"	£20-0-0	£19-10-0	John Leonard Moneytucker.
270	"	"	£36-0-0	£35-10-0	Same.
327	"	"	£4-0-0	£4-0-0	Patrick Cosgrave Ballybrennan.
328	"	"	£5-0-0	£5-0-0	Same
330	"	"	£7-0-0	£6-17-0	Same
131	"	"	£14-0-0	£11-10-0	James Kenny Effernogue.
132	"	"	£18-0-0	£17-0-0	Same
320	"	"	<del>£27-0-0</del> £15-0-0	<del>£26-12-0</del> £15-0-0	<del>Patrick Cosgrave</del> Robert Kinsella Tinnashrule, Ferns
152	<u>30</u> <del>6</del> 26	"	£24-0-0	£21-10-0	James Kenny Effernogue.
165	<u>31</u> <del>3</del> 26	"	£30-0-0	£28-19-0	Patrick Brien Kyle, Oulart.
170	"	"	£34-0-0	£32-17-6	Joseph Hyland Coolgarrow.
173	"	"	£17-0-0	£16-15-0	Same
346	"	"	£10-0-0	£10-0-0	John Doran Kilcotty.
226	"	"	£11-0-0	£11-0-0	Same
232	"	"	£36-0-0	£36-0-0	John Redmond Crannroe, Edermine.
238	"	"	£40-0-0	£40-0-0	Joseph Cullen Ballyrannel.
239	"	"	£45-0-0	£45-0-0	James Brien Glenteigue.
240	"	"	£50-0-0	£50-0-0	Same.
168	"	"	£11-0-0	£9-5-0	Bryan Murphy Ballyought.
199	"	"	£23-0-0	£21-10-0	Same
220	"	"	£36-0-0	£35-0-0	Joseph Cullen Ballyrannell.
176	"	"	£18-0-0	£17-9-0	William McGill Ballingown Blackwater.



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Index No.	From	To	Price per annum	Accepted tender per annum	Contractor.
177	$\frac{31}{3}$	$\frac{31}{3}$	£28	£26-9-0	James Rossiter Tubberlamina.
178	$\frac{26}{"}$	$\frac{29}{"}$	£14-0-0	£14-0-0	James O'Brien Ballytarsna.
182	"	"	£16-0-0	£14-9-0	William McGill Ballingown.
186	"	"	£16-0-0	£14-0-0	Owen Murphy Knocknasilloque.
191	"	"	£10-0-0	£7-0-0	Same.
192	"	"	£20-0-0	£14-15-0	Same.
193	"	"	£20-0-0	£19-10-0	Thomas Mangan Balliconnigar.
195	"	"	£21-0-0	£21-0-0	Thomas Walsh Ballinclash.
201	"	"	£20-0-0	£18-10-0	Edward Roche Garryvadden, Blackwater.

With reference to Road 118 in respect of which the tender of Walter Doyle, Mohurry, Kildealy had been accepted by the Tenders Committee at £21 per annum, a second tender had been received from Doyle at £23-10-0. In addition a tender had been received from Mr Edward O'Connor, Coolree, Ballindaggin at £23.

The meeting considered the question of cancelling the contract in view of the fact that the second tender of Doyle may have been made for an unfair or fraudulent purpose.

Mr Elgee, solicitor said that in the absence of any specific rule of the Council to the contrary, an intending contractor was entitled to submit more than one tender for the same road.

The contract to Doyle at £21 was confirmed.

In connection with Road No 72, Mr James Molloy Corragh, Bunclody wrote under date 25th March and asked to be allowed to substitute the name of Patrick O'Reilly, Mechanic, Carrigduff Street, Bunclody as one of his sureties vice Hugh Kavanagh who was unable to attend to sign Bond at Enniscorthy.



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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Jordan seconded by Mr Cline:- "That Mr Patrick O'Reilly, Carrigduff Street, Bunclody be accepted as surety for James Molloy, Corragh, Bunclody vice Hugh Kavanagh.

Proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr Jordan and adopted:- "That tenders for Roads taken by Tenders Committee at Enniscorthy on 24th March 1926 as set out on Minutes of this meeting be and are hereby confirmed subject to alteration made by resolution in name of surety for road No 72. That the Seal of the County Council be embossed on said tenders.

The following roads in this district were, on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Cline placed in charge of County Surveyor up to the 31st March 1927:-

120	£25-0-0
Pt of 218	£18-0-0
263	£24-0-0
285	£11-5-0
304	£9-0-0
347	£8-0-0
348	£8-0-0
349	£8-0-0
350	£16-0-0.

#### GOREY TENDERS COMMITTEE.

The Gorey Tenders Committee which sat on 23rd March 1926 reported the acceptance of the following tenders:-

Index No.	From	To	Price per annum	Accepted tender per annum	Contractor
42	$\frac{30}{6}$	$\frac{30}{3}$	£22-0-0	£21-9-0	Abraham Storey Croghan, Ballyfad.
44	"	"	£25-0-0	£25-0-0	John Kinsella Croghan, Ballyfad.
45	"	"	£25-0-0	£22-9-0	Abraham Storey Croghan, Ballyfad.
58	"	"	£27-0-0	£27-0-0	Terence Dunne Tomcoyle Inch.
48	"	"	£40	£40-0-0	Morgan McDonald Searnagh.



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Index No. From To Price per annum Accepted tender per annum Contractor.

63	$\frac{30}{6}$	$\frac{31}{3}$	£32-0-0	£30-10-0	Patrick Higgins Parkbawn, Gorey.
80	"	"	£12-0-0	£7-10-0	John Kinsella Kilgorman, Castletown.
83	"	"	£30-0-0	£25-0-0	Denis Doyle Tomnahely, Inch.
100	"	"	£10-0-0	£7-10-0	John Kinsella Kilgorman.
68	$\frac{31}{26}$	"	£35-0-0	£32-19-0	Joshua Kilty Custodium, Kilanerin.
94	"	"	£20-0-0	£17-0-0	Thomas Sheehan Ballymenane, Gorey.
95	"	"	£24-0-0	£20-10-0	Same.
Pt 73	$\frac{30}{6}$	"	£20-0-0	£20-0-0	William Kavanagh Parkbawn, Gorey.
103	"	"	£28-0-0	£23-0-0	Michael Codd Ballyscartan, Gorey.
88	"	"	£36-0-0	£36-0-0	William Kinsella Castlewhite, Carnew.
109	"	"	£20-0-0	£20-0-0	Patrick Ormonde Ballyellis, Carnew.
114	"	"	£42-0-0	£41-0-0	James French Ballyshane.
118	$\frac{31}{3}$	"	£24-0-0	£24-0-0	Patrick Higgins Ballydarragh
190	$\frac{30}{6}$	"	£40-0-0	£33-10-0	Patrick Fox Knockbrandon.
120	"	"	£20-0-0	£20-0-0	Patrick Higgins Ballydarragh.
188	$\frac{31}{3}$	"	£12-0-0	£12-0-0	Nicholas Redmond Ballinlow, Kilmuckridge.

As regards roads Nos 94 and 95 for which £20 and £24 had been allocated, Thomas Sheehan, Ballyminaun, Gorey tendered at £17 and £20-10-0 per annum respectively, it was pointed out that Bonds for both roads had not been completed, Sheehan stating when names of sureties were called for signature to bond that they had left. Sheehan was subsequently notified that bond could be perfected in Gorey on Friday 26th March to which he replied- "Understood stones five shillings at time of tendering. Will complete bond at full money if allowed."



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Sheehan was informed that terms of specification providing for cost of material at 8/- per cubic yard for broken stones and 4/- for screenings could not be altered.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin:- "That roads 94 and 95 be placed in the charge of the County Surveyor at amount allocated by the Co. Council with instructions that he is not to employ Thomas Sheehan, Ballyminnaun, Gorey, in connection with any work thereon."

In connection with road 98, Patrick Fortune Knockavota, Gorey, the old contractor, wrote that he would be prepared to enter into a contract for this road to 31st March 1929 at amount allocated by County Council viz, £42.

A letter was read from Daniel Kinsella, Market Street, Gorey, offering to maintain the road at £42 per annum.

It was decided to place the road in the charge of County Surveyor to 31st March 1927 at £31-10-0.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Shannon seconded by the Chairman:- "That the tenders ~~accept~~ accepted by Gorey Tenders Committee on 23rd March 1926 be and are hereby confirmed and that the Seal of the Wexford County Council be embossed thereon. That the following roads be placed in charge of the County Surveyor:-

94	£20.
95	£24
98	£31-10-0. "

#### NEW ROSS ROADS.

The Tenders Committee for New Ross District which met on 25th March 1926 reported having provisionally accepted the following tenders:-



## New Ross Roads

Index No. From To Price per annum Accepted tender per annum Contractor.

64	$\frac{31}{3}$	$\frac{31}{3}$	£16-0-0	£14-0-0	Denis Connors Tomanine, Rathmure.
	$\frac{26}{29}$				
65	"	"	£11-0-0	£11-0-0	James Tobin Monamolin.
66	"	"	£15-0-0	£15-0-0	John O'Brien Ballygibbon.
75	"	"	£19-0-0	£18-9-6	Patrick Nolan Templenacrow.
77	"	"	£12-0-0	£12-0-0	Richard McGrath Knockroe, Palace.
260	"	"	£10-0-0	£10-0-0	Laurence Joyce Templeudigan.
287	"	"	£10-0-0	£10-0-0	James Tobin Monamolin.
90 <del>88</del>	"	"	£30-0-0	£29-0-0	John Doran Gobbinstown.
104 <del>88</del>	"	"	£37-0-0	£35-0-0	Samuel Elmes Rochestown, New Ross.
105	"	"	£20-0-0	£19-0-0	Same.
157	"	"	£7-0-0	£7-0-0	Patrick Hanlon Ballyverogue, Campile.
145	"	"	£24-0-0	£23-0-0	Terence Doyle Tinnecarrig.
218	"	"	£25-0-0	£24-18-6	Thomas Cooney Ballykelly.
219	"	"	£27-0-0	£27-0-0	James Cleary Killowen.
221	"	"	£5-0-0	£4-19-0	Thomas Cooney Ballykelly.
222	"	"	£24-0-0	£24-0-0	James Cleary Killowen
231	"	"	£20-0-0	£20-0-0	Patrick Hanlon Ballyverogue.
234	"	"	£8-0-0	£8-0-0	Simon Murphy Ballysop.
235	"	"	£10-0-0	£10-0-0	Moses Browne Garryduff.
240	"	"	£12-0-0	£11-0-0	Edward Byrne Rathimney.
171	"	"	£9-0-0	£8-0-0	Terence Doyle Tinnecarrig.



Index No. From To Price per annum Accepted tender per annum Contractor.

174	$\frac{31}{3}$	$\frac{31}{3}$	£25-0-0	£23-17-6	Peter Stafford Coolboy, Foulksmills.
	$\frac{26}{29}$				
175	"	"	£15-0-0	£13-18-10	Martin Kehoe Loughnageer.
182	"	"	£26-0-0	£22-14-6	Same.
186	"	"	£11-0-0	£11-0-0	Edward Byrne Rathimney.
276	"	"	£24-0-0	£22-17-6	Richard Miskella Coolboy.
294	"	"	£6-0-0	£5-10-10	Martin Kehoe Loughnageer
180	"	"	£20-0-0	£16-10-0	Marks Hanlon Clongeen
191	"	"	£12-0-0	£12-0-0	James Furlong Coolroe, Ballycullane.
192	"	"	£8-0-0	£7-0-0	Same.
207	"	"	£20-0-0	£17-0-0	William Walsh Tallaught.
208	"	"	£18-0-0	£16-0-0	Same.
292	"	"	£13-0-0	£9-10-0	Marks Hanlon Clongeen.
198	"	"	£22-10-0	£17-10-0	Same.
244	"	"	£21-0-0	£19-15-0	Patrick Murray Killesk.
246	"	"	£10-0-0	£10-0-0	Edward Byrne Rathimney.
251	"	"	£10-0-0	£10-0-0	Patrick Power Nuke, Arthurstown.
252	"	"	£21-0-0	£21-0-0	Same.
255	"	"	£12-0-0	£12-0-0	Patrick Keating Nuke, Arthurstown.
256	"	"	£4-0-0	£4-0-0	Same.
257	"	"	£17-0-0	£17-0-0	Same
263	"	"	£12-0-0	£12-0-0	Patrick O'Neill Shelbaggan.
266	"	"	£20-0-0	£20-0-0	Same
267	$\frac{30}{6}$	"	£30-0-0	£29-10-0	Thomas Whelan Ballyphile, Duncannon.
	$\frac{26}{26}$				
271	$\frac{31}{3}$	"	£19-0-0	£19-0-0	Joseph Fitzgerald Battlestown.
	$\frac{26}{26}$				



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272	$\frac{31}{3}$	$\frac{31}{29}$	£26-0-0	£26-0-0	Patrick O'Neill Shelbaggan.
274	"	"	£13-0-0	£13-0-0	Michael Neville Haggard.
275	"	"	£24-0-0	£24-0-0	John Murphy Ballygow, Duncannon.
277	"	"	£12-0-0	£12-0-0	James Cusack Levistown, Duncannon.
281	"	"	£21-0-0	£21-0-0	Michael Neville Haggard.
282	"	"	£12-0-0	£11-10-0	John Egan Ramstown, Fethard.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Colfer seconded by Mr Shannon:- "That the tenders for roads provisionally accepted by New Ross Tenders Committee on 25th March 1926 be and are hereby confirmed and that the Seal of the Wexford County Council be embossed thereon.

Col Quin proposed and Mr Doyle seconded:- "That the Roads untendered for at New Ross Tenders Committee meeting be re-advertised."

Mr Colfer proposed and Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded:-

"That the following roads untendered for at New Ross Tenders Committee meeting be placed in the hands of Co. Surveyor to 31st March 1927 at amount allocated by County Council:-

82	£20	141	£18
88	£12	150	£15
98	£16	154	£14
99	£14	189	£20
110	£16	Pt 226	£10
113	£12-15-0	227	£12
114	£28-10-0	230	£18
115	£10	232	£12
		238	£15
		242	£29
		270	£13
		280	£6
		293	£12

A vote was taken on the amendment of Mr Colfer with the following result:-

For- Messrs Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, P O'Byrne, Shannon, Colfer, Connors,



Clince, Sean O'Byrne, and the Chairman--10  
Against-Messrs Gibbon, O'Donoghue, Thorpe, Quin, Whyte, Jordan,  
Doyle and Boggan--8

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

WEXFORD TENDERS COMMITTEE.

The Wexford Tenders Committee which met on 27th March  
1926 reported having accepted the following tenders:-

Index No.		From	To	Price per annum	Accepted tender per annum	Contractor.
73	$\frac{30}{6}$	$\frac{31}{3}$		£17-0-0	£16-10-0	Denis Murphy
74	$\frac{26}{26}$	$\frac{29}{29}$		£18-0-0	£16-5-0	Johnstown. Charles Murphy Johnstown.
75	"	"		£25-0-0	£23-15-0	Same
78	$\frac{31}{3}$	$\frac{26}{26}$		£26-0-0	£25-5-0	John Roche Ballyhoo, Screen.
82	"	"		£16-0-0	£14-15-0	Charles Murphy Johnstown.
84	"	"		£10-0-0	£10-0-0	Denis Murphy Johnstown
55	"	"		£40-0-0	£40-0-0	Joseph Doyle Mountainmuck, Killuri
61	"	"		£16-0-0	£16-0-0	Thomas Doyle The Deeps, Kyle.
87	"	"		£50-0-0	£48-19-0	John Keily Blackhall, Glynn.
88	$\frac{30}{6}$	$\frac{26}{26}$	"	£20-0-0	£19-10-0	Martin Handley Blackhall, Glynn.
89	$\frac{31}{3}$	$\frac{26}{26}$	"	£25-0-0	£24-10-0	John Furlong Barmoney, Bree.
91	"	"		£36-0-0	£35-9-0	James Dowd Glenview, Barntown
206	"	"		£21-0-0	£20-15-0	Nicholas Fortune Barmona
93	"	"		£27-0-0	£26-9-0	James Dowd Glenview, Barntown
94	"	"		£36-0-0	£30-0-0	John Merriman Kingsford, Barntown.
127	"	"		£22-0-0	£19-15-0	John Cooney Barntown, Wexford.
128	"	"		£16-0-0	£13-15-0	Same
134	"	"		£14-0-0	£13-10-0	James Dowd Seaview, Barntown.
155	"	"		£21-0-0	£18-0-0	Same
255	"	"		£14-0-0	£11-15-0	Same.



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Index No.	From	To	Price per annum	Accepted tender per annum	Contractor.
85	$\frac{31}{3}$	$\frac{31}{3}$	£40-0-0	£39-14-6	John Furlong Barmoney, Bree.
86	"	"	£22-0-0	£21-15-0	Nicholas Fortune Barmoney, Bree.
96	"	"	£32-0-0	£31-0-0	Walter Creane Clonerane, Taghmon.
99	"	"	£24-0-0	£24-0-0	Patrick Cullen Forest, Taghmon.
100	"	"	£50-0-0	£49-14-6	John Furlong Barmoney, Bree.
113	"	"	£16-0-0	£14-19-0	Thomas Kelly Skeeterpark Clearistown.
175	"	"	£15-0-0	£13-0-0	Patrick Byrne Ballykillane
176	"	"	£50-0-0	£33-8-0	Same
177	"	"	£13-0-0	£10-0-0	Same
181	"	"	£30-0-0	£27-10-0	Thomas Pitt Ballibernagh, Bridgetown
182	"	"	£30-0-0	£29-0-0	John Bruton Ablinstown Ballycogley.
183	"	"	£33-0-0	£30-0-0	Thomas Dunne Sleedagh, Murrintown
184	"	"	£42-0-0	£32-0-0	Benjamin Wilson Ablintown, Ballycogley.
102	"	"	£26-0-0	£26-0-0	Thomas Cleary Coolcliffe, Foulksmills
105	"	"	£25-0-0	£24-17-6	Patrick Doyle Ardinagh, Taghmon.
108	"	"	£30-0-0	£30-0-0	Walter Creane Clonerane, Taghmon.
141	"	"	£20-0-0	£18-18-0	James Wade Danescastle, Bannow.
137	"	"	£42-0-0	£29-14-0	Same
153	"	"	£15-0-0	£13-9-0	John Sinnott Robinstown, Duncormick.
156	"	"	£20-0-0	£15-0-0	Same.
157	"	"	£24-0-0	£15-12-0	Thomas White Scotsland Duncormick.



## Wexford Roads continued

Index No. From To Price per annum Accepted tender per annum Contractor

195	$\frac{30}{6}$	$\frac{31}{3}$	£16-0-0	£9-19-6	Robert Sherida Blackhall, Bannow.
196	$\frac{26}{31}$	$\frac{29}{3}$	£30-0-0	£21-19-6	Same
197	$\frac{26}{31}$	$\frac{29}{3}$	£10-0-0	£7-0-0	Same
136	"	"	£27-0-0	£27-0-0	Thomas Sinnott Heavenstown, Clearistown
163	$\frac{31}{3}$	"	£22-0-0	£21-2-6	Same
169	$\frac{26}{30}$	"	£20-0-0	£18-7-0	Thomas Kelly Skeeterpark, Clearistown.
170	$\frac{31}{3}$	"	£18-0-0	£17-4-0	Thomas Sinnott Heavenstown, Clearistown
171	"	"	£12-0-0	£11-9-0	James Murphy Newbog, Murrintown.
191	$\frac{30}{6}$	"	£25-0-0	£23-0-0	Patrick Keeling Bridgetown, Wexford
198	"	"	£11-0-0	£9-8-0	Thomas Kelly Skeeterpark, Clearistown
260	$\frac{31}{3}$	"	£14-0-0	£13-6-0	Same.
208	"	"	£20-0-0	£14-15-0	James Jordan Reahouse, Duncormick.
214	$\frac{30}{6}$	"	£50-0-0	£39-19-0	James Sheil Newtown, Kilmore.
215	"	"	£18-0-0	£16-19-0	John McGrath Tullibards, Bridgetown.
216	$\frac{31}{3}$	"	£23-0-0	£20-19-0	Same.
234	$\frac{26}{3}$	"	£30-0-0	£20-0-0	John Barry Lake Little, Rosslare.
236	"	"	£17-0-0	£11-5-6	Same.
238	"	"	£13-0-0	£12-10-0	John Power Butlerstown, Broadway.

In connection with roads 74, 75 and 82, it appeared that Denis Murphy, Johnstown, Castlebridge had tendered for these roads and that lower tenders for them were provisionally accepted from Charles Murphy, son of Denis Murphy, and who lived with the latter.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Boggan seconded by Mr Whyte:- "That the tenders for roads 74, 75, and 82 provisionally entered into with Charles Murphy Johnstown, Castlebridge be cancelled and that said roads be placed in charge of the County Surveyor up to 31st March 1927."

As regards road No 156 it was pointed out that Edward Furlong, Knocktown, Duncormick tendered at £13-10-0 and John Sinnott, Robinstown, Duncormick tendered at £15. Sinnott had stated at meeting of Tenders Committee that he had been contractor for 20 years. It was now ascertained from the Co. Surveyor that Sinnott was first accepted as contractor in 1915 while Furlong's father had the road before that for 25 years.

Col Gibbon proposed and Mr Whyte seconded the following resolution:- "That the contract for road 156 provisionally accepted with John Sinnott be rejected and that the tender of Edward Furlong, Knocktown, Duncormick be accepted at £13-10-0."

This was carried on a show of hands, 13 being in favour.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Cline:- "That the report of Tenders Committee for Wexford District unless where specifically varied by resolutions adopted at this meeting be and ~~are~~ is hereby confirmed. That the Seal of Wexford County Council be embossed on each accepted tender."

Proposed by Mr Colfer seconded by Mr ~~EE~~ O'Byrne:-

"That the following roads in Wexford District untendered for at meeting of Tenders Committee at Wexford be and are hereby placed in the charge of the Co. Surveyor up to 31st March 1927:-

67	£40
79	£8
107	£25
112	£18
257	£16.

#### General Resolutions re Road Tenders

Proposed by Mr Jordan seconded by Mr Thorpe and adopted:-

"That it be an instruction to Tenders Committees in



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future that where the same person lodges two or more road tenders for the one road, said tenders are not to be taken into consideration by Tenders Committees. Also that where more than one tender is received from the same household, said tenders be not taken into consideration as the Council are of opinion that one tender only should be submitted from the same household *for the one road.*

Proposed by Col Gibbon seconded by Mr O'Donoghue and passed:- "That in the case of all roads placed in the hands of the County Surveyor at this meeting, it be an instruction to the latter that he cannot exceed (without the permission of the Roads Committee) the amount allowed under the last expiring  $\phi$  contract for said roads and in the case of roads on which no contract existed, the previous yearly cost. of maintenance."



DEPUTATION TO SIR THOMAS H.G.ESMONDE.

SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN COUNTY HOSPITAL.

The following was submitted by the Chairman:-

"In connection with the refusal of the Directors of the National Bank to advance to the Wexford County Council a sum of £4763 on loan for completion of work at County Hospital, the County Council appointed the Chairman, Mr R. Corish T.D. and the Secretary to wait on Sir Thomas H.G. Esmonde, Chairman of Irish Board of Directors with a view to securing his interest in having the matter reconsidered by the Directors.

The Deputation was received by Sir Thomas Esmonde on 25th March 1926 at Head Office of National Bank, College Green, Dublin.

It was pointed out to Sir Thomas that the renovation and improvements of County Hospital would cost £14763 and that the £10000 which had been already advanced would be practically wasted unless the building could be finished according to plan. The Council had asked the Bank to advance the full amount in the first instance but had not been successful.

Sir Thomas referred to the very large amount which was owing by Public Bodies  $\frac{1}{2}$  to the Bank-a liability which, it had been anticipated, would be considerably reduced by now. Unfortunately this was not the case, and the Bank would find it difficult to agree to any further advances to Public Bodies until the position showed improvement. But, as it appeared in the present instance, that the amount already spent would be of very little use unless the contract for improvement at County Hospital was carried out in full, he would be prepared to recommend the application as a special case and would endeavour to induce his fellow Directors to agree to the advance of £4763.

The Deputation which was very cordially received by Sir Thomas Esmonde expressed their thanks for his promise."

Mr Boggan proposed and Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted unanimously:-



"That the best thanks of this Council are hereby  
tendered to Sir Thomas H.G. Esmonde Bart. for the kind and ~~kind~~  
courteous manner in which he received the deputation from this  
Council relative to supplemental loan of £4763 necessary to  
finish the work of renovation and improvement at County Hospital  
Wexford. That a copy of this resolution be furnished Sir  
Thomas Esmonde."

*Wm. Esmonde*  
*Sept 26*



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.  
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MONTHLY MEETING 8TH MARCH, 1926.  
  
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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,  
WEXFORD.



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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 8th March 1926.

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Present-Mr T. McCarthy, Chairman, presiding; also Messrs, Boggan ~~William~~, James Clinee, Michael Cloney, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, Michael Doyle, James Gaul, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, David Kavanagh, Aidan Mernagh, Nicholas J. Murphy, John O'Byrne, M.M. O'Donoghue, John Pender, Thomas Rossiter, James Shannon, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh, John Whyte, Col. C.M. Gibbon and Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin.

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

Minutes of ordinary meeting of 8th February 1926 and of special meeting of 22nd February 1926 were read and signed.

CONTRACT V DIRECT LABOUR.

Mr Jordan moved the following motion of which he had given previous notice:-

"That in future all road and quarry work of the Wexford County Council be carried out by piece work or by contract."

Mr Thorpe seconded and suggested that Mr Jordan should add to his motion the words "so far as is possible." It would not be feasible to have contracts in connection with steamrolling or for some work in respect of main and trunk roads.

Mr Jordan agreed to the suggestion of Mr Thorpe and said he would add the words "so far as possible" to his motion.

The County Surveyor having been asked for his opinion stated that the direct labour scheme was a success and he maintained it had not cost more although the expenditure on roads had nearly doubled since 1914. The tonnage on roads was not what it was in 1914 but was less, and a better class of material was being supplied owing to the use of machinery. A better class of material ~~machinery~~ could be obtained by machinery than by hand. He was prepared to invite offers per cubic yard for material from particular quarries and would give ~~them~~ every facility to do so.



The haulage was being done by piecework. He did not think they would get the work on the sides of the roads done by piecework. Prices in connection with road maintenance had doubled since 1914. He had no objection to a limited amount of piece work in quarries but doubted if in the big quarries it could be worked satisfactorily.

Mr Doyle asked for the maintenance cost of roads from Kerlogue to Killinick, portion of which was done by contract and portion by direct labour. This was one of the best sections of main roads in the county.

Mr Birthistle gave figures which showed that the contract system on these roads was cheaper by about £16 per mile. Before the termination of the meeting, however, the Co. Surveyor stated that taking the whole length of road into consideration the cost by direct labour and by contract was 5/- per perch in each case.

Col Quin stated that piecework was the system adopted in big factories, mines, etc., and he could not see any difficulty in having the work in quarries done in the same way. Most of the men working on the roads were good, but he had seen others who were very bad.

Mr Boggan suggested that they confine themselves in the discussion to the production of broken stones, which he was told were costing 8/- a cubic yard. He considered this should demonstrate the necessity of having the work done by the contract system. By doing so they would have a considerable saving which would be beneficial for the workers, because men could be employed at this portion of the year.

Mr Corish said that it was easy to make the suggestion that they were not getting value but if they examined the question of road making from an unprejudiced angle they would have to admit that since direct labour came into operation the roads had become comparatively passable. There seemed to be a difference of opinion between the proposer and seconder of the motion, Mr Thorpe having suggested the addition of the words "where possible" which



meant that the deputy or county surveyor could enter upon piece work to the detriment of the workers which the Labour Party would not stand for. He wished to know if the Council were prepared to go the whole way as regards piecework which made it possible for a man to earn time and a half within the ordinary working hours. The contract system would not provide them with roads capable of bearing modern traffic.

Col Gibbon said they were there as representatives of the public and their first aim and object was economy. Mr Corish had spoken of and pressed forward the employment of the largest number of men possible at a good rate of wages. He was right to a certain extent in doing that, but he was also there as a representative of the ratepayers. It was the duty of the Council to see that the smallest amount of money was raised and that the best work was produced for it. The motion did not ask that the contract system be adopted everywhere in the county but in its amended form/wherever the County Surveyor considered that more economic results could be derived from it, so as to reduce the cost of supervision. No labour member had controverted the evidence that the contract work on the Killinick road was costing a shilling per perch less than direct labour. He had been over the road and he would not like to say there was any difference between the portions done by contract and that done by direct labour.

The Chairman stated that the Council had really no power to adopt the amended motion as the Council would have to declare specially the manner in which work on a road was to be done. According to Road Works Scheme the Council would have to specify as regards each individual road on which a contract did not exist whether, as from 1st of April of present year it should be maintained by contract or otherwise than by contract, viz,- by direct labour. If Mr Jordan's motion now passed, it would not prevent any Councillor who so desired raising on discussion of Road Works Scheme the manner in which any individual road was to be maintained.



Mr Doyle stated that when he was a member of the former County Councils the contract system was not a bad one. What killed the contract system was that those who took contracts turned to tillage during the great war, from which they got better results. If it were possible to-day to have the contract system they would have plenty of people willing to accept them. It had been mentioned that contracts were impossible, but "I hold," he continued, "they are not, from the very concrete example I gave you to-day and I defy contradiction on that. It had been stated that the working man had been treated badly lately, and that his wages are cut down from £2-10-0 to 30/-, but I hold that the ratepayers have not to-day a third of what they had at the time that the labourers were paid £2-10-0, and I also hold that they are in a far worse position than the men earning 30/-, particularly a lot of small farmers.

After further discussion, Mr Jordan amended his motion by permission of the meeting to read as follows:-

"That a system of piece work be arranged for all quarries and on all roads except those about being steamrolled or under grant work."

Mr Thorpe seconded.

A poll was then taken on the motion which resulted:-

For--Col Gibbon, Col Quin, Messrs Boggan, Cloney, O'Donoghue, Hall, Murphy, Thorpe, Jordan, Doyle, and Whyte, Kavanagh and Walsh  
- 13.

Against--Messrs Cline, Shannon, Sean O'Byrne, J. Connors, Hayes, Colfer, Gaul, Mernagh, Rossiter, Cooney, Pender, Corish and the Chairman--13.

The Chairman decided not to give his casting vote, it being explained that the motion could not come into effect as a result of the division.



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THE LATE MR W.H. JONES, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

The Chairman moved the following which was seconded by Mr Walsh and adopted in silence:- "That we express our deep regret at the death of Mr W. H. Jones, late Assistant Surveyor to this Council. Mr Jones was a faithful and loyal servant who discharged his duties in an upright and conscientious manner. During his many years of office he did everything in his power to assist the Council in their work as regards the execution of roads and public works. He performed his duties with courtesy and tact to everyone with whom he was brought into contact and the Council. That a copy of this resolution be furnished to Miss Jones, daughter of deceased."

THE LATE MRS MULVEY.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Rossiter seconded by Mr Corish and adopted in silence:- "That we express to Mr G. Mulvey, representative of the "Echo" newspaper our deep sympathy in the loss sustained by him in the death of his wife."



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MR. JAMES MURPHY EX-RATE COLLECTOR NO.19  
COLLECTION DISTRICT - APPLICATION  
FOR RE-INSTATEMENT.  
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Mr. Rossiter moved the following of which he had given previous notice and which in accordance with the Standing Orders of the Council had been signed by seven members of the Council to allow of its discussion:-

"That the resolution of the Wexford County Council dismissing Mr. James Murphy, Rate Collector for No.19 Collection District, be rescinded and that he be reinstated in his position as such Rate Collector".

Mr. Hayes seconded.

In connection with this matter the following under date 15th February, 1926, was read from Mr. Murphy:-

"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 retrieving 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 difficulties and dangers I had to contend with after my appointment when for long time after the carrying out of the duties of the position often meant risking life &c, notwithstanding this, as can be ascertained, I successfully collected the Rates for the Council and I now again respectfully ask them to give <sup>me</sup> another chance especially as I have cleared off all outstanding between us and thus made amends as far as lay in my power".

Rev. J. Murphy P.P., Ballymurn and Rev. Wm.J. Harpur C.C., Carroreigh, wrote that if the Council would reinstate Mr. Murphy they felt he would give satisfaction



in future.

A poll was taken on Mr. Rossiter's motion with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Murphy, Kavanagh, Connors, Hayes, Colfer, Gaul, Mernagh, Rossiter, Cooney and Pender - 10.

Against:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Ald. Corish, Messrs Doyle, Thorpe, Jordan, Walsh, Whyte, Shannon, O'Byrne, Boggan, Cloney, O'Donoghue and the Chairman - 14.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

Messrs Hall and Clince declined voting.

Under date 5th March, 1926, the Department of Local Government & Public Health wrote that the Minister was not prepared to consider the question of payment of poundage to Mr. Murphy until all warrants for which he was responsible had been finally closed and properly accounted for.

#### APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO. 19 COLLECTION DISTRICT.

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The Secretary mentioned that as directed by last meeting of the County Council he had requested the Superior of the Christian Brothers, Wexford, to set examination papers in Irish, English and Arithmetic for candidates for the position of Rate Collector for No. 19 Collection District, vacant owing to the dismissal of Mr. James Murphy. The Examination had been held on 5th March, 1926, and the result, according to the report of the Superior of the Christian Brothers, was as follows:-



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## Rate Collectorship.

Applicant's Name.	Number of Marks obtained in:-			TOTAL (Maximum 350).
	Irish (Maximum 100)	English. (Maximum 150)	Arithmetic (Maximum 100).	
John Doyle, Scullabogue, Newbawn.	53	122	100	275 - 1.
Philip Doyle, Barntown.	13	108	100	221 - 2.
Peter Doyle, Kilbraney, Gusserane.	25	88	72	185 - 3.
William Kelly, Adamstown.	22	82	66	170 - 4.
Aidan Byrne, Adamstown.	12	84	66	162 - 5.
Michael Byrne, Tomgarrow, Adamstown	17	83	56	156 - 6.
David Curtis, Raheenvarren Newbawn	0	83	66	149 - 7.
Laurence Ennis, Horetown, Foulksmills.	8	64	50	122 - 8
James Whelan, Taghmon.	0	78	30	108 - 9.
Thomas Clancy, College, Barntown.	0	48	11	59 - 10.



The Secretary pointed out that the following resolution had been adopted by the County Council on 16th December 1921:-

"That no candidate be appointed to any position under Wexford County Council who fails to secure thirty-three and a third per cent of marks in Irish Examination - Gaechta Begd Part I."



Col Quin proposed and Mr Hall seconded:-

"That John Doyle, Scullabogue, Newbawn be appointed Rate Collector for No. 19 Collection District (District Electoral Divisions of Adamstown, Barronstown, Carrigbyrne, Horetown and Kilgarvan) for a probationary period of twelve months- remuneration 6d in the £ on amount of rates collected and lodged according to the terms of Bond; also statutory fees in connection with the preparation of Lists under Franchise Acts. This appointment to be conditional on approval of the Minister of Local Government and Public Health to Mr Doyle and to the latter entering into Fidelity Guarantee Bond of £900 and of personal bond of £200 for the due and faithful discharge of his duties."

Mr Shannon moved and Mr Doyle seconded the following resolution:- "That the names of all candidates for the position of Rate Collector for No. 19 Collection District be put to the meeting."

In reply to the Chairman, Mr Elgee, solicitor pointed out that in view of the resolution of the County Council that candidates should obtain thirty-three and one-third marks in Irish examination, Mr John Doyle, Scullabogue, Newbawn was the only qualified candidate before the meeting.

The Chairman decided that in the face of the opinion of Mr Elgee he was not entitled to take the motion of Mr Shannon.

The resolution of Col Quin as to the appointment of Mr John Doyle was then put to the meeting and passed nem. con.

The Chairman declared Mr Doyle elected.

Mr Doyle returned thanks for his election. He promised to do his utmost to give every satisfaction in the discharge of his duties and would leave nothing undone so far as his ability allowed to meet the wishes of the Council.

The following testimonials were submitted by the successful candidate:-

From Mr J.M.J. Duke, Superintendent, Agricultural Station Ballyhaise, Co. Cavan:- "Mr John J. Doyle acted as foreman at this station from October 1914 to February 1917. About this time he met



with an accident which incapacitated him from further work on the farm. During the past twelve months he has assisted me with my office work. During his time on the farm he had charge of apprentices and men. His duties consisted of superintending the work of both, as well as explaining and demonstrating to the apprentices how the work should be done. This included the working of all kinds of farm machinery such as threshing mill, grinding mill, binders, mowers, ploughs, cultivators, etc. His duties also consisted of teaching the apprentices how to sow seeds and manures by hand. He proved himself a hard worker and did all his work in a thorough, conscientious, and painstaking manner which always gave satisfaction. His office duties consisted of keeping the books connected with the farm account. Of this work he soon had a thorough knowledge and proved himself expert in the matter of figures and neatness."

From Sister M Harrington, St. Patrick's Boys' School, Kilkenny:- "John Doyle has spent eleven months in our employment as working steward. We found him sober, honest and obliging. He leaves at his own request all wages having been paid."

From Canon O'Brien P.P. Newbawn, Co. Wexford:-  
"John Doyle Scullabogue is, I understand, a candidate for the position of rate collector. He is a native of this district and I have known him since his childhood. He is a very intelligent man, temperate and upright."

Some years ago, he was a teacher in an agricultural college but owing to a diseased bone in his foot, through which he lost his foot afterwards, had to give up his position. I have no hesitation in recommending him."

#### FUTURE APPOINTMENTS BY COUNTY COUNCIL.

Mr N. J. Murphy gave notice of his intention to move at next meeting of the Council that in future, candidates who secure the highest number of marks at examinations conducted by the Council for positions in the gift of the Council be appointed to such positions provided their personal character and reference be considered satisfactory."



# HEAVY LORRY TRAFFIC.

Col Gibbon said that arising out of a discussion at the Roads Committee meeting on that morning he wished to propose a resolution that all lorries over four tons in weight be prohibited from using the Wexford-Enniscorthy road in particular. If they did that, however, they would get on the side roads, and if anyone wished he could put up a proposition that the lorries be prevented from using any roads except those certified by the County Surveyor as fit to carry them. The County Surveyor had told the Roads Committee that £11,000 had been spent on the Enniscorthy-Wexford road last year and that only for the heavy lorries £2,500 would have got it in as good condition and he estimated that the damage done this year would mean another £10,000 being spent on it. Actually there were registered in the county six of those heavy lorries, owned by four men, bringing in a total amount of taxation of £180. In connection with the £20,000 spent on and estimated for that road, the County Surveyor estimated that £5,000 would have covered the estimates for that road if they had not the heavy traffic. If that was the case with one of their roads what was the case with the rest of their roads? It appeared that his resolution, if passed, would have to be confirmed by the L.G.D.-that the Council had not power to act on it. The Waterford County <sup>Surveyor</sup> Council had put up very strong recommendations on the matter to that Council and were acting in a somewhat similar way. So long as the present amount of damage was being done to their roads he did not see how they could maintain them at anything approaching an economic figure with reference to the rates to be paid by the people of the county.

Mr Hayes seconded the proposition and asked were they bound to provide an alternative road.

The Secretary said they were bound to do so.

Mr Hayes said that if they had not a suitable alternative road they were going to be in a worse position if the lorries went on roads that were not prepared for them at all.

Col Gibbon said that his proposition meant that all roads in the county be closed against the heavy lorries with the



exception of those certified by the County Surveyor from time to time as capable of carrying them. At the present time the roads were not capable of carrying them, but if they got a dry summer the County Surveyor would be able to certify that roads could be used. He was on the Enniscorthy road last week and there was a broad track on it where lorry wheels had gone, and it appeared as if a plough had been used on it for miles.

Mr Hayes said he was afraid they would be putting the County Surveyor in an awkward position if they wanted him to find an alternative route for the Enniscorthy road. He did not know what the County Surveyor would do.

Mr Thorpe--There are the railways.

Mr Rossiter--And the river.

Mr Thorpe said the Government should adopt the same duty as they had in Northern Ireland for those lorries--£100.

Col Gibbon said £100 was not high enough; it should be £400.

Mr Thorpe said it would be much better for the County Council to buy these lorries and have them dumped off Tuskar than to have them breaking up their roads.

Mr Boggan said he thought Col Gibbon's resolution should be accepted and passed without any qualification whatever. It was impossible to put up rates that would keep up those roads and they should not only pass Col Gibbon's resolution but should also call on the Government to prohibit the use of these heavy lorries altogether.

The Chairman said the Government realised the position to the full. He considered the latter should raise a big loan to fit the roads for modern conditions of traffic. The roads were never built to stand the traffic of the present day. The motor lorry traffic could not be successfully put off the roads and would have to be met. The Government should put the main roads into a proper condition as it was not fair to ask County Councils to undertake the task.

After some further discussion the resolution was put and passed.



WITHHELD GOVERNMENT GRANTS.

DEPUTATION TO MINISTER OF FINANCE.

The following report was presented :-

"In accordance with the resolution of the County Council Messrs Doyle T.D. and Corish T.D. arranged for a deputation from the County Council to interview the Minister of Finance in connection with Government Grants which had been withheld owing to non-payment of Land Purchase annuities. The deputation were received by the Minister on 3rd March 1926 and consisted of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary of the Council. Mr Elgee, solicitor was unable to attend owing to business at Circuit Court.

It appeared from letter received by the County Council from the Department of Local Government (60261/25) under date 7th January 1926 that a sum of £16,478-16-10 had been withheld. The Council then communicated with the Land Commission and was informed by the Chief of Collection in a letter under date 27th January 1926 that the amount of Land Purchase annuities collectible for the gale due 1st May to 1st June including arrears, was £75798 and the amount thereof in arrear at the 22nd January 1926 was £8042.

At first sight it would appear as if £8436-16-10 in excess of the actual amount outstanding in arrears in Co. Wexford was being withheld. But this is not the case. The account is cleared on the 16th February of each year. On the 17th February, 1925 the amount of outstanding annuities in Co. Wexford was £16478-16-10. This after the June gale dropped to £8042. Unfortunately the arrears at the 17th February 1926 show a great increase. At that date the draw upon the Guarantee Fund was £18618-18-2 which represents the actual amount outstanding in the County Wexford on 17th February 1926. This is £2140 worse than at the corresponding period last year. It was ascertained that twenty other counties in An Saorstát were in a better position as regards repayments than Wexford. There is no pooling of arrears.



Each county bears its own burden.

In view of the above facts, the deputation had nothing to lay before the Minister of Finance who very kindly received the members and spent some time with them in discussing roads, sugar beet and other matters of public interest.

The report was received and approved.

#### PRINTING TENDERS.

Tenders for printing, etc., for offices of County Council and County Surveyor for year 1926 were received from:-

"The People" £171-7-0

"Free Press" £184-9-0

Miss Hanrahan, South

Main St. Wexford £194-11-8.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Murphy seconded by Col Quin:- "That the tender of the "Wexford People" for supply of printing for County Council offices and County Surveyor's office for year 1926-27 at £171-7-0 be and is hereby accepted."

#### PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME.

The Provisional Road Works Scheme was considered in detail.

Col Gibbon pointed out that the estimate for road expenditure had been already before two meetings of the Roads Committee which examined the figures in detail.

Mr Connors proposed that Road No. 80 be put under direct labour at the expiration of contract on 31st March.

Mr Cline seconded.

Mr Hall proposed and Mr Boggan seconded the following:-

"That road No. 80E be continued under contract as from 31st March 1926."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Mr Hall's proposition to continue the contract:- Col Gibbon, Col Quin, Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Hall, Jordan, Kavanagh, Murphy, O'Donoghue, Thorpe, Walsh and Whyte--13.

For Mr Connors' proposition to do the work by direct labour:- Messrs Cline, Colfer, Corish, Connors, Cooney, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, O'Byrne, Pender, Rossiter, Shannon and the Chairman--13.



The Chairman said that as he had not given his casting vote on a division already, he would not now exercise it.

As the motion was not carried the road will be carried out under contract.

Mr Colfer proposed and Mr Cline seconded:- "That Road 187R be carried out as from 31st March 1926 by direct labour and not by contract." Adopted.

It was proposed by Mr Thorpe, ~~and~~ seconded by the Chairman and passed:- "That Road 198R be carried out by contract and not by direct labour as from 31st March 1926 and Road No 144R be executed by <sup>not</sup> contract as from 31st March 1926 ~~and not~~ <sup>but</sup> by direct labour."

Mr Murphy proposed that small portion of road between 224R and 225R which is maintained at present by direct labour be added to 224R or 225R and maintained by contract.

The County Surveyor ~~stated~~ there were still existing contracts on 224R and 225R and in view of this no further action was taken in the matter for the present.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Gibbon seconded by Mr Cline:- "That the "Provisional Road Works Scheme" as amended by resolutions adopted at this meeting and as recommended by the Roads Committee be and is hereby adopted. That we approve of the figures for the maintenance of each road as approved by Roads Committee. That we direct our Secretary to fill in the amounts allowed for maintenance etc. as regards each road and to have printed at once the Road Works Scheme as approved at this meeting.

It was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr Cline and adopted:- "That Tenders Committees meet as follows:-  
For Gorey area at Town Hall Gorey on Tuesday 23rd March at 11-30.  
For Enniscorthy area at Board Room, Co. Home on Wednesday 24th March at 11 o'clock.  
For New Ross area at Boardroom, Workhouse on Thursday 25th March at 11-30 a.m.

For Wexford area at County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on Saturday 27th March at 10-30. Adjourned meeting of County Council to consider reports of Tenders Committees for the various



areas to be held on 29th March 1926. That tenders be dealt with by advertisement etc. as per old Rural District areas as we consider this will for the present be a more convenient arrangement for intending contractors."



# FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The following minutes of Finance Committee of meeting of 18th February, 1926, were submitted:-

"A meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 18th February, 1926:-

"Present:- Messrs Sean O'Byrne, James Gaul and P. Hayes.

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

"On the motion of Mr. Gaul, seconded by Mr. Hayes, the chair was taken by Mr. Sean O'Byrne.

"Minutes of ordinary meeting of 4th February, 1926, and of Special meeting of 13th February, were read and confirmed.

"Treasurer's Advice Note for £3068: 19: 1d was examined and signed.

"This was the only business dealt with".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Colonel Gibbon:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 18th February, 1926, be and are hereby confirmed".

The following Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 4th March, 1926, were submitted:-

"A meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 4th March, 1926.

"Present:- Mr. W. Thorpe, Sean O'Byrne and James Gaul.

"The County Surveyor and Assistant Secretary were also in attendance.

"On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Gaul



the Chair was taken by Mr. Thorpe.

"Colonel Gibbon wrote he could not attend owing to his absence in Carlow in Connection with Sugar Beet"

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

"The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### PAYMENTS.

"Treasurers Advice Note for £3850: 12: 6d was examined with vouchers and signed"

#### RATE COLLECTION.

"The Assistant Secretary submitted state of Rate Collection showing the following percentages of current rate collected to 28th February:- B. Cleary 45; J. Quirke 43; J. Cummins 42; Sean Gannon 41; Edward Murphy 40; Michael Deegan 39; M. Kelly 33; T. Sutton 32; T. Rowe 30; J. Curtis 32; P. Sinnott 29; W. Cummins 29; J. J. Kelly 26; J. J. Sinnott 25; J. J. O'Reilly 24; C. McCarthy 24; P. J. Fitzpatrick 22; Pat Walsh 19; Patrick Donohoe 15; Patrick O'Byrne 11."

" Amount outstanding was £54038: 3: 0d: being £3069: 8: 2d in respect of first moiety and £50968: 14: 10d for second moiety"

"The Assistant Secretary stated that the Ministry of Local Government had written that Collectors must close collection by 31st instant and a copy of the Ministry's letter had been forwarded to the Collectors.

"The Committee considered the Collections of Messrs Walsh, Donohoe and Patrick O'Byrne very unsatisfactory particularly the collection of Mr. O'Byrne.

"It was decided that the three Collectors named be notified that their collections were in such a backward state that the Committee could not consider they were using their best endeavours to expedite the collection and



that they be asked for an explanation as to the backward state of Collections in their areas"

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Colonel Gibbon:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 4th March, 1926, be, and are hereby adopted."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Colonel Gibbon:- "That Mr. O'Byrne, Rate Collector for No.9 Collection District be informed that the Council will have to dispense with his services unless he shows very considerable improvement in the discharge of his duties. The Council will insist on his lodging the full amount of his warrant by 31st March, 1926"

PROPOSED LOAN FOR CO. HOSPITAL £4763.

In connection with proposed additional loan for improvements at County Hospital a letter under date 11th February, 1926 (S.5767/26) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health sanctioning this loan, repayment to be spread over a period of ten years at the rate of one half per cent under Irish Banks Discount Rate with a minimum of 4 per cent .

Under date 23rd February, 1926, the following letter was read from the Manager, National Bank, Wexford, Treasurer of County Council:-

"I duly submitted your application of the 19th instant to my Directors who direct me to inform you that they regret being unable to sanction the proposed additional loan of £4763 for Co. Hospital Improvements in view of the present high figures of the Council's accommodation"

The Chairman said that in connection with the letter from the bank he thought it would be advisable for a



deputation to wait on Sir Thomas Esmonde, Chairman of the Bank, and point out the position they were in. If they could not get the £4,000, the £10,000 would be more or less wasted and he thought that at the time they got the £10,000 there was more or less of a promise that they would get the £4,000 later.

He proposed:- "That a deputation from this Council wait upon Sir Thomas H. G. Esmonde, Bart, Chairman of National Bank with a view to securing advance of loan of £4763 to finish improvements at County Hospital Wexford".

Mr. Pender seconded.

Passed.

Mr. Rossiter proposed and Mr. Glince seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Chairman, Mr. Corish and Secretary, be appointed as the deputation to wait on Sir Thomas Esmonde in connection with proposed loan of £4763 for completion of improvements at County Hospital Wexford".

#### ROADS COMMITTEE Minutes.

In view of the amount of business to be transacted at the meeting it was decided that the consideration of Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on 8th March, 1926, be adjourned to next meeting.

#### RECONSTRUCTION WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

Under date 11th February, 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (S.6345/26) asking for plans, specification and estimate in connection with the rebuilding of Wexford Courthouse.

Under date 28th February, 1926, a letter was read



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from Delap (Delap & Waller), Northern Bank Chambers, 115, Grafton Street, Dublin, as to interview which he had had with Mr. O'Dwyer, Engineer to Local Government Department. Mr. O'Dwyer was about to recommend a reduction in the amount to be spent from £13,000 to £10,000.

Colonel Gibbon asked if there was any possibility of opening up the question of the amount awarded for compensation. Everybody concerned considered that £5,000 was a very small grant to replace the Courthouse.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, considered that nothing would be gained by appealing against the amount of the compensation. The whole trend in appeals was to reduce amount given against the State.

The matter dropped.

Under date 5th March, 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.7088/1926 Wexford County) that the Minister would not raise objection to the payment of £11: 5: 0d to Mr. Wood and £26: 5: 0d to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, in connection with the compensation claim for Wexford Courthouse provided there were no other claims for professional assistance.

Mr. Elgee said these were the only claims to be presented.



TRANSFER OF POWERS UNDER LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS  
TO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

In connection with the proposed transfer of powers of County Council under Labourers' (Ireland) Acts to County Board of Health which was referred to Mr Elgee, solicitor for advice, the latter wrote that he had looked into the question as to whether in accordance with the resolution of the Board of Health, tenants of incoming cottages should furnish security of £5 to guarantee payment of the rent, and as to power of County Board of Health adopting such a resolution without having first obtained the sanction of the County Council. He considered it was clear that the powers and duties of the Rural District Councils in relation to the Labourers' Acts were now vested in the County Board of Health and the County Council had no voice in the letting of cottages and could not call on the Board of Health to submit any of their proposals as to lettings to the County Council for approval. In conclusion, Mr Elgee wrote, "I may add, however, that I cannot find anything in the Labourers' Acts which would authorise the Board of Public Health to require tenants of cottages to furnish security for the payment of rent and in any event the condition of security could not be enforced without the sanction of the Department of Local Government."

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

"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 ~~WEXFORD~~ 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."



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PROPOSED SANATORIUM FOR ADVANCED CASES  
OF TUBERCULOSIS.

Under date 11th February 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H. 54424/23 Wexford C.B H) forwarding copy of letter which they had forwarded to to County Board of Health in connection with extension of Tuberculosis Hospital in Enniscorthy. The Department enclosed extract from report which had been received from Mr T.F. Strahan, Architect respecting the plans submitted in connection with the proposed extension of the building with an alternative plan prepared by him. The approximate cost of carrying out the plan would be £3100 to which should be added about £500 to cover equipment and Architect's fees. The County share of the Sanatorium Grant was £3346 and this would be exceeded by £254. Half of this would come from the recoupment under National Tuberculosis Grant which would leave the balance to be provided from rates £127. The Department considered that it would be in the interests of the county to incur this small additional outlay from the rates in order to have the work satisfactorily carried out. In view of the difficulty of adapting the present structure and the small amount of land attached to the Institution at Enniscorthy, the Department urged that before a decision to carry out improvements at Enniscorthy every effort should be made by the Wexford County Council and the County Board of Health to satisfy themselves that there are no other premises more suitable for the purpose in view available or obtainable in the county. Particulars of the proposals adopted by the Council in the matter should be submitted to the Department of Local Government before any commitments in regard to the matter are entered into by the County Council.

It was mentioned that the Co Board of Health had taken steps to ascertain if any more suitable sites could be obtained and on the motion of Col Quin seconded by the Chairman the letter and enclosures from the Department of Local Government were referred to the County Board of Health for suggestions and report.



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TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME.

Under date 3rd March 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H. 9154/26 Wexford C.B.H.) forwarding copy of letter sent to County Board of Health approving of the appointment of Nurse Lappin as "part time" nurse for New Ross District under Tuberculosis Scheme and of a subsidy of £20 per annum to the New Ross District Nursing Association for her service this proposal to be subject to ratification by the County Council.

The following was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Rossiter and adopted:- "That we approve of the employment of Nurse Lappin as "part time" nurse for New Ross District under Tuberculosis Scheme and of the payment of £20 per annum to New Ross Nursing Association for her services by Co. Wexford Board of Health "

In connection with arrangements for dental services in connection with Tuberculosis Scheme, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H. 7947/1926 Wexford C.B.H.) forwarding copy of letter which they had addressed to County Board of Health. The letter pointed out that Mrs O'Connor, Gorey, did not appear from the certificates submitted on her behalf to have the qualification of Surgeon Dentist and the Minister considered that only a person possessing such a qualification should be employed under the Scheme.

No Order.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

ATTENDING MEETINGS OF GENERAL COUNCIL OF CO. COUNCILS.

Under date 18th February 1926, the Department of Local Government forwarded "The Conferences (General Council of County Councils) Order 1926 empowering Co. Councils to pay the reasonable expenses incurred by any member or members (for not more than three members of the Council) attending any conference or meeting of General Council of County Councils and of one member attending meeting of Executive Committee of the General Council. This is to apply to not more than four conferences or meetings in each year.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Murphy:- "That we agree to pay the reasonable expenses of two delegates from the Council at



meetings and conferences of General Council of County Councils in accordance with the provisions of the "Conferences (General Council of County Councils) Order 1926," this resolution to remain in force as for the life of this Council. That within the provisions of said Order we hereby agree to the payment of the reasonable expenses of our delegates, Messrs M. Doyle T.D. and Sean O'Byrne from the time this Council took office and so long as they continue to act as delegates to the General Council of County Councils on behalf of Wexford County Council."

#### POUNDAGE FEES TO RATE COLLECTORS.

Under date 18th February 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (G. 7063/26 Wexford County) that the Minister was prepared to sanction payment of 75 per cent of poundage fees in respect of 75 per cent of the amount lodged by the collectors.

#### VENEREAL DISEASE.

Under date 22nd February 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H. 7338/26 New Ross U.D.) forwarding copy of letter which had been addressed to New Ross Urban District Council regarding the question of the provision of treatment for cases of venereal disease. The letter pointed out that if an approved scheme was adopted by the Wexford County Council 75 per cent of the cost of same would be recouped from a State Grant.

Under date 27th February 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H. 8561/26 Wexford C.B.H.) forwarding copy of letter received from the Secretary C.B.H. relative to the prevalence of gonorrheal disease in Fethard No.1 Dispensary with copy of the Minister's reply.

The letter from the Minister stated that he saw no objection to the supply of special vaccine which Dr Travers desired to procure for the treatment of about 30 cases of this disease in his district. The likely cost of a full course of injections would be £2 for each case.

Mr Thorpe proposed and Mr Cooney seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Local Government Department be asked to submit particulars of scheme for treatment of venereal disease to this Council. In the event of these being considered satisfactory, the Council would be prepared to adopt



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the scheme. They are of opinion such a scheme should be administered by the County Board of Health."

COASTGUARD STATIONS.

Consideration of communications from Office of Public Works with reference to handing over to the County Council coast-guard stations and cottages etc. attached to same at Curracloe, Courtown and Rosslare were adjourned for report of Co. Surveyor in each case.

GUARANTEED 2½ STOCK 1933.

Under date 24th February 1926, letter was read from Accountant General, Bank of Ireland that the resolution of the Council transferring this stock, formerly in the name of Wexford Rural District Council to the County Board of Health was not, in his opinion, sufficient to give the Bank power to have the transfer asked for effected as it would not come under the designation of an Order under Seal in accordance with the provisions of sub-section 3 of section 10 of the Local Government Act 1925.

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

"The County Council of Wexford in exercise of the powers vested in them by sub-section (3) of section 10 of the Local Government Act, 1925, hereby order that the sum of £226-13-3 (Two hundred and twenty-six Pounds, thirteen shillings and three pence) 2½ Guaranteed Stock 1933 standing in the Books of the Bank of Ireland in the name of the Wexford County Council be transferred to the County Wexford Board of Health, and hereby authorise and direct the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland to transfer the same in their books into the name of the County Wexford Board of Health.

That we further direct that the Seal of the Council be attached to this resolution and that it be signed by the Chairman and <sup>two</sup> ~~three~~ members present at this meeting."



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DRAINAGE SCHEMES.

Ford of Lyng.

Under date 2nd March 1926, the Office of Public Works wrote (2709/26) that their engineer had arranged to confer with the County Surveyor and the Engineer to the Slob Land Company concerning this scheme. Later the Office of Works would decide whether or not the circumstances are such as to justify the preparation of a detailed scheme.

Ballyteigue and Kilmore Districts.

Under date 22nd February 1926, the Office of Public Works wrote that these districts had been inspected by their engineers and it was not proposed to restore them under the Drainage Maintenance Act 1924. In the circumstances they did not propose to have another inspection made now.

Kilmannock Drainage District.

In connection with above, the following under date 19th February 1926 (3377/26) was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"As regards the statements reported to have been made by Mr Murphy we have to observe:

1. That we cannot trace any record of having written some months ago that Drainage Trustees were appointed in 1849 in the Drainage District.
2. The persons to whom we wrote in 1901 replied to our letters, but for personal reasons declined to act as Trustees.
3. In 1914, there but three land<sup>ed</sup> proprietors and four tenant purchasers in the District. We have no knowledge of a meeting having been summoned in that year but an Inspector from our Office interviewed representatives of two proprietors concerned, and they refused to act as Trustees. The third proprietor died before he could be approached by our Inspector.
4. As explained in our letter of the 5th July 1925, when the works of restoration are carried out, the District in accordance with section 3 of the Drainage



Maintenance Act 1924, must be transferred for maintenance to the County Council by order of the Minister for Local Government. Neither that Minister nor the County Council have any option in the matter. The legislature took this step in order to repair the exceptional state of neglect into which Drainage Districts have fallen all over Ireland and the Kilmannock District is a case in point."

*From Carthy*

*in 1926*

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