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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MEETING 9th JANUARY, 1933.

M I N U T E S.

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary, Wexford County Council.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in Co. Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 9th January, 1933.

Present: Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman, presiding; also Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Clince, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, James Gaul, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, William P. Keegan, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, M.M. Roche, James Shannon and Myles Smyth.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £21,929.10.0d (transfer to Public Bodies) and £8410.12.1d (ordinary payments) were examined and signed.

VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. McCarthy a vote of condolence was adopted in silence to Mr. Thomas A. Frizelle, Assistant Secretary, County Council, in the death of his daughter Aine.

The vote was supported by Mr. Keegan and the Chairman and other members.

On the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Cummins a vote of condolence was adopted with Mr. James Hall, M.C.C. in the death of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Mullett, Rathmure, Enniscorthy.

The Chairman proposed a vote of condolence to Mr. M.J. Dwyer, Co. Registrar, on the death of his brother, Mr. James Dwyer, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary, Ex. T.D., who was recently killed in a motor accident.

The Chairman said they were all extremely sorry for Mr. Dwyer in the tragic death of his brother who was known to him (Chairman)

and several members of the Council. He (Chairman) had the pleasure of spending a good deal of time with Mr. Dwyer in Dublin and elsewhere and he never met a more gentlemanly or better Irishman.

Mr. Jordan who seconded the motion said that the late Mr. Dwyer was a universal favourite, anxious to do everything he could to help his friends and neighbours and the country generally.

On the motion of Mr. Murphy seconded by Col. Quin, the following reply to vote of condolence on the death of his father, read from Mr. John J. Colloton, M.C.C., was ordered to be inserted on the Minutes of the day:-

"Please convey to the members of the County Council and all those who were associated with it, my sincere thanks for their kind resolution of sympathy on the death of my poor Father. It is indeed consoling to have such expressions from one's fellow members in irreparable loss. I am joined in the above by my Mother and the other members of the family.

"And you Mr. Frizelle accept my thanks for your kind expression."

CO. SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report was submitted by Co. Surveyor:-

"I submit Provisional Road Works Scheme for the coming year. The total of my Estimate is practically the same figure as I estimated last year, though the details are somewhat varied. The Scheme, as approved of by the Co. Council, made considerable reduction in my figures, and I have to report that, in many cases, complaints were made of roads which could not be maintained as they should be owing to lack of funds. The present Estimate provides approximately for an expenditure of £100 per mile on Trunk roads: £140 on Link Roads: £28 per mile on County Roads and £11 per mile on 4th class Roads. In normal times I consider these figures low.

"I have a very substantial figure in for surface dressing, and it will be advisable for the Council to give this matter full consideration. If it be decided to reduce this figure it will,

"certainly, be necessary to allow of a higher figure for the ordinary maintenance of this class of road. The repayments of Loans are practically at the same figures as last year, and, of course, must be paid. Under "Special Repair Items" there is a considerable reduction, as I have avoided bringing forward anything unless absolutely essential. There is a reduction under the "Repair and maintenance of County Bridges", and in this item I have provided for the balance required on the Ferrycarrig Bridge Contract, and also for Clerk of works to superintend the job. I ask for authority to appoint the Clerk of Works in this case.

"Following the December meeting of the County Council the Secretary forwarded, to the Board of Works, full particulars regarding the discussion and resolution of the County Council in connection with the Sow Drainage. Up to the present I have not received any Plans or Specification for the work which is now proceeding, and appears to be going on well, as far as I can judge without having the Plans. I shall be in the Board of Works Office on Wednesday next, and I shall enquire further about these Plans.

"On the 3rd instant the County Council Committee was summoned to inspect and report on the Sow River Lanes, and there were present Messrs. Culleton and Jordan, as well as Assistant Surveyor (Mr. Cullen) and a number of interested local farmers. The Committee inspected the three lanes on the right bank of the river, and the continuation of two of these on the left bank, as well as the intervening lane between these. Owing to the lateness of the hour the Committee were not able to inspect the third lane on the left bank, through Ballina, but this had already been thoroughly inspected by Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, and is at present trafficable for motor cars for most of the way. The Committee were of opinion that roadways of some sort are required in this Area, but found great difficulty in deciding on one against another, and will report to the Council in detail at meeting. I shall be prepared with details of

"the cost in connection with each of the proposed ways.

"Mr. Donovan has now brought his dredger to Courtown, and is at present engaged in dredging the basin. The recent freshets in the river have now completely removed the gravel and sand banked in the entrance channel, and, with the exception, of small deposit on the corner of the North Pier, there is a good depth of water throughout including the bar.

"All the Relief Grants are now in progress, with the exception of that in the street of Monamolin, which is being held up pending completion of Monamolin Bridge.

"For some time past there has been flooding of Road No. 495 at Killurin owing to interference with the outlet from the back water channel. I directed the Assistant Surveyor to have obstruction removed, and this was done a couple of times, but was closed up again by the owner of the Farm, Mrs. Redmond. I ask ~~for~~ for authority to take proceedings to have this nuisance abated. I submit letter from Mr. Cullen on the matter.

"Mr. Birthistle reports to me of complaints regarding the flooding of the Road at the entrance to Carne Pier. In my opinion, this is due to the diversion of drainage water towards this point which properly should go out northwards. The stream that should take this water on Mr. Joyce's land has been at some time covered over, and I believe is now in a defective condition. I suggest that the matter be referred to the County Solicitor.

"I beg to apply for £30 from Contingencies Fund for Road 94, between Scarnagh and Cloneranny to make up a dangerous slip at the side!"

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cline, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Report of the Co. Surveyor as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME:- Col. Gibbon said in connection with the Provisional Road Works Scheme there was no use in making any laboured statement as to the present condition of the country. The plain fact was that the Wexford Co. Council were not in a position to spend any more money on the roads than they did last year. It would be absolutely impracticable for them to raise the Estimate of the Co. Surveyor and he proposed they should refer the scheme back to the Co. Surveyor with a request to submit in substitution one which would not exceed the expenditure of last year.

Col. Quin seconded.

The Chairman said if they were able to put forward the same road rate as last year they would not be doing badly. He agreed with Col. Gibbon that the Provisional Road Works Scheme should be referred back to the Co. Surveyor so that from the figures arrived at, the amount of rate in question could be readjusted to the same figure as was approved last year.

Mr. Gaul considered it was unfair to discuss the scheme when most of the members were not in attendance. The Council had often waited for the attendance of members for a less important matter.

Col. Gibbon said that one suggestion he wished to make to the Co. Surveyor was that when readjusting his Estimate he should as far as possible, allocate the money to be spent on labour and not on tar and machinery.

Miss O'Ryan said no fault could be found with the Co. Surveyor for the present estimate which in her opinion was necessary to keep the roads in a decent state of repair. But the fact of the matter was they were unable to finance this programme for the present year.

Mr. O'Byrne asked would the reduction for improvement and new works be in the same proportion as last year.

The Chairman said that any new work unless absolutely and extraordinarily necessary should be cut out.

Mr. Gaul asked what was going to happen to the applications for

new roads. People were entitled to some consideration in the way of transit facilities.

The Chairman said it would be more appropriate to say they were entitled to a reduction in the rate and which would be necessary if they were to be left in the country at all.

Mr. Gaul - The ratepayers are entitled to a road they can pass over.

Chairman - Very few of the roads are impassable. If you were acquainted with the roads in the first of my time in public life you would have some idea of how difficult it was to travel over some of them.

The Co. Surveyor said the reason he brought forward the question of tarred roads specifically, was, in the past, grants were given by Local Government Department entirely for ~~main~~^{trunk} roads. Recently they had agreed to 40% contribution on the maintenance of all main roads and he did not want to have anything done which would be the means of losing or curtailing the grant.

The Chairman said even if they did lose some of the percentage they should not use so much tar.

In reply to Miss O'Ryan the Co. Surveyor said that the ordinary Road Grants from the Local Government Department were only applicable to trunk and link roads, but Relief Grants were applicable to County Roads and special minor Relief Scheme Grants could be applied to roads which were not maintained by the County.

The Chairman said their instructions to the Co. Surveyor should be that he would put as much money as he possibly could into the link roads in order to secure their 40% in view of all the money which had been spent in the past on the trunk roads and the good condition up to which they had been brought.

Col. Gibbon's resolution was then put and passed, the adjusted figures to be submitted to the Council by the Co. Surveyor.

Mr. Smyth proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded:- "That no tar

"spraying be carried out on the roads from Ballycanew to Gorey, and from Ballycanew to Killenagh as provided in estimate of Co. Surveyor."

The proposition was adopted.

SOW DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

" That we again communicate with the Office of Public Works and ask them to furnish plans and specifications of the improvement work at the Sow Drainage Area which is now in progress, to the Co. Surveyor and also that some steps should be taken to consult the Drainage ratepayers in the matter. "

Mr. Corish stated he had seen Mr. Hugo Flinn, Parliamentary Secretary, as regards the request of the Council for the plans and specifications. Mr. Flinn was to interview the Office of Public Works and see what could be done to meet the Council's wishes. However, he (Mr. Corish) would write again.

IMPROVEMENT OF LANES - SOW RIVER DRAINAGE AREA:- Mr. O'Byrne considered there was very little use in the Council spending their time discussing the merits of these three lanes. It was far more important for them to endeavour to secure a Grant and he proposed a resolution to this effect which was seconded by Col. Quin:-

The following memorial signed by 37 ratepayers, in connection with the proposal that the County Council should take over the road from Tinraheen to Middletown laneway, was read:-

"We the undersigned ratepayers and members of the general public interested in proposed road beg leave to bring to your notice a few suggestions for consideration in connection with route which said road may follow. In our opinion the most suitable route would be from present right of way (from Lower Killisk Holdings) which joins main road at Tinraheen to existing laneway at Middletown estimated distance between one and half and two miles.

"We would recommend this route for several reasons, viz.

1. That it is much more badly wanted as a connection between these

- "two points than at any other of the suggested routes as existing laneways are unable to accommodate present day traffic as neither Engine, Motor or lorry can travel them which means a serious handicap to the dwellers thereon.
2. It is a more direct route from one main road to the other with a sounder bottom in general and with fewer drains to be crossed than in the case of the other routes.
 3. This route would prove of greater service to ratepayers in general and to residents of locality in particular running as it does through a portion of Drainage Area where tillage is carried on to a larger extent than at any other point of the river.

"These points will we hope serve to recommend this route combining as they do greater necessity, directness of route, economy in construction, and greater utility when constructed, than any other of the routes suggested."

The Co. Surveyor stated that the Government would probably spend whatever money they had set aside on the lane selected by the Council.

The Chairman was in favour of Mr. O'Byrne's proposal.

Mr. McCarthy considered before applying for a grant they should decide upon the lane to be selected. There would be a great difference in the cost of the three projects.

The Chairman said they could apply for the amount that would do the most costly.

Mr. Jordan who had acted as a member of the Committee explained the position of the three lanes. Portion of each of the three lanes had been done from each side of the river. Unless a road was made for ^{this} particular area a great deal of the finest land of the County would go out of cultivation. The people concerned in what was known as the Clonmore - Ballina lane were the first in the field, and he understood were promised a Government Grant to carry out the work. The other two proposals were not thought of until the Clonmore people

moved when they thought they should make an attempt to secure all they could as well as the Clonmore - Ballina ratepayers. He (Mr. Jordan) was in favour of the selection of the lane which had been first brought to the notice of the Council - Clonmore-Ballina.

The Co. Surveyor said this would be the shortest and cheapest of the three projects.

Mr. Jordan said that in his opinion a most important matter for the guidance of the Council in future was when it was found necessary to appoint a Committee to deal with a question such as the Sow Lanes, Councillors from outside the Area should be appointed. In the present instance Councillors from Enniscorthy Area were sent amongst their own friends to decide a matter which the people concerned were unable to decide for themselves.

Mr. Culleton said the three roads were certainly wanted.

Mr. Shannon said he was appointed a member of the Committee and got notice to attend at 10.30 a.m. He lived twenty miles away and could not possibly be present unless through the aid of a motor vehicle. In similar circumstances in future he thought the Assistant Surveyors should carry the members of a Committee to the place of meeting. The Surveyors were paid mileage for their cars and for that reason should assist the Councillors to attend these special Committee meetings. As a matter of fact he was of opinion that it would be unfair to ask a Councillor to use his private car for the purpose.

In reply to a query the Co. Surveyor stated if the three lanes were to be put into repair they would add six miles to the road maintenance. The repair of the Clonmore Lane would cost £2000, the Middletown Lane £2,400 and the Oulartleigh Lane £2,800. Unfortunately the people concerned with each of these lanes would not derive much benefit from the other two. As he had stated on a previous occasion there was no doubt but the three lanes were wanted and the area with the exception of the Mountain was the largest in

the County without a road. The Government Grant for repair of course would be conditional on the Council maintaining the lanes in future. This would run to £15 or £20 annually for any of them.

The Chairman stated he had been informed that the Middle lane would facilitate 22 land holders.

The Co. Surveyor mentioned that to reconstruct the three lanes and join them at either end and provide the necessary bridge in each case would cost £7,200, and it was very doubtful if they would get that amount from the Government.

Mr. O'Byrne was of opinion that by pressing forward the three they would lose everything.

Mr. McCarthy mentioned that he had been informed the Land Commission had stated they would furnish a grant for one of the lanes only.

Mr. Walter Mernagh who came before the Council to urge the claims of the Clonmore-Ballina land said that 12 or 14 families would be inconvenienced by the construction of the road which would also be a short cut for the people of Ballina to Enniscorthy.

Mr. Owen Kavanagh, Killisk, urged the claims of the lane from Killisk to Oulartleigh. The length of this lane when reconstructed would be four miles and its situation was in the middle of the area. It was the most favourable for selection from the point of view of serving most people - 20 families - who were using and living on it and besides a large number of other people would use it.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed that the Council select the lanes in order of merit and carry out the work in accordance with the amount of grant received from the Government.

After considerable discussion Col. Gibbon proposed that the three lanes in question be repaired if the Government Grant be forthcoming.

Mr. Shannon seconded the motion which was adopted.

COURTOWN HARBOUR:- Mr. Keegan said the Report of the Co. Surveyor was quite correct as regards the channel but there was still a bank outside the entrance to the harbour.

At the request of Mr. Keegan the Co. Surveyor read the specification of the work to be carried out by Mr. Donovan at Courtown Harbour basin, and under which he has to maintain the channel up to the 30th June, 1933.

Mr. Keegan said if there was any question of extension of time etc. the Councillors would remember the terms of the specification which had been read that day.

FLOODING OF ROAD NO.495 - KILLURIN:- The following report under date 7th January, 1933, was read from Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor:-

"In accordance with your instructions I directed Ganger Broaders to open way for water into Mrs. Redmond's field at Killurin. This work was done on 23rd December, and was again closed up by sides having been filled in on 26th ult. On 27th ult., Ganger and a workman proceeded to let way off road again, but were prevented from doing so by Mrs. Redmond.

"The road is again flooded."

The Co. Surveyor stated there was a substantial drain at the place at one time but the Redmonds improved the entrance and blocked the outlet on the roadway into this drain with the result the water ponded on the road to a depth of about 12 inches. Someone connected with the Redmonds had mentioned that the water went another way but as this was uphill it could not be the case.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin. "That the question of flooding of Road No. 495 be referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor to institute proceedings against Mrs. Redmond, Killurin."

FLOODING OF ROAD AT CARNE PIER:- Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Col. Quin seconded that the question of the flooding of the road at the entrance to Carne Pier be referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, to

institute proceedings in order to have this nuisance abated."

CONTINGENCY FUND:- Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That a sum of £30 be withdrawn from the appropriate contingency fund to cover cost of making up the dangerous slip on Road No. 54 between Scarnagh and Cloneranny."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the Report of Co. Surveyor as submitted to this meeting be and is hereby approved unless in so far as same may have been altered by resolution."

TENDERS COMMITTEES.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That Tenders Committees - Co. Councillors for each Electoral Area - to deal with road and haulage tenders meet as follows:-

GOREY COURTHOUSE. Saturday, 18th February, 1933. 12 noon.

ENNISCORTHY COURTHOUSE. Tuesday, 21st February, 1933. 12 noon.

NEW ROSS COURTHOUSE. Thursday, 23rd February, 1933. 12.30 p.m.

WEXFORD COUNCIL CHAMBER. Saturday, 25th February, 1933, at 11 o'clock.

"That Messrs. Armstrong and Hall be appointed extra members of the Enniscorthy Tenders Committee as a number of road and haulage contracts to be considered at Enniscorthy are situate close to the residences of these Councillors."

DAIL ELECTIONS.

Proposed by Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Brennan and adopted unanimously:-

"That leave of absence be granted to members of the Co. Council staff acting at Dail Elections, the period of absence to be deducted from annual holiday."

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 15th December, 1932, were submitted as follows:-

COLLECTOR O'BYRNE:- The following under date 7th December, 1932, was read from the Rates Inspector:-

"I beg to report that Collector Patrick O'Byrne (No. 9 District) has not made any lodgment since 26th November."

The Rates Inspector said that O'Byrne was not discharging his duties in a satisfactory manner. He had made no lodgment of rates between 26th November and the 15th December, on which date he lodged £24.

When Collector O'Byrne came before the meeting the Chairman pointed out to him that he was not carrying out his duty according to the Public Bodies Order. He appeared to be neglecting the collection generally and was now at the bottom of the list.

Mr. O'Byrne said he had been in bad health for some time and had been unable to travel his district.

The Chairman said in that case a medical certificate should have been furnished and a temporary collector appointed. Collector O'Byrne's sureties would get into trouble unless he made a big effort to put his collection on a much better basis. Drastic action would have to be taken by the Finance Committee unless there was an immediate improvement of the position. If Mr. O'Byrne was not in sufficient health to carry on his duties he knew what to do.

Mr. O'Byrne admitted that he had not called on a certain ratepayer in Clonroche district.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That Collector O'Byrne be directed to have at least 50 per cent of his warrant lodged by Thursday, 5th January, 1933, the date of next ordinary meeting of the Finance Committee."

COLLECTOR M. MCCARTHY:- Under date 14th December, 1932, Collector M. McCarthy (No. 4 District) wrote that he was doing his best as regards the collection. Owing to some revision, cases in the hands of his Solicitor, and with the Sheriff, and amounts promised for payment, there was a large amount outstanding. He had received letters from many ratepayers asking for time to pay until they got money for sugar

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 15th December, 1932.

Present:- Messrs. James Hall, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor and Rates Inspector were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne the chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3640.7.3d. was examined and signed.

SPECIAL MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

It was decided that the special meeting of the Finance Committee to pay road and quarry workers a week's wages to 17th December, 1932, be held on 21st December, 1932, immediately after the conclusion of the business of the Co. Committee of Agriculture.

RATE COLLECTION.

STATE OF:- The state of the Rate Collection to date was submitted as follows:-

<u>COLLECTOR'S NAME.</u>	<u>Percentage of Warrant collected 1932.</u>	<u>Percentage of Warrant collected 1931.</u>
1. J. Curtis	53.8	52.7
2. E.J. Murphy	53.7	53.6
3. S. Gannon (6)	52.2	47.3
4. T. Rowe	49.3	51.7
5. J.J. O'Reilly	49.0	53.3
6. Art Dunne	48.8	52.0
7. J. Quirke	48.0	53.7
8. P. Carty	47.8	50.8
9. S. Gannon (10)	47.0	49.2
10. T. Bolger	45.3	49.8
11. J. Cummins	44.9	48.4
12. J. Deegan	44.7	50.0
13. P. Nolan	43.6	47.9
14. M. Murphy	42.6	40.7
15. M. McCarthy	41.0	47.7
16. W. Doyle	39.0	38.8
17. J.J. Sinnott	39.0	45.0
18. W. Cummins	39.0	43.5
19. P. Doyle	36.5	45.9
20. P. O'Byrne	36.5	48.1
	<u>45.0</u>	<u>48.5</u>

beet on 15th instant or dispose of some of the cattle they had on hands. By the end of January, he hoped to have reached as high a percentage as last January.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That Collector M. McCarthy be directed to lodge 50% of his warrant excluding arrears by the end of December, 1932."

CLAIM FOR REFUND OF RATES:- Mrs. Bridget Turner, Rosslare, applied for refund of £15.9.9d over paid on house at Whitehouse, Rosslare, which had not been included in the New Buildings List.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That application of Mrs. Turner for refund of rates on her holding at Whitehouse, Rosslare, be referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor."

LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACT.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be made to the following in accordance with advertisement issued by Co. Council relative to said loans and to the terms and conditions set out in form of application for loan:-

Edward Dwyer, Senior, Ballyoughna, Killena, Gorey. Amount of Loan £50
Value of house £220: Government Grant £.....

John Ryan, Aughathlappa, Caim. Loan £70. Cost of house £200:
Government Grant £70.

James Murphy, Market Square, Gorey. Loan £125. Cost of house £250:
Government Grant £70.

John Lawlor, Ballyhighland, Caim. Loan £100. Cost of house £200:
Government Grant £70.

EMPLOYMENT AT BROWNSWOOD QUARRY.

Matthew Kelly, Tinnahask, and John Power, Oylegate, came before the meeting to refute statements made by a deputation from Oylegate which was before the Finance Committee meeting of the 1st December, 1932 and which stated that Kelly and Power had left their work with farmers

to take employment at Brownswood Quarry.

Matthew Kelly stated that he was living with his father-in-law and did odd jobs for him without remuneration, while Power stated that for a considerable time past he had secured one day's work only at the Sanatorium.

The two men stated they had received notice of the termination of their employment and held they were more entitled to employment than those who composed the previous deputation as they had more dependants. They considered it unfair that their services should be dispensed with and their places taken by other men.

The Co. Surveyor stated he had been informed that by Saturday they would have procured all the material required from Brownswood quarry. They might be taking men for road work but the work at the quarry was completed and no men would be going back to it.

Mr. Kelly said when work was resumed in Brownswood quarry they asked to have their claim to employment favourably considered.

The Co. Surveyor said that the claims of the men objected to by the first deputation had not been in any way prejudiced by the statements which had been made. He would employ the men who had been objected to if their names were furnished him by the Unemployment Exchange.

CONTINUANCE OF OVERDRAFT.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That application be made to Minister for Local Government and Public Health for sanction to continuance of overdraft of £40,000 from 1st January, 1933 to 31st March, 1933, and that application be also made to the Co. Treasurer for same."

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The following report of Local Government Auditor in reference to his Audit of the Accounts of the County Council was read (115701/32 - 6th December, 1932)

"I beg to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Wexford

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"County Council (inclusive of the Library Committee) for the two half-years ended 31/3/31, and 31/9/1931. Certified copies of the Abstracts are forwarded herewith.

The following is a comparative table of the Rates raised for the years 1929/30; 1930/31; and 1931/32:-

	<u>1929/30</u>	<u>1930/31</u>	<u>1931/32.</u>
	S. D.	S. D.	S. D.
In respect of Roads.	2. 7 $\frac{3}{4}$	2. 9 $\frac{3}{4}$	2. 4 $\frac{1}{4}$
" " " County Services	2. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$	2. 2	2. 9
" " " Poor Relief	3. 0.	3. 0.	2. 11 $\frac{1}{4}$
" " " Health District Charges...	<u>1$\frac{1}{4}$</u>	<u>1$\frac{1}{4}$</u>	<u>4</u>
	<u>8. 0</u>	<u>8. 1</u>	<u>8. 4$\frac{1}{4}$</u>

Apart from annual fluctuations due to balances for or against at the commencement of each financial year the increased rate in respect of County Services for 1931/32 was due mainly to (1) Increased contribution to County Committee of Agriculture; (2) Increased contribution for Vocational Education; (3) Provision for salary and expenses of the County Medical Officer of Health; and (4) An increased allocation for Public Works, as against which however there was more than an equivalent reduction in the amount allocated for Road maintenance.

The uncollected balances of Poor Rate at 31/3/1930, 30/9/1930; 31/3/1931; and 30/9/'31 were respectively £27,394; £28,412; £26,341; and £22,822.

The Balances due from the Urban District Councils in respect of the County Council demands at 30th September, 1931, were:- Enniscorthy £1,382; New Ross £1,898; and Wexford £4,354.

All Insurance Renewal Premiums have been paid to date."

SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

1933.

The following under date 14th December, 1932 (F.31352) was read from the Department of Education:-

"With reference to your communication of the 23rd ultimo, submitting for approval the draft scheme of scholarships under above for 1933, I am to say that the matter has received the consideration of the Department, and provided that the undermentioned alterations are made by your Council, the scheme may be approved:-

1. Title should read "Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1933."
2. Page 3, paragraph 1. Attention is drawn to the portion of the Department's letter of 23rd July, 1932, which states that should any case arise in connection with the award of a scholarship to a pupil teacher or preparatory college student, it will be open to full consideration by the Department.
3. Page 3, paragraph 4. Entrance forms should be received not later than 1st February, 1933, in order to enable Council to submit full particulars in each case to this Department on or before 14th February.
4. Appendix 1. "Of the primary Scholarship examination should read "of the examination for scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools."

I am to add that the syllabus for 1933 is the same as that approved for last year, a copy of which is enclosed, and I am to request that your Council will forward, for the information of this Department, six copies of the amended scheme when printed for circulation."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "In reference to the letter of Department of Education under date 14th December, 1932 (F.31352) the Finance Committee cannot recommend the Co. Council to include in Secondary and Vocational Schools Scholarship Scheme a provision by which the

"Ratepayers of the County would be held responsible for the education of pupil teachers or preparatory college students. These scholarships should be confined to pupils who would otherwise be debarred from receiving a secondary education.

"That our Secretary advertise in the three local papers that the syllabus for these scholarships is the same as that approved for last year.

"That this Committee agree to have the other small amendments recommended by the Department of Education included in next year's scheme."

INCOME TAX ON COUNTY HALL.

The following under date 14th December, 1932, (PT/MG) relative to deduction of income tax from payment for rent of Co. Hall was read from Income Tax Inspector:-

"With reference to your letter of the 5th instant I beg to state that my letter of the 29th June referred only to assessment No. 2661 which is in respect of a proportion of a half-annual rent of £20.5s. payable to Mr. Johns out of the Court house and offices. Mr. Johns paid on this himself and I advised him to request you not to deduct tax when paying him this rent.

"As regards assessment Nos. 263BA and 2639. Tax £14.17.6d you are within your rights in deducting this tax from the rents of the holdings assessed at these numbers. These holdings appeared in the list of new ratings as at the 1st March 1931. Mr. Johns' name did not appear as owner on the list supplied to me by the Valuation Department. If Mr. Johns' name had appeared as the owner I should not have raised any assessments upon these holdings as he is entitled to exemption by reason of not being resident in the Irish Free State. If Mr. Johns wishes to obtain a refund of the tax deducted by you for the year 1931/32 he should apply to the Revenue Commissioners, Claims Branch, Dublin Castle.

"As regards the current year, 1932/33, I have instructed the

"Collector not to make any application to you as I am communicating with the Revenue Commissioners with a view to having the assessment for this year vacated."

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS.

Under date 7th December, 1932, Sergeant Connor, Garda Siochana, Ballycullane, Ex-officio Inspector, Weights and Measures Acts, made application for stationery, pens, sealing wax, etc.

Under date 10th December, 1932, the Chief Superintendent (Div.Ref.2646/32) wrote that requisition was in order.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, be requested to furnish, if possible, a requisition for a full year for stationery etc. for all Inspectors under Weights and Measures, etc.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES.

Sergeant Walker, Garda Siochana, Carnew, wrote that application would be made at Shillelagh District Court on 3rd January, 1933, for the committal of four illegitimate children of Margaret White, Bolinrush, Ferns, viz:- Patrick White, 9 years; James White, 2 years, Mary White 10 years; and Maggie White, 6 years old.

Under date 12th December, 1932, Mr. Corish, District Court Clerk, New Ross, wrote that application for the committal to St. Aidan's Industrial School, New Ross, of four children of Mary Browne, widow, Garrycullen, Ballycullane, aged $8\frac{1}{3}$, 7, $5\frac{1}{3}$ and $4\frac{1}{3}$ years respectively, would be made at Ballycullane District Court, on 19th December, 1932.

Both communications were referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor.

THE BALLAGH UNEMPLOYED.

The following letter from a number of unemployed men in the Ballagh area was referred from Co. Council meeting of 12th instant to the Finance Committee:-

"We the undersigned representing the unemployed in The Ballagh

"half Parish respectfully request you to bring our appeal before the next meeting of the County Council to have some of the relief Grant allotted to this area in order to create some much needed employment, there are several jobs which require doing in the locality a few of which I set out for present consideration:- (1) To have the main road running through the village, steamrolled for a distance of say, five or six hundred yards. This requires doing badly as during the Winter months it is impassable. (2) To have something done at Castle Ellis to prevent flooding of main road which occurs frequently after heavy rains. Now we consider these two works could be carried out immediately as the material is ready in the quarry at Ballymurry, and further we think it only fair that we should be given a chance to earn a few shillings to tide us and our families over the winter months.

"There are several other works requiring to be done but we leave them for future consideration."

The Co. Surveyor said it might be possible to help these men by some minor relief scheme under the Board of Works.

Mr. Hall said that there was considerable traffic on Ballymotey lane which was about five furlongs long, and Mr. O'Byrne referred to the necessity for a road at Ballyregan quarry to Rockspring.

The Co. Surveyor stated he would look into the matter and see if he could arrange for some scheme of employment.

MOTOR HIRE.

The Co. Surveyor said that during the time the Co. Council lorry was under overhaul the machinery overseer used his own motor car and for which he was charging a mileage rate of 5d the total account being £4.4.2d. This included two visits to Dublin (for which 7/6d subsistence allowance for each visit was charged) one to release a number of hammers held up in the Customs.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That Mr. Wm. Murphy, Machinery Overseer, be paid £4.4.2d amount for motor hire etc. in connection with road work of Co. Council."

TEMPORARY CLERICAL ASSISTANCE.

MOTOR TAXATION DEPARTMENT.

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

"That three temporary clerical Assistants be employed in Motor Taxation Department for a period of five weeks to deal with licences under Motor Car Acts for year 1933. That Joseph Fennell, George St., Wexford and James Devereux, South Main Street, Wexford, be employed - remuneration to be 1/- per hour, and that third name be considered at next meeting of Finance Committee."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on the 15th December, 1932, as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby approved.

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 21st December, 1932, were submitted as follows:-

A special meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 21st December, 1932, for the purpose of paying wages to workmen.

Present: Mr. M. Doyle, (Chairman Co. Council) presiding, Messrs. Sean O'Byrne, James Hall and James Shannon.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Co. Surveyor were in attendance.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £1,937. 13. 4d. was examined and signed.

On the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Clince the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on the 21st December, 1932, as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby approved."

DANGEROUS CORNERS ETC.- CAMPILE.

The following memorial signed by 43 ratepayers was submitted:-

"We the undersigned ratepayers and unemployed workers, desire to draw your attention to the two dangerous corners on road No.701 leading from Campile to Horeswood Church.

"A vast amount of traffic passes over this road and a great number of accidents have happened at these two corners, including one last year in which a young married man with a big family lost his life.

"The surface of this road is in a very bad condition and it also requires to be widened in some places, and in order to relieve the appalling distress of the great number of unemployed (62) in this area, we strongly appeal to your Council to have this very necessary work carried out.

"We also desire to draw your attention to road No. 789., from cross at Ballyvalig to cross at Grange (about quarter mile) which is also very dangerous. It was on this road that the late Dr. Anglim and his family met with a very serious accident and a great number of other accidents have also occurred on this road. There is a deep trench running beside this road, and the road itself is so very narrow that no two cars can pass. This is the only road by which the people from the villages of Arthurstown, Ballyhack and Duncannon can get to Campile Railway Station and it is quite a usual sight to have traffic held up, and parties sometimes miss their trains owing to the delay. We appeal to you to have the trench on this road filled, and the road widened and straightened, which work will be the means of further relieving the distress of the unemployed.

"We also appeal to you to approach the G.S. Railway Company to remove corner at the entrance of Campile Railway Station, as there is no view whatever of traffic entering or leaving the station and the corner is most dangerous."

The Chairman said that the Council had no money to deal with these corners.

Mr. Murphy hoped that when money would be available the matter would be brought to the notice of the Council, and something done. As regards the approach to the Railway station it was one of the most dangerous places in the County. Two lorries were always using this very short bit of road and in order to see a person in a car, had to swerve over to his wrong side.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Murphy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to approach the Great Southern Railway Co. with a view to removal of corner at the entrance to Campile Railway Station, as in its present condition it is most dangerous to traffic."

The Co. Surveyor said that some suggestions were asked by General Council of Co. Councils as to alterations in the Main Road Scheme, and amongst others he considered the road from Campile to Horeswood should be a main road and he was so recommending.

COMPLAINT OF CONDITION OF ROADS IN FETHARD.

The following memorial which was signed by 55 ratepayers was submitted:-

"We the undersigned being ratepayers and house-holders in Fethard hereby complain of the shocking state of the road and footpath from the Bridge at Fethard to Poulfur and from Templetown to Fethard, and we respectfully ask you to get something done to improve them."

The following report was read from Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor:

"With regard to the complaint made about the condition of the road from Fethard to Poulfur and also from Templetown to Fethard I beg to state that the Road from Fethard to Poulfur is in fair condition and quite as good now as at any time for the last four or five years. With regard to Templetown - Fethard Road the surface

"in most parts of this road is undoubtedly getting poorer owing to the fact that the amount of material used is not sufficient to keep it in order. The amount of money allowed for this section for year 1926 was £600 and this last year it was only £210.

"It will be impossible to keep the roads properly in this section if there is not more money allowed to do so."

The Co. Surveyor said one part of the road was a main road and they might be able to get an increased price for this.

Mr. Cummins said all the roads in that district were in a very bad condition. He did not blame the County Surveyor since the Council had consistently cut down his Estimate for a number of years. There was more traffic on some of the roads in his district than on some of the trunk roads.

Mr. Murphy - Practically the whole of our money is going on main roads and local roads are starved.

Chairman - We ought to have a bit of a lull in main road expenditure now as most of them are in a very fair condition and local roads should receive more consideration.

No order.

FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE.

Under date 8th January, 1933, Mr. Eugene Lacey, for the Irish Omnibus Company wrote that the specified alternative route for heavy lorries on account of the closing of Ferrycarrig Bridge for repair would be entirely unsuitable to the Company. It would mean cutting out Oylegate and all other traffic on the eastern side of the Slaney and in addition services would have to be duplicated between Enniscorthy and Ballymackessy Cross. He (Mr. Lacey) had been over the road via Castlebridge to Kyle Cross which was in a good condition. He would be glad if the Council could see its way to allow the I.O.C. to travel over ~~this~~ road and he would guarantee on behalf of the Company that the speed over the New Bridge would not exceed four miles per hour.

The Co. Surveyor stated he was very sorry he could not see his way to allow buses to cross Wexford Bridge.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Hall it was decided to inform Mr. Lacey the Council could not agree to his application as regards the use of road via Castlebridge to Kyle Cross during the repair of Ferrycarrig Bridge.

COMPLAINTS FROM KILMORE.

Mr. Roche said that with regard to stone-breaking at Kilmore, there was a lot of dissatisfaction. In the first place there seemed to be dissatisfaction as to how employment was being carried out, and that men were not being taken in rotation in regard to signing on at the Employment Exchange. He wanted that rectified if possible.

The Co. Surveyor said that Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor stated he knew nothing about the complaint.

Mr. Roche said he also understood that the carters could not draw the stones for the money given to them - 2/- a cubic yard. At present payment was working out for some at about 1/- for three miles. He wanted to know if payment could be increased in some way.

Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, said they were not very far from being finished at the place. Those who were drawing did not work the whole day - only part-time.

Mr. Roche - Some of them do, anyhow.

Mr. Kehoe, - But those earn more than the others.

Mr. Roche - But I believe that 2/6d or 3/- a day for man and horse is their best.

Mr. Kehoe - A man working all day would earn at least 5/- a day.

Mr. Roche said he thought that about half a cubic yard per load was as much as they were able to take, and they could not take ten loads a day. He thought that three or four loads a day would be as much as they could do. It was poverty that was making them do the work, but he did not agree that 2/- or 3/- a day was fair payment for

a man and horse.

Mr. Kehoe said they were getting very good material on this road for 2/3d per cubic yard and the men Mr. Roche referred to were delivering stuff which was not at all as suitable and receiving 2/- per yard.

Miss O'Ryan said that some of the men from the area mentioned had called on her, and she asked for their complaints in writing and had got them.

It was decided that Mr. Kehoe should confer with Mr. Roche with regard to the questions raised and that the complaints received by Miss O'Ryan should be also referred to Mr. Kehoe.

WALLS AT CLOHAMON BRIDGE

Mr. Armstrong called attention to the flooding of the road at Clohamon on account of which people were unable to get from the main road to the village. While the walls remained there, pedestrians were able to walk along the wall tops. Now the walls were gone and people were not allowed to cross the fields.

Col. Quin proposed that the Co. Surveyor be requested to furnish report as to the position relative to flooding of road at Clohamon Bridge.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the motion which was passed.

The Chairman said it appeared the only remedy would be to raise the road.

The Co. Surveyor mentioned that this was a link road and it might be possible to get money out of one of the Improvement Grants. The average flood was about 18 inches and ran for more than 50 yards.

Mr. Ennis said he had seen over four feet of water on this particular road.

CO. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colloton the following resolution was adopted:- "That Mrs. M. O'Connor, 4, North Main Street, Wexford, be appointed a member of the

"Co. Library Committee in room of the late Miss E. Hore."

WHITEMILL ROAD, WEXFORD.

On the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. O'Byrne it was decided that the Co. Surveyor furnish report as to this road with suggestions for its improvement.

LANES ETC. IN GOREY DISTRICT.

Applications were received from a number of persons for repair of the following lanes, memorials extensively signed being submitted in each case:-

Aughnamaulmeen Lane, Moankeen Lane, Millquarter Lane and Knockbrandon Lane.

Messrs. Patrick Morris and Thomas Loughlin came before the meeting with regard to the repair of Knockbrandon Lane from Moteybower to Ballyconran. Ten families would be inconvenienced if the repair was effected.

The Co. Surveyor stated they had put down eleven of these small lanes for repair but Knockbrandon was not on the list as the application was received late. It might be done under the Minor Relief Grant which would not bind the Co. Council to maintain it in the future.

On the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Keegan, the following resolution was adopted:- "That applications for repair of lanes in Gorey Area presented to this meeting be referred to Committee of the members of the Gorey Co. Electoral Area, with the Co. and Assistant Surveyor to inspect and report."

RIVERCHAPEL RIVER.

Mr. Michael Keyes, Riverchapel, wrote that the ratepayers of Riverchapel at a recent meeting decided to ask the Council to have the river at Riverchapel cleared up, and widened. Some years ago the river had been cleared and great satisfaction was derived from it. It had now filled up again and was in flood during the recent heavy rains causing great hardship to the people living adjacent.

It was decided that this application be also dealt with by the Committee which is to inspect the lanes in Gorey district.

TINACREE - DUNDRUM QUARRY.

The following memorial was submitted from a large number of ratepayers asking for the opening of the above quarry:-

"We the undersigned ratepayers and residents of the Kilmuckridge district hereby make application to Wexford Co. Council to have the quarry at Tinacree - Dundrum opened for the purpose of obtaining road material for the roads of the whole surrounding district.

"Our reasons for forwarding this memorial are:-

(1) The relief of unemployment which prevails in the district, no part of the county is as badly hit as the Macamore district at the present time.

(2) We believe that roads now done with sea-gravel are not lasting due to motor traffic tearing up the gravel in the summer months and that roads done with quarry material are better and more economical."

Mr. Smyth said the Surveyor was bringing material from Ballyregan quarry to Ruane.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said it was impossible to secure sea gravel which had failed entirely opposite Kilmuckridge.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Smyth the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Co. Surveyor inspect the quarry at Tinacree - Dundrum, and if he considers it feasible to work same that he take action immediately.

OVERHEAD TELEGRAPH LINE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That the Wexford Co. Council consents to the placing of an overground telegraphic line along Edenvale Road to new Garda barracks, Castlebridge, work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the Co. Surveyor."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

The following motion which he gave on 1st December, 1932, and which was circulated to Co. Councillors on the same day was moved by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That the Council borrow from the Local Loans Fund the sum of £2000 (Two thousand pounds) to be repayable in 35 years for the purpose of making advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, 1899."

In moving his motion Mr. O'Byrne said he was pleased to see that the people were taking advantage of the Act, and were building houses for themselves and giving employment.

Col. Quin - It isn't a penny on the rates, is it?

Secretary - If everyone pays up the instalments it will not.

Mr. O'Byrne - It is not on the rates. The Council are allowed a percentage on the money for administration.

Col. Quin - We have already given leave for the borrowing of £125,000 for cottages.

Chairman - That is a different thing altogether.

Mr. Corish - Have any loans been granted?

Secretary - A number have been agreed to by the Finance Committee.

In reply to Mr. Cline, the Secretary said he could not tell exactly when the money would be available.

Col. Quin seconded Mr. O'Byrne's motion which was carried.

Mr. Gaul raised the question of payment in respect of the erection of houses.

Mr. O'Byrne suggested that they should ask the Department to allow payments to be made in the same way as they allowed the Health Board to make payments on the building of cottages. Some people who were building houses themselves were badly hit by not being in a position to get money until a house was roofed. They should ask the Department to agree to the making of a portion of

the payment sooner than that.

Mr. Corish - I agree. I think it is an impossible proposition to put before a man that he must have a roof on a house before he gets any money, a man ought to get an advance as soon as his foundations are in.

Col. Quin - Another thing is that there is nothing to prevent a man putting in a little foundation, and playing about, and then spending the money on cattle. A man can always get credit from a contractor.

The Chairman said the possibility was that not many contractors were engaged.

Mr. Keegan - Col. Quin must have a very bad opinion of his neighbours. He always had.

Col. Quin - Of some neighbours, yes.

On the proposition of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Clince, it was decided that the Department be asked to allow payment in the same way as the Board of Health paid with regard to cottages.

RATE COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Keegan:-

"That the six Rate Collectors who are paid at present, poundage fees of 5d. in the £. receive in future, subject to the sanction of Local Government Department 7d. in the £. as is paid to the other 14 Rate Collectors, employed by the Co. Council."

In moving his motion Mr. Keegan said that it was more or less to put the matter in order that he handed in his motion, though he agreed that the men were hit fairly hard. Since they fixed the rate of 5d. in the £ a rule had been made that the collectors lodge every forty-eight hours and that meant travelling to Wexford three times a week. There had also been a reduction in the rates, and some collectors lost a considerable amount of money. It looked rather funny to be paying fourteen collectors 7d. in the £. while they were only paying 5d. to others. He did not think

they could have contentment while that was going on. He believed they would be justified in putting all the collectors on the same level, because, undoubtedly, they had suffered owing to increased railleage and a reduction in rates. They also had to admit that it was more difficult to collect rates now than when the 5d was fixed.

Mr. Gaul seconded.

The Chairman said the motion was a proposition for increasing the salaries of the rate collectors concerned. It was all very fine to talk about putting them on the same basis as the others but they did not come in on the same basis, and he thought the feeling of the Council was to reduce every new man down to the same level - and that every new collector be paid at the rate of 5d. in the £. They had lots of applicants at that rate, and never any difficulty about getting collectors, and, at the moment was it a time to raise salaries? Really that was what it meant.

Col. Quin said it had been the opinion of the Council that the collectors who had 7d had too much, but they wanted to be fair to them, and did not reduce them, but everyone else who came in was to have 5d. in the £.

Mr. Keegan - I would like you to remember that those who have 7d. are pensionable, but those who have 5d are not.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR THE MOTION: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, O'Byrne, O'Ryan and Shannon. (11)

AGAINST THE MOTION: Messrs. Brennan, Colloton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, McCarthy, Quin, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman (11)

The Chairman gave his casting vote against the motion which was declared lost.

INCREMENTS OF SALARY TO CLERICAL ASSISTANT.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice stood in the name of Mr. Gaul:-

"That the resolution of County Council refusing to allow

"increments of salary to Mr. S. Hayes, Clerical Assistant, Co. Council Office because he had not signed declaration under Section 71. of Local Government Act, 1925, be rescinded, and that in the event of this motion being adopted, increments of salary accruing to Mr. Hayes be paid."

Mr. Gaul in moving his motion said that every man was entitled to his political opinions and should be respected for holding them even though monetary considerations were at stake. The Wexford County Council should not victimise their officials.

Mr. Cummins seconded the resolution.

In reply to Mr. O'Byrne the Co. Solicitor stated that as the law stood at present the declaration under Local Government Act 1925 had to be made. There was a promise that a new Bill would be introduced to repeal the statutory provision obliging the declaration to be made but so far this had not been done and in law the declaration was still effective.

Miss O'Ryan said if the Council agreed to pay, the Department's sanction would be forthcoming.

A poll was then taken with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, O'Ryan, Roche and Smyth. (12)

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Colloton, Gibbon, O'Byrne and Quin. (5)

Did not vote: Messrs. Hall, Shannon and the Chairman (3)

Messrs. Jordan, McCarthy and Murphy (3) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The remainder of the business was adjourned to 13th February, at 10.30 a.m.

----- Michael Doyle

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MEETING 13th FEBRUARY, 1933.

M I N U T E S.

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary, Wexford Co. Council.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in Co. Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 13th February, 1933.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman (presiding), also Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, John Doran, James Gaul, Col. G.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, William P. Keegan, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, M.M. Roche, James Shannon and Myles Smyth.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor, Rates Inspector and the following Assistant Surveyors were also in attendance:- Messrs. T. Treanor, R.J. Ennis, T. Cullen, J.F. Birthistle and P. O'Neill.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £1484.2.0d. was examined and signed.

REPLIES TO VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin:- "That replies to resolutions of condolence adopted by this Council be inserted ~~an~~ this day's Minutes.
From Mr. Michael J. Dwyer:-

"Would you please convey to Mr. Doyle, Mr. Jordan and the other members of the County Council my sincere and most grateful thanks for their very kind references and resolution of sympathy on the death of my brother. R.I.P. The kindness and sympathy of the people of Wexford in my bereavement has been more than I can ever thank them sufficiently for."

From Mr. T.A. Frizelle, Assistant Secretary, Co. Council:-

"Please convey to Members of County Council my grateful thanks for resolution of sympathy on the death of my daughter."

CONSIDERATION OF PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME.

In connection with this which was the special business of the

meeting, the following report was read from the County Surveyor:-

"As directed by County Council I have amended the figures in the Provisional Road Works Scheme so as to bring down the total amount to equal the sum approved by the County Council for the year ending 31st March, 1933, namely £55,755. Also under direction I have very much reduced the proposed spraying work on the Trunk Roads, and have set out only one-third of my original Estimate; on the Link Roads I have cut out the spraying entirely. Owing to the reduction of spray work of the Trunk Roads I have allowed a higher sum for ordinary maintenance, but still there is a big reduction on the cost of the Trunk Roads. This saving on Trunk Roads has been put to allowing of a better price on the Link Roads so that the forty per cent Maintenance Grant for Main Roads will be approximately the same as for the current year.

"I have allowed the same total amount for third Class Roads as the current year, but the allocation of this amongst the sections has been varied to meet the requirements of the roads in the best manner possible. The fourth Class, or Contract Roads, remain as my figures in the Provisional Road Works Scheme and as the most of these are existing contracts they cannot be varied. The renewal contracts will be subject to possible cut on tendering, and any saving should be added to the County Road Contingency Fund.

As regards Improvement Works on Main and County Roads, I have followed the views of the Council, and have provided only for Maintenance of existing works, and for really necessary new Works. The total allocation for Improvement is somewhat less than last year."

In reply to Mr. Cummins the Co. Surveyor said that to keep the roads in the order in which he would desire, the cost for the financial year would be £86,555. With the reduced amount there would be constant complaints as to the condition of the roads, but what could be done if the Council were not in a position to raise more money than the £55,755.

Col. Quin proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That the following amounts be raised for maintenance and improvement of roads and public works for the financial year 1933/34:-
Main Roads:- Repair, £31,077; Improvement, £957, Contingencies, £875. Total £32,909. County Roads:- Repair, £21,145.3.8d; Improvement, £701; Contingencies, £1,000. Total £22846.3.8d. Gross total - £55755.3.8d."

With reference to the proposal for £200 put forward by Mr. Sean O'Byrne for rebuilding bridge at Raheengurren, and which had been cut out of the Provisional Road Works Scheme owing to directions of the Council to the Co. Surveyor, Mr. O'Byrne said this bridge was on the road locally known as "Pass-if-you-can" and was in a dangerous condition. The people who used it were prepared to give free sand for the work and in consequence he proposed that the proposal should be reinstated at a cost of £100.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said in his opinion even with the sand supplied the work could not be done for less than £150.

Mr. Keegan said that in winter time the people incurred the risk of losing their lives by falling from the bridge which had no protection whatever, and which was flooded in winter time.

Col. Quin mentioned that the road was unimportant and that the flooding takes place only on two or three days of the year.

Mr. Treanor in reply to Mr. Keegan said it was not possible at the present to bring a car over this bridge.

After further discussion Mr. D'Arcy proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was passed, Col. Quin dissenting:- "That proposal for repair of Raheengurren Bridge (No.218 County Roads) (Provisional Road Works Scheme) be reinstated, amount to be spent on said work to be £150."

In connection with the road at Barryville, Rosslare Harbour, the Secretary called attention to Section 25 (1) of the Local Government Act 1925, which provided that the Council could not take over any roads over which a public right of way for foot passengers, animals and

vehicles did not exist, and which did not connect two public roads.

The Chairman said a Committee was appointed to visit and inspect the road in question. He and Mr. Corish with the Co. Surveyor and Assistant Surveyor of the district attended and made a very thorough inspection of the whole place, and arrived at the conclusion that this piece of road should be taken over by the Co. Council. In this the Co. Surveyor acquiesced and they certainly had led the local people to believe that the Co. Council would be responsible for the maintenance of the road in future. Of course Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, was not with the Committee on the occasion.

Mr. Corish proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted, Col. Quin dissenting:- "That special representations be made to the Minister in connection with the proposal of the Council to take over the road at Barryville, Rosslare Harbour. The people who reside thereon pay over £50 per annum in rates and in the circumstances the Council are of opinion they are entitled to a road to and from their houses."

Col. Quin - You are always saying we are broke, and we are really broke, and now at every meeting we are proposing new burdens on the ratepayers.

The Chairman pointed out that the traffic on the main roads was not half what it was last year. There were no heavy lorries and no big consignments of food stuffs and he could not understand why the proposed expenditure on the trunk roads this year was scarcely anything less than what it was last year.

Mr. Corish called attention to the very bad surface of the street in Kilmuckridge, and considered a special effort should be made by the Council to get a decent thoroughfare in villages.

A memorial from Rev. C. French, C.C., Ferns, and eight residents urging the repair of the road at Lower Clonee which was in a very bad state, was read.

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Dr. J.J. O'Neill, Medical Officer, Camolin Dispensary District, wrote that in winter time this lane was impassable, and was very dangerous. He had attended families living on the lane and found it difficult to get to their houses, as he had to cross by means of a passage through private property, and this passage was now closed up.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said that this was one of the lanes recommended to the Board of Works for grant but the application was not successful.

Col. Quin - These are private roads and the people should keep them up as they did before.

Mr. Hall moved and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution:-
"That the Co. Surveyor apply to the Office of Public Works for a grant under Minor Relief Schemes in order to repair lane from Lower Clonee to Kilcloran, Camolin."

Passed, Col. Quin dissenting.

In reply to Mr. O'Byrne the Co. Surveyor said that the following were the particulars of the Minor Relief Schemes which had been agreed to by the Office of Public Works:-

Enniscorthy District: Killisk (Sow Drainage Area) Lane Repairs - £120.
Ballymotey and Garrymile Lane Repairs - £120. Ballin^ra Lane Repair - £120. Total £360.

Gorey District: Boira Drainage. £500. Ballyfad - Glenoge Lane repair £120. Munny Lane Repairs- £60. Conna Hill Lane Repair - £140.
Total £820.

New Ross District: Cloonagh Lane Repair. £100. Great Island Road £350.
Total £450.

Wexford District: Gurtins Lane Repair - £70. Bannow Lane Repair - £100.
Total £170, the gross total being £1,800.

Continuing the Co. Surveyor stated that the work at Ballymotey lane was held up as Wm. Murphy, Ballymoteymore who lived on it had written that unless the promoters of the project or the Co. Council paid him £50 for loss and damage he would not allow his fences and

trees to be torn down, and it would not be justice for him to suffer loss for the benefit of others. One of the persons concerned in the Conna Hill lane had also made some objection. Steps were being taken to see if the views of the objectors could be met and the repairs allowed to go forward.

Mr. Roche mentioned that the surface of four bridges on the Baldwinstown-Duncormack road were in a bad condition.

The Co. Surveyor said that they had not the money to attend to such matters at present. The structure of the bridges was all right.

The Chairman suggested that it might be possible to do a little on the bridges, and the Co. Surveyor said they might build them up gradually.

Mr. Colfer moved that proposal No.834 on Section 36, New Ross, Expenditure £50 to enlarge two gulleys, on road between Clommines Cross and Cross of Tallaught deleted from the Provisional Road Works Scheme be reinstated. He pointed out that when this road was flooded Children could not go to school and there was very considerable interruption of traffic.

After considerable discussion Mr. Colfer agreed to withdraw his motion.

Miss O'Ryan referred to the necessity of putting some material on the road at Shanoule.

The Co. Surveyor said they could not do the roads until after March. The tonnage of material for that road was very much reduced, and was not sufficient.

Miss O'Ryan also mentioned laneway at Traceystown, which, she stated, was in a terrible state. "If the Co. Council could supply stones the people would repair and clean the laneway.

Mr. Gaul drew attention to the condition of the Whiterock road.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, thought they could promise to improve that road.

References were made by members to the small amounts allowed for improvements in Gorey and New Ross Districts.

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The Chairman said that his opinion was that the ambition of the members for the various districts should be to have a reduction in the expenditure so as to reduce the rates to some extent. He was sure he would be very proud if expenditure in his district could be reduced by £1,000 or £2,000, so that it would reduce the rates.

Mr. Shannon moved and Mr. O'Byrne seconded:- "That the Council apply to the Government for a Grant to enable steam ~~rolling~~.at Clonroche Road to be completed.

The Co. Surveyor expressed himself in favour of this motion which was adopted.

The proposal of Col. Quin to fix road expenditure etc for the coming financial year at £55755.3.8d was then put to the meeting and adopted nem con.

PUBLIC WORKS.

The following allocation for public works (other than roads) for financial year 1933/34 was agreed to on the motion of Mr. Armstrong seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

<u>Harbours</u>	
Courtown	£150.
Poulduff	50
Carne	25
Kilmore	£150
Fethard	30
Slade	30
Duncannon	30
Aethurstown	30
Ballyhack	30
	<u>£525.</u>
Courthouses	£150
County Buildings	<u>£150</u>
TOTAL.....	<u>£825.</u>

CO. SURVEYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT.

"I submit separate report on amended Road Works Scheme.

"The Contractor for the reconstruction work at Ferrycarrig Bridge has now completed his Bond, and proposes starting work at once. It will not be necessary to close Bridge to traffic for about a month later. In connection with this job it will be necessary to appoint a Clerk of Works, and I have provided for the cost of this in the Estimate. I submit copy of letter received from Messrs. Delap and Waller, and with the approval of the Council, I suggest appointing Captain Harvey, Bargy, to superintend the work, at a fee of £6.6.0d per week. Captain Harvey, was employed at the construction of Mountgarrett Bridge, and gave entire satisfaction to the Bridge Committee and the Engineers, and I consider he is a most suitable Official for the job.

"On the 25th January, last, by arrangement, I met local people at Cahore Pier, and there was also present Mr. Smyth, M.C.C. There is a strong demand by the local fishermen to have an extension to the Pier there, so that their fisheries may be efficiently carried out. At the present time there are fifteen boats at the Pier, and the fishermen contend that there is not room to properly discharge these, nor is there sufficient shelter at the Pier, as it is at present. Occasionally fishermen have found it necessary to go to Courtown to discharge, and this is inconvenient and expensive. In 1905 there was a Contract made by Fishery Department to have an extension, and owing to lack of funds, the proposed length had to be somewhat reduced. There was at that time carried out an extension of 120 feet, and it is asked now that a further extension of about 90 feet should be made. I cannot find out whether the County Council put up any money in 1905, but the Fisheries Department undoubtedly provided a sum of £2,298. Besides this, by arrangement with the Fishery Department, the Contractor had free use of necessary plant for setting blocks etc. I do not consider it will be possible to extend the Pier for a less sum than £50 per foot run, and this for the 90 feet would entail an expenditure of £4,500. I understand

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"that application has been made to the Department to undertake this extension work, and I believe that the work would be of great utility.

"I have made inspection of the flooded road adjoining Clohamon Bridge, and estimate cost of filling hollow and fencing same at not less than £1,500. No doubt at times of flood in the river there is great inconvenience and nuisance at this place, but as this can only happen occasionally I believe the expenditure of this large sum would be of much greater advantage if put in for the improving of the road from Clohamon to Ferns.

"I have now Plans of the work being carried out by the Board of Works in the Sow Drainage Area, and have made several inspections of the work in progress. I am satisfied that a good job is being carried out, and I believe that great relief in the Area will follow the completion of the work.

"Referring to the recommendations of the Council in regard to lanes in the Sow Area, I have to report that Office of Public Works has allocated, under Minor Relief Schemes, a sum of £120 for the improvement of one of the lanes, that is Killisk. This amount, of course, will in no way meet expenditure of crossing river to join up with the lane at the other side, and, in fact, the money is insufficient to do a thorough job at Killisk lane itself. In connection with these Minor Relief Schemes I have to report that two Works approved of, one Ballymotey Lane, near Kilcotty, and the other Connahill, above Gorey, cannot be carried out, as some of the local lane owners have refused to sign Agreement required by the Office of Public Works.

"I have, during the past month, attended Office of Public Works in Dublin, and made copy of the section there in connection with Ballyteigue Drainage. It appears that the original Scheme regarding the new cut to the sluices at Kilmore was not fully carried out, and

"that the rock bottom was not taken out to the provided depth. Accordingly, if further work be done at this place it will, in the first instance, be necessary to remove this rock, otherwise, any deepening of the channel above this will be of little use. I estimate that to complete the channel as originally provided would cost up to £2,000, and even this will not provide the best longitudinal section that would be possible.

I have received communication regarding removal of sand and gravel from the sea shore, and to meet this I am providing, in the coming year's work, for the use of other material, where possible. In connection with this matter it was suggested at last Co. Council meeting that a quarry should be opened at Dundrum, near Kilmuckridge, and I submit copy of report from Mr. Treanor. Subsequent to Mr. Treanor's visit I examined place myself, and I consider that if possible Dundrum, Tinacree Lane should be put in repair, and the quarry opened.

"As directed by the Council I have made inspection of the Whitemill Road, adjoining the Town of Wexford. There is one point on this road where possibly, the gulleys are defective, but until inspection is made during flood time, I am not in a position to make any definite recommendation. I have arranged with the Assistant Surveyor, that at the first opportunity examination of the place at flood time should be made. As regards the remainder of the road I consider it a really good road for its class, and very much superior to many more important ones.

"I submit list of allocations from the Contingency Fund, and ask for approval to same."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the monthly report of Co. Surveyor be received and considered."

FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE: Under date 13th January, 1933, the Department of Local Government forwarded copy of Sealed Order (No.I.R./107/1/1932) authorising the closing of Ferrycarrig Bridge from 13th February, 1933 to the 13th August, 1933, both dates inclusive.

Under date 7th February, 1933, letter was read from Mr. Alfred D. Delap (Delap & Waller) Consulting Engineers, 16, Molesworth Street, Dublin, suggesting that Captain Harvey be appointed Resident Engineer for the work at Ferrycarrig Bridge.

Col. Gibbon proposed that Captain Harvey be appointed.

Miss O'Ryan, Mr. Corish and Col. Quin held that the position should be advertised and the meeting accepted this view.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following:-
"That remuneration for Resident Engineer for Ferrycarrig Bridge be at the rate of £6.6.0d. per week."

Mr. D'Arcy proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded a resolution to fix remuneration at £5.5s. per week.

A poll resulted as follows:-

For Six Guineas:- Messrs. Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gibbon, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin and Shannon. (13)

For Five Guineas:- Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Hall, Jordan, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman. (9).

Messrs. Gaul and Murphy (2) were absent when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the resolution to fix remuneration at £6.6s. per week passed.

It was decided that appointment be made at Co. Council meeting to be held on 27th February, 1933.

CAHORE PIER EXTENSION: Mr. Smyth said he could bear out the truth of the statements in the memorial as to the number of boats and the disabilities under which the fishermen suffered. He proposed the following resolution:- "That the Co. Councillors of Gorey Electoral Area be appointed a Committee to visit and report as to proposed extension of Pier at Cahore. That the T.D.'s of the County be asked

"to accompany the Committee with a view to making representations to the Government to provide a Grant in order to carry out the necessary work.

Mr. Keegan seconded the resolution which was passed nem.con.

It was decided that the Committee should meet at Cahore at 2 ~~pm~~ ^{oc} on Wednesday, 22nd February.

FLOODING AT CLOHAMON: Mr. Armstrong urged the necessity for the Co. Surveyor taking steps to abate the inconvenience which the people suffered by the flooding of the road at Clohamon bridge. On four occasions during the late winter the road had been flooded. Flooding had been taking place for a considerable time, but the circumstances were now different. Heretofore the people passed the flooded place by crossing the walls or by walking on them, but owing to the walking the walls were now broken down. The result now was that when the flooding of the Slaney occurred, the village was isolated. There was no more urgent work, although the Co. Surveyor might not think so. The people were up in arms because of the isolation of the village whenever there was a few hours' rain.

In reply to Col. Quin, the Co. Surveyor stated the cause of the trouble was the weir at the bridge. The mills at the place were not working. If the Council were to take action to have the weir removed an exorbitant amount would likely be asked.

Mr. Armstrong - I do not think that aspect of the question need be considered as there are still hopes the mills may be re-opened. A short time ago a deputation waited upon the Minister in regard to their re-opening.

The Co. Surveyor stated his idea was that the most advantageous expenditure would be to improve the road, from Clohamon to Ferns.

Mr. Jordan - If the weir were taken away there would be no trouble.

Co. Surveyor - I am absolutely certain if this weir were removed there would not be any flooding.

Chairman - Why not make an attempt to do away with the weir?

Mr. Armstrong stated the mills belonged to the Lewis family in Bunclody, and the buildings and plant were in good condition.

Mr. O'Byrne - I do not think we would be justified in doing anything. There is always the chance of the mills being re-opened.

Mr. Armstrong said that the people of the locality, as well as the owners of the mill would be opposed to the removal of the weir, because of the hope that the mills may be re-opened. They have not been working for twenty-four years.

Mr. Jordan expressed the opinion that the raising of the road would not cure the flooding.

Replying to Mr. Jordan, the Co. Surveyor stated his proposal to deal with the flooding would be to raise the road three or four feet for a distance of 360 yards.

Mr. Armstrong said that the deep flooding of the road occurred lately but what he was chiefly concerned about was the flooding to the depth of two feet, which occurred five or six times during the winter and isolated the village.

Chairman - There are more places than this which are flooded three or four times in the winter.

In reply to a query the Surveyor estimated the cost of raising the road at £1,500.

Mr. Jordan stated that if the bank of the river were raised, a lot of valuable land on the northern side would be kept under water, and the owners would have something to say to it.

The Co. Surveyor stated that Mr. Elgee was of the opinion that the Council could not make holes to allow the water into the land below. They could ask the Government to allocate some of the improvement Grant to the work.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the following Committee inspect the road at Clohamon Bridge and report to the Council:- Messrs. Armstrong,

Jordan, Hall, Quin with the Co. Surveyor and Co. Solicitor.

SOW DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS: Under date 17th January, 1933, the following letter (25807/32) was read from the Commissioners of Public Works:-

" 1. We are unable to agree that the complaints made at your Council's meeting on the 12th ultimo, that the works on the above district were being undertaken without due consultation with the Council's officials are justified.

" 2. As soon as we received notification of the Council's acceptance at the meeting of 10th October last of the conditions laid down in our letter of 16th July, we arranged a meeting between the Co. Surveyor and our Chief Drainage Engineer to consider the works which we proposed to carry out. The scheme was fully discussed by the Co. Surveyor and Mr. Olley in Dublin on 20th October last.

Mr. Barry inspected the Section of the main river, and was made aware of the extent and nature of the works. Since then, a new survey has been made of the essential part of the main river, and we attach a print for Mr. Barry's information together with descriptive particulars of the works to be executed.

" 3. We are very desirous of receiving the co-operation of the Co. Council's officials in the carrying out of the works, and we would therefore, suggest that the Co. Surveyor or his deputy should keep in touch with the Resident Engineer, Mr. L. Phillips, at Oylegate, with whom we understand he has already been in communication. We must observe, however, to prevent misunderstanding, that the entire cost of the new works is being borne by State Funds and that the responsibility for supervising their execution rests with us. We should also point out that the Sow Drainage District was transferred to the Wexford Co. Council in December, 1928, and the functions of the former Trustees then ceased.

We have laid before the Minister for Finance your Council's request that the repayment of arrears due under the Charging Order of 16th January, 1929, should be spread over as long a period as

possible and he has agreed that the payment of arrears due to us may be extended over a period of four years. This is the maximum concession he is prepared to make. Up to 1st May, 1933, eight instalments of £131.12.2d. each will be in arrear. Over the period of four years commencing on 1st May, 1933, another eight instalments will have fallen due, and seven of these will be liable for poundage. Your Council will, therefore, during the four years have to meet the equivalent of sixteen instalments of £131.12.2d. each, amounting to £2,105.14.8d., plus fifteen payments of poundage charges aggregating £98.15.0d. making a total of £2,204.9.8d. The revised half-yearly payment to be made by your Council to us on 1st May and 1st November during the years 1933 to 1936 inclusive will therefore be £275.11.3d. After that date the half-yearly payment will be £131.12.2d. until the repayment of the advance has been completed."

"Description of proposed works of alteration and general repair"

"It is proposed to alter the main channel of the River Sow for the length, and to the falls, widths, and depths shown on the attached print, by hand labour and by power plant. Beginning at the Outfall (and working upstream) the river will be cleaned and trimmed, as required, to a point approximately 1000 lineal yards below Kilmallock Bridge where the new and increased depths commence. From there excavation, forming, and shaping of the section will be carried continuously for a distance of about $5\frac{3}{4}$ miles, to where the steep fall from Ballaghkeen village begins. Hence, to the upper end of the Drainage District (as per Final Award map) the channel will be cleaned and trimmed as found necessary for free discharge.

Underpinning of any existing Bridges on the Drainage District that may be desirable will be carried out, together with essential repairs. All the tributaries on the Drainage District will be reconditioned and put in working order by hand labour. The accompanying 6-inch scale Ordnance Sheets (3) show the extent, and limits, of the Drainage District as defined on the Final Award maps."

The Co. Surveyor stated that he had now the plans of the work being carried out in the Sow drainage area, and had made several inspections of the work in progress. He was satisfied that a good job was being carried out, and he believed that great relief in the area would follow completion of the work. He suggested that a Committee should inspect the work, from which it was quite obvious that the original work that was supposed to complete the undertaking was negligible. He believed the local people were also satisfied with the job. The only point is the short time allowed for the payment of the arrears.

Chairman - They will have to be paid.

BALLYTEIGUE DRAINAGE:- On the motion of Col. Gibbon, seconded by Mr. M.M. Roche, it was decided to make application to the Government for a grant to carry out the necessary drainage work at Ballyteigue.

Col. Gibbon stated there had been terrible flooding in the area this year. If a grant were obtained unemployment would be relieved. The area had probably the greatest percentage of tillage in the county and compared favourably with that in any other county.

REMOVAL OF SAND AND GRAVEL:- The following under date 7th January, 1933, (M.S.3107) was read from Department of Industry and Commerce:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to state that the Department have received very grave complaints regarding the drawing of sand and gravel from the foreshore west of Carnsore Point adjoining the lands of Mr. Scallan and Mr. Boxwell. The Department have made inquiries into the matter and have ascertained that much of the material is being drawn for use on the Council's roads. Having regard to the very serious results which are likely to follow on the continued removal of the material the Department desire to impress on the Council the necessity for putting an end to the practice. The foreshore in question is State property and the drawing of such material is an illegality. I am, therefore, to request that the Co. Surveyor be instructed to communicate with the Road Contractors

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"and others drawing the material from the area in question for use on the Council's property with a view to the discontinuance of the abuse complained of."

The Co. Surveyor stated he was making other arrangements for the supply of road material as he believed the practice of taking gravel from the foreshores would have to be discontinued.

DUNDELM - TINACREE QUARRY: The Co. Surveyor stated that it would cost £250 to repair the lane leading to the quarry as it was one of the worst imaginable. It would cost another £120 to open the quarry. Judging by the communications they were receiving from the Department of Industry and Commerce they would be prohibited from taking sea gravel in this locality and on this account the money spent in opening the quarry at Tinacree would be well expended. The quarry would have to be opened sooner or later.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Corish the following resolution was adopted:- "That application be made to the Commissioners of Works in respect of proposed opening of quarry at Tinacree for Grant of £370 under Minor Relief Schemes."

ALLOCATIONS FROM CONTINGENCY FUNDS:- Mr. Clince proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted without dissent:- "That the following applications be made from Road Contingency Funds:-

<u>Main Road No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Co. Road Sect.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
22	£20	1	£12
29	20	14	20
30	20	15	12
40	20	16	12
41	20	18	12
42	20	19	12
49	20	20	12
50	20	21	12
59	20	22	12
61	20	23	12
69	20	24	12
		26	12
		29	12
		31	12
		33	12
		35	15
<u>Total £220.</u>			<u>Total. £203</u>

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the report of Co. Surveyor as submitted to this meeting be and is hereby approved."

ESTIMATE OF RATES FOR 1933-34.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Armstrong:- "That in the event of the County Council being unable to complete the consideration of their Estimate of Rates

The Co. Surveyor stated the work which the Contractor was doing for General and Separate Charges at meeting on 27th February, 1933, the was good, but it was too slow. About 500 yards of stuff had been Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to obtain cleared out since the job started on December, 28th. Six months was the sanction of Minister to have the matter finished at the meeting of allowed to complete the contract which meant that there should be on the Council on 13th March, 1933."

COURTOWN HARBOUR - DREDGING OF BASIN.

The following protest as to the manner in which the work of dredging the basin at Courtown Harbour was being carried out by Mr. P. Donovan, Contractor, was read:-

"At a meeting of the Courtown Harbour Committee on February, 7th, for the work done as in his opinion it was less than that stated by a deputation of Boat owners waited on the Committee to protest against the Co. Surveyor. He would object to any more money being paid to the manner in which the money is being spent in dredging the basin. the contractor until the job was completed. The job on the sluice

"And we the members of the Committee believe the men are right in their views as the machines employed are altogether inadequate to remove at its present rate of progress would take a couple of years. the enormous amount of silt accumulated there."

The Co. Surveyor said that Mr. Keegan had exaggerated the time occupied on the sluice gates by at least treble the period.
Mr. Donovan:-

Mr. Keegan said that the entire sewerage of the place entered "Confirming our conversation here on 9th instant as instructed I the basin and visitors could not be expected to come there while this have started work at lower end of basin and shall have channel out by work was in progress. The only plant which the contractor had was a end of next week (18th instant)

"I was indifferent as to where on basin I commenced work and on Mr. Corish stated that Mr. Donovan had done a very satisfactory my arrival here from the information I got from the fishermen started job in the clearing of the berths at Wexford Quay with the same plant. on that hard patch opposite the two streams. It being by far the The Co. Surveyor said he had been given to understand that the toughest part of the job I wanted to get it over also.

Contractor had done a satisfactory job for the Wexford Harbour "Should there be any objection to rate of progress of work I can Commissioners.

now use mechanical means employing the present number of hands (10)

"but of course, for a considerably shorter period.

"The entrance bar remains excellent owing to the flushing occasioned by lock gates being used twice daily by me to allow dredger to move about in basin. With present flow of water in the two streams six feet rise of water is trapped in basin in two hours. After two S. West gales there was a bar across entrance, but three flushings removed the deposit which was soft."

The Co. Surveyor stated the work which the Contractor was doing was good, but it was too slow. About 500 yards of stuff had been cleared out since the job started on December, 28th. Six months was allowed to complete the contract which meant that there should be on an average about 300 yards cleared out weekly. According to the present rate of progress the Contractor was getting out only 120 yards weekly. The Contractor was to be paid by instalments and he had received one payment of £60 so far.

Mr. Keegan stated he did not know how £60 could have been paid for the work done as in his opinion it was less than that stated by the Co. Surveyor. He would object to any more money being paid to the contractor until the job was completed. The job on the sluice gates was held up for three years and the work of clearing the basin at its present rate of progress would take a couple of years.

The Co. Surveyor said that Mr. Keegan had exaggerated the time occupied on the sluice gates by at least treble the period.

Mr. Keegan said that the entire sewerage of the place entered the basin and visitors could not be expected to come there while this work was in progress. The only plant which the contractor had was a piece of block tin, a bucket and a rope.

Mr. Corish stated that Mr. Donovan had done a very satisfactory job in the clearing of the berths at Wexford Quay with the same plant.

The Co. Surveyor said he had been given to understand that the Contractor had done a satisfactory job for the Wexford Harbour Commissioners.

Mr. Keegan, continuing, said that no good results would be obtained from the manner in which the work was being carried out. The position would be the same as in the case of the sluice gates.

Co. Surveyor - That is not a fact.

Mr. Keegan - The local people say so.

Co. Surveyor - I do not care.

Mr. T.F. D'Arcy said the plant being used to clear the basin was a ridiculous one. He should use a proper grab.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, stated he had inspected the work. The Contractor was working as hard as he could, and up to the present time had cleared out about 500 yards from the basin. The only way by which the stuff could be measured was by the barge. A barge measured twenty-five yards and the average cleaning done per day was about 20 yards. The contractor stated that if the Council wanted the job done in a hurry he would put a grab dredger on.

Mr. J. Hall said in his opinion the progress being made with the work was ridiculous.

Mr. Corish - Is the Co. Surveyor satisfied that with the present rate of progress he will have the job completed in the time specified?

Co. Surveyor - No. Until the progress is more satisfactory I will not give any more certificates.

Mr. Keegan proposed and Mr. Hall seconded:- "That ~~no~~ further money be paid to contractor for dredging basin at Courtown Harbour until his contract was completed."

This was defeated on "show of hands" but Co. Surveyor was directed to inform the contractor that no further certificate for payment would be issued by him until he was satisfied of the progress which was being made.

Col. Quin proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded the following resolution which was passed, Mr. Keegan dissenting:- "That contract between Co. Council and Patrick Donovan, High Street, Wexford, as to dredging basin at Courtown Harbour be sealed on behalf of the Council!"

FLOODING AT RIVERCHAPEL

Mr. Keegan proposed that the Government be asked to supply, from the Minor Relief Schemes, a sum of £70 for the clearing of the river at Riverchapel so as to prevent the flooding of the houses taking place after heavy rain.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded, and the proposition was passed.

In reply to a query, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said that the Council had no power to spend money on a river. So long as it was a natural river and not an artificial one they could not touch it, even if it flooded a road.

DRINAGH - ROSSLARE ROAD.

Referring to unemployed men at Drinagh, Mr. Corish asked if anything could be done for them.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said there was no work at Drinagh.

Mr. Gaul asked if there would be any chance of getting a grant for the completion of the Drinagh - Rosslare road. The matter was raised by the chairman some time ago.

The Chairman said he had heard nothing about the matter since.

Mr. Gaul suggested that a deputation should be sent to Dublin to ascertain if they could get anything to finish the road.

The Chairman pointed out that first of all they would want to have some arrangement between the Council and the Railway Company.

Mr. Gaul said that if they had any assurance that the Government would give a grant they might then approach the Railway Company.

The Chairman said that if they got a grant they could not spend it until the question between the Council and the Railway Company was settled.

Mr. Gaul proposed that the five T.D.'s for the County approach the Minister for Industry and Commerce to endeavour to have him if

if possible, to bring pressure to bear on the Railway Company in order to allow the Drinagh-Rosslare road to be completed and made fit for light traffic.

Mr. Corish seconded, and the proposition was passed.

FORD OF LYNCH

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, forwarded the following letter from Messrs. Meldon & Co., Solicitors, 9, Bachelor's Walk, Dublin:-

"We delivered our Defence to your Town Agent on Tuesday last who doubtless sent it on to you.

With reference to the second paragraph of your letter of the 23rd ult., you do not suggest what could be done to avoid litigation. If, however, you think that a meeting between our respective Clients and their Advisers might lead to something being done, and if you will write us proposing such a meeting we shall take our Clients' instructions. The Commissioners will hold their annual meeting at our Office on Wednesday next and the occasion would be an opportune time for us to submit any proposal from you for consideration."

It was decided to discuss this matter in Committee.

Col. Gibbon said if the Co. Council could get an undertaking from the Slob Commissioners to clear the channel from Ballybro to the present channel at the Slob to the satisfaction of an independent engineer and maintain it in future on certain specified conditions it would be possible for the Co. Council to make a settlement. The Commissioners should also agree to lower the spillways on the embankment to the position in which they were at the initiation of the Scheme. The blocking of the channel up to Ballybro was due to their action

The Co. Surveyor stated that the liability of the Commissioners went only to high water mark.

Chairman - The liability comes almost to the bridge at Ballybro. The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne

seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the Co. Solicitor arrange (without prejudice) a conference between the Slob Commissioners and the following representatives of the Co. Council:- The Chairman, Co. Solicitor and Co. Surveyor with Counsel to negotiate a settlement which will prevent any future flooding of the road at Ballybro."

EMPLOYMENT OF MEN IN BUNCLODY DISTRICT.

Mr. Armstrong complained of the manner in which men were selected for employment in regard to the Grant Work at Bunclody. There was a difference of opinion as to how the men should be employed. For four months men had been working at the stone breaker in the quarry and received about 13/- per week. Now the work on the road was about to start and these men who lived in the town had been discharged and Co. Council men were being brought in at weekly wages. He considered married men in Bunclody and District should get employment week about. He understood that a good many unmarried men were employed or about to be employed for the road work. Surely married men with families should be employed in preference to single men.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, stated that he took on seven extra men that day. He was about to bring in a County Council foreman and two other men and there would be employed, eleven men, as well. He must have Co. Council's three men as they have experience of the work. There were only two unmarried men employed to his knowledge and they came to the conclusion that these men had dependents enough to have them classed as married men. He had no objection to employing men periodically but he must have a few left with him who were reasonably handy at the job.

Mr. Armstrong complained that one man was brought in from Carlow County, while 140 or 150 men in the district were idle. There was more discontent and agitation and criticism in Bunclody than there should be.

Miss O'Ryan contended that the discontent arose from the manner in which the men were obtained from the Labour Exchange.

Col. Gibbon proposed that application be made to the Government for permission to appoint a whole-time Inspector to be paid out of the Grants and who would go around making inquiries into the circumstances of all the men.

Mr. Armstrong said that with the exception of two key men and a ganger from the Co. Council employees, all other men should be married men.

Mr. Ennis pointed out that Mr. Armstrong's proposal was in direct contravention to the Government Regulations. He was bound to take the men whose names were furnished by the Labour Exchange

Mr. Cummins said that his suggestion to the Assistant Surveyor was that he should spread the work as well as he could and he thought it would do away with jealousy among the men.

Mr. Corish pointed out that Mr. Ennis could do nothing in the matter.

Chairman - Mr. Ennis has told you that the resolution is in direct opposition to instructions.

Mr. Gaul said that in the case of a relief grant they were obliged, on instructions from the Local Government Department to employ the men from the Labour Exchange and the Co. Council had no power in the matter.

Mr. O'Byrne suggested that they could adopt portion of the resolution - that the men be changed every week.

Mr. Ennis said that changes should be made only every fortnight.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, suggested that an arrangement which he thought, could be secured through Mr. Corish and the other T.D.'s should be made whereby lists of names of registered unemployed could be supplied to the Assistant Surveyors, and the Assistant Surveyors could be held responsible for the selection of the men.

Mr. Corish said he had been informed that men left jobs on a Friday and had been employed through the Labour Exchange on the following Monday.

Mr. Birthistle said that the Labour Exchange could not cure that. He held that it was the Assistant Surveyor who knew most in the matter.

Mr. Corish said that they had had deputations of all parties waiting on Mr. Lemass who had promised to go into the matter.

Miss O'Ryan suggested that unemployed men who were longest out of work and who had the most dependents should be selected from the Exchange for employment. There had been cases in which employers had made their own selection.

Mr. Gaul - The Labour Exchange have their instructions from the Government.

Miss O'Ryan - They do not carry them out.

Mr. Corish - I want to say this for the information of the unemployed. A great number started to sign the register in last May or June, and when work was not forthcoming in a few weeks they stopped signing.

Miss O'Ryan - It is not so.

Mr. Corish - I am not taking the part of the Labour Exchange at all. I am just saying that for the benefit of the unemployed, so that they will continue to sign.

Miss O'Ryan again remarked that other people had been able to select their men.

Mr. Birthistle said that the rule adopted by the Labour Exchange was that they had a certain number of men registered, and off the list they sent the most deserving cases. So far they had done that to the best of their ability. That had to be said in fairness to the Exchange.

Mr. Armstrong proposed:- "That in connection with the work at Buncloody road ordinary workmen be employed week about with two key men and one ganger from the Co. Council employees."

Mr. Cummins seconded this resolution which was adopted, Co. Quin and Mr. Gaul dissenting. The latter stated that the matter was not in the hands of the Co. Council but in those of the Labour Exchange Managers.

UTILISATION OF GRANTS.

Mr. Hayes proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded:- "That when grants are received from the Government for repair and improvement of roads, work in connection with same should be started immediately."

The resolution was adopted.

The Co. Surveyor mentioned that the suggestion in the resolution was unnecessary as it had been always the practice to begin work as soon as funds were available.

WORK ON CURRACLOE ROAD

RELIEF GRANT.

A deputation consisting of Messrs. John Kinsella (Chairman) and Aidan Kehoe (Sec.) of the Wexford Branch of the Unemployed (able-bodied) Men's Association, with Ibar and John Murphy, brothers, of Ballaghablake, Curracloe, came before the meeting to complain of the manner in which haulage work had been allocated on Curracloe road.

Mr. Kinsella said they came there to protest against the Council giving work to independent farmers and leaving labouring men idle. According to their statement (Murphy brothers) there were men with more than sixty acres of land getting haulage work on the roads. The Murphys had horses of their own.

Mr. Kehoe said that one of the men who was employed at present had fifty - five acres, two race horses and two working horses, pigs, sows, sheep and a gravel pit and when he sold gravel he got 3/- a load for it. That man was not need of employment.

Chairman - Racing is a bad game at the moment.

Mr. Kehoe said they had another case of a man who had thirty acres, two working horses, cows and sheep. That man was also employed at present. There was another case of a man who was not employed now, but who had been employed, and he was a rancher.

Chairman - If he is not employed now you have no grievance. What is the position of the men you want the employment for?

Mr. Kehoe - These men have half an acre of land. The names of the three men objected to were:- Simon Donohoe, Thomas Mythen and T. Parle.

Ibar Murphy said he was idle for the past three months. He had half an acre of land, and two horses and cars. The steam rolling of the Curraclloe road had started, and the men mentioned were employed on it. It was grant work.

Mr. Kehoe said there were several other farmers not working at present, who had got a lot of work from the Council.

In reply to Mr. Keegan, Ibar Murphy said that J. Murphy, ~~was~~ his brother. They had their mother and a sister to keep and they had a horse each. He last worked for the Co. Council about three months ago.

Mr. Birthistle said the complaint was in connection with relief grant work on the Curraclloe road. For that Relief grant they had instructions that the people who should get the work were men who had never got a chance before and who were deserving cases. With regard to the three carters complained of he had been informed that one of them was in a very bad way and had fifteen or sixteen in his family. He knew that the others, (one of them in particular) were in a very strained position also. Up to last Saturday one of them had earned £7.7s. another £15.16.6d., and the other who had a couple of horses, about £42, or £1 or £2 under that. Out of the same grant one of the deputationists had received £23.11.6d. He was not making any case against Murphy. He and his father had worked for the Council since 1923. Last year, up to Christmas, they received £39.15s.8d. and previous years more. They seemed to think that he should have work for them every day in the week. He had tried to give the work to deserving men. He could have got more deserving men out of the Co. Council employees, but he had kept all

Co. Council workers, who had previously got work, out of the grant work as far as possible.

Mr. Kehoe asked if one of the men mentioned had not got two farms now.

Mr. Birthistle - I do not know.

Mr. Kehoe said he did not think that that man was a deserving case. He was looking at him and his son training a racehorse.

Chairman - When you speak of a racehorse, he has a little pony going in an odd "flapper" meeting through the country and it is probably a bigger loss to him than a gain.

Mr. Kinsella - Anyhow, before we go, I think it is only fair to say that a man with half an acre is more entitled to a relief job than a man with fifty-five acres.

Mr. Birthistle (to Mr. I. Murphy) Would there be any truth in the statement that you take tillage land?

Mr. Murphy - I take about three-quarters of an acre.

Chairman - You have heard the statements, and I do not see that there is a wonderful grievance anyhow.

Mr. Colloton - There is no grievance at all. Mr. Birthistle has acted very fairly in the case. The men referred to are deserving. They have big, young families.

Mr. Corish asked if it would be possible to find out if the deputationists' statements with regard to acreage were correct.

Chairman - I know people with practically seventy or eighty acres and they have not a red cent, and are hungry.

Mr. Keegan - But they have a better opportunity of living than a man with half an acre.

Chairman - The larger the farm you have at the moment the worse you are off practically.

Mr. Shannon suggested that the Murphys get work for one horse at least.

The Chairman said that Mr. Birthistle had told them that the

Grant work was not for the usual road workers, and that he did not employ the usual road workers at it. He (chairman) believed the Grants were intended in that way.

Mr. Birthistle said he could have got more deserving cases with young families from the men that usually did road work, but he had given a chance to those who never got a chance before.

Mr. Corish asked if it would be possible to put on one more horse and give the work to the Murphys.

Miss O'Ryan suggested that the matter should be left in Mr. Birthistle's hands.

Mr. Corish said that Mr. Birthistle stated he might be able to give the men a little task work. Would Mr. Birthistle do his best to give them something?

Miss O'Ryan said she objected. They would have deputations coming from different families every day. Those men had come to fight for the Murphys, but what about all the other families in the Screen area?

Mr. Corish said he had no objection with regard to other families at all.

The discussion ended.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACT.

List of applicants with regulations issued by Local Government Department and special circular to would-be borrowers under above Act were considered. Copies of these had been furnished Co. Councillors with Agenda paper.

Resolution adopted by the Finance Committee on 5th January, relative to Act was read.

This stated that as the houses in respect of which loans were to be advanced were the subject of Government Grant the Committee considered certificates of valuer and Sanitary Officer were not necessary. It was proposed that Assistant Surveyors should furnish a statement of value from an inspection of the Plans and specifications

of the houses submitted to the Appointed Officers.

Mr. McCarthy said that the Finance Committee passed the resolution because someone had to value the houses on behalf of the Council. The Appointed Officers could not do it. The regulations stipulated that.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, on behalf of his colleagues said it would be admitted that they did not demur at anything they were asked to do. They were always desirous of meeting the Council but if this work were to be done they did not see why they should be expected to do it. They had nothing to do with housing or with labourers' cottages. On behalf of the surveyors he formally entered a protest against the suggestion.

Col. Gibbon suggested that the Co. Health Board be approached with a view to allowing Mr. Gerald Flood, Engineer, to do the work. Mr. Flood was accustomed to it.

Mr. Gaul considered they were only wasting their time discussing the appointment of officers while the regulations under the Act were framed so that a person applying for a loan could not get any money until the house was roofed. There were many applicants who probably had not a halfpenny to their credit. How were they to get the material?

Mr. Hayes cited instances of the inability of applicants to obtain credit, and stated he had been informed by a timber merchant they could not go on indefinitely giving goods on credit.

Chairman - It is not our fault.

The Secretary pointed out that the Council had already adopted a resolution asking that payments should be made in the same manner as obtained for erection of labourers' cottages.

Mr. Corish said the provision under which an applicant could not obtain any money until the external walls and roof were complete were ridiculous.

Mr. O'Byrne stated there were a lot of regulations in the Act which were not necessary. The fact of the Council having the sanction of the Appointed Officer should be sufficient to obtain the loan. In no doubtful case would they give a certificate. The Department could help the Council in the administration of the Act by allowing the Council to accept the certificates of the appointed Officers.

Chairman - We cannot go any further until we get an answer.

Mr. O'Byrne - We cannot let the thing drop, as the people have gone to great expense and inconvenience on the understanding that they would get the grants.

Mr. Cummins suggested that the Deputies for the County should wait on the Local Government Department in regard to the difficulty.

Mr. Jordan - What security have we for the repayment of the money?

Secretary - A mortgage on the house.

Mr. Jordan said he did not want to be taken as opposed to anyone getting a grant but there were people among the applicants who had no chance of repaying the money. He would like to see the Council secured in order to safeguard the ratepayers. There was no use in saying that an agricultural labourer could repay £100 if there was no security only the house. If the man did not pay were the Council prepared to evict him and his family. They would probably be unable to find another residence. In his opinion it would not be possible for an agricultural labourer to pay 4/9d a week rent for 35 years.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the T.D.'s of the County be requested to wait on the Minister for Local Government and Public Health with a view to securing such modification in the regulations under Small Dwellings Acquisition Act as will enable the recommendations of the Co. Council to be put into operation." The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan

seconded by Mr. Jordan:- "That consideration of applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be adjourned to meeting of Co. Council to be held on 27th February, 1933, at 10.30 a.m. the business in connection with this Act to be dealt with on that date up to noon when the Council will deal with any business undisposed of at this meeting and any other business arising in the meantime."

TOURIST RATE.

Letter was read from the General Manager, Irish Tourist Association, applying for inclusion in the estimates of the Council for next financial year the same amount for Tourist Advertising under the terms of the Tourist Traffic (Development) Act, as the Council had been good enough to make in previous years.

The Secretary stated that the contribution to the Tourist Development Association had been the equivalent of $\frac{1}{4}$ d in the £. viz. £411.

Mr. Barry, of the Association, who was in attendance, made an appeal for the continuance of the rate. The money was never more necessary as competition with other countries is much keener every year. The Tourist countries in Europe had State Departments behind them but the Irish Association were depending upon voluntary contributions, mainly from local Authorities. There were about 20,000 people in Ireland depending upon the success of the Tourist Traffic and the money which the Council voted had been most usefully expended.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution:- "That this Co. Council provide the equivalent of $\frac{1}{4}$ d. rate in the £1 under the Tourist Traffic (Development) Act 1931 for the funds of the Tourist Association."

Mr. D'Arcy questioned the expenditure of the money and said it seemed to be used for advertising hotels which should pay for their own advertising. In other countries a small tax on Tourists

provided the necessary money for Tourist Advertising.

Mr. Barry explained that the hotels paid for their own advertising and of course the success of the work of the Association depended upon the advertising and propaganda they were able to carry on in other lands.

Mr. Corish said he believed value was being given. He as the representative of the Council on the Tourist Association knew that the Association is very attentive to the interests of Wexford County and was doing a great deal to get in touch with all parts of the world.

Mr. D'Arcy - Does Wexford get a fair share? How many hotels in Co. Wexford are advertised?

Mr. Corish - I believe it is the business of the hotels to advertise. The proprietors of the hotels are members of the Association and pay subscriptions to the Association.

Mr. D'Arcy said he believed the County was not getting value for the rate that was allocated. They were told last year that they were to get fabulous prices for their farm produce owing to the Eucharistic Congress, but they knew what they did get.

Mr. Barry - Public money is not spent by the Association on the advertising of hotels. Ninety per cent of the hotels do their own advertising through the Association. It is spent on advertising Wexford as a unit. In addition the hotels pay a substantial fee to the Association.

In reply to Mr. D'Arcy, Mr. Barry stated that 75 per cent. of the rate was spent on local advertising and the balance on general advertising. Any hotels which wanted to be advertised in the publications of the Association had to pay for it.

The Chairman said that last year when they passed the tourist rate they looked upon the year as an exceptional one in view of the Eucharistic Congress. There was a good deal in what Mr. D'Arcy pointed out. He (Chairman) did not like to oppose the application, but the money was badly wanted in the County.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne said that the Association had assisted Councils

in the past to obtain Government grants.

Chairman - I do not think we got any last year.

Mr. O'Byrne - Last year we asked them to do something in connection with the sea roads, and they did not succeed, but we hope they will have better results this year.

Mr. Barry - We are doing our best.

Mr. M.M. Roche moved that if the rate were granted to the Association, money ^{should} be spent on the clearance of dangerous corners.

If they wanted to attract tourists they should give them good roads.

Miss O'Ryan said that the Association advertised outside Ireland the attractions of the country in order to try to induce foreigners to visit the country.

Mr. Hayes supported the motion in favour of the rate.

Col. Gibbon also supported the rate and said that when he was asked by people for information in regard to hunting, shooting and fishing in the county he wrote to the Association and was surprised at the amount of information which the Association supplied him with.

Mr. J. Elgee, Solicitor, gave it as his opinion that Mr. Roche's motion was out of order.

After further discussion a vote taken on the proposal of Mr. Cummins resulted as follows:-

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Doran, Gaul, Gibbon, Hall, Hayes, Jordan, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin and Shannon - (17)

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Murphy, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman. (7)

The Chairman declared the motion carried and Mr. Barry of the Tourist Association returned thanks.

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Gaul:- "That this Council hereby agrees that the

"following students are, in their opinion, eligible to compete for Secondary and Vocational Scholarships for 1933:-

James Noel Anglim, Riverview, Arthurstown; Catherine Britton, Ballymurray, The Ballagh; Thomas Butler, Mountainmuck, Glynn; Margaret Connolly, 3, Thomas Street, Gorey; Denis Cullen, Allenstown, Broadway; Alice Mary Devereux, Grange, Broadway; James Doran, Main St., Gorey; Peter Doran, Main St., Gorey; Patrick Doyle, Drimmagh, Rosslare; Anne Duggan, The Leap, Davidstown; Nicholas J. Gilbert, Knockamure, Clohamon; Thomas James, 2, James Street, Gorey; Richard Joseph McDonald, Irish Street, Buncloody; Bart O'Connor, Clohamon, Ferns; Eileen Francis O'Neill, Bushville, Tagoat; Catherine O'Regan, Ballybro, Tagoat; Catherine Agnes Roche, Ballygilliestown, Davidstown; Margaret Ronan, Drinagh, Broadway;."

As Peter Bernard Murphy, Bennettstown, Broadway, and Catherine Sinnott, The Ballagh, are over the prescribed age their applications for scholarships are refused.

THREE GOREY LANES.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District, submitted report as to the inspection of three lanes in Gorey District by local Committee, Messrs. D'Arcy, Keegan and O'Byrne met on the 7th instant at Knock Brandon.

They first inspected the lane at Millquarter between Road No.42 and Road No.118. between Knock Brandon Upper and Graan Hill.

They were met by Rev. J. Kehoe, C.C., Mr. Dempsey, N.T., and other Ratepayers. It was pointed out that the lane was the only road for the greater part of the parish to attend Church and School. When it became impassable after heavy weather the residents were obliged to make a very wide detour. Those present agreed to give material and help free.

It was recommended that £180 be set aside for the work.

The Committee then met all the residents on Knock Brandon Lane which begins and ends on Road 42. This was their only outlet and it

was liable to flooding through the adjacent bog. The people concerned agreed to do any widening required.

It was recommended that £275 be allocated for this work.

The Committee proceeded to Aughnamaulmeen lane between Road No.42 and County bounds where they were met by the residents. In this case repairs had been carried out and been fairly well maintained. Help was promised and consent given to any widening or removal of bad corners. Between the end of lane and Co. Wicklow bounds a new road about 50 yards long to meet a similar road built by Co. Wicklow would have to be made. The land owners undertook to give free of charge the necessary land for road building and fencing. Those present also undertook to provide any stones they could collect for foundations and strengthening where necessary. The making of this road would mean a saving of five miles to the nearest railway station. The Committee decided to recommend a sum of £270 to be set aside for this work.

The following resolution was proposed on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Keegan and adopted nem con:- "That the Report of Gorey Co. Electoral Area Committee as regards the three lanes of Millquarter, Knockbrandon and Aughnamaulmeen be approved, the Co. Surveyor to apply for Government Grant of £730 to have them put into repair."

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER OF CO. COMMITTEE OF
AGRICULTURE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That as recommended by Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture, Mr. John J. Colloton, Sloblands, Curraclloe, be appointed a member of said Committee to fill the vacancy created by the death of his father Mr. George Colloton who was a member of the Co. Committee for many years.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

Under date 10th February, 1933, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.12544/1933) that the Minister had sanctioned increased overdraft accommodation within a limit of £50,000 on the accounts of the Wexford Co. Council up to the 28th February, Interest thereon to be paid at the agreed rate.

Under date 10th February, 1933, the Manager, National Bank, (The Council's Treasurer) wrote that the Directors had sanctioned an additional £10,000 overdraft for one month or shorter period pending receipt of the Agricultural Grant.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of the 5th January, 1933, were submitted as follows, and confirmed on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin.

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

MEETING - 5th JANUARY, 1933.

M I N U T E S.

County Hall,

WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,

Secretary, Wexford Co. Council.

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on Thursday, 5th January, 1933.

Present: Messrs. James Hall, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor and Rates Inspector were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne the chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2,818.15.8d was examined and signed.

THE LATE MRS. MULLETT.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon, a vote of condolence was adopted to Mr. Hall in the death of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Mullett, Rathmure, Davidstown.

The vote was supported by the Secretary and passed in silence.

Mr. Hall returned thanks.

RATE COLLECTION.

STATE OF:- The following gives the state of the Rate Collection to date:-

	<u>Percentage of Amount</u> <u>Collected.</u>
1. S. Gannon (6)	61.1
2. J. Curtis	56.4
3. E.J. Murphy	56.0
4. A. Dunne	54.1
5. W. Doyle	52.5
6. J.J. O'Reilly	51.4
7. S. Gannon (10)	51.4
8. M. Murphy	51.4
9. P. Nolan	51.2
10. P. Carty	51.2
11. J. Quirke	51.1
12. T. Rowe	51.0
13. M. McCarty	50.4
14. J. Cummins	50.0
15. T. Bolger	50.0
16. W. Cummins	49.6
17. J. Deegan	46.9
18. J.J. Sinnott	44.6
19. P. Doyle	43.5
20. P. O'Byrne	40.6

The Finance Committee at their last meeting adopted a resolution that Collector P. O'Byrne (No. 9) should lodge 50% of his Warrant excluding arrears by the meeting of the Committee held on 4th January 1933.

The Rates Inspector reported under date 2nd January, 1933, that Collector O'Byrne had not made any lodgment since 20th December.

The following under date 4th January, was read from Collector O'Byrne:-

"I am very sorry I am not able to lodge the required 50% of Rates for to-morrow's meeting. I would respectfully ask Finance Committee to allow me time to their next meeting to do so.

"There will be a fair in Enniscorthy before that date and as I have taken proceedings against a number of Ratepayers who are outstanding I hope to be in a good position by that date."

Mr. Shannon mentioned that Mr. O'Byrne had met with an accident shortly after Christmas, and had not been outside his house since.

The Rates Inspector said that O'Byrne lodged £40 on the 4th January, but he believed this Collector was not making a really earnest effort to push forward his collection.

Mr. Shannon said on account of the accident he would suggest that O'Byrne be given until next meeting of the Committee viz. 19th January, by which to lodge 50% of his warrant, and if not that his sureties be called upon.

The Chairman stated while he recognised all the difficulties of Collectors and had no desire to be hard on any of them, still there were complaints of the manner in which Mr. O'Byrne had been carrying out his duties at practically all the recent meetings of the Finance Committee, and he had conveyed no official intimation of his accident to the County Council.

After further discussion Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That our Secretary communicate with Collectors Philip Doyle, J.J. Sinnott (16)

"John Deegan (No.7) and P. O'Byrne (No.9) and their Sureties and point out that unless they had 50% of their current warrant excluding arrears lodged by next meeting of the Finance Committee on the 19th instant, drastic measures must be taken against them and Sureties called upon to lodge the amount outstanding."

PAYMENT OF KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE RATE:- On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman it was decided that £12.10.7d amount of poundage (at 7d in the £) for lodgments made by Collector Rowe to 30th September, 1932, in respect of Kilmannock Drainage Rate be paid.

RESIGNATION OF RATE COLLECTOR.

Under date 5th January, 1933, the following was read from Collector T. Bolger, No. 14 district:-

"For some time past I have been considering resigning my position as Rate Collector.

"I am now permanently resident at above address and have full responsibility of carrying on the farm. For the past five weeks I have been away from house most of the week and I find it is not a paying proposition.

"I do not wish to hamper the County Council in any way particularly at the present time. If it is possible to accept my resignation I am prepared to assist in every possible way, the new Collector."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That we recommend the Council to accept the resignation of Collector T. Bolger (No. 14 district) to date from the closing of his current warrant etc. and arrears.

"That the Committee also recommend the acceptance of any arrangement made between Mr. Bolger and any existing Collector as to the closing of the collection which will commend itself to the Council and Local Government Department. It must however be

"distinctly understood that Mr. Bolger and his sureties are responsible for the closing of the warrant.

"That copy of this resolution be furnished Local Government Department."

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME.

The following under date 23rd December, 1932, (F.31352) was read from Office of National Education:-

"I am directed to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, with further reference to the scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools for 1933, in which you say that your Council agrees with the suggested amendments at sections 1, 4 and 5.

In connection with paragraph 1, page 3, I am to point out that Pupil Teachers and Preparatory College students are required to provide for their own secondary education, and that it is only when the means of their parents or guardians are insufficient to pay for such education that this Department is empowered to grant assistance. The attitude of your Council's Finance Committee, if carried into effect, would place some clever young girls and boys of County Wexford in a less advantageous position than their colleagues, who adopt callings or professions other than teaching.

As the time is so short I am to convey the approval of the Department for this year, but I am to express the hope that your Council will go more fully into the matter when considering the scheme of Scholarships for 1934."

The Secretary stated that the Scheme had been printed and circulated to schools on 31st December, last, and also issued to Co. Councillors with their agenda paper on the 4th January, 1933.

It had further been advertised in the three local papers.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

Under date 22nd December, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.121348/1932. Loch Garman - Fa) that the

Minister sanctioned overdraft. Accommodation to the Council not exceeding £40,000, up to the 28th February next, Interest to be paid thereon at the agreed rate.

ADDITIONAL AGRICULTURAL GRANT.

Under date 22nd December, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote forwarding Pay Order for £8163 amount payable to Wexford County Council in pursuance of the rates on Agricultural land (Relief) Act 1932. This represents the sum allowed to ratepayers in rebate of the rates on credit Notes.

CLAIMS FOR MALICIOUS INJURY.

Under date 23rd December, 1932, the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, wrote (1271/32) that as regards tracing of poison responsible for death of horse and two pigs on the premises of Michael Henehan, Kilmannock, and to whom compensation for criminal injury in respect of these animals had been awarded, inquiries had been made in the Counties of Wexford, Waterford, Wicklow, Carlow, Kildare, Leix, Kilkenny, Clare, Offaly and Dublin (including City area) also concerning certain suspects in England and Northern Ireland, but all efforts to trace the establishment from which the poison had been obtained proved abortive.

An application from Michael Keane, Milehouse, Enniscorthy, for £15. for the burning of household furniture, clothing and provisions on the 9th December, 1932, was referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, to defend.

PROCEDURE UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS
1899 - 1931.

Circular letter under date 22nd December, 1932 (No. 91/1932) as to the procedure to be followed in reference to the working of the Small Dwelling Acquisition Acts was read.

A long discussion took place thereon, after which the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That our Secretary be instructed to point out to

"the Local Government Department that the Wexford County Council are dealing only in connection with Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts 1899 - 1931 with advances to applicants for the erection of new houses which are the subject of Government Grants, and in these circumstances the Finance Committee are of opinion that certificates of valuer and sanitary officer as prescribed are unnecessary. It is proposed that the Assistant Surveyors should furnish the Council with a statement as to whether the proposed building is of sufficient value to cover the amount of loan which the Council propose to advance and for that purpose we request the Local Government Department to direct their Appointed Officers to allow the Assistant Surveyors access to the plans and specifications furnished by applicants for grants, and further request this ^{Department.} to accept Certificate given by these Assistant Surveyors, as the certificate of the Council's Surveyor."

The Secretary submitted applications for loans as follows:-

Enniscorthy District.....	£4050
Gorey "	.....£1150
New Ross "	.....930
Wexford "	.....585
	<u>£6715</u>

He stated that applications were outstanding for another £1000 at least.

The meeting then considered all applications in detail and agreed to the following:-

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT:- John Morrissey, Milehouse, Enniscorthy, Loan £100.

James Shail, Bree, Macmine, Loan £80.

Matthew Hanlon, Lr. Church Street, Enniscorthy. (for building at Clonhaston Road) Loan £130.

Daniel Bolger, 6, The Shannon, Enniscorthy (for building at Clonhaston Road) Loan £130.

James Murphy, Greenville, Enniscorthy. Loan £130.
 James Wyse, Carrigeen, Rathmure. Loan £60.
 Richard Hendrick, Ballyeden, Clonroche. Loan £70.
 Thomas Foley, Kiltrea, Enniscorthy. Loan £70.
 Sylvester O'Neill, Ballingale, Ballycarney. Loan £30.
 Anastasia Breen, Milltown, Ferns. Loan £100.
 Patrick Jackman, Barmoney, Bree. Loan £30.
 Michael Wickham, The Moyne, Enniscorthy. (building at Tomnalossett).
 Loan £125.
 Andrew Doyle, Old Church, Enniscorthy. (House at Templeshannon)
 Loan £130.
 Aidan Brophy, Raheen, Clonroche. Loan £130.
 Maurice Neill, Cherryorchard, Enniscorthy. Loan £120.
 John Ryan, Aughathlappa, Caim. Loan £70.
 John Lawlor, Ballyhyland, Caim. Loan £100.
 Mrs. Mary Callaghan, 3, O'Brien Terrace, The Shannon, Enniscorthy.
 Loan £130. (for house at Templeshannon).
 Michael Colfer, Main Street, Ferns. Loan £150. (house at Killoggy).
 Mary Fortune, Enniscorthy Road, Ferns. Loan £150. (house at Killoggy)
 John Bailey, St. Aidans, Ferns. Loan £150. (House at Killoggy).
 Andrew Holden, The Square, Ferns. Loan £150. (do)
 Edward Moran, Newtownbarry Road, Ferns. Loan £150. (house at Killoggy)
 Michael O'Brien, Station Rd., Ferns. Loan £150. (do)
 P. O'Brien, Main Street, Ferns. Loan £150. (do)
 Martin Breen, Castleboro, Clonroche. Loan £50. (house at Gurrawn Lr.)

The remaining applications for Enniscorthy District were
 adjourned for further information.

GOREY DISTRICT:- Mrs. E. Phelan, Courtown Harbour. Loan £150.
 Michael Ryan, The Bridge, Gorey. Loan £100.
 Michael Codde, Ballyscarton, Gorey. Loan £100.
 Daniel Tomkins, Esmonde Street, Gorey. Loan £115.
 Andrew Dwyer, Ballyoughna, Killena. Loan £50.

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Wm. Orr, Ballyduff, Killenagh. Loan £50.

James Murphy, Market Square, Gorey. Loan £150.

James Doyle, Whitewell, Camolin. Loan £70.

Edward Dwyer, Senior, Ballyoughna, Killena. Loan £50.

The remaining applications received from this district were adjourned for further information.

NEW ROSS DISTRICT:- Eight applications from New Ross were adjourned for further information.

WEXFORD DISTRICT:- Of the five applications from this district it was decided to adjourn four for further information: the fifth application was disallowed.

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

"That our Secretary be empowered to have printed, circular letter from Local Government Department with explanatory memorandum, instructions to Borrowers, etc. and any necessary forms in connection with applications for loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts 1899 - 1931."

Mr. Sean O'Byrne gave notice of motion to move the following at the meeting of the County Council to be held on 27th February, 1933:-

"I hereby give Notice of my intention to move at meeting of Wexford Co. Council to be held on 27th February, 1933, that the County Council borrow from the Local Loans Fund a sum not exceeding £8000 (Eight Thousand Pounds) to be repayable in 35 years for the purpose of making advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts 1899 - 1931."

STATIONERY FOR INSPECTORS OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Under date 31st December, 1932, requisition for supplies of stationery from Inspectors of Weights and Measures were submitted and approved on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the Secretary being instructed to procure and distribute same.

PRINTING HALF YEARLY ABSTRACTS OF ACCOUNTS.

The following tenders were received for the printing of 60 copies of Abstracts of Accounts and Secretary's Statements for each of the two half years ended 31st March, 1931 and 30th September, 1931.

Messrs. J. English & Co.....	£23.10.s.
"Free Press".....	£12.
"The People".....	£9.15s.

The tender of the "People" was accepted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1915.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That Finance Committee of Wexford County Council would regard it as a favour if the Garda Siochana would post to the various Sheep Dipping Inspectors applications as to intention to dip on the same date as they are received at the different barracks. This procedure would not alone greatly convenience Inspectors but would also tend to the more efficient administration of the Sheep Dipping Order."

The Minutes of Finance Committee of 19th January, 1933, were submitted as follows and confirmed on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:-

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

MEETING 19th JANUARY, 1933.

M I N U T E S.

COUNTY HALL,
WEXFORD.

H.J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary, Wexford Co. Council.

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 19th January, 1933.

Present:- Messrs. James Hall, T. McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor and Rates Inspector were also in attendance. The Co. Solicitor was absent through illness.

On the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2577. 14s. was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

STATE OF:- The following shows the percentage of current warrant (less arrears) collected to date:-

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage Collected.</u>
1. Sean Gannon (No. 6)	61.2
2. E.J. Murphy	58.7
3. J. Curtis	57.8
4. A. Dunne	55.0
5. J.J. O'Reilly	54.0
6. J. Quirke	53.0
7. W. Doyle	52.8
8. M. Murphy	52.1
9. S. Gannon (No.10)	52.0
10. T. Rowe	51.8
11. P. Carty	51.8
12. P. Nolan	51.8
13. J. Deegan	51.0
14. T. Bolger	51.0
15. J. Cummins	51.0
16. M. McCarthy	50.8
17. W. Cummins	50.2
18. P. Doyle	50.0
19. J.J. Sinnott	50.0
20. P. O'Byrne	44.2

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Sureties of Collector O'Byrne be called upon to lodge within 14 days £212, the necessary amount to bring this Collector's lodgments up to 50 per cent of his current warrant (less arrears)."

POUNDAGE:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Local Government Department be requested to sanction payment of poundage to Rate Collectors John Deegan, T. Bolger, P. Doyle, J.J. Sinnott and W. Gummie on lodgments to the end of November, 1932 - less a defer of 5% owing to not having lodged 50% of current warrant less arrears - by the end of December 1932, but which percentage has been lodged since that date."

DISTRICT OF MR. J.J. SINNOTT (No. 16):- The following letter under date 17th January, 1933, was read from Messrs. George W. Warren & Co., Auctioneers, Gorey:-

"Mr. Sinnott, Rate Collector, has served a Six Day Notice on the Steward at Ballywalter for £115.18.10d being amount of Poor Rates due to 31st March, 1933, and we, as agents, are in communication with Mr. White on the matter. We have heard that he has been very ill and unable to attend to business matters so we would feel much obliged if the matter could be held over for a while longer until we hear from him.

"There are other holdings in this district on which Rates are due and the Collector is pressing for payment, but we find it almost impossible to let land in this district.

"We can assure you we are quite willing at all times to facilitate Collectors in every possible way."

It was decided to adjourn consideration of this matter to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

Under date 18th January, 1933, Mr. Sinnott wrote that he had done his best to collect all outstanding rates and the people were doing their best to pay. The district was solely dependant on the sale of cattle and the setting of grass and had become one of the poorest in the County. It was impossible to set land, and farms could not be sold at any price and therefore every year there were more derelict farms. He was prepared to obtain Decrees for each Rate

outstanding but this would only increase the number of derelict farms.

Rev. Owen Kavanagh, P.P. Ballygarrett, Gorey, wrote that the statements which were made by Mr. Sinnott, to the Finance Committee as regards the difficulty of obtaining payment of rates were fully justified, should the law of seizure be resorted to, it would add considerably to the present distress and in many cases cause absolute destitution. He (Father Kavanagh) knew that Mr. Sinnott was doing everything possible to secure payment of the rates.

The Finance Committee were of opinion that Mr. Sinnott had a very difficult district to deal with and were pleased to ascertain that 50% of current warrant had been lodged by this Collector, since their last meeting.

PART PAYMENT OF RATES:- The following are the amounts of part payment of rates dealt with up to 31st December, 1932:-

William Doyle	£104.11.6
S. Gannon (No.10)	93.10.0
J. Curtis	7. 0.0
A. Dunne	6. 4.6
J. Cummins	13. 1.10d
M. Murphy	37. 4.6
J.J. Sinnott	40.10.0
E.J. Murphy	5. 0.0
P. Nolan	85.17.5
W. Cummins	37.19.6
<u>T. Rowe</u>	<u>6. 4.3</u>
Total.....	<u>£437. 3.6d</u>

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the Local Government Department be requested to approve of the continuance of present system of part-time payment of Rates as in the opinion of the Finance Committee the present arrangements have worked satisfactorily since initiation."

FINANCIAL POSITION OF COUNTY COUNCIL.

It was pointed out that the present limit of overdraft accommodation would be reached after Pay Orders approved of at this meeting had been issued.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the Local Government Department be requested to lodge at once to the credit of the Co. Council the sum of £28,000 amount of Agricultural Grant due up to 31st December, 1932, otherwise the various County Services must be held up."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That in view of the present serious financial position of the Council the Rate Collectors be directed to use every effort to speed up the Collection."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That in the event of the Agricultural Grant not being received by next meeting of the Finance Committee, the National Bank Ltd., be requested to sanction additional overdraft of £10,000 pending receipt of Agricultural Grant from Department of Local Government."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS LOANS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That Saturday, 25th February, 1933, be fixed as the last day for lodging applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

Michael O'Brien, Station Road, Farns, came before the meeting and explained that he and several others who were building houses under Government Grant in Farns village and had been granted by the Council, a loan in each case of £150, on a £200 house, found that owing to the cost of site, connection with main sewer and other incidental expenses they would not be able to carry out their scheme unless the full 90% of loan was given.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That as regards applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts from persons residing in small towns and villages 90% of the value of house costing £200 and under, be advanced in all cases in which the Finance Committee believe that applicant is in a position to repay this amount and which is necessary owing to cost of site, connection with sewage mains etc."

The following applications were agreed to:-

Wm. O'Leary, Summerhill, Enniscorthy. Loan £140.

Nicholas Breen, Milltown, Ferns. Loan £180.

Edward Quirke, Oulart, Gorey. Loan £70.

Denis Keane, Ballinakill, Courtown Harbour. Loan £100.

John Breen, Upper Shannon, Enniscorthy. Loan £180.

Robert Kelly, Sanctuary, Killinick. Loan £100.

Denis Brennan, Springmount, Killanne. Loan £145.

Advances in three last mentioned cases to be contingent on certificate under Housing Act being received from the Appointed Officer.

The application of Michael Stokes, Raheengurren, Gorey, was refused as he intends erecting house costing £450 and the maximum cost of house under scheme of Co. Council should not exceed £400.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES.

Intimation was received from Garda Síochána, Carnew, as to application on 7th. February, 1933, to Shillalah District Court, for the committal of Patrick White, 8½ years old and James White aged 2 yrs. illegitimate children of Margaret White, Bolinrush, Ferns, to an Industrial School.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor.

PRINTING RATE BOOKS.

Tenders for printing Rate Books for 1933-34 were received as follows:-

English & Co.	£42.17. 6d.
The "People"	£43.10. 0d.
"Free Press"	£45. 0. 0d.

The accepted tender for last year was £21. and the "runner up" £22.17.6d.

It was decided that the Secretary endeavour to procure other tenders.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Under date 17th January, 1933, Miss Elizabeth Rogan, New Ross, University Scholarship Holder, wrote that owing to family reasons and also because of the length and expense of the journey from New Ross to Galway she had decided to change to National University, Dublin, from now onward. She had obtained the permission of the University Authorities for this step and asked the permission of the Council.

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

"That no objection be made to Miss Elizabeth Rogan, finishing her University Scholarship course at Dublin University instead of at Galway."

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COMBINED PURCHASING) ACT 1925.

Under date 16th January, 1933, the Department of Local Government wrote asking that £166.16s. due under above Act should be paid at an early date.

It was decided to inform the Department that the Finance Committee would not be in a position to discharge this liability until they received the amount due for Agricultural Grant. At the moment the Council was up to its overdraft limit.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES) ACT 1926.

The Local Government Department wrote asking for Pay Order for £135.2.9d amount assessed on the Wexford County Council under above Act for year ended March 1932.

It was decided to inform the Local Government Department that the Council would not be in a position to pay until they had received Agricultural Grant.

WITHDRAWALS FROM CONTINGENCY FUNDS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the following amounts be withdrawn from appropriate contingency funds:-

Main Roads:- £50 for No.12; £50 for No.62 and £40 for fallen wall on last mentioned road.

County Roads:- £25 for No.446 to repair defective gullet which is causing slipping.

INSURANCE BOILER COUNTY HALL.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the quotation of New Ireland Assurance Co. under date 17th January, 1933, for insurance of boiler at Co. Hall as follows, be accepted:-

"Against explosion and collapse in the sum of £500, premium £1.8s.0d; additional premium to cover cracking or fracturing of sections £2. Total £3.8s.0d.

WEIGHBRIDGE AT BLACKWATER.

The Committee decided that no objection would be made to the transfer of weighbridge at Blackwater adjoining the premises of Denis Corrigan to the yard of Joseph Kehoe, Blackwater, provided the surface of the road be restored to the satisfaction of the Co. Surveyor.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That leave of absence for a fortnight be allowed Mr. J.F. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, to allow him to attend to urgent private business."

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 2nd February, 1933, were submitted as follows and approved on the motion of Mr. Olince seconded by Mr. Armstrong:-

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

MEETING 2nd FEBRUARY, 1933.

M I N U T E S.

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

H.J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary, Wexford Co. Council.

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 2nd February, 1933.

Present:- Mr. T. McCarthy, James Hall, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

The County Surveyor, County Solicitor, Rates Inspector and Assistant Secretary were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2346.11.5d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection was submitted as follows:-

<u>Name of Collector.</u>				<u>Percentage of current year's Warrant excluding OFFCARS.</u>	<u>Percentage of total Warrant.</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>s</u>	<u>d</u>		
1. Sean Gannon	1752.	5	10	63.2	54.5
2. J. Curtis	2933.	4	9	60.1	57.7
3. E.J. Murphy	2735.	1	6	59.2	58.6
4. A. Dunne	4045.	7	7	58.0	53.2
5. J.J. O'Reilly	2812.	16	6	55.6	53.9
6. J. Cummins	2545.	1	10	55.2	50.7
7. Sean Gannon	1717.	16	4	53.7	50.0
8. W. Doyle	2155.	15	9	53.6	41.0
9. M. Murphy	1795.	13	10	53.5	47.0
10. J. Quirke	3697.	9	2	53.3	50.5
11. P. Nolan	3302.	13	11	53.0	46.0
12. M. McCarthy	2550.	15	10	53.0	49.3
13. J. Deegan	3587.	10	10	52.6	51.8
14. W. Cummins	2031.	9	2	52.0	45.0
15. P. Garty	2178.	5	9	52.0	50.4
16. T. Rowe	1857.	14	7	51.8	50.0
17. J.J. Sinnott	2481.	19	7	51.0	46.5
18. T. Bolger	2161.	0	1	51.0	50.0
19. P. Doyle	2512.	13	7	50.0	47.2
20. P. O'Byrne	1688.	3	0	46.7	43.2
	<u>£50543.</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>54.0</u>	<u>49.8</u>

Compared with the corresponding period of last year, the collection had gone back to the extent of four per cent.

PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE.

Under date 27th January, 1933, the following letter (G.7687/1933 Looch Garman Fa) was read from the Department 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 23rd instant, and to state that he sanctions the payment of poundage as proposed to Collectors John Deegan, T. Bolger, P. Doyle, J.J. Sinnott and W. Cummins."

It was decided that payment in accordance with the Minister's sanction be made from Subsidiary Account at this day's meeting.

COLLECTOR P. O'BYRNE.

The following letter from Rate Collector P. O'Byrne, who had been ordered at last Finance Committee meeting to have 50 per cent of current year's warrant, excluding arrears, lodged within 14 days, was read:-

"With reference to your letter of 24th I beg to state that I will be able to lodge the required sum by Wednesday next without fail.

"I am making seizures but it is hard to dispose of the stuff owing to bad prices etc. If Finance Committee can give me to this date I am sure to lodge the amount."

Mr. O'Byrne's Sureties had been communicated with in the matter, but had not replied. To reach 50 per cent, Mr. O'Byrne should lodge £122.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, that the date by which Mr. O'Byrne should have lodged 50 per cent of current warrant excluding arrears, be extended to 8th February, 1933, that in the event of the required amount not being lodged by that date, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, communicate with Mr. O'Byrne's Sureties, instructing them to lodge forthwith the amount required to make up 50 per cent.

USE OF CORREY COURTHOUSE.

The following letter under date 28th January, 1933, was read

from Mr. T. Powell, Principal Teacher, Gorey Technical School:-

"I have been advised by Mr. S. O'Byrne, Chairman of the Sub-Committee of Gorey Technical School, to communicate with you seeking your permission for the use of the Court House, Gorey, on the evening of Sunday, 12th February, for the purpose of holding a Whist Drive in connection with efforts to raise funds for the social and athletic activities of the students of this school.

"I assure you, on my own behalf as well as on behalf of the students of the school, of sincere appreciation of your efforts towards obtaining the necessary permission."

On the motion of the Chairman, the application was agreed to.

POSTING OF SHEEP DIPPING NOTICES TO SHEEP
DIPPING INSPECTORS.

Under date 27th January, 1933, the following letter was received from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Wexford:-

"With further reference to your communication of the 11th instant regarding the early transmission to Sheep Dipping Inspectors of the Notices received by the Garda Síochána, I beg to inform you that arrangements are being made whereby the Notices of Intention to Dip will be transmitted to the various Inspectors on the same day they are received by the Garda.

"The question I had under consideration, however, was in regard to the additional expense which will be involved in consequence of the new procedure. It was for this reason that the Garda hitherto held over the notices for a few days and thereby reduced expense of postage to the minimum, consistent with the efficient working of the sheep Dipping Order.

"As the expense hitherto involved was not considerable, I learn that a number of Sergeants bore the postage costs out of their private resources. In other instances the expense was recouped from the Garda Síochána Vote; while in some cases your Council paid the

"claims submitted to them. Under the new procedure the financial aspect is the only obstacle to its immediate adoption; and as the amount involved will be considerably increased it will be necessary to formulate a definite working arrangement to ensure regularity and uniformity.

"It is considered that the Local Authority should bear all expenses involved in the administration of the Sheep Dipping Order, and in anticipation of your concurrence I beg to suggest that future claims for postage should be forwarded to your Council for payment at the expiration of each Dipping Period. I can arrange for each Superintendent to forward in one file, all claims for amounts expended on postage in each Police District at the times stated.

"In their present form the Notices of Intention to Dip Sheep cannot be addressed to the Inspectors, and it will, therefore, be necessary for the Local Authority to supply each Garda Station with a number of suitable envelopes for enclosing the Notices.

"Before deciding definitely on the future course, I would be glad to have your further views on the foregoing suggestions."

Under date 31st January, 1933, the following letter was also received from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Wexford:-

"With further reference to above and in reply to your communication of the 28th instant, I wish to inform you that the cost of postage for entire County in respect of a calendar year would likely be about £10. This is, of course, only an approximate estimate."

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by the Chairman not to make any alteration in the existing arrangements for the present.

APPLICATIONS FOR COMMITTEES TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

Under date 31st January, 1933, the following letter was received from Sister M.J. Baptist, St. Michael's Industrial School, Wexford:-

"I beg to inform you that I intend to make application at the District Court on 8th February for the committal to St. Michael's Industrial School, of Mary Bridget, Mary Elizabeth, Kathleen Patricia and Frances Bernadette Byrne, children of Patrick Byrne, William Street, Wexford.

"The children are destitute. Father being dead and the mother in Mental Home, Enniscorthy.

"Mary Brigid was born on 1st September, 1921

Mary Elizabeth was born on 25th September, 1923.

Kathleen Patricia was born on 1st March, 1927

Frances Bernadette was born on 24th April, 1929."

Under date 2nd February, 1933, the following letter was received from Mr. John Leacy, Inspector, N.S.P.C.C., Arden, St. John's Road, Wexford:-

"I beg to inform you that it is my intention to apply at the District Court, Gorey, on 10th instant for the committal of Ellen and Annie Walsh to St. Michael's Industrial School, Summerhill, Wexford.

"Application will be made under Childrens Act 1929 viz:-

"Found destitute not being orphans and the surviving parent unable to support them."

"The father Patrick Walsh is a casual labourer and is occasionally employed by the Co. Council on road work.

"The mother died on 13th June, 1932, and there are four other children in the family all under the age of 16 years. The children are at present in the care of the paternal grandmother, a lady over 70 years who is unfitted to have charge of them."

Both communications were referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor.

PRINTING OF RATE BOOKS.

Messrs. Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy, wrote, tendering for the work of printing the Rate Books for £35.

In view of the fact that all the tenders submitted showed a considerable increase on last year's figure, it was decided to request

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the various local Printing Firms to submit fresh tenders, as the Finance Committee will not recommend the acceptance of any of the tenders received.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIM - ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD.

Notice of application for compensation for criminal injury was received from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of the Electricity Supply Board, claiming £7.14.2d. for malicious damage to conductor at Mountgarrett.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor.

LOANS SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

The following applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts were received:-

J.T. Sutton, 13, Green Street, Wexford, loan required £180; Value of house, £250; Government Grant £70.

Michael Cullen, Killanne, Enniscorthy; loan required £55, value of house £200; Government Grant £70.

Edward Dempsey, Ardamine, Courtown Harbour; loan required £125; value of house £200; Government Grant £70.

Anthony Brian, Coolanick, Oylegate, loan required £50; value of house £120; Government Grant £70.

Mr. Sutton came before the meeting and was informed by the Chairman that the maximum loan that could be granted to him under the Council's Scheme was half the value of the house, viz. £125.

Mr. Sutton asked if it were possible to make arrangements by which portion of the loan could be paid to Messrs. J.J. Stafford and Sons, who were supplying the material.

The Chairman stated the amount of the loan must be paid to the selected applicant, but the Council would be prepared to send Paying Order made out in Mr. Sutton's name in care of Messrs. J.J. Stafford and Sons.

Mr. Sutton said this would meet his difficulty.

Mr. Elgee stated that he was not satisfied that Mr. Sutton's title to the plot on which he intended to build was in order.

Mr. Sutton stated that his Solicitor, Mr. Coghlan, would communicate with Mr. Elgee, regarding title etc.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, it was decided that loan of £125 be sanctioned for Mr. J.T. Sutton and a loan of £55 to Mr. Michael Cullen, Killanne.

The applications from Edward Dempsey and Anthony Brien, were referred to the general meeting of the County Council.

In reference to the resolution, adopted at the last meeting of the Finance Committee for full loan of £180 (90% of value of house) to applicants building houses valued at £200 each, be granted in certain cases, the Committee decided that loans of £180 be agreed to in the following cases:-

Matthew Hanlon, Lower Church St. Enniscorthy. (for house at Clonhaston Road)

Michael Colfer, Main Street, Ferns.

Mary Fortune, Enniscorthy Road, Ferns.

John Bailey, St. Aidan's, Ferns.

Andrew Holden, Ferns.

Edward Moran, Newtownbarry Road, Ferns.

Michael O'Brien, Station Road, Ferns.

COMPLAINT AGAINST GANGER PETER FITZPATRICK.

The following letter under date 23rd January, 1933, from Mr. P. Power, Slade Road, Fethard, who is employed breaking stones under Relief Grant was read:-

"I have been employed by the Wexford Co. Council breaking stones on the road between Porter's Gate and Slade for which I am not fully paid. I have been speaking to Mr. J. Cummins and he advised me to let you know about the matter. On Saturday as I was being paid I asked Peter Fitzpatrick if there was a mistake and he said I was paid for

"the amount I broke, yet Tom Murphy had drawn 40 yards for which he is paid. I broke two depots of ten and one five that was short in his first depot, yet the man that broke 15 yards of his first depot gets more money than I who broke 25 yards.

"Fitzpatrick will not give me any satisfaction about the matter, he says if I want another job I had better hold my tongue about it as I am the only fellow that is not satisfied.

"He also wants 1/- from us all for his expenses in paying us and says if we do not give it to him we will not get another job from him. Some have given it to him.

"I think he has messed up the measurement and some have been overpaid for there can be no mistake about the 25 yards when his first depot was five yards short.

"I am a married man with a wife and child and £1.4.9d. means a lot to me. Hoping you will be able to make matters right and please let me know about it as soon as possible."

"24th December15/7d

" 7th January.....10/4d

"21st January.....19/4d

£2. 5 .3d.

"10 yards

10 yards

10 yards

25 yards at 3/- per yard.....£3.15.0d

"Insurance for 6 weeks.....5.0d

£3. 10.0d

"Amount received.....£2. 5.3d

"Amount still due.....£1. 4.9d "

Under date 1st February, 1933, the following letter was read from Mr. John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor:-

"With regard to the complaint of Patrick Power, Glade Road, Fethard, re payment for breaking stones, I beg to state that he was

"paid for two heaps of broken stone at first. He broke three heaps in all and is now paid in full and seems quite satisfied. A final payment of 2 yards and $3\frac{1}{2}$ yards has also been made to Thomas Williams and James Kennedy who also complained of short payments.

"Now that the stones are all broken I intend to make a final measurement before starting to roll them in. I have done this in three other places within the last few weeks and all the stone-breakers seemed quite satisfied.

"With regard to Patrick Power's statement, viz. that Ganger Fitzpatrick wanted money from him, I think it would be desirable to have Fitzpatrick before the Co. Council to explain this."

The following statement signed by Ganger Fitzpatrick and dated 2nd February, 1933, was submitted:-

"I have read over the letter written by P. Power and set out hereunder replies to the points raised by him:-

(1) At the end of every fortnight the material broken by each man was measured by the Assistant Surveyor and I received Paying Order covering the total amount due and the Receipt Form set out the amounts payable. There was a difficulty of accurately measuring the amount broken owing to heaps of stones being scattered along the road, but Mr. Kehoe gave me to understand that when job was finished a final measurement would be made and any balance due paid.

(2) At no time did I make the statement "If I want another job I had better hold my tongue about it as I am the only fellow that is not satisfied".

(3) As regards the statement that I wanted a 1/- from him to cover my expenses, I say it is an absolute falsehood. For some years back workers paid into a fund, voluntary subscriptions which went towards the expenses of our Labour Representatives on the Council. Some workers never paid any subscription but were not of course victimised in any way for not doing so. It was a purely voluntary arrangement.

(4) As far as I know no man was overpaid and the Assistant

"Surveyor can verify this."

The Co. Surveyor stated that the question of payment for stones broken was raised by Power as he was under the impression that the amount certified by Assistant Surveyor was a final payment for the work done. As a matter of fact, the payments made up at the present meeting were really payments on account and a certificate for the balance due to Mr. Power was being issued by Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor. He had instructed Ganger Fitzpatrick to attend the meeting in connection with the allegation that he (Ganger) had asked for a shilling from Power to cover his expenses.

Power was employed breaking stones by hand.

Ganger Fitzpatrick came before the meeting. He denied he told Power to hold his tongue about the payment for the stones broken or that he would never get another job. He also denied flatly that he asked Power for a shilling for his (Ganger's) expenses. He admitted asking Power for a voluntary subscription for a fund in existence in the district to meet the expenses of Labour Representatives. He denied telling Power that if he did not contribute he would not get another job. Workers were asked for a voluntary contribution which usually did not amount to more than a few pence to meet the expenses of Labour Representatives. There was no victimisation of any worker who did not contribute. There were workmen employed on the permanent staff of the Co. Council for years in the district who never made a contribution.

Mr. Hall said he considered it was an undesirable practice for a ganger to ask a worker for contribution as the worker might be under the impression that his failure to contribute would result in his not being employed again.

The Co. Surveyor stated that this man Power, who was employed under Relief Grant was engaged through the Manager, Employment Exchange, who submitted a list of workers for employment.

Mr. O'Byrne and Mr. Shannon said that the system of workers making voluntary contributions to meet expenses of Labour Representatives did not obtain in their districts, and as far as they knew, did not apply to the County generally.

The Chairman (Mr. McCarthy) said that apparently the system was in operation in this portion of the New Ross District for some years past. He did not think it desirable that a ganger should collect these contributions from any employee of the Council. He proposed that the ganger be notified that the Council regard the continuance of the present practice as undesirable and that, in future, he should not seek or collect contributions from workers under his charge.

Mr. Hall seconded the resolution which was adopted.

ILLNESS OF ASSISTANT SURVEYORS.

The Co. Surveyor submitted certificate from Dr. J.A. Pierce, dated 25th January, 1933, that Mr. J.F. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, was suffering from influenzal debility and would be unable to attend to his duties for at least two weeks.

The Co. Surveyor stated that Mr. John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, was at present in the County Infirmary for treatment. Mr. Kehoe would be absent from duty for a period of one week.

It was decided that sick leave be granted Messrs. Birthistle and Kehoe, Assistant Surveyors, for a fortnight and one week respectively.

RATE COLLECTION

The following is the state of the Rate Collection to date giving percentage of current warrant collected and lodged less arrears:-

1. S. Gannon (No.6)	65.4
2. J. Curtis	64.0
3. E.J. Murphy	61.0
4. A. Dunne	60.0
5. J.J. O'Reilly	58.1
6. J. Cummins	57.4
7. W. Doyle	57.3
8. J. Quirke	56.5
9. J. Deegan	56.0
10. M. Murphy	55.3
11. S. Gannon (10)	54.9
12. P. Nolan	54.0
13. T. Bolger	53.6
14. W. Cummins	53.6
15. M. McCarthy	53.3
16. T. Rowe	53.2
17. J.J. Sinnott	52.5
18. Philip Doyle	52.4
19. P. Carty	52.3
20. P. O'Byrne	46.7.

The Collection on the full amount of the warrant was 5 per cent behind amount collected at corresponding period last year.

The Secretary stated that Collector O'Byrne had now lodged the amount necessary to bring his collection up to 50% of current warrant less arrears.

On behalf of all the Rate Collectors, Collectors J. Cummins and James Quirke wrote in reply to the Secretary's letter as to instructions to rate collectors issued by the Finance Committee stating the collectors were doing their utmost, but were not succeeding in getting in the rates as promptly as they should. Some ratepayers who usually paid on application, now postponed payment. The collectors, therefore, requested the Council to appeal to the ratepayers to pay the rates without delay.

In reply to Col. Quin, the Secretary stated that the Collectors were also paid for work in connection with the register of voters.

Col. Quin - I know that they have left out a lot of people

who should have been on the register. I would not mind if the register did not leave out certain people.

Mr. Keegan - They left out a lot of people.

Chairman - The register at the last election was in a very bad state and I think the attention of the rate collectors should be called to it. They will have to look a little more active and bring the register up-to-date.

Col. Quin - They were all off the one side I am told.

Chairman - I do not care which side, but there is no excuse for it. They should have the register right; it is their job and they should look to it.

Mr. Keegan - They were by no means all on the one side.

Miss O'Ryan proposed that ratepayers be called on to pay their rates as the county institutions had to be maintained and the public services carried on.

Col. Quin seconded the proposition, which he said he did not think would be of much use. It was very noble to be good, but it was far easier to ask other people to be good.

Mr. S. O'Byrne said it would **not** be easy to get in all the rates as there were parts of the county in a very bad way, and the money was not there.

Chairman - We are all aware that the country is in a very bad state. It is evident to everyone who is moving among the people. It is at the same time not our business to try and prevent the collectors from getting in the rates. I have always stood for the collection of the rates, because without the rates you cannot carry on the public institutions of the county. The Council has always done its best to try and get in the rates, but still I do not want to force any extreme measures on people who have not the money to pay. Do you think you should pass the resolution passed by Miss O'Ryan?

Mr. Roche - If you do not carry out the resolution you cannot carry on and you might as well dissolve. It would spoil the whole

thing if you put the resolution to a vote.

Miss O'Ryan's resolution was then adopted unanimously.

PAYMENT TO ROAD CONTRACTORS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the several proposals for payment to Road Contractors, appearing on Form 22 and as certified for payment by the County Surveyor be approved and that Paying Orders for same be issued."

Michael Doyle

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING - 27th FEBRUARY, 1933

M I N U T E S

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary, Wexford Co. Council

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in Co. Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 27th February, 1933.

Present Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman (presiding) also Messrs. John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, James Gaul, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, William P. Keegan, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, M.M. Roche, James Shannon, and Myles Smyth.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor and Assistant Surveyors J.F. Birthistle and P. O'Neill, were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

LOAN SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

It was decided that application for loans under above Acts be considered in Committee.

In connection with the form of Instructions to borrowers issued by Department of Local Government, in which it was pointed out that an Instalment could only be made when the external walls and roof of buildings had been completed in advance, and as regards the employment of Valuer, the following under date 20th February, 1933, was read from the Housing Section of the Department of Local Government:-

"With reference to the points raised by you in your letter of the 15th instant regarding the administration of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

(1) The Co. Council may, at their discretion, issue instalments of advances before the houses have been roofed. The requirement as to roofing of houses is not statutory and was included in the specimen forms merely as a desirable safeguard:

(2) The Acts provide that an advance under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts must not exceed 90% of what in the opinion of the local authority is the market value of the house, and in these

"circumstances the proposal to have information regarding value furnished by other than the County Councils' Technical Officers could not be agreed to. It is open to the Co. Council to allow a reasonable fee to their Assistant Co. Surveyors for work under the Acts such fee to be payable in advance by the individual applicants. Arrangements can of course be made by you for the inspection by your Assistant Co. Surveyors of plans submitted to the Appointed Officers."

On the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Miss O'Ryan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Loans to accepted Applicants under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be issued as follows:-

- (1) 75% of cost of material and work done when the foundations have been put in.
- (2) When the building is joist high.
- (3) When the building is ready for roof.
- (4) On completion.

It was proposed by Mr. McCarthy seconded by Miss O'Ryan and adopted:- "That the six Assistant Surveyors of the Council viz. John Kehoe, T. Treanor, R.J. Ennis, T. Cullen, J. Birthistle and P. O'Neill, be appointed to act, each for his own district, as valuers for the Co. Council in ascertaining the market value of houses on which loans are proposed to be given, and also to issue certificates for payment of advances of said loans as the work progresses, and as already agreed to by resolution. That a sum of one guinea per house be paid as remuneration for these services."

"That the Local Government Department be requested to sanction payment by the County Council of this amount out of the advances to applicants."

"That our Secretary communicate with the Appointed Officers under the Act and notify them that intimation has been received from the Local Government Department that the Assistant Co. Surveyors are to have access to the plans and specifications of houses which are

"subject of Government Grant and regarding which application for loans had been made to the Co. Council."

Mr. Cline moved and Mr. Hayes seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the period for lodging applications for loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to the Wexford County Council be extended to Friday, 31st March, 1933, after which no applications will be received."

Proposed by Mr. Cummins and seconded by Mr. Colfer and adopted:- "That Mr. Corish, T.D., a member of this Council be requested to attend at the Land Commission Office and endeavour to facilitate the obtaining of title by the Applicants for loans and that he point out to the Land Commission that the Council would be prepared to accept a communication from them as regards any cases in which they are satisfied title could be properly made at a subsequent date."

The meeting then decided to consider only the applications of those whose titles had been approved of by the Co. Solicitor.

Mr. Elgee reported that the titles of the following were in order and it was decided to agree to the loans in each of those cases:-

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT:- John Morrissey, Milehouse, Enniscorthy.

Loan £100 on £200 house; Matthew Hanlon, Lr. Church Street, Enniscorthy,

Loan £180 on £200 house at Clonhaston Road, Enniscorthy;

Wm. O'Leary, Summerhill, Enniscorthy, loan £140 on £280 house.

GOREY DISTRICT:- Mrs. Elizabeth Phelan, Courtown Harbour; loan £150

on £400 house; Thomas Roche, Camolin, Ferns, loan £180 on a £400 house;

Michael Ryan, The Bridge, Gorey, loan £100 on £350 house;

Michael Codde, Ballyscarton, Gorey, loan £100 on £260 house;

William Orr, Ballyduff, Killena, loan £50 on £170 house; (Certificate from appointed Officer to be furnished in this case); Denis Keane,

Ballinakill, Courtown Harbour, loan £100 on £200 house.

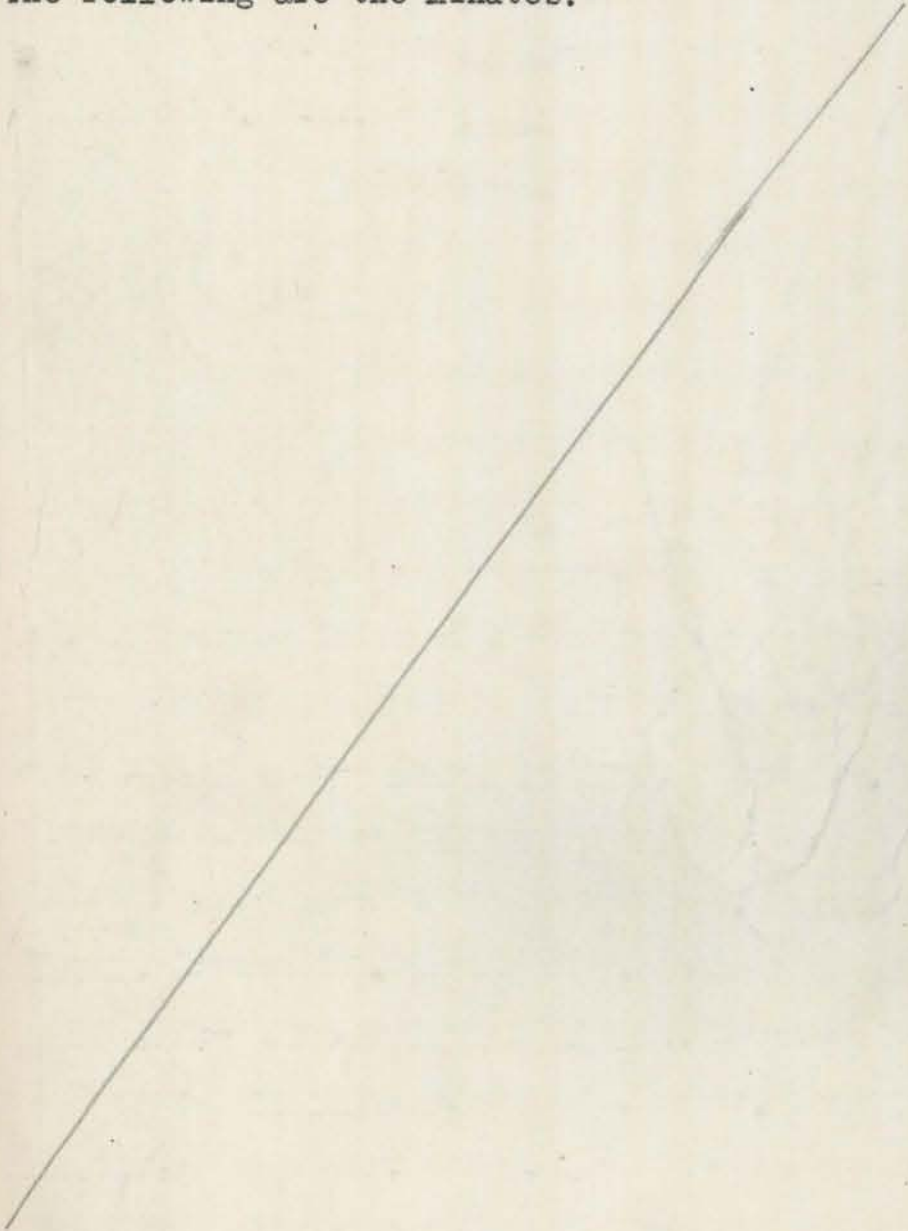
NEW ROSS DISTRICT: Nicholas Whelan, Dunbrody, loan £130 on £200 house.

It was also agreed ^{that} at next meeting the cases of any other applicants who had in the meantime made proper title come up for consideration.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF TENDERS COMMITTEES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Clince seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That the Minutes of Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross and Wexford Tenders Committees submitted to this meeting be and are hereby confirmed."

The following are the Minutes:-



ENNISCORTHY TENDERS COMMITTEE

The above Committee met at the Courthouse, Enniscorthy, on 21st February, 1933.

Mr. John Culleton, presided, and there were also present Messrs. James Clince, James Hall and J. Shannon.

The Co. Secretary, Co. Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors Ennis, Cullen and Birthistle, were in attendance.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

Contracts from the 1st April, 1933, to 31st March, 1936:-

164. (Amount allowed £18) James Cullen, Ballingate, Carnew, tendered for the full amount giving as his Sureties Thomas O'Hara and Moses Murphy, both of Ballingate, Carnew. This, the only tender, was accepted.

165. (Amount allowed £28.) Peter O'Hara, Ballingate, Carnew, tendered at amount allowed, giving as Sureties Thomas O'Hara and Moses Murphy, both of Ballingate, Carnew. This, which was the only tender, was accepted.

167. (Amount allowed £32.) No tender was received and the work was given in charge of the Co. Surveyor for a year.

237. (Amount allowed £22.) Denis Doyle, Ballyprecus, Bunclody, tendered at £19.10s. giving as his Sureties Aidan Jordan, Glasslacken and Martin Kearns, Culladuff, Clohamon. This, (which was the only tender) was accepted.

262. (Amount allowed £38.) John Doran, Tomona, Kiltale, tendered at £34. giving as his Sureties James Sheil, and Patrick Doyle, both of Coolree, Ballindaggin.

Laurence Doyle, Ballybreen, Ballindaggin, tendered at £35.

Doran's tender, being lower, was accepted.

263. (Amount allowed £32.) Valentine Brooks, Kiltale, tendered at £28. giving as Sureties James J. Bowe and Laurence Farrell, both of Kiltale.

Matthew Brooks of Kiltaly, tendered at £29.19s. and Laurence Doyle, Ballybreen, Ballindaggin, at £31.

The tender of Valentine Brooks at £28. was accepted.

264. (Amount allowed £32) No tender; Given in charge of the Co. Surveyor for one year.

265. (Amount allowed £21.) No tender; Given in charge of the Co. Surveyor for one year.

266. (Amount allowed £18.) No tender; given in charge of the Co. Surveyor for one year.

267. (Amount allowed £22.) No tender; given in charge of the Co. Surveyor for one year.

281. (Amount allowed £30) No tender; given in charge of the Co. Surveyor for one year.

282. (Amount allowed £32.) No tender; given in charge of the Co. Surveyor for one year.

294. (Amount allowed £60.) No tender; given in charge of the Co. Surveyor for one year.

295. (Amount allowed £20.) Charles Doyle, Ballycarney, Ferns, tendered at £14. and gave as his Sureties Thomas Bolger, The Dell, Ballycarney, and John Doyle, Woodlands, Ferns.

This, the only tender, was accepted.

373. (Amount allowed £14.) John Cahill, Grange, Rathmure, tendered at £10, giving as Sureties Martin Doran, Rathduff, and James Coady, Grange.

Patrick Doolan, Carrigeen, Rathmure, tendered at £12.10s.

John Cahill's, the lower tender, was accepted.

375. (Amount allowed £17.) John Creane, Grange, Rathmure, who gave as Sureties Timothy Larkin, Duffry Hill, Enniscorthy, and T. O'Neill, Enniscorthy, tendered at £11.10s.

James O'Connor, Jnr., Rathduff, Killanne, tendered at £16.14.6d.

John Creane's tender, - the lower, - was accepted.

377. (Amount allowed £17.) George Howlin, Ballyhyland, Killanne,

tendered at the full amount allowed. This ~~was~~ the only tender, was accepted. His Sureties were Philip Howlin, Ballyhyland, and Aidan Leacy, Wafer Street, Enniscorthy.

397. (Amount allowed £17.) No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

398. (Amount allowed £20.) No tender. Given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

399. (Amount allowed £21.) No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

400. (Amount allowed £25.) John Dempsey, Davidstown, Enniscorthy, who gave as his sureties Thomas Regan, Davidstown, Enniscorthy, and Michael Hennessey, both of Davidstown, Enniscorthy, tendered at the full amount allowed and was accepted. There was no other tender.

401. (Amount allowed £40) James Leacy, Ballyeland, Davidstown, who gave as Sureties, Thomas Stafford, and Edmond Crean, both of Ballyeland Davidstown, tendered at £39.

John Dempsey, Davidstown, Enniscorthy tendered at £39.10., and William Waters, Raheenahoun, Bree, at £40.

The tender of James Leacy, being the lowest, was accepted.

418. (Amount allowed £20.) John Doran, Kilcotty, Enniscorthy, tendered at £18.19s. giving as Sureties John Quinsey, Clánmore, and Peter Doran, Main Street, Enniscorthy. This tender was accepted.

490. (Amount allowed £35.) No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

491. (Amount allowed £20.) No tender; given in charge of the Co. Surveyor for one year.

563. (Amount allowed £28.) Patrick Leary, Ballinaslaney, Oylegate, tendered at £24.10s. giving as Sureties James Doyle, Ballincarrig, and Michael Redmond, Ballinaslaney.

Thomas Brien, Glenteigue, tendered at £25.18s. Myles Sunderland, Kilcorrall, Castlebridge, at £26.15s., and Francis Cullen, Kilcotty, at £27. Patrick Leary's tender, the lowest, was accepted.

1014. (Amount allowed £6.) No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

1018. (Amount allowed £25.) No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

1019. (Amount allowed £8.) Given in charge of the Co. Surveyor for one year.

HAULAGE TENDERS.

A large number of Haulage Tenders was disposed of, the lowest being accepted unless in instances in which the Co. Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors believed the persons tendering were unable to do the work.

GOREY TENDERS COMMITTEE

The above Committee met on 18th February, 1933, at Gorey Courthouse, Mr. Sean O'Byrne (presided) also present Messrs. T.F.D'Arcy and W.P. Keegan.

The Co. Secretary, Co. Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors T. Treanor and R.J. Ennis, were in attendance.

ROAD TENDERS FROM

1st APRIL 1933 TO 31st MARCH 1936

No.103 Amount allowed £35. Richard Keegan, Ashwood, Arklow, tendered at £35. per annum, but proposed to supply material from Arklow Rock Quarry. As material from Tara Hill Quarry was specified, and Mr. Keegan declined to obtain material from there the tender was rejected and the road given in charge of the Co. Surveyor for a year.

No.87 Amount allowed £16. Abraham Storey, Croghan, Inch, tendered at £16. per annum, mentioning as his Sureties Thomas Carroll, Merchant, Gorey and Andrew Kinsella, Croghan.

This tender, the only one, was accepted.

No.101 Amount allowed £40. Thomas Jackson, Ballyellen, Inch, tendered at £38.10s. per annum, giving as his sureties, H. Hall, Ballylarkin, Inch, and R. Jackson, Ballyellan, Inch.

This, the only tender was accepted.

No.107 No tender. Road given in charge of Co. Surveyor for a year.

No.109 No tender. Road given in charge of Co. Surveyor for a year.

No.125. Amount allowed £25. Edward Savage, Gorey Hill, Gorey, tendered at £22.19s. per annum, giving as his Sureties, James Redmond, Market House, Gorey, and Francis Carty, Coolnastudd, Gorey.

Philip Wadding, Ballinacoola, Gorey, tendered at £24. per annum,

The lower tender was accepted.

No.126 Amount allowed £25. Edward Savage, Gorey Hill, Gorey, tendered at £22.19s. per annum, giving the same Sureties as for No.125.

Philip Wadding, Ballinacoola, Gorey, tendered at £24. per annum.

The lower tender was accepted.

No.127 Amount allowed £36. Patrick Kinsella, Market Square, Gorey, tendered at the amount allowed, mentioning as Sureties, James Hempenstall and Thomas Funge, Main Street, Gorey.

John Sullivan, Barnland, Gorey, tendered at £32 but was not in attendance.

The tender of Patrick Kinsella was accepted.

No.1015. No tender. Road given in charge of Co. Surveyor for a year.

No.1021 Amount allowed £25. Andrew McCann, Moteybower, Carnew, tendered at £21.9s. per annum, giving as his Sureties, Thomas Loughlin, Knockbrandon and John Sunderland, Baltyfarrell.

Bart Kenny, Kennystown, Carnew, tendered at £24. per annum.

The lower tender was accepted.

HAULAGE TENDERS

A very large number of haulage tenders were disposed of, the work being distributed according to cost and ability to carry it out.

Mr. Keegan raised the question as to would-be Contractors being represented by deputy.

This happened in the case of a person who was ill.

The meeting considered that as the advertisement for haulage tenders did not specify that personal attendance was necessary it would not be equitable to reject a tender when the person making it was ill or prevented by some other valid reason from being present, and was represented by someone who was empowered to act for him.

NEW ROSS TENDERS COMMITTEE

The above Tenders Committee met at the Courthouse, New Ross, on 23rd February, 1933.

Mr. J. Cummins presided, and there were also present Messrs. J. Brennan, P. Colfer and T. Cooney.

The Co. Secretary, Co. Surveyor and Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district, were also in attendance.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

Contracts from 1st April, 1933, to 31st March, 1936:-

No. 463 (Amount allowed £13) John Creane, Grange, Rathmure, Enniscorthy, tendered at £9.19s.6d giving as Sureties, Thomas Conran, 10, North Street, New Ross, and John Murphy, John Street, New Ross.

Thomas Ryan, Ballybawn, Rathmure, tendered at £10.

Nicholas Dunne, Monamolin, Rathmure, tendered at £12.9.6d.

Myles Doyle, Tomanine, Rathmure, tendered at £12.5s.

The lowest tender, that of John Creane, was accepted.

No. 464 (Amount allowed £14) John O'Brien, Ballygibbon, Rathmure, tendered at the amount allowed, mentioning as his sureties Thomas Conran, New Ross and John Murphy, Bridge Quay, New Ross.

Accepted.

No. 465 (Amount allowed £10) Nicholas Dunne, Monamolin, Rathmure, tendered at £9.9.6d giving as Sureties Michael O'Connor, South Street, New Ross, and Michael Hennessey, Monamolin, Rathmure.

John Hayden, Monamolin, Rathmure, and John Creane, Grange, Rathmure, tendered at £10 each.

Nicholas Dunne's tender, the lowest, was accepted.

No. 466 (Amount allowed £10) The only tender received was from James Doyle, Ballindoney, Ballywilliam, who gave as Sureties Patrick Tobin, Tomanine, Rathmure, and Thomas Kehoe, Ballindoney, Ballywilliam. He tendered at the full amount.

Accepted.

No.467 (Amount allowed £15) Catherine Byrne, Cummer, Ballywilliam, tendered at £13.19s., giving as Sureties Owen Rourke, Cummer, Ballywilliam, and John Byrne, North Street, New Ross.

Accepted.

No.471 (Amount allowed £30) William Rochford, Templenacrow, Palace, tendered at the full amount and mentioned as Sureties T. Murray, Mary Street, New Ross and J. Murphy, John Street, New Ross.

Accepted.

No.473 (Amount allowed £30) No tender. Given in charge of Co. Surveyor for a year.

No.474 (Amount allowed £8) Richard McGrath, Knockroe, Palace, tendered at £8. giving as Sureties John Murphy, Bridge Quay, New Ross, and Thomas Williams, Quay Street, New Ross.

Accepted.

No.574 (Amount allowed £12) Patrick Kinsella, Ballynabanogue, Ballywilliam, tendered at £11, giving as Sureties Patrick Forrestal, Ballyanne, New Ross, and Patrick Callaghan, Ballinacoola, Ballywilliam.

Accepted.

No.577 (Amount allowed £12) Richard McGrath, Knockroe, Palace, tendered at the amount allowed, mentioning as Sureties John Murphy, Bridge Quay, New Ross, and Thomas Williams, Quay Street, New Ross.

Accepted.

No.578 (Amount allowed £40) John Doran, Gobbinstown, Ballywilliam, tendered at full amount, giving as Sureties Michael J. Keegan, 7, South Street, New Ross, and Thomas Fitzgerald, Gobbinstown, Ballywilliam.

Accepted.

No.579 (Amount allowed £25) John Doran, Gobbinstown, Ballywilliam, tendered at the amount allowed and gave same Sureties as for No.578.

No.580 (Amount allowed £15.) No tender. Given in charge of the Co. Surveyor for one year.

No.598 (Amount allowed £12) Patrick Nolan, Templenacrow, Palace,

tendered at the full amount giving as Sureties, T. Murray, Mary Street, New Ross, and J. Murphy, John Street, New Ross.

Accepted.

No.600 (Amount allowed £25) William Rochford, Templenacrow, tendered at full amount, giving same sureties as for No.598.

Accepted.

No.601 (Amount allowed £8) William Rochford, Templenacrow, Palace, tendered at full amount, giving as Sureties T. Murray, Mary Street, New Ross, and J. Murphy, John Street, New Ross.

Accepted.

No.602 (Amount allowed £8.) No tender. Given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

No.662 (Amount allowed £22) No tender. Given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

No.663 (Amount allowed £50) James Doran, Rochestown, New Ross, tendered at £49.9s. giving as Sureties Nicholas Lennon, Meylers Park, New Ross and Edward Colfer, South Street, New Ross.

Accepted.

No.664 (Amount allowed £30) James Doran, Rochestown, New Ross, tendered at £29.19s. and gave the same Sureties as for No.663.

Accepted.

No.665 (Amount allowed £12) Michael Hanlon, Ballyverogue, Campile, tendered at £10.14s. and Michael Kelly, Camblin, New Ross, tendered at £10.15s., his Sureties being James Whitty, Camblin, New Ross and James Kelly, Michael Street, New Ross. As Michael Kelly was the old contractor and the difference being 1/- only per annum, it was decided that Kelly's Tender be accepted.

No.667 (Amount allowed £7) Michael Hanlon, Ballyverogue, Campile, tendered at £6.14s. giving as Sureties James Whitty, Camblin, New Ross, and Patrick Hanlon, Ballyverogue, Campile.

Patrick Connors, Ballylane, New Ross, tendered at £6.15s.

Michael Hanlon's tender, the lower, was accepted.

No.668 (Amount allowed £10) No tender. Given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

No.685 (Amount allowed £25) Thomas Cooney, Ballykelly, New Ross, tendered at £24.5s. giving as Sureties, Thomas Walsh and Wm. Ronan, both of New Ross.

Accepted.

No.686 (Amount allowed £28.) Thomas Cooney, Ballykelly, New Ross, tendered at £27.5s. giving same Sureties as for No.685.

Accepted.

No.687 (Amount allowed £25) Thomas Cooney, Ballykelly, New Ross, tendered at full amount, giving same Sureties as for No.685. Accepted.

No.694 (Amount allowed £18) Michael Hanlon, Ballyverogue, Campile, tendered at full amount, giving as Sureties James Whitty, Camblin, New Ross, and Patrick Hanlon, Ballyverogue, Campile; Accepted.

No.695 (Amount allowed £12) No tender. Given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

No.696 (Amount allowed £7.10s.) James McGrath, Dunbrody, Campile, tendered at full amount, giving as Sureties Richard Finn, Ballyvelig, Campile, and John Cleary, Killowen, New Ross. Accepted.

No.699 (Amount allowed £14) William Power, Ballybrazil, Campile, tendered at full amount, mentioning as Sureties, Patrick Forrestal, South Street, New Ross and Richard Ryan, Garryduff, Campile.

Accepted.

No.700 (Amount allowed £9) Moses Brown, Garryduff, Campile, tendered at full amount, giving same Sureties as for No.699. Accepted.

No.697 Amount allowed £10) No tender. Given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

No.701 (Amount allowed £30) William Power, Ballybrazil, Campile, tendered at the full amount, mentioning as Sureties, Patrick Forrestal, South Street, New Ross and Richard Ryan, Garryduff, Campile. Accepted.

No.702.(Amount allowed £10) John McFarlane, Ballykerogue, Campile, tendered at £9. mentioning as Sureties Thomas Howlett, and John McGrath,

both of Dunbrody, Campile.

James McGrath, Dunbrody, Campile, tendered at £10.

The lower tender, that of John MacFarlane, was accepted.

NNo.719 (Amount allowed £15) Patrick Bennett, Kilscanlon, New Ross, tendered at the full amount, giving as Sureties Thomas Cosgrage, Finneccarrig, and Annie M. Nolan of Ballymacar. Accepted.

NNo.720 (Amount allowed £7.) Patrick Murphy, Ballybrack, Foulksmills, tendered at £5.14s. Sureties being Marks Hanlon, Clongeen, Foulksmills, and John Rowe, Drealistown, Ballycullane.

James Kinsella of Loughnageer, Foulksmills, tendered at £5.18s.

Peter Stafford, Coolboy, Foulksmills, tendered at £6.2.6d. and

Michael Dillon tendered at £6.10s.

Patrick Murphy's tender was accepted.

NNo.726 (Amount allowed £16) Patrick Murphy, Ballybrack, Foulksmills, tendered at £13.9s. giving same Sureties as for No.720.

James Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, tendered at £13.16s.

Luke Daye, Boley, Ballycullane, tendered at £14 and Peter Stafford, Coolboy, Foulksmills, at £15.2.6d.

The tender of Patrick Murphy, being the lowest, was accepted.

NNo.745 (Amount allowed £40) Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Foulksmills, tendered at full amount, giving as Sureties Joseph Deacon, Spring Park, Old Ross and James Clegg, Camross, Foulksmills. Accepted.

NNo.746 (Amount allowed £14) Michael Dillon, Newbawn, tendered at £12. giving as Sureties James Furlong and Thomas O'Rourke, both of Brownstown.

Michael Doyle, Ballyclemock, Newbawn, tendered at £13.9s.

The tender of Michael Dillon was accepted.

NNo.750 (Amount allowed £22) Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Foulksmills, tendered at full amount, giving as Sureties the same as for No.745.

Accepted.

NNo.799 (Amount allowed £7.) James Murphy, Arthurstown, tendered at £6.10s. giving as Sureties Wm. F. Walsh, Ramsgrange, and Nicholas Whelan, Ballyvelig.

James McGrath, Dunbrody, tendered at full amount.

James Murphy's tender was accepted.

No.801 (Amount allowed £12) No tender. Given in charge of the Co. Surveyor for one year.

No.802 (Amount allowed £9) Patrick Power, Nook, Arthurstown, giving as his Sureties John Murphy, Nook, Arthurstown, and Michael Farrell, of Nook, Arthurstown, tendered at the full amount and was accepted.

No.803 (Amount allowed £19) Patrick Power, Nook, Arthurstown, tendered at £19 (full amount) giving same Sureties as for No.802. Accepted.

No.806 (Amount allowed £11) Patrick Keating of Nook, Arthurstown, giving as Sureties John Murphy and Michael Farrell, both of Nook, Arthurstown, tendered at full amount and was accepted.

No.807 (Amount allowed £5) Patrick Keating of Nook, Arthurstown, tendered at full amount, giving same Sureties as for No.806. Accepted.

No.808 (Amount allowed £16) James Murphy, Arthurstown, tendered at £15.10 giving same Sureties as for No.799.

Patrick Keating, Nook, Arthurstown, tendered at £16.

The lower tender was accepted.

No.826 (Amount allowed £16) Joseph Hanlon, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, tendered at £13.19s. giving as Sureties Michael Donnelly, Cullenstown, Foulksmills, and James Bennett, Loughnageer.

Stephen Kinsella, Ballybrack, Foulksmills, tendered at £14.15s.

Joseph Hanlon's tender was accepted.

No.827 (Amount allowed £10) Patrick Murphy, Ballybrack, Foulksmills, tendered at £7.9s. and gave same Sureties as for No.720.

Joseph Hanlon, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, tendered at £7.19s.

Stephen Kinsella, Ballybrack, Foulksmills, tendered at £8.

Patrick Murphy's tender was accepted.

No.829 (Amount allowed £13) J. Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, tendered at £11, giving as Sureties Patrick Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, and Joseph Whelan of same address. Accepted.

No.830 (Amount allowed £11) No tender. Given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

No.832 (Amount allowed £16) Thomas Walsh, Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge, tendered at full amount, and gave as Sureties Patrick Walsh and Thomas Murphy, both of Clonmines. Accepted.

No.833 (Amount allowed £16) James Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, tendered at £14, giving same sureties as for No.829.

Thomas Walsh, Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge, tendered at £16.

The lower tender was accepted.

No. 834 (Amount allowed £30) No. tender. Given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

No.848 (Amount allowed £6.) John Murphy, Tallaught, Ballycullane, tendered at £6. giving as Sureties Patrick Walsh and Thomas Murphy both of Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge. Accepted.

No.853 (Amount allowed £17) Edward Mallon, Aldridge, Duncannon, giving as Sureties John Culleton, Kilbride, and Edward Banville, Conna, tendered at full amount. Accepted.

No.854 (Amount allowed £28) Thomas Doran, Haggard, Ramsgrange, giving as Sureties James Cogley, Ramsgrange, and James McDonnell^{ne}, Cunnaghmore, Ramsgrange, tendered at £22.9s.

P. O'Neill, Shellbaggan, Ramsgrange, tendered at £28.

The lower tender was accepted.

No.873 (Amount allowed £7) Thomas Orange, Conna, Duncannon, giving as Sureties Alexander Auld, Conna, Duncannon and John Auld of Grange, Fethard, tendered at full amount and was accepted.

No.1023 (Amount allowed £12) No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor for one year.

HAULAGE

A large number of haulage tenders were disposed of, the work being distributed amongst hauliers so far as was consistent with the prices quoted.

WEXFORD TENDERS COMMITTEE

The meeting of Wexford Tenders Committee was held in County Hall, Wexford, on 25th February, 1933.

Present: Mr. R. Corish, (presiding) and Mr. Gaul.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor and Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the District, were also in attendance.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

Contracts from 1st April, 1933, to 31st March, 1936.

No. 662 (Amount allowed £36.) James Murphy, Ballinclay, Killurin, tendered at £33, giving as Sureties Patrick Murphy, Ballinclay, and John Parker, Wexford.

John Furlong, Barmoney, Bree, tendered at £35.10s.

The lower tender was accepted.

No. 643 (Amount allowed £35.) James Sinnott, Oylegate, Enniscorthy, tendered at £26.19.6d. and gave as Sureties John Nolan, Tomlane, Oylegate, and Aidan Donohoe, Coolnaboy, Oylegate.

Thomas Carberry, Ballinaslaney, Oylegate, tendered at £27.

Francis Cullen, Ballyrannell, Glenbrien, tendered at £29.18. and Myles Sunderland, Kilcorrall, Castlebridge, at £32.19.6d.

J. Sinnott's tender - the lowest - was accepted.

No. 645 (Amount allowed £12) Edward Browne, Ballyhoo, Screen, tendered at £10.15s. giving as Sureties Thomas Nolan, Redmond Place, Wexford, and Patrick Jordan, Killmisten, Castlebridge.

This was the only tender and was accepted.

No. 646 (Amount allowed £19) Edward Browne, Ballyhoo, Screen, tendered at £17.14s. giving same Sureties as for No. 645.

Myles Sunderland, Kilcorrall, Castlebridge, tendered at £18.19s.

The lower tender was accepted.

No. 648 (Amount allowed £15) Denis Murphy, Johnstown,

Castlebridge, (the old contractor) tendered at £15. giving as Sureties James Kelly, North Main Street, Wexford and Michael Murphy, Killiane, Wexford.

Myles Sunderland, Kilcorrall, Castlebridge, tendered at £14.19s.

It was decided to accept the old contractor.

No.649 (Amount allowed £13) Denis Murphy, Johnstown, Castlebridge, the old contractor, tendered at full amount, giving same sureties as for No.648.

Myles Sunderland, Kilcorrall, Castlebridge, tendered at £12.19s.

The tender of old Contractor was accepted.

No.761 (Amount allowed £36.) John Furlong, Barmoney, Bree, who gave as Sureties Joseph Doyle, Lambstown, and Matthew Moran, Corlican, tendered at £35.8s. Accepted.

No.765 (Amount allowed £16) Henry Long, Seaview, Barntown, tendered at £13.9s. giving as Sureties Joseph Breen, Talbot Street, Wexford, and William Wright, Shelmalier, Commons.

Thomas Barnes, Cools, Barntown, tendered at £14.10s.

Patrick Stafford, Cools, Barntown, tendered at £15.

The lowest tender was accepted.

No.780 (Amount allowed £8.) Henry Long, Seaview, Barntown, tendered at £5.19s. giving same sureties as for No.765. Accepted.

No.784 (Amount allowed £15) Johanna Bishop, Ballyboggan, tendered at £12, giving as her Sureties, Philip Cowman, Main Street, Wexford and Thomas E. Quaid, Ferrycarrig.

James O'Dowd, Seaview, Barntown, tendered at £13.14.9d.

The lower tender was accepted.

No.891 (Amount allowed £26.) Henry Long, Seaview, Barntown, tendered at £24.17.6d. giving same Sureties as for No.765.

Patrick Stafford, Cools, Barntown, tendered at £25.

The lower tender was accepted.

No.893 (Amount allowed £20) No tender. Given in charge of Co. Surveyor for one year.

No.912 (Amount allowed £45) James Wade, Danescastle, Bannow, tendered at £39.9s. and gave as Sureties, J. Rattigan, Waterloo Road, Wexford, and John Neville, Ballyfrory, Wellingtonbridge.

James Harpur, Crosslake, Bannow, tendered at £40., and Michael Power, Vernegly, Wellingtonbridge, at £42.9.6d.

The lowest tender, that of James Wade, was accepted.

No.918 (Amount allowed £15) John Furlong, Knocktown Cross, Duncormick, Wexford, tendered at the full amount and gave as Sureties Edward Furlong, Sandyhill, Barntown, and Stephen Coady, Cull, Duncormick. Accepted.

No.958 (Amount allowed £28) John Cullen, Killag, Duncormick, tendered at the full amount, giving as Sureties Edward Goff, Richfield, Duncormick, and Edward Furlong, Sandyhill, Barntown. Accepted.

No.1012 (Amount allowed £12) Peter Barry, Lake Little, Rosslare, tendered at £10, and gave as Sureties Peter Bolger, Woodtown, Rosslare, and Thomas O'Connor, Lake, Rosslare. Accepted.

No.1013 (Amount allowed £15) Thomas Kelly, Skeeterpark, Cleariestown, tendered at £13.4s. giving as Sureties, Charles Fitzhenry, Skeeterpark, Cleariestown, and James Murphy, Cools Hill. Accepted.

No.1022 (Amount allowed £20) James Murphy, Ballinclay, Killurin, tendered at £17.18s., giving as Sureties Patrick Murphy, Ballinclay, Killurin and John Parker, Wexford.

John Furlong, Barmoney, Bree, tendered at £19.

The lower tender was accepted.

HAULAGE CONTRACTS.

A very large number of haulage contracts was dealt with. Where possible and in accordance with prices the work was divided, preference in all cases being given to haulage by horse.

FILLING VACANCY OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That Rev. W.F. Hanton, C.C., Bannow, be appointed a member of No.1 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee vice Rev. M. Newcombe removed to another district."

TEMPORARY CLERICAL STAFF

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That a temporary clerical Staff for writing up Rate Books and Rate Collectors' Receipt and Demand Note Books be appointed. Selection of applicants to be made by a Committee of two members from each district."

The following Committee were appointed:-

Enniscorthy District:- Messrs. T. McCarthy and J. Shannon.

Gorey District:- Messrs. S. O'Byrne and J. Hall.

New Ross District:- Messrs. J. Cummins and J.E. Walsh.

Wexford District:- Messrs. R. Corish and M.M. Roche.

FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE - CLERK OF WORKS

The following applications for appointment of Clerk of Works (Ferry carrig Bridge repair) were submitted. Messrs. Michael O'Carroll, B.E., Cadamstown, Birr: Wm. Fitzsimons, B.A.I., 4, Heathfield Road, Teremure, Dublin: T.V. Garland, B.A., Merrion House, Lower Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin: Captain B.B. Harvey, B.A.B.A.I., Bargo, Ballycogley, Co. Wexford: W. Hawe, B.E., Buncrana, Co. Donegal: T.P. Hogan, B.E., Assistant Surveyor's Office, Courthouse, Thurles, W.F. Johnston, B.E., A.M.I.C.E.I., 3, Pembroke Road, Dublin: John N. Enright, 68 Audley Rd., London, N.W.4: John McGregor, 26, Fair Street, Drogheda: Solby L. MacFarlane, 2, Tivoli Terrace, South, Dunlaoghaire: T. Millar, M.I.S.E., 5, Hawthorn Villas, South Douglas Road, Cork: Eoin O'Brolchain, B.E., Dun Bride, Nashville Park, Howth, Co. Dublin: Wm. Vallis Peet, B.A. B.A.I., Eastmount, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Col. Gibbon proposed the appointment of Captain Harvey, who was

a Wexford man resident in the County. He appeared to have more experience of concrete work particularly in tidal waters than any of the other applicants. He had been already employed by the Co. Council in connection with the erection of Mountgarrett Bridge and had given such satisfaction that he had been employed later by New Ross Urban Council in connection with their water scheme.

Mr. Cummins seconded.

Mr. Keegan proposed the appointment of Mr. Millar, who was also a Wexford man. Applicant had a young family and would carry out the work in a satisfactory manner if appointed.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Captain Harvey:- Messrs. Brennan, Cummins, Gibbon, Hall, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Ryan, Roche, Shannon, Smyth and the Chairman. (12)

For Mr. Millar:- Messrs. Clince, Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan and O'Byrne. (8)

The Chairman declared Captain Harvey appointed.

The following resolution was then proposed by Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Cummins and adopted:- "That Captain B.B. Harvey, be appointed Clerk of Works in connection with repairs at Ferrycarrig Bridge on the terms of advertisement governing appointment remuneration £6.6s. per week.

CAHORE PIER EXTENSION COMMITTEE

The following report from Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, was submitted:-

"A meeting in connection with extension of pier at Cahore was held at Cahore 22nd February, 1933, when Messrs. Kehoe and Keating T.D's were met by Messrs. Smyth, Quin, Keegan and representatives of local fishermen. After inspection of pier and berthage accommodation by above with County and Assistant Surveyor, a meeting, presided over by Rev. Father Kavanagh, was held.

"Statements were made to the meeting by Messrs. Crowe, Redmond, Dempsey and Ennis on behalf of the fishermen, to the effect that there

"are fifteen boats at present engaged in fishing and application before Fishery Board for three new boats, but as berthage accommodation is insufficient even for boats at present in use, it was believed this application would be refused unless an extension of not less than ninety feet was made to existing pier - such an extension being an absolute necessity even under present conditions. It was further stated that on occasions when weather was unfavourable the want of berthage facilities resulted in many boats being unable to land their catches and so were prevented from marketing their fish. The present berthing accommodation is only sufficient for four boats.

"Father Kavanagh stated that the Cahore fishermen are very industrious, never allowing an opportunity to pass of putting to sea even under conditions that would deter many and the men only wanted the extension to enable them to make the most of the advantages which Cahore, as a fishing centre offers. He further stated that all of them belong to the Fisheries Association.

"The two members of the Dail agreed that a strong case had been made to have the pier extended and that they would give the project all the help they could by supporting a claim for a grant when such claim had approval of County Council."

Col. Gibbon said that piers at which siltage occurred might become a heavy charge on the County in the future and before embarking on any financial responsibility they should have the opinion of the County Surveyor as to whether the pier was probably to be liable to silting up in the near future and was it a harbour that would have to be constantly dredged to be kept clear. If they built harbours in places likely to silt up it would mean very heavy expense on the Co. Council in future.

The Co. Surveyor said that Cahore was an open harbour and he did not think there was any likelihood of silting up so far as he could see. There was - so far as silting was concerned no change at the existing pier in recent years and there was no probability there would be any.

His estimate for the 90 feet extension was £4,500.

Chairman - Failing to secure a Government Grant, the project drops.

Mr. O'Byrne said that the Co. Council should make strong representations to the Government for a grant in this case. It would give a permanent way of living to about 50 people and their families and would provide immediate employment.

Mr. Smyth proposed the following resolution:- "That application be made to the Government for the necessary Government Grant to allow of an extension of 90 feet at Cahore Pier in order to provide for the development of the fishing industry. The T.D.'s had the matter in hands and a really good case for the project could be made."

Mr. Hall, who seconded the resolution, said he had been prevented by another engagement from being present at the Committee meeting.

Mr. Keegan supported the resolution and said a very important point to stress was the fact that fishermen had been refused loans to purchase boats until such time as Cahore pier could provide more accommodation.

The resolution was then put and passed nem. con.

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Hall:- "We, the Wexford Co. Council in the County of Wexford being a member of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited hereby appoint as our Nominee, Mr. Sean O'Byrne, Co. Councillor, The Avenue, Gorey, in our name and on our behalf to vote and exercise every other right and power incidental to such membership at the annual meeting of the Company to be held in the year 1933."

HARBOURS ON SOUTH WEXFORD COAST

Mr. Cummins said at a recent meeting of the Council a resolution had been adopted asking the Co. Surveyor to inspect the various

harbours in South Wexford and furnish an estimate as to the cost of putting them into repair.

The Co. Surveyor said that after last meeting he sent forward to the Board of Works a list of schemes as to improvement of harbours of Slade, Fethard and Ballyhack.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That Mr. Corish T.D., a member of this Council be requested to make representations to the appropriate Government Department for grants for the repair of piers in South Wexford in accordance with the estimate of the Co. Surveyor."

COTTAGE PLOTS AND CO. BOARD OF HEALTH

Under date 23rd January, 1933, the Secretary, Co. Board of Health, wrote in connection with loan which his Board were obtaining to complete the erection of 50 cottages in Gorey Garden City, the Board of Works who were preparing the mortgage required the Board's title to the sites. This title was at present registered in the name of the Gorey Rural District Council whose property under the Local Government Act of 1925 had been transferred to the Co. Council.

On making application^{to} the Co. Registrar to have the title of Gorey Rural District Council transferred to the Board of Health, Mr. Dwyer said that the Order for this under the seal of the County Council should be lodged with him.

Mr. Elgee advised the meeting to adopt a resolution providing for the transfer of plots as requested.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Gaul:- "That the title of all Labourers' Cottage plots at present vested in Wexford Co. Council as successors in title to the Rural District Councils of the County be transferred to Co. Wexford Board of Health and that Co. Solicitor take the necessary steps to have transfer effected."

NOTICES OF MOTION

LOAN - SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS:-

The following motion of which he had given previous notice and which had been circulated to Co. Councillors on 10th January, 1933, was moved by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:-

"That the Co. Council borrow from the Local Loans Fund a sum not exceeding £8000 (Eight Thousand Pounds) to be repayable in 35 years for the purpose of making advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts 1899-1931."

Mr. Clince seconded the motion which was adopted without dissent.

PROPOSED REDUCTION OF SALARIES AND PENSIONS:- The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. D'Arcy:-

"That the Wexford County Council hereby request the Government to reduce all salaries and pensions payable either from the State Funds or from the funds of local Bodies, and the salaries and pensions should be adjusted in strict accordance with the capabilities of the agricultural industry to pay since this industry is 80% of the whole industry of the 26 Counties."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That consideration of Notice of motion as to reduction of salaries and pensions be adjourned to next meeting to enable Mr. D'Arcy to be present."

LIBRARY SERVICE - ANNUAL ESTIMATE

The estimate of Library Committee for financial year 1933/34 was submitted. This provided for receipt of £100 from Co. Council in addition to the equivalent of the Rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £. the normal contribution.

Mr. O'Byrne said that the £100 additional was also voted last year and it could be seen from the estimates that the number of Centres and the circulation of books had shown a very considerable increase over the previous year. He moved the following resolution:-

"That the Council include in their estimate for financial year 1933-34

"a sum of £924 - (which provides £100 in addition to the equivalent of a halfpenny rate on the County at large.)" for County Library Service."
Mr Hall seconded the motion which was passed.

ESTIMATE FOR CO. WEXFORD VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

COMMITTEE.

The above Committee forwarded Demand for annual contribution for financial year 1933-34 of £3118 being the equivalent of the rate of 1³/₄d in the £. on County at large less valuation of Wexford Urban District. This amount was fixed by Statute.

Mr. Gaul proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted without dissent:- "That a sum of £3118 amount demanded by Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee be brought into Co. Council estimate for financial year 1933-34."

WEXFORD HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS

The statement submitted by Wexford Harbour Commissioners as to the necessity for improving Wexford Harbour if it were to remain open, and which had been adjourned from previous meetings, came up for consideration with the following resolution of Mr. O'Byrne which had been also adjourned:- "That we confirm the following Minute of Finance Committee:- "That we recommend the Co. Council to agree to contribute the equivalent of a rate of one penny in the £. on the County at large as a contribution towards the cost of the improvement of Wexford harbour and that this amount be brought into the Co. Council budget for financial year 1933-34."

Mr. O'Byrne moved the adoption of his motion.

Col. Gibbon thought it was vital that the Council should express some sympathy with the Wexford Harbour Board in their endeavour to get something done. He thought it could be said without fear of contradiction that if the harbour silted up so that shipping could not come in, apart from the loss the farmers would suffer if extra prices were put on feeding stuffs, coal and other things, and probably extra charges on cattle, the expenses to be thrown on the poor rates of the County would far exceed 1d. in the £.

Mr. Hall,- Is it only for one year?

Chairman - It is for all time.

Mr. Corish - It is not.

Chairman - Well for sixty years.

Mr. Corish - You are not going to get any loan over a period of sixty years.

The Chairman said it had been mentioned that £4,000 a year would be required for sixty years.

Mr. Corish said he did not think a loan could be got for sixty years. It would probably be over a period of about thirty-five years.

In reply to Mr. Cummins, the Secretary said that £1. in the £. would raise something over £1,600 on the County at large.

Mr. Colloton - Why not postpone the matter until the law is amended?

Mr. Corish said that the Harbour Board were anxious that the Council pass the resolution as a gesture showing they were in sympathy with the Board.

The Chairman asked if there was a definite guarantee that there would be a safe harbour if the proposed work were carried out.

Mr. Corish said that the Harbour Board had a report from very eminent engineers stating that if the work they proposed were carried out the harbour would be navigable for all time. That report had been submitted by a deputation to the Board of Works, and they had, he thought, fairly well approved of it.

The Chairman said he thought they had not approved of it.

Mr. Corish said that his statement was that they had fairly well approved of it. Mr. Flinn, Parliamentary Secretary, had been down at the harbour and Major M'Neill, engineer to the Board of Works, was engaged on a survey of the harbour at present, and the Harbour Board were expecting his report in a short time. Within recent weeks the harbour had practically closed up, with the result that traffic had been diverted. He thought that Col. Gibbon had clearly explained the

position that might be expected to arise in the event of the harbour being closed. It would mean very serious inroads on the funds of the Co. Health Board because a great many people got employment on the quays, and naturally they would be thrown on the rates if anything happened to the harbour. The reason the Harbour Board wanted the Co. Council, before the law was changed, to pass a resolution agreeing to contribute was that the matter was before two or three Government Departments that, he believed, were going to do something about the harbour. He was of opinion that there would have to be a private bill got through by the Harbour Board. If the Co. Council were not agreeable to subscribe it would be an opposed measure and would cost a lot, but if they agreed it would cost very little as an unopposed measure. He presumed that the Minister would not proceed to alter the law unless the Co. Council were satisfied. His recollection was that it would take about £4,000 a year to fund the loan completely. The Harbour Board and the Corporation would, of course, put up a certain amount, and they asked the Co. Council to put up the proceeds of 1d. in the £.

Miss O'Ryan said she thought they should give every encouragement to a project of the kind, because, after all, Wexford harbour was the natural outlet for the county, and she thought the Council should show sympathy to the extent at least, of finding 1d. in the £., subject, of course, to its being in order to do so.

The Chairman said that the way he looked at the matter was that they had not anything definite as to whether the harbour would be all right after the proposed expenditure of £80,000. They had a very prominent engineer engaged some years ago with reference to erosion at Rosslare, and his first proposition was to stop the removal of sand and gravel from the beach. The removal had been stopped for two years but he thought that matters were worse now than when removal was first stopped. That showed them that that engineer's opinion was erroneous at all events.

Miss O'Ryan suggested that it was very hard to get a guarantee in such cases.

The Chairman said it was, but he did not think it would be wise to spend the ratepayers' money on such a wild goose chase. He thought they should adjourn the matter for the new Council. Mr. Corish had referred to the diversion of traffic, but he (Chairman) thought that every pound of cargo had come through Co. Wexford - through Rosslare, if not through Wexford Harbour.

Col. Gibbon said that in order to have unanimity on the matter he would suggest a resolution to the effect that the Council believed that the maintenance of the port of Wexford was essential ~~in~~ the interests of the farmers and the people of the whole of the Co. Wexford, and that if, in the near future, plans could be approved ~~of~~, which would show a reasonable chance of the port being made an open one, the Council would be satisfied in raising money to assist in the work. He thought that such a resolution would meet Mr. Corish's idea. They would be showing the Government that they were prepared to do something.

Mr. O'Byrne said that such a resolution would be throwing doubt upon the work. No department would agree to the spending of £80,000 unless they were satisfied that there would be some advantage for it. He held that the strongest argument against the granting of a loan would be that the Co. Council turned the matter down or had doubts about it. He thought they should adopt the resolution he had proposed. They would not have to pay unless the matter was made legal.

Mr. Corish - Of course there is another thing that should be taken into consideration. This job will take about four years, and there will be an average of two hundred men employed, and you will save on the rates.

The Chairman said that in connection with every work that cropped up they were told there would be a saving on the rates, but they never had as much Home Assistance as at present in spite of all the money spent in the last year on Relief schemes.

Mr. Colloton proposed that the matter be adjourned until the Law was changed, and Mr. Brennan seconded.

Chairman - You do not get any definite guarantee for one wall in the harbour from the engineer at all, and they are not going on with two walls now, are they?

Mr. Corish - The Harbour Board only brought over the engineer to know from him if one wall would be sufficient. He said it would do a certain amount of good, but he could not guarantee it.

The Chairman said that in view of the inspection by the engineer of the Board of Works there must be another project in view now.

Mr. Corish said the engineer was examining as to whether it would be desirable to open another channel.

After further discussion Mr. O'Byrne amended his motion as follows:-
"That the Co. Council agree to contribute the equivalent of a rate of one penny in the £. on the County at large as a contribution towards the repayment of loan for improvement of Wexford Harbour and that this amount be brought into the budget of the Co. Council when legal power for such a step has been obtained.

Mr. Gaul seconded.

Mr. Cummins wished to support Mr. O'Byrne's proposition, because of the fact that if something were not done the harbour was going to close up, and, as Col. Gibbon had stated, if it closed up it would mean more than 1d. in the £ loss to the people of the County. While he was there representing the ratepayers he was there to give his opinion, and his opinion, though coming from the farthest part of the County, was that the passing of the proposition would mean a benefit to the people he represented. He supported the proposition believing that he was doing nothing only what was just to the ratepayers.

Chairman - Mr. Cummins stated it as his opinion that supposing the harbour were closed altogether it would mean more than 1d in £. on the ratepayers. I do not believe one word of that, and I have just as much interest in the farmers of the County as Mr. Cummins.

Miss O'Ryan remarked that Rosslare Harbour was owned by a

British Company.

The Chairman said the Wexford harbour was owned by the Harbour Commissioners. If they wished to develop Rosslare Harbour they would get the chance. It was only a short distance from Wexford, and there was a good train service.

Miss O'Ryan - We have experience of depending on the British.

Chairman - It is the Great Southern Co. that owns the harbour.

Miss O'Ryan - It is owned by a British company.

Chairman - Any facilities you want you will get them from the company.

Miss O'Ryan - Facilities.

Mr. Gaul pointed out that Wexford harbour was not owned by the Commissioners. They only represented the people.

Chairman - If you got the other harbour you would not be depending on tides or anything else.

A poll on Mr. Culleton's proposition resulted as follows:-

FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, Mayler, Murphy, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman. (7)

AGAINST: Messrs. Cline, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Gibbon, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan and Shannon. (13)

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

Col. Gibbon said that the granting of the money asked for in Mr. O'Byrne's proposition ^{should} be subject to the reports of the engineers satisfying the Council that there was a reasonable probability of the harbour being maintained in future. He suggested that he was justified in doing so, because at present they had only one report. There had been talk of one retaining wall and also of two walls. He thought that two would be required, but they should have a proper report on what was to be done. He then proposed the following which he stated was not to be regarded as an amendment to Mr. O'Byrne's motion but as an addendum:-

"The amount promised by Wexford Co. Council as a contribution towards repayment of loan for improvement of Wexford Harbour is

"contingent on really satisfactory reports being produced to the Council by the Wexford Harbour Commissioners."

Mr. Hall seconded.

Mr. Corish said that Col. Gibbon's motion would leave the Council always in a position to say that they did not agree with a report and the question was when would they have finality as far as agreement was concerned. He believed that there would be satisfaction, as far as an engineer's report was concerned, but what was going to guide the Council in the matter?

Mr. Gaul remarked that the Department had the report of the firm that surveyed the harbour.

Col. Gibbon - Apparently Mr. McNeill is going to put up another suggestion.

Mr. Corish - But what is to constitute a satisfactory report?

Chairman - I suppose the Council will decide that.

Mr. Corish - But should not Col. Gibbon be prepared to accept the Government's decision on a satisfactory report?

Col. Gibbon said he would like to have the Co. Surveyor's opinion as to what would be a satisfactory report. If they were going to commit the Co. Council to responsibility in the matter they wanted to be satisfied that the money they were spending would maintain an open port for Wexford.

Mr. Roche did not think that Col. Gibbon's amendment was necessary. He suggested that the Government or Harbour Commissioners would not put up a project involving the expenditure of £80,000 if that project were not suitable.

Mr. Corish said that the Harbour Board would not proceed with the project until they received Government sanction. The Government had sent engineers to examine the project, and the Board were awaiting their report, and if their report were not favourable the scheme would not proceed.

The Chairman asked if it would not be time enough to consider this matter when the report was received.

Mr. Corish said he did not think it would. The Board would have to negotiate about a loan and how could they negotiate without knowing whether they would have the wherewithal to meet it or not. He thought that Col. Gibbon's motion was a kind of red herring across the matter. He would not say that Col. Gibbon intended it that way, as his remarks had been very favourable in regard to the harbour.

Col. Gibbon - Mr. O'Byrne has a proposition that definitely states we are to raise this money in the rates, and we will have to provide for it, I take it, in the coming budget.

Mr. Corish remarked that the money would not be required this year.

Col. Gibbon said that, in accordance with his proposition, the Council would be in a better position to examine the reports when they were complete. If the Government were satisfied that the scheme was feasible he took it that the Council would accept the proposition if they found that the engineers were at one in their recommendations, but he supposed the Council would not proceed to raise the money if the engineers were divided in their opinions.

In reply to Mr. Colloton as to whether the ld. in the £ would be included in this year's rate, Mr. Corish said that even if the loan were raised this year the payment of interest would not be required until next year.

After further discussion Mr. Hall withdrew as seconder of Col. Gibbon's motion and, on the suggestion of Mr. Corish, Mr. O'Byrne further amended his motion to read as follows:- "That the Co. Council agree to contribute the equivalent of a rate of one penny in the £. on the County at large as a contribution towards the repayment of loan for improvement of Wexford Harbour and that this amount be brought into the budget of the Co. Council when legal power for such a step has been obtained and when sanction has been received for the plans etc. from the appropriate Government Department."

Mr. Gaul seconded.

Col. Gibbon withdrew his motion and a poll was taken on Mr. O'Byrne's motion with the following result:-

For:- Messrs. Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Gibbon, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan and Shannon. -(13)

Against:- Messrs. Brennan, Meyler, Murphy, Smyth and the Chairman. (5)

Declined voting - Messrs. Colloton and Roche. (2)

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

COURTOWN HARBOUR - DREDGING OF BASIN

The following under date 26th February, 1933, was read from Mr. P. Donovan, Contractor for clearing basin at Courtown Harbour:-

"I read report of discussion at Co. Council meeting in "Echo" of 13th instant, and am taking this to be correct, would say; I signed a bond with two solvent securities to carry out certain work here by 30th June next under the supervision of Council's Engineers. Within six weeks of my arrival I made both basin and entrance navigable for all local boats which I am informed will not put to sea until May. I showed the local Harbour Commissioners how to keep the entrance to harbour clear with the means at their disposal, viz. on January 20th and 21st a heavy S.E. gale closed the entrance with sand bar, I cleared this within three days by using gates. On January 27th and 28th a gale from same point again closed entrance, I cleared this sand within two days.

"I have carried out several dredging contracts for Wexford Harbour Board to their satisfaction, and never had any individual member interfering. They left the matter to their Engineer, under whose supervision I did the work.

"On this job, according to agreement, I ask to work under the supervision of your Council's Engineer, getting part payment as work proceeds (again according to agreement) and when period of contract expires the Council have their remedy if work is not finished.

"I say I have done more real work here in six weeks than B.O.W. steam dredger did at Kilmore a few years ago during a whole Summer. I am dumping solid spoil not water."

In answer to Mr. Keegan the Co. Surveyor said that no further advance of money had been made to the Contractor since the last meeting. The Contractor hoisted the sluices since he went there.

Mr. Keegan stated that the hoisting of the sluices was not in the contract. That work was done by fishermen.

The Co. Surveyor stated that fishermen used to hoist the sluices when they wanted to get out with their boats, but during the winter when there was no fishing they did not do it. That, in his opinion was the crux and the cause of the place getting choked as the stuff became so packed it was difficult to shift it. If it were regularly flushed even once a week, it would probably be kept clear.

Mr. Keegan said he would like the Co. Surveyor to measure the amount of stuff removed from the basin before any further payment was made to the Contractor.

Col. Gibbon said he thought the Co. Surveyor should submit a report of what it would cost to have the sluice gates handled in the way he suggests in view of the importance of regular flushings.

TEMPORARY CLOSING ROAD NO.320

Sealed Order under date 13th January, 1933, (I.R./107/1/1932) as to temporary closing of road No.320 for the additional period from 7th January, 1933, to 7th February, 1933 (inclusive) was received from Local Government Department.

The Co. Surveyor said that the work at Monamolín Bridge had been completed by the 7th February, last, and Road 320 then re-opened for traffic.

CO. COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Local Government Department wrote under date 21st February, 1933, (Circular F/18/33) that elections to all local authorities would be held this year and the Minister was prepared to consider any recommendations which Co. Councils may make as to the most suitable date not earlier than the 23rd June nor later than the 1st. July for the purpose.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the 26th June, 1933, as date for holding elections to Wexford Co. Council."

ROAD GRANTS

The following road grants had been received since last meeting:-
 £55052 Relief Grant (R.F.U.32-13th February, 1933)
 £11962 Road Maintenance (R.G.M./32 - 13th February, 1933) and
 £6620 (Unemployment Grant - R.U./32 - 22nd February, 1933.)

AUDITOR'S REPORT - ENNISCORTHY

MENTAL HOSPITAL.

Under date 7th February, 1933, the Local Government Department wrote (AA.8366-33) forwarding report of Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of the Enniscorthy Mental Hospital for the two half years ended 3rd March, 1932.

The report which was read evoked no comment.

GENERAL CATTLE DISEASES FUND.

Under date 9th January, 1933, the Department of Local Government wrote (Circ.15/33) that a further assessment for the purposes of the Cattle Diseases Fund equivalent to a rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. in the £. (double the normal assessment) on the valuation of the County would shortly be necessary probably in April next and provision for it should be made in Estimates for 1933-34.

ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR

Under date 2nd January, 1933, the following (D/14/5) was read from the Department of Lands and Fisheries:-

"With reference to your letter of the 19th ultimo, relative to borings at St. Helen's Harbour; I am directed by the Minister for Lands and Fisheries to inform you that the Department cannot accede to the request that the cost of making such borings should be borne by the State."

The Chairman said that the fishermen of the place had been clearly of the impression when Mr. Lynch, former Minister for Fisheries, visited the place that he promised them a certain amount of Government assistance.

Mr. Elgee said that the Council were precluded from spending any money at the Harbour as it was not scheduled under Act of Parliament.

Mr. Gaul proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Cline and adopted nem. con:- "That the five T.D.'s of the County be requested to interest themselves as regards the development of the fishing industry at St. Helen's harbour and approach the Government with a view to securing a Government grant for this purpose.

FORD OF LYNCH

Mr. Elgee said that Council for the Co. Council in this matter intended to inspect the place on 16th March and would be glad to meet the Chairman and any other Councillor and representatives of the local people who cared to attend.

NEWTOWN GULLET, CAHORE DRAINAGE

SYSTEM

The following from the Irish Land Commission under date 16th February, 1933, (53682/32) to the Co. Surveyor as to above gullet was read:-

"With reference to your letter of the 20th ultimo enclosing copy of your letter of the 15th idem to the Board of Works relative to the repair of a gullet in the townland of Newtown, which you state is connected with the Cahore Drainage System, I am desired by the Land Commission to inform you that the repairs which they recently carried out to the drains in this district were undertaken as a work for the relief of Unemployment. They are not responsible for the upkeep of the rivers and watercourses in the Cahore Drainage District, or any works connected therewith, and the funds allocated for the Relief Works referred to above having been expended, the Land Commission are not in a position to undertake any further works at present."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Smyth:- "That the Co. Surveyor be directed to have carried out the necessary repairs to gullet at Newtown, Cahore.

DRINAGH UNEMPLOYED

The following under date 4th February, 1933, was read:-

"We wish you to have this letter read and made known to your Council that we the undersigned unemployed of Drinagh wish to bring under your notice that a large number of men in this district, who are unemployed a long time and on the relief, want you to explain why we are ignored so much in the work given by both the Public Health Board and Co. Council, also that there is no worse in need than men with six to ten children who have nothing but the six shillings relief to exist on. We also read in the Press that there are men drawing the relief who had no inclination to work. I hope you will not tar us with that brush. We are compelled to travel from four to five miles and we do not see the reason why we are debarred from any work in the Corporation, when we have to go to the Wexford Co. Hospital to do a day's work. We the undersigned hope for your kind consideration and would be very thankful to be employed in any work in the near future that may arise."

This was signed by eight men.

Under date 24th February, 1933, Mr. J.F. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, reported regretting that he could not offer any work to the men who complained and all of whom were good workers. To help the large number of unemployed in this area the best schemes to tackle were:- (1) Kilmore road (2) Complete surfacing of road from Murrintown to Kerlogue. Every available man could be absorbed on either job.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That we ask the Government to do all that is possible to secure the opening of Drinagh Cement Works."

COAST EROSION AT SLADE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That the attention of the Irish Land Commission be directed to their letter of 24th November, 1931, in which they stated that the matter of providing a right of way to the holdings of Messrs. Fortune and Moran, Slade, was under consideration and that they be asked to inform the Co. Council when they intend taking any active steps in the matter."

DANGEROUS CORNER AT CAMPILE RAILWAY
STATION.

The Co. Surveyor stated he had written the Great Southern Railway Co. about the easement of dangerous corner at Campile Railway station and had received the following letter under date 25th January, 1933, from Mr. A.W. Bretland, Engineer to the Railway Co.

"I should be glad to have your proposals for dealing with the matter for my consideration.

"You are aware, of course, that the Company are only liable for the maintenance of the approach road as originally constructed. The cost, therefore, of any alterations which may be agreed upon will have to be borne entirely by the Co. Council."

The Co. Surveyor said the necessary work would cost £15.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the Co. Surveyor, in view of the convenience it will mean to the customers of the Great Southern Railway using Campile Railway Station, request the Railway Company to contribute half the cost (viz. £7.10s) of easement of corner approaching this Railway station and which is in a dangerous condition at present."

DANGEROUS CORNER - ROAD RATHASPECK TO
HAYESTOWN

Rev. Peter Roche, C.C., Murrintown, wrote that several accidents had occurred at a dangerous corner on the road from Rathaspeck to Hayestown and it would be a great convenience to the public if the

Co. Council would have the corner widened or improved.

The Co. Surveyor said he was arranging to deal with this corner.

TOMCOYLE LANE

The following memorial which was signed by 37 Ratepayers was read:-

"We the undersigned ratepayers of the surrounding districts beg to direct the attention of the Wexford Co. Council to a lane leading from Tomcoyle to the Bridge at Croghan Lower which lane serves the whole of Croghan, Tomcoyle, Monalea, Pallas and Tinaban. This lane is about one and a half miles long. On it live six families, all being farmers and substantial ratepayers. This lane is convenient to a good supply of river material and which could be hauled very cheaply. The people living on the lane would be prepared to give substantial assistance to the Council in doing the repairs."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That the Co. Surveyor endeavour to obtain a grant from Commissioners of Public Works under Minor Relief Schemes Vote for repair of Tomcoyle lane."

ROAD BALLINASLANEY - POULDARRIG

Mr. Aidan Mernagh, Ballinaslaney, Oylegate wrote asking the Co. Council to endeavour to try and secure a government Grant for the repair of above road on which twelve or thirteen families resided. There was a great deal of traffic on the road carting Slaney gravel and sand.

The Co. Surveyor stated that he had applied for a grant under the Minor Relief Schemes Vote for repair of this road but his application had not been successful..

The Co. Surveyor was instructed to again call the attention of the Commissioners of Public Works to the matter.

COOLNAGREE LANE

Miss O'Ryan proposed that as no work had been done on Coolnagree lane the Co. Surveyor be given the money to expend on work of the same kind. The Council passed a certain amount of material on the

condition that the residents could do some work.

Mr. Hall seconded and the resolution was adopted.

The Co. Surveyor said that the people had declined to do anything.

Miss O'Ryan - We gave them two years.

Chairman - Very well. Let them do without it.

CUMMER AND WICKLOW GAP QUARRIES

The following under date 26th January, 1933, was read from
Denis Bolaney:-

"On behalf of the unemployed of this area we write to submit our application for all the stone breaking in Cumber and Wicklow Gap by hand.

"There are enough men unemployed to break all the stones in each quarry by hand. Any start as soon as possible to give a little relief."

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, reported that he had made inquiries in the district and could not find any person named Bolaney. All material obtained at Ballythomas since the quarry opened had been broken by hand and recently part of the material from Cumber had been hand-broken. Machine broken material for use on main roads had to be provided at Cumber.

No order.

FLOODING OF LAND AT BALLYCULLANE

Under date 6th February, 1933, Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, Wexford, wrote on behalf of John Whelan, Boley, Ballycullane that the Co. Council's Road Contractor had broken a hole through his fence between his land and the public road causing a quantity of water from the road to flow on to the land by which Mr. Whelan suffered considerable damage. The land was still flooded. There had never been a hole in the fence before and it appeared that the Road Contractor had acted wrongfully. They asked to be informed of the steps the Council proposed taking to compensate Mr. Whelan and to prevent any further damage.

Under date 9th February, 1933, the following report was read from Mr. P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the District:-

"I inspected this road on the 25th January, and met the Contractor and also Mr. Whelan. At this time of the year after heavy rain this road is always flooded, sometimes to a depth of two feet. The only outlet for the water is into Mr. Whelan's land, and I believe, and Mr. Whelan admitted, that there was a drain across his field but it does not seem to have admitted water for a number of years. The Contractor cleaned up a portion of the back channel and tried to locate the entrance to the drain. In doing so he allowed the water into Mr. Whelan's land. The damage caused is, in my opinion, negligible and at present there is no water in Mr. Whelan's field. Mr. Whelan is willing to allow the road to be drained by means of a covered shore through his land. The cost of this would be about £15."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the Co. Surveyor be directed to provide a covered sewer to drain Road No. 727 (adjoining the land of Mr. Whelan, Boley, Ballycullane) said sewer to be run through land of Mr. Whelan, and as per arrangement with Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, cost not to exceed £15."

BALLYCULLANE STREET

Nine residents of Ballycullane village wrote under date 16th February, 1933, that they were not satisfied with the way the grant work was carried out as they claimed that the street of Ballycullane should have been done, and it was now in a shocking condition especially opposite the Church and business houses. They asked the Council to give out of the first available grant the necessary amount to finish the job.

The Co. Surveyor said they had to "cut their coat according to their cloth". When they got money they would look after it.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Co. Surveyor finish road work

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"in Ballycullane district when next grant is available.

GENERAL COUNCIL OF CO. COUNCILS

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance as to administration of the Drainage Maintenance Act 1924, and the Arterial Drainage Act 1925, submitted by the Co. Councils' General Council, was read.

ILLNESS OF CO. MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That we hereby agree to the payment of £42.18s. to Dr. Michael Bastible (£11.8s. travelling expenses and £31.10s. salary) for his services as substitute for Co. Medical Officer of Health during the three weeks' illness of the latter."

A QUESTION OF INSURANCE

In connection with the claim of Miss Palmer, Gorey, for injury to her lands and house caused by blasting at Gorey Hill Quarry, the following was read from the Dublin Branch Manager of the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, 34, Dame Street, Dublin:-

"Re yours of the 20th December last. Our Inspector Mr. Graham had an interview with Mr. Barry, Co. Surveyor recently, and explained to him that the damage in this case did not seem to be accidental within the meaning of the Policy. The Policy as you know covers any liability which the Council might have arising as the result of an accident, but in this case there was no accident. The stones which were blasted fell into Miss Palmer's land which adjoins the quarry, and this was more or less expected by the Council as it occurred on prior occasions from blasting operations. Mr. Barry is inclined to accept our decision, but asked us to write a letter to the Council explaining this, as he states the matter must go before the next meeting of the Council.

"On a former occasion we paid £15 for damage done to Miss Palmer's land and the present claim against the Council is for damage caused

"between the dates, 12th July, 1932, and 13th August, 1932, when an average of three shots were fired per day. Her solicitors have threatened to proceed for damages and for an Injunction restraining the Council from carrying out further operations in this quarry. The Council say the quarry is essential to them and consequently they intend to contest any application for injunction put forward by Miss Palmer.

"An accident, you understand, is something which is unexpected but in this case it was not unexpected that the stones would fall upon Miss Palmer's land and the concussion caused by the explosions, shake the buildings thereon, because it had happened before and she had been warned on several occasions that there was going to be blasting as a result of which she usually removed her stock and employees from the vicinity of the blasting.

"We shall be glad if you will kindly communicate with the Council informing them of the position under the Policy."

On the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Shannon it was decided to refer this letter to Co. Solicitor for his advice and also to ask for quotations for the insurances of the Council when present policies fall due for renewal.

GRANGE QUARRY

Under date 8th February, 1933, a letter was read from eight employees of Grange Quarry (Rathmure) that they were stopped working on 24th December, last, and were still idle. Their stamps were exhausted and there was no sign of being re-employed.

The Co. Surveyor said that Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor for the district, had made arrangements for the re-employment of the men in question.

POISONS & PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Clince seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That renewals of licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908 be issued to Wm. Hogan, Fethard-on-Sea, and John Doyle, 22, North Street, New Ross."

ANALYST'S REPORT

Detailed report as to samples under Food and Drugs Acts etc., submitted to the Co. Analyst, Miss Phyllis Ryan, M.Sc., for quarter ended 31st December, 1932, was laid before the meeting. The total number of samples was:- Foods 245; Drugs 58; Water 2; Sheep Dip 1; Total 306. Number adulterated:- Butter 2; Milk 3; Whiskey 1., and one water condemned.

RATES OF MRS WHELAN, BALLYORLEY

Letter under date 12th February, 1933, was received from Edward Whelan, Ballyorley, Boolavogue, asking that the question of his case with Rate Collector Joseph Cummins should be re-opened.

It was decided the matter be considered in Committee.

The following letter from Messrs. P.J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Enniscorthy, on behalf of Mrs. Ellen Whelan, mother of Edward Whelan, was read:-

"We have been consulted by Mrs. Ellen Whelan of Ballyorley, Ferns, in reference to a Demand for Rates she has received on her holdings at Ballyorley Upper and Dranagh, for the year ending 31st March next. In addition to the rates for the current year, the Demand Notes show a sum of £32.4.8d alleged to be due for arrears for previous years. There are special circumstances in this case, which Mrs. Whelan wishes us to bring before the Council. The facts are shortly as follows:-

"Our client's rates appear to have been clear up to the 30th September, 1927. Since then, and up to and including the year's rates for the year 1931/32, the following rates became due:

2nd moiety for year 1927/28	...	...	£ 8.	1.	4
1 year's rates to 31st March 1929	..	...	£14.	11.	4
Do to 31st March 1930	..	...	£14.	7.	5
Do to 31st March 1931	..	...	£14.	11.	1
Do to 31st March 1932	..	...	£11.	13.	8
Total	..	...	£63.	4.	10d

Off the above rates, our client made the following payments:

1929

June 24th £4. 0. 0d
 July 16th 6. 0. 0d

1931

Sept. 1st 15. 0. 0d £25. 0. 0d.

"leaving a balance due of £38.4.10d. Proceedings were taken against her last year, and in addition to the payments set out above she made two payments to the Solicitor for the Collector as follows:

1931

Dec. 15th £5. 0. 0d.

1932

Feby. 10th £7. 0. 0d.

£12. 0. 0d

These two payments amounting together to £12. reduced her arrears to £26.4.10d. We understand she was in fact sued for a sum very much in excess of the above sum of £26.4.10d. The proceedings were not defended as she informs us she was seriously ill at the time. By virtue of the Decree which the Collector obtained against her, 33 sheep were seized by the Collector in July 1932. These sheep, we are informed, were worth at least £2. a head, and should have been sufficient to clear off the amount due by her, and leave a substantial balance to her credit. The sheep, were however, we understand sold by the Sheriff and were bought in by the Collector for the exceedingly low sum of £10. We hardly think your Council would approve of a procedure which does not result in our client getting fair value for her property, without first giving her an opportunity of endeavouring to sell a sufficient number of sheep to clear off the arrears of rates, and your Council will, we are sure, readily understand, what a great loss and sacrifice the disposal of 33 sheep for the sum of £10 entailed on her. Apart from the credits set out above, she informs us that she never received any account showing the result of the sale of the sheep and as mentioned above, according to the Demand Note for the present year

"she still owes the Council the sum of £32.4.8d so that presumably she has not got one penny credit for the loss of 33 sheep. Having regard to what appears above, we think our client is entitled to particulars showing how the sum of £32.4.8d claimed to be due by her for arrears of rates to the 31st March, 1932, is arrived at, and if it is shown that credit has been given to her for all the payments made above leaving her still in arrear, she does not consider it unreasonable to ask the Council to make some concession in her favour. We would be glad if you would look into the matter, and have the case brought before the Council at the first opportunity."

Messrs. J.A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, Enniscorthy, wrote under date 22nd February, 1933, on behalf of Rate Collector J. Cummins:-

"Mr. Cummins was here to-day and informed us that it had been conveyed to him by Mr. Sean Kennedy, the Rates Inspector, that it was the wish of the Finance Committee that Mr. Cummins should credit Mrs. Whelan's account with any profit he made as a result of the re-sale of 33 sheep which were sold by the County Registrar under a Decree for rates for the sum of £10.

"The Committee may not be aware that after these sheep were purchased by Mr. Cummins from the Co. Registrar, he gave Mrs. Whelan an opportunity of purchasing them for the sum of £20; that this opportunity was not availed of, and that the animals were subsequently re-sold by Mr. Cummins for less than that amount, and the expenses incurred by him in the re-sale etc., reduced the profit to a comparatively small amount.

The Committee may also be unaware of the fact that Mr. Cummins has himself, on one occasion, paid rates for Mrs. Whelan, which he has made no attempt to recover from her.

Under these circumstances we would suggest that it is scarcely reasonable to ask Mr. Cummins to credit Mrs. Whelan's account with any surplus that may be in his hands over the sum of £10.

"He has however, instructed us to say that he is anxious to meet

"the wishes of the Committee in the matter, and if the Committee on reconsidering the question, think he should lodge the surplus he is prepared to do so."

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:-

"That the Finance Committee having dealt with the matter of Mrs. Whelan's rates at previous meetings and having decided not to interfere between Mrs. Whelan and Rate Collector Joseph Cummins, on the advice of their Solicitor, cannot see their way to have the question re-opened."

PROPOSED "BRITISH BOYCOTT".

A resolution was received from Clare Co. Board of Health calling upon the Irish people to enforce a complete boycott on British commercial and financial interests.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Clince seconded by Mr. Colloton:- "That the resolution from Clare Board of Health relative to "British Boycott" be marked "read".

Michael Doyle

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING HELD 13th MARCH, 1933

M I N U T E S

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary, Wexford County Council

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in Co. Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 13th March, 1933.

Present: Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman, presiding; also Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Clinee, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, John Doran, James Gaul, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, William P. Keegan, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, James Shannon, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor and County Solicitor, were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £7361.0.8d. were examined and signed.

#### RATES FOR GENERAL AND SEPARATE CHARGES -

##### FINANCIAL YEAR 1933/34

The following under date 4th March, 1933 (G.20037/1933 - Loch Garman) was read from the Department 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 1st instant, and to state that pursuant to Article 3 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, he sanctions such departure from the terms of that Order as will enable the County Council to adopt the rate estimated for 1933/34 by a date not later than the 13th instant."

The following extract from Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 2nd March, 1933, were submitted:-

"The preliminary estimate for Co. Services was submitted by the Secretary who had included therein a sum of £5,000 to meet arrears of rates which could be regarded as uncollectable.

"Mr. O'Byrne and Mr. Culleton stated in view of the state of the

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| No. in<br>Separate<br>Charges<br>Register | Name, Particulars, Area and Amount of each Separate<br>Charge                                                 | Rate in<br>the £.<br>required<br>to raise<br>same on<br>Valuations |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 15                                        | Repayment of Loans, Gorey Union - Gorey Rural District<br>Amount, £36.                                        | $\frac{1}{4}$ d                                                    |
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| 2A                                        | Lighting of Newtownbarry Town - Townlands of Ballinapark<br>and Newtownbarry in Newtownbarry E.D. Amount £35. | $5\frac{1}{2}$ d                                                   |
| 4A                                        | Post Office Act, etc. - Oulart Dispensary District.<br>Amount £30                                             | $\frac{1}{2}$ d                                                    |
| 5A                                        | Sewerage - Clonroche Dispensary District. Amount £30                                                          | 2d.                                                                |
| 6A                                        | Public Health Acts - Killanne Dispensary District<br>Amount £50                                               | 1d                                                                 |
| 1B                                        | Sanitary Works and Water Supply, Gorey Rural District -<br>Gorey Rural District. Amount £740.                 | $2\frac{1}{4}$ d.                                                  |
| 5B                                        | Public Health Acts - Coolgreany Dispensary District<br>Amount £120                                            | 2d                                                                 |
| 1-100                                     | Public Health Acts New Ross Rural District - New Ross<br>Rural District. Amount £50                           | $\frac{1}{4}$ d                                                    |
| 1D                                        | Water Supply Rosslare - Wexford Rural District.<br>Amount £640                                                | $1\frac{1}{2}$ d                                                   |
| 3D                                        | Public Health Acts - Broadway Dispensary District<br>Amount £30                                               | $\frac{1}{2}$ d                                                    |
| 4D                                        | Public Health Acts - Taghmon and Glynn Dispensary<br>District. Amount £180                                    | 3d.                                                                |
| 5D                                        | Public Health Acts - Crossabeg Dispensary District.<br>Amount £30                                             | $\frac{3}{4}$ d.                                                   |

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|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 247                                       | Criminal Injury Decree, Thomas Boggan, Matthew Boggan and James Boggan (Trading as Boggan Brothers) of Anne Street Wexford. - Wexford Urban District. Amount £44.8s. | Included in Demand on Wexford Urban District.                      |
| 248                                       | Criminal Injury Decree, Michael Furlong, Tomanine, Rathmure. District Electoral Division of Killanne. Amount £9.11.6d                                                | $\frac{3}{4}$ d.                                                   |
| 249                                       | Criminal Injury Decree, Lord Templemore of Dunbrody. Electoral Division of Rathroe. Amount £35.5.7d.                                                                 | $2\frac{3}{4}$ d.                                                  |
| 250                                       | Criminal Injury Decree, John Cogley, Whitehill, Kilmore. Electoral Divisions of Rosslare, Kilsoran, St. Helen's and Killinick. Amount £26.4.6d.                      | $\frac{1}{2}$ d                                                    |
| 251                                       | Criminal Injury Decree, Thomas Ryan, Gorteen, Templeshambo. Electoral Division of St. Mary's. Amount £7.5s.0d.                                                       | $1\frac{1}{4}$ d.                                                  |

The amount required to meet Criminal Injury Decree to Boggan Bros., Anne Street, Wexford, amounting to £44.8s.0d. is to be included in Demand on Wexford Urban District Council.

Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:- "That increments on the scale agreed to by the County Council and sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be granted to members of Co. Secretary's and Co. Surveyor's staffs, in view of certificates giving satisfactory service, having been received from Co. Secretary and Co. Surveyor. That same be included in Estimates for Financial year 1933/34."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the following amounts be raised for drainage rates for Kilmannock and Sow Drainage Areas:-

**KILMANNOCK:-** Amount assessed on various Proprietors as per Charging Order of Commissioners of Public Works dated 19th January, 1927, amount £83.7.10d.

**SOW:-** Amount assessed on the various Proprietors or reputed Proprietors in accordance with letter from Office of Public Works No. 25807/32 amount £551.2.6d. This amount to be charged to the various occupiers in the proportions set out in Charging Order of the Commissioners of Public Works dated 16th January, 1929."

The following letter (G.48/1/33) under date 9th March, 1933, from Department of Local Government and Public Health was submitted, (Copies were circulated to County Councillors on 10th March, 1933).

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform each County Council that the grants to be provided for the relief of Agricultural land in the forthcoming financial year will amount to £1,750,000.

"Subject to the prompt payment of the reduced land annuities or in default the operation of the Guarantee Fund this sum will be comprised as follows:-

- (a) £599,011 the Agricultural Grant established by the Local Government Act, 1898.
- (b) £150,989 under the Local Government Act, 1925.
- (c) £750,000 under the Local Government Act, 1931.
- (d) £250,000 under legislation to be promoted similar to the Local Government Act, 1932.

This latter grant will be devoted to the first £10 of the valuation of land holdings and will therefore mainly go to the small farmer class. The data necessary for the allocation of this latter Grant was prepared at some considerable cost so recently as last Summer and it is considered that the figures then obtained should suffice for its equitable apportionment between Counties. There is accordingly annexed a Schedule showing the proposed allocation of the various components of the entire Grant between each County and these allocations will be specified in a Schedule to the intended Act.

The Government are satisfied that the basis of Grant allocation hitherto in force, and being followed for this year purely for the purpose of avoiding administrative difficulties, is susceptible of improvement. It is accordingly intended for 1934/35 and subsequent years to revise this basis. The details have yet to be fully considered but it is possible to announce now that

- (a) the maximum rate of relief by way of Agricultural Grant will

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- (a) "be allocated to the occupiers of individual holdings not exceeding £15 in valuation and the same rate of relief on the first £15 of valuation to occupiers of holdings valued either in one or in multiple over that figure.
  - (b) a similar rate of relief will be afforded to occupiers of larger holdings (single or multiple) in respect of each £10 unit of valuation over £15 where it can be shown that full time annual employment has been given to a male adult. For this purpose male relatives of the occupier (not in other employment) and maintained out of the holding will reckon as employees,
  - (c) the balance of any Agricultural Grant voted will provide a lesser rate of relief on the balance of land valuation.

It is the intention that the necessary employment statistics to enable allocation on this basis will depend on the employment afforded in the preceding calendar year and forms on which declarations may be made by occupiers of land will be issued at the end of December. For the year 1934/35 the period for employment figures will, however, be 1st April, 1933 to 31st December, 1933, so that every land occupier will be in a position to know beforehand the basis on which his rate relief will in future be determined and to give employment and make use of his land accordingly.

In conclusion, I am to state that as most counties have already determined the necessary rate for 1933/34 it is now only necessary to proceed with the applotment of such rate among the ratepayers giving to those in occupation of agricultural land an appropriate relief from the County share of the Grants announced. The rate already determined by the County Councils in question is final and cannot now be revised. Where Counties have not yet determined the rate for next year the Minister consents by way of departure from the terms of the Public Bodies Orders to reasonable extensions of time for this purpose but desires it to be understood that such rate must

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"provide fully for the estimated requirements of the County for the year in question as otherwise he will not be prepared to recommend the Government to proceed with the Grant allocation announced."

In reply to Mr. Culleton the Secretary stated that the amount of agricultural Grant promised for current financial year was £86178 and for year 1933/34 £68194, showing a reduction of £17,984.

In connection with questions raised by Councillors the following telegram was received from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"Current year's Agricultural Grant will be paid in full. Older arrears have been absorbed in guarantee fund and cannot be estimated as receipt."

The Chairman said the amount of the older arrears amounted to £12801 so that the deficit on Agricultural Grant was over £30,000.

Col. Gibbon said that it seemed to him that the meeting of the Co. Council Secretaries in Dublin was a vital matter for the County Council. He did not know whether the meeting was called to discuss the matter with the Secretaries or to simply announce it. The members of Co. Councils were very much concerned with such an important matter, and it was not only the Secretaries of Co. Councils who should have been at the meeting but the chairmen and possibly other members should have been invited to it.

The Secretary pointed out that there was nothing unusual in the local Government Department having a conference with Co. Secretaries.

Col. Gibbon said that he would not criticise the Government for calling a conference of Secretaries to discuss the machinery of collection, such as the book-keeping, but if they were discussing questions of policy it seemed to him that it was not quite right.

Chairman - <sup>If</sup> we have to strike 2/0<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d to make up the deficit in the agricultural Grant, I do not believe it will ever be paid.

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Mr. D'Arcy - Why should we strike it? Is there any clause binding us in respect of the 2/- in the £. on the £10 valuation? Must the rate be paid by a certain time to enable a member to get the reduction?

The Secretary said that the Credit Note is dead when the rates are not paid before 31st March. At the conference it was admitted that this Credit Note was a very cumbersome machine. As a matter of fact, one would think that nobody in Co. Wexford got a Credit Note. The people mislaid them and lost them, some burned them thinking they were a demand for more rates, and for the same reason some people would not admit getting them.

The fact that Credit Notes were available only up to 31st March had been advertised on a couple of occasions. This fact was also printed on the Credit Note itself. A further advertisement would be issued explaining that unless Rates were paid in full by the end of the present month rebate represented by Credit Notes would not be available.

Mr. D'Arcy said it would be scandalous to strike a rate to cover their expenditure and the loss of over £30,000 owing to reduction on the Agricultural Grant.

The Chairman said that the Government were counting all the £1,750,000 as their grant. The first agricultural grant was no compliment from them, because it was the British gave them that, in substitution of the rates paid by the landlords. It had nothing to do with the Exchequer and it should not be counted in with the grant.

Col. Gibbon proposed:- "That the same rebate of rate for land as was contemplated by the Finance Committee be agreed to and which provided for the Agricultural Grant being received in full and that the allocations for the various services be reduced in proportion to the reduced Agricultural Grant."

Continuing Col. Gibbon said the Council could not throw the extra amount on the ratepayers. The ratepayers in the County are not in a position to pay a high rate. Even the smaller farmers in Kilmore

parish, whom he knew very well, who tilled a good deal, are unable to sell their potatoes to-day. Small men having three or four acres have comparatively big quantities of potatoes lying on their hands. There is no subsidy on potatoes for the Co. Wexford as in Louth. Everybody knew the state of the cattle trade. In spite of all the protective tariffs the price has not gone up. The new tariffs on seed oats would make it even more difficult for the farmer to get first class seed this year at anything like a reasonable price. One would be inclined to say that the Council should not strike any rate only that would be illegal. They should do it if they could. If the Council was justified in saying, before they heard the terrible news about the reduction of the Grant, if they were then prepared to say that the Co. Council would raise a certain amount they should be prepared to stand by their opinion and raise that amount. They had already stated that the farmers of the County cannot raise more than that.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded Col. Gibbon's motion.

Chairman - I would like a little further explanation. Do you propose that we strike the full rate?

Secretary - Col. Gibbon's resolution is that the rate be reduced by £30,785.

Mr. Gaul said that the Co. Council should not interfere with the amount of the demand already agreed to by the Co. Health Board. If there was any reduction it would cause a great deal of suffering to the sick and destitute.

Mr. D'Arcy - If we continue striking a high rate we will soon have the whole county sick and destitute.

Mr. Gaul - I cannot help that.

Mr. D'Arcy - We can help it and self-preservation is the first law of nature. Is Col. Gibbon's resolution to have the same rate as last year?

Chairman - To cut down our expenditure by the same amount as we

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are being cut down by headquarters.

Col. Gibbon said that they should adhere to the rate they contemplated striking. They should not do anything that would involve collecting any more from the farmers than they contemplated collecting the last time they met.

Mr. McCarthy proposed the following amendment:-

"That this Council do not agree to rate for financial year 1933/34 but that consideration of same be adjourned to meeting of the Council to be held on the 27th March, 1933.

"That we protest to the Government against their unwarranted reduction of the Agricultural Grant and demand that the amount received by Co. Council for said Grant in current financial year, be restored."

Mr. O'Byrne seconded Mr. McCarthy and said it would be time enough for Wexford Co. Council to decide on the rate when they saw what the other Co. Councils were doing.

Mr. Hall - Have they agreed to give equal grants to each County?

Secretary - It is cut down in the same proportion for each County.

The Chairman pointed out that the action of the Government in making a special allowance for the £10 valuations militated against the larger farmers, who were better employers than the small farmers. The Government appeared to have a wonderful anxiety about providing for employment, but it seemed to him that they were going the wrong way about it. The small farmer will not give as much employment as the big farmer gives when he is able to pay for employment. They are doing an injustice even to their own policy by curtailing it to the £10 valuations. If the whole amount of the relief was spread over all the farmers, it would be a better encouragement for employment. There was a lot of talk about the relief of unemployment, but there is no move made yet that would do so much in that direction as if they tried to restore agriculture to its rightful position. When we had good times for agriculture and during the war-time when the farmers were in a position to employ men, there was never a word about unemployment.

To-day when farmers are down and out, we hear of unemployment everywhere. The best of stroke to provide employment is to restore the farmer to a strong position.

Miss O'Ryan said they should not let it go to the public that this is the first year when there were annuities outstanding. Every year there were annuities outstanding.

The Chairman said that no-body wanted to mislead the public. **That** he wished to point out was that if the old amount of unpaid grant be added to the reduction now made, the total reduction would add over 2/- in the £. to the rates.

Miss O'Ryan said they all deplored the state of agriculture, but they did not want to let people think that the Co. Wexford farmers were any worse off than others. Farmers are badly off all the world over, and unemployment is a world-wide problem. This country was doing its best to deal with these problems the same as other countries. Col. Gibbon had referred to the price of seed oats being increased by the new tariff. That is not so. Seed oats can be imported under licence.

Col. Quin - I am told it is absolutely impossible to get oats in from Scotland.

Miss O'Ryan - You can get <sup>them</sup> by licence.

Col. Quin - I have asked the I.A.W.S. and other firms and they say they cannot get the oats in.

Mr. Corish said the Minister for Agriculture stated in the Dail during the previous week that oats could be imported for seed under licence.

Col. Quin said the I.A.W.S. was practically a Government firm because they are told everything by the Government that affects their business, and they told him last week that it was perfectly impossible to get seed oats from Scotland.

Chairman - Maybe the supply ran out.

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Mr. Cummins - It may be impossible for wholesalers but not for a farmer to get it under licence.

Col. Quin - How long will it take to get a licence? The tariff is £12/-. Will you get the oats in free?

Miss O'Ryan - There is no use in putting the people into a state of depression altogether. The agricultural Grant is down from two millions to one and three-quarter millions, but it should be pointed out that if the farmers are losing in one direction they are getting help in another direction.

Mr. D'Arcy pointed out that the unpaid annuities are not lost to the Land Commission. The Land Commission has been paid at the expense of the Co. Councils.

Col. Gibbon said he was not offering hostile criticism. Miss O'Ryan had said that the farmers would get in another way what they would lose by the reduction of the grant. He presumed Miss O'Ryan meant that the farmers would get the remission of annuities up to 50 per cent. She apparently forgot that some of the members present had not only paid their annuities already, but had paid them on the double owing to the tariffs which were imposed on account of the Government withholding the annuities. The tariffs had cost him a great deal more than the annuities, a point that must not be forgotten when they came to strike the rate.

The Chairman said that the situation with which they were faced was the most serious that ever confronted the Co. Council.

Col. Gibbon - Mr. McCarthy is not putting forward the withholding of the rate, only an adjournment for a fortnight. If the Council was unanimous about that I would withdraw my proposition.

Mr. D'Arcy agreed.

The Chairman said Mr. McCarthy's was an honest proposition, because it did not curtail last year's rate in any way. The rate would be the same as last year, although the country is not in any way as well off as it was last year.

Col. Gibbon then withdrew his proposition and Mr. McCarthy's

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amendment was passed unanimously.

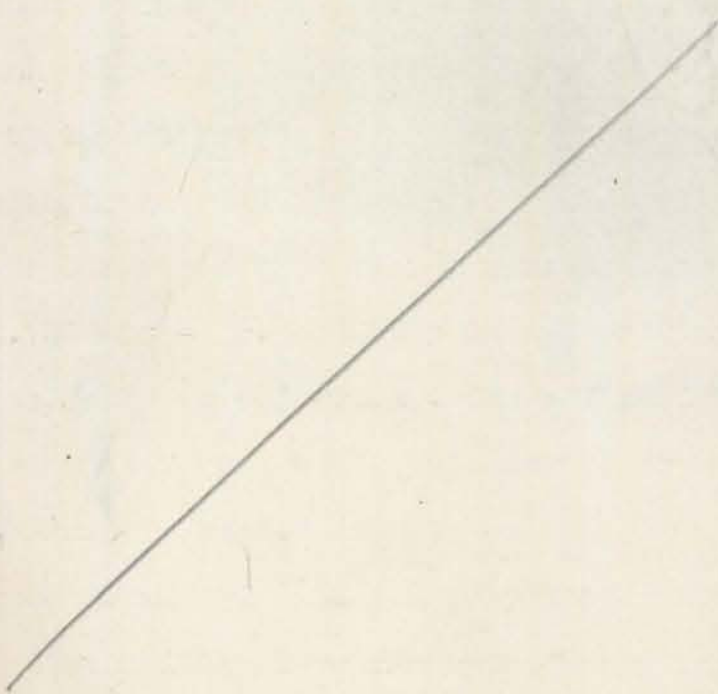
Mr. Corish proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted unanimously:- "That the Secretary of the General Council of Co. Councils be requested to summon a special meeting of that body immediately to discuss the reductions in the amount of the Agricultural Grant and to make representations to the Government to have the Grant restored to the figure proposed to be paid to each County for the current financial year."

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That in order to facilitate, without further delay, farmers to procure their supply of seed oats we call upon the Department of Agriculture to have set up in each County the necessary machinery to allow of the issue of licences and to expedite their issue in every possible way."

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE

##### COMMITTEE

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 2nd March, 1933, were submitted as follows:-



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FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 2nd MARCH, 1933

M I N U T E S

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary, Wexford County Council

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 2nd March, 1933.

The following Councillors were present:- Messrs. T. McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, James Shannon, James Hall and John Culleton.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor and Rates Inspector were in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall, the chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2064.5.9d. was examined and signed.

CONFERENCE WITH CO. SECRETARIES

Under date 28th February, 1933 (G) letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, asking the Secretary to attend at their Offices on the 7th March, for a preliminary discussion with all County Secretaries as to the procedure which may become necessary regarding the future allocation of the Agricultural Grant, which it is now anticipated would be on a different basis to that hitherto in force.

Proposed by Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:-

"That our Secretary be instructed to attend the conference at the Department on 7th March, 1933, as requested by Local Government Department."

RATE COLLECTION

State of:- The following is the state of the Rate Collection to date:-

| <u>Name of Collector.</u> |               | <u>Percentage of current<br/>Warrant collected<br/>(excluding Arrears)</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.                        | S. Gannon (6) | 70.9                                                                       |
| 2.                        | J. Curtis     | 70.0                                                                       |
| 3.                        | P. Carty      | 66.8                                                                       |
| 4.                        | J. Cummins    | 66.7                                                                       |
| 5.                        | E.J. Murphy   | 66.2                                                                       |

|                          |                  | <u>Percentage of current<br/>Warrant collected (excluding<br/>Arrears)</u> |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>Name of Collector</u> |                  |                                                                            |
| 6.                       | W. Doyle         | 62.3                                                                       |
| 7.                       | A. Dunne         | 62.1                                                                       |
| 8.                       | P. Nolan         | 61.9                                                                       |
| 9.                       | J.J. O'Reilly    | 61.3                                                                       |
| 10.                      | J. Quirke        | 60.4                                                                       |
| 11.                      | W. Cummins       | 60.0                                                                       |
| 12.                      | M. Murphy        | 60.0                                                                       |
| 13.                      | T. Rowe          | 60.0                                                                       |
| 14.                      | S. Gannon (10)   | 58.8                                                                       |
| 15.                      | M. McCarthy      | 58.3                                                                       |
| 16.                      | P. Doyle         | 57.0                                                                       |
| 17.                      | J. Deegan        | 56.7                                                                       |
| 18.                      | J.J. Sinnott     | 56.0                                                                       |
| 19.                      | P. O'Byrne       | 55.9                                                                       |
| 20.                      | <u>T. Bolger</u> | <u>53.6</u>                                                                |

COLLECTION DISTRICT NO.14 :- With reference to the resignation of Collector T. Bolger, Mr. P. Doyle, one of his Sureties, wrote that he had no objection to Mr. Art Dunne, Collection District No. 15, closing Mr. Bolger's collection.

At a previous meeting of the Finance Committee a letter was read from Mr. M. McDonald, Milesheogue, Camolin, the second Surety for Mr. Bolger, in which he stated he also agreed to Mr. Dunne closing the collection.

Messrs. Maurice Condon, Donard, Clonroche, and Michael Ryan, Clonleigh, Palace, wrote that the previous arrangement for Mr. Dunne to close the collection had met with their approval.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That Rate Collector Thady Bolger, No. 14 District, be informed he could now hand his books over to Collector Art Dunne, No. 15 District, in order to close the collection of the first named."

RATE ESTIMATE FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1933/34

The preliminary estimate for Co. Services was submitted by the Secretary who had included therein a sum of £5,000 to meet arrears of rates which could be regarded as uncollectable.

Mr. O'Byrne and Mr. Culleton stated in view of the state of the Country the present was a most unsatisfactory year to bring in such a figure, which would practically amount to 3½d. in the £. on the rural district portions of the country.

After discussion it was decided to delete this figure from the Estimate and the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That we recommend the County Council to adopt a rate of 8/7½d in the £. for General Charges in respect of financial year 1933/34. That rebate on valuations for Agricultural land (in respect of Agricultural Grant) be at same rate as obtained last year viz. 5/2½d. That ~~Separate~~ Charges be agreed to as follows:-

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| 20                                                | Expenses Labourers' Acts - County Health District of<br>Wexford. <u>Amount £11.317.</u>                                                                                           | 7½d                                                                           |
| 25                                                | Repayment of Loan, Enniscorthy Rural District Charges<br>Account Enniscorthy Rural District<br><u>Amount £1,240</u>                                                               | 2½d                                                                           |
| 28                                                | Repayment of Loan, Wexford Rural District Charges Account<br>Wexford Rural District. <u>Amount £2,625</u>                                                                         | 6½d                                                                           |
| 1A                                                | Expenses Public Health Acts, Enniscorthy Rural District -<br>Enniscorthy Rural District. <u>Amount £940</u>                                                                       | 2½d                                                                           |
| 2A                                                | Lighting of Newtownbarry Town - Townlands of Ballinapark<br>and Newtownbarry in Newtownbarry E.D. <u>Amount £35</u>                                                               | 5½d                                                                           |
| 4A                                                | Post Office Act, etc. - Oulart Dispensary District<br><u>Amount £30</u>                                                                                                           | ½d                                                                            |
| 5A                                                | Sewerage - Clonroche Dispensary District. <u>Amount £30</u>                                                                                                                       | 2d.                                                                           |
| 6A                                                | Public Health Acts - Killanne Dispensary District<br><u>Amount £50</u>                                                                                                            | 1d                                                                            |
| 1B                                                | Sanitary Works and Water Supply, Gorey Rural District -<br>Gorey Rural District <u>Amount £740</u>                                                                                | 2½d                                                                           |
| 5B                                                | Public Health Acts - Coolgreany Dispensary District<br><u>Amount £120</u>                                                                                                         | 2d.                                                                           |
| 1-100                                             | Public Health Acts, New Ross Rural District - New Ross<br>Rural District. <u>Amount £50</u>                                                                                       | ½d                                                                            |
| 1D                                                | Water Supply, Rosslare - Wexford Rural District. <u>Amount £640</u>                                                                                                               | 1½d                                                                           |
| 3D                                                | Public Health Acts - Broadway Dispensary District<br><u>Amount £30</u>                                                                                                            | ½d                                                                            |
| 4D                                                | Public Health Acts - Taghmon and Glynn Dispensary District<br><u>Amount £180</u>                                                                                                  | 3d                                                                            |
| 5D                                                | Public Health Acts - Crossabeg Dispensary District.<br><u>Amount £30</u>                                                                                                          | ¾d.                                                                           |
| 247                                               | Criminal Injury Decree, Thomas Boggan, Matthew Boggan and<br>James Boggan (Trading as Boggan Brothers) of Anne St.,<br>Wexford - Wexford Urban District. <u>Amount £44.8s.0d.</u> | Included<br>in Demand<br>on Wexford<br>Urban<br>District.                     |
| 248                                               | Criminal Injury Decree, Michael Furlong, Tomanine, Rathmure.<br>District Electoral Division of Killanne. <u>Amount £9.11.6d.</u>                                                  | ¾d.                                                                           |
| 249                                               | Criminal Injury Decree, Lord Templemore of Dunbrody.<br>Electoral Division of Rathroe. <u>Amount £35.5.7d.</u>                                                                    | 2½d.                                                                          |

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| Separate<br>Charges<br>Register | Name, Particulars, Area and Amount of each Separate Charge.                                                                                            | Rate in the<br>£. required<br>to raise same<br>on the<br>Valuations |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0                               | Criminal Injury Decree, John Cogley, Whitehill, Kilmore.<br>Electoral Divisions of Rosslare, Kilscuran,<br>St. Helen's and Killinick. Amount £26.4.6d. | ½d.                                                                 |
| 251                             | Criminal Injury Decree, Thomas Ryan, Gorteen,<br>Templeshambo. Electoral Division of St. Mary's.<br>Amount £7.5s.0d.                                   | 1½d.                                                                |

The amount required to meet Criminal Injury Decree to Boggan Bros., Anne Street, Wexford, amounting to £44.8s.0d. is to be included in Demands on Wexford Urban District Council.

Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:-  
"That increments of the scale agreed to by the County Council and sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be granted to members of Co. Secretary's and Co. Surveyor's staffs, in view of certificates giving satisfactory service, having been received from Co. Secretary and Co. Surveyor. That same be included in Estimates for Financial year 1933/34."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the following amounts be raised for drainage rates for Kilmannock and Sow Drainage Areas:-

**KILMANNOCK:-** Amount assessed on various Proprietors as per Charging Order of Commissioners of Public Works dated 19th January, 1927, amount £83.7.10d.

**SOW:-** Amount assessed on the various Proprietors or reputed Proprietors in accordance with letter from Office of Public Works No. 25807/32 amount £551.2.6d. This amount to be charged to the various occupiers on the proportions set out in Charging Order of the Commissioners of Public Works dated 16th January, 1929.

### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Directors of the National Bank Ltd., be requested to allow present overdraft limit of £50,000 to continue until 30th June next or until such time as balance of Agricultural Grant is received.

"That it be pointed out to the Directors of the National Bank that the amount of Interest paid for past year will indicate that the full limit of overdraft sanctioned has only been required for short periods. For the greater part of the year the actual overdraft of the Council was considerably under the sanctioned limit.

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to approve of period of present limit of £50,000 being extended to 30th June next."

### APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION FOR CRIMINAL INJURIES

Application was received on behalf of Thomas Sheehan, Irish Street, Newtownbarry, for £6., loss sustained by burning of shed.

Under date 2nd March, 1933, Sergeant Kenny, Garda Síochána, Bunclogh, forwarded a full report dealing with this matter, and pointed out that the applicant had informed him on the 1st instant he had definitely decided to withdraw the claim.

Mr. Elgee, was instructed to defend an application for compensation for Criminal Injury to a motor lorry. Amount claimed £5, from Michael Doyle, Rectory Road, Enniscorthy.

### GOREY COURTHOUSE

Under date 1st March, 1933, Mr. T. Powell, Principal, Gorey Technical School, applied for permission to use the body of the Courthouse, Gorey, for the following dates, 12th March, 2nd April, and 30th April, 1933, when visits from students and teachers from

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other County Technical Schools, for matches scheduled in the County Wexford Technical Schools Athletic League, would be held.

Application granted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon.

#### CLEARING OF SNOW BLOCKED ROAD

Under date 1st March, 1933, Mr. James Nolan, Ballindoney, Ballywilliam, wrote as follows:-

"I write with reference to above road which was completely blocked with snow and was with much labour and difficulty got cleared. As most of this work was done by unemployed men whom I promised to do my best to see them paid, I ask you to send me a cheque for £2 of which I promise to give same to the proper people in the proper amounts. This is entirely honestly due."

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, said that the Co. Council had no liability for clearing snow filled roads and they were not in a position to pay anyone for carrying out such work.

It was decided to inform Mr. Nolan accordingly.

#### ORDNANCE MAPS

The Co. Surveyor applied to be provided with a full set of Ordnance maps of the County, the quoted cost being £11.18s. To have these properly bound a sum of £13 would be necessary.

Mr. Culleton proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Co. Surveyor be empowered to order a set of maps at the estimated cost £11.18s. and that he be requested to communicate with the printing firms as to binding of the maps and submit cost of same to Finance Committee."

#### LOAN OF ROLLER

The Co. Surveyor submitted a letter from Mr. P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, New Ross District, stating that Father Doyle, at Loftus Hall Convent, was anxious to hire one of the Council's steam rollers which was in the district, for a couple of hours to roll the

avenue of the Convent and was willing to pay 10/- per hour for same. This would cover all expenses.

Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne and seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:-

"That use of County Council Steam Roller, when not required for Council's work be allowed to be used for consolidating material at the avenue of Loftus Hall Convent, and on the terms and conditions set out in communication from Mr. O'Neill, under date 27th February, 1933."

#### CO. SURVEYOR'S TRAVELLING EXPENSES

The Co. Surveyor submitted particulars of his travelling expenses as follows:-

£1.16s. on the 10th October, 1932, attending at Board of Works Office re Sow Drainage and £2.12s. on January, 10th, 1932, attending at Local Government Department Offices re plans for conversion of wing of Co. Hall, and Board of Works Office relative to Ballyteigue Drainage. Total £4.8s.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton that the amount be paid.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

In connection with the application of William Orr, Ballyduff, Killenagh, for loan of £50 and Patrick Doolan, Grange, Rathmure, for a similar amount under above Acts, Mr. Jordan, Appointed Officer for the district, wrote under date 1st March, 1933, that applications for grants from either of these had not been received by him.

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with Messrs. Orr and Doolan, and call their attention to the statement of Mr. Jordan.

In the case of Orr, Mr. Elgee had reported that his title to the site for his house was in order.

It was decided to recommend the Council to accept applications of the following, the others being adjourned for further consideration:

Michael Fox, Ballyorrell, Enniscorthy; Loan £150.

John Redmond and Annie Redmond, The Shannon, Enniscorthy; Loan £140.

John Greene, 17 <sup>17</sup>~~Duffy~~ Street, Enniscorthy. Loan £130.

William S. Sheil, Templeshannon Quay, Enniscorthy. Loan £150.

James Rellis, Tombrick Lower, Ballycarney, Ferns. Loan £60.

James O'Brien, Poulpeasty, Clonroche. Loan £90.

John Fortune, 4, Esmonde Street, Gorey. Loan £180.

Wm. Willoughby, Barnadown, Gorey. Loan £150.

Thomas Sheehan, Ballyminane, Gorey. Loan £50.

Miss Johanna Fortune, Ballyougha, Killanne. Loan £60.

Joseph D'Arcy, Main Street, Gorey. Loan £180.

John Power, Whiterock, Wexford. Loan £100.

Mrs. N. O'Callaghan, Rosslare Strand, Wexford. Loan £150.

Thomas Walsh, Kereight, Kyle. Loan £70.

A letter was also received from Mr. Jordan stating that the Government Grant to Wm. O'Leary, Summerhill, Enniscorthy, had been increased by the Department from £45 to £70.

Applications for loans were received from the following:-

GOREY DISTRICT: James Dempsey, Oulart, Gorey, Loan £130.

Thomas Browne, Ballywater, Kilmuckridge. Loan £130.

WEXFORD DISTRICT: James Kelly, Muchrath, Killinick. Loan £150.

John Moran, Ballymanane, Killinick. Loan £150.

William Waters, Loughnageer, Foulksmills. Loan £100

Thomas Fenlon, Moortown, Ballymitty, Co. Wexford. Loan £30.

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT: Catherine Whitty, Tomanocole, Ballycarney. Loan £170. Bridget Murphy, Knocknagrass, Bree. Loan £100.

Maurice Foley, Ballyhyland, Killanne. Loan £50.

Wm. Cogley, Irish Street, Enniscorthy. Loan £120.

Martin Redmond, Greenane, Killanne. Loan £70.

Michael O'Leary, Blackwater, Enniscorthy. Loan £130.

Wm. Roche, 13, Court Street, Enniscorthy. Loan £180.

Laurence Whelan, Ballinagore, Blackwater. Loan £50.

Thomas Ormonde, Jamestown, Scoby, Enniscorthy. Loan £130.

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RATE COLLECTION:- The following is percentage of warrants collected

to 11th March, 1933 (excluding arrears):-

| <u>Name of Collector.</u> |                        | <u>Current Warrant</u><br><u>Excluding arrears.</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 1.                        | John Curtis            | 75.6                                                |
| 2.                        | Sean Gannon (6)        | 75.5                                                |
| 3.                        | E.J. Murphy            | 72.0                                                |
| 4.                        | Joseph Cummins         | 69.6                                                |
| 5.                        | Patrick Carty          | 69.6                                                |
| 6.                        | Art Dunne              | 68.6                                                |
| 7.                        | Wm. Doyle              | 67.0                                                |
| 8.                        | J.J. O'Reilly          | 66.4                                                |
| 9.                        | Patrick Nolan          | 66.4                                                |
| 10.                       | Thomas Rowe            | 65.0                                                |
| 11.                       | M. Murphy              | 64.4                                                |
| 12.                       | W. Cummins             | 63.3                                                |
| 13.                       | James Quirke           | 62.7                                                |
| 14.                       | M. McCarthy            | 62.4                                                |
| 15.                       | J.J. Sinnott           | 61.4                                                |
| 16.                       | John Deegan            | 60.6                                                |
| 17.                       | Sean Gannon (10)       | 60.6                                                |
| 18.                       | Philip Doyle           | 60.3                                                |
| 19.                       | Thady Bolger           | 60.0                                                |
| 20.                       | <u>Patrick O'Byrne</u> | <u>58.0.</u>                                        |

The total amount collected is £61143.5.9d. equal to 61% of warrant; outstanding £40268 or 39% of warrant. The collection is 3.5 % worse than at the corresponding period last year.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS:- The following under date 24th February, 1933 (H.6096/1933 Loch Garman) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the borrowing by the Wexford County Council of a loan of £2,000 for the purposes of the Small Dwellings Acquisition <sup>Acts</sup> and he has recommended the Commissioners of Public Works to issue the loan in question from the Local Loans Fund. The advances which the Co. Council will make out of the loan will be repayable on the annuity system and application for sanction to each advance should be made on one of the enclosed forms.

"The Minister notes that the Co. Council propose to have certificates as to market value of houses (on completion) issued by the Assistant Surveyors in their respective areas. The advance in any

"case may be issued in instalments as the work progresses. The County Council are not required by statute to hold up the first instalment until the house is roofed. This proviso was included in the model forms as a desirable safeguard but it may be dispensed with at the discretion of the local authority.

"No objection will be raised to the Council's proposal to arrange with the Appointed Officers for the inspection by the Assistant County Surveyors of plans and specifications in respect of houses for which advances are sought from the Council."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts as recommended by Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, in the following cases be approved:-

Wm. Roche, 13, Court Street, Enniscorthy; house at Templeshannon, (loan £180 on house valued at £200)

John and Annie Redmond, The Shannon, Enniscorthy; house at Templeshannon, (loan £140 on house valued at £200).

John Breen, Upper Shannon, Enniscorthy; house at Templeshannon, (loan £180 value of house £200)

Daniel Tomkins, Esmonde Street, Gorey, (loan £115 on house valued at £230, Mr. Elgee to be satisfied as to title).

Patrick Grant, Little Johnstown, Duncormack (loan £50 on house valued at £180 - Mr. Elgee to be satisfied as to title).

In connection with the case of John T. Sutton, Green Street, Wexford, house at Whitemill, application for loan of £135 on house valued at £250, it was stated that Sutton was a single man.

Mr. Gaul said Sutton would marry when he had the house erected.

The Chairman said that when they had so many married men looking for houses it would not be fair to select a single man.

Mr. Gaul proposed and Mr. Corish seconded a resolution to accept the application.

The Chairman took a show of hands when seven voted in favour

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of the application and ten against.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

OVERDRAFT:- The following under date 8th March, 1933 (G.20944/33 Loch Garman Pg) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions the continuance of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £50,000 on the Accounts of the Wexford County Council up to the 31st instant. Interest may be paid thereon at the agreed rate.

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

ORDNANCE MAPS:- The Co. Surveyor said that owing to the state of the Co. Council's finances he would withdraw his application for a set of ordnance maps, for the present.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 2nd March, 1933 as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby adopted, except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

PROPOSED SEED SUPPLY SCHEME

Under date 9th March, 1933, the following letter (G.88/3/33) 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 representations have been made that it is desirable that farmers who may be unable to obtain suitable supplies from their own resources at present should be facilitated by a Scheme of the nature instituted last year and validated by the Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Act, 1932.

"You are accordingly requested upon receipt of this circular to place yourself in immediate touch with the Council's Chairman with the object of summoning an early meeting of the Council to consider

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"the position in the County. If a meeting has already been convened for any other purpose a supplemental agenda referring to this matter might at once be issued. If satisfied that need exists the Council should introduce a scheme on lines identical with that of last year. For facility of reference a copy of my circular of 21st March last is enclosed. The forms attached to that Circular can be amended, if necessary, to include Fertilisers or Barley seeds if to be supplied. Necessary legislation to validate the extension of the Act of 1932 to a supply this year will of course be introduced.

"I am to add that the Minister understands that repayments from the recipients of supplies last year have been disappointing. This aspect of the matter should receive special consideration."

Copy of this communication and copy of Circular letter of 21st March, 1932 (S) were issued to Co. Councillors on 10th March, 1933.

The Chairman stated that it rested with the Council to decide whether they would put the scheme into operation, but the letter from the Ministry referred to the bad way in which some recipients paid last year.

Mr. D'Arcy - I think it is very dangerous ground to enter on.

Col. Quin - If these people are solvent they can get the money from the banks, and if they have no security they have no right to ask their brother ratepayers to pay it.

Mr. Cummins - The Banks are very civil as long as you are under no compliment to them. I propose the scheme be adopted.

Miss O'Ryan seconded.

Mr. D'Arcy referred the Council to a news item in that day's Press stating that in county Leitrim out of £2,970 which the seed Scheme cost last year only £467 was paid.

Mr. Colloton - Is Leitrim one of the poor counties?

Secretary - I would say Leitrim is a poor county.

Mr. D'Arcy - There is no rich county now. The only rich county is Dublin.

The Chairman said he never saw any scheme of the kind which was anything but a failure. In his opinion the Council would be well advised to leave it untouched.

Mr. D'Arcy said the scheme was only protection for the seed merchant who was guaranteed cash and profits by the Co. Councils.

Mr. O'Byrne thought that any honest farmer should have no difficulty in making an arrangement with a merchant.

A poll was then taken on the motion with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Cline, Colfer, Corish, Colloton, Cummins, Hayes, Shannon and O'Ryan. (8)

AGAINST: Messrs. Armstrong, Brennan, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman. (13)

Messrs. Gaul and Keegan (2) declined voting and Messrs. Jordan and Walsh (2) were not in attendance.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

#### LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES) ACT 1926

Under date 2nd March, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (S.14819/33 Loch Garman M.) that <sup>ad</sup> it was essential the sum of £135.2.9d due by the Council as their assessment under above Act should be lodged at an early date, payment should be no longer delayed.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That the assessment due under Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926 for current year viz., £135.2.9d. be paid and that Pay Order in discharge of same issue from this meeting.

#### LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COMBINED PURCHASING) ACT 1925

Under date 2nd March, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (S.14820/33 Loch Garman M.) that as it was essential the amount assessed on the Council under above Act viz. £166.16s. for current year should be lodged at an early date payment should be no longer delayed.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That Pay Order for £166.16s. amount of assessment due by this Council under Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act 1925 issue from this meeting."

Proposed by Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That in the opinion of this Council the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act should be repealed as any small savings effected by it would not at all cover the cost of administration. It has outgrown its usefulness and should be abandoned."

Passed.

#### ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT

Under date 10th March, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (S.G.K./32) forwarding £2827 under Road Improvement Grant viz., £1374 for T.12; £1218 for T.16; and £235 for T.8.

#### CLOSING OF FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE

Col. Gibbon, referring to the Ferrycarrig Bridge contract, stated that when the matter was considered by the Bridge Committee he was assured that nearly a month's work could be carried out without having to close the Bridge to the public. When the contract came on he raised the question, and found that there was no clause inserted in the specification to that effect, but was given the double assurance that the Bridge would not be closed until some work was done. The Bridge was now closed for the reason that the contractor thinks it better to cast the piles on the existing bridge than elsewhere. It looked to him (Col. Gibbon) that for the convenience of the contractor the county is to have the bridge closed for a month longer than was necessary, and that the bridge cannot be re-opened until all the work is completed.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the bridge was closed as from that day. The contractor asked him to be allowed to close it from Friday of last week, but circumstances arose which influenced him to leave the closing over to Monday. There was some point in Col. Gibbon's remarks about the casting of the piles elsewhere, but it was only a minor one. The

erection of the pile frame meant that it was occupying the whole bridge according to the time-table of the contractor the bridge will be opened from July 12th. He would be entitled to have the bridge closed from February 12th.

In reply to Mr. D'Arcy the County Surveyor stated that so far no work had been done on the bridge.

Mr. Corish stated that there was a stipulation in the specification for County Council works that trades union rates of wages were to be paid. He understood that the contractor was paying 8d. per hour to labourers, and had offered to pay carpenters 1/- per hour. The Council had to pay the standard rates of wages, and he did not see why the Contractor should not be compelled to carry out the terms of the specification. The rate for carpenters was  $1/6\frac{1}{2}$ d., and for builders' labourers  $10\frac{3}{4}$ d. per hour.

The Co. Surveyor stated that other contractors never paid that wages to labourers.

Mr. Corish - You do not suggest that a builder's labourer's wages should be at the same rate as the road workers.

Co. Surveyor - I certainly told him that we were paying  $8\frac{1}{2}$ d per hour.

The Co. Surveyor stated he received a letter from the Secretary of the Carpenters' Union which he sent to the contractor and to Mr. Delap, Engineer.

On the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Gaul, it was decided to request the contractor to carry out the terms of the specification in regard to the wages.

Chairman - Would the rates of pay in the vicinity have anything to do with what is being paid?

Mr. Corish - The carpenters' rate is the same all over.

Chairman - I do not think it is the same rate all over the country for carpenters.

Mr. Corish stated that no carpenters were yet employed by the contractor as they would not agree to accept his offer of 1/- an hour. Labourers were being employed by him to do carpenter's work.

Col. Gibbon said he had raised another matter, and it now seemed that the bridge was likely to <sup>be</sup> closed for a longer period if a wages dispute arose.

Mr. Corish - Take it from me there will.

Col. Gibbon - If that is so the bridge should not have been closed until it was absolutely certain that the work is to ahead.

Mr. O'Byrne said they had been given to understand by the engineer and the Co. Surveyor that most of the work would be done before the bridge would be closed.

Chairman - We should try and convenience the public as far as possible, but I do not think we should interfere with the Contractor in his work. He may come along and tell you that he was held up.

The Co. Surveyor stated he had a long discussion with the contractor about the closing of the bridge, and as he put it to him that this work would be holding up his work he had to give way.

No order.

#### SALARIES AND PENSIONS

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That the Wexford Co. Council hereby request the Government to reduce all salaries and pensions payable either from the State Funds or from the funds of local Bodies, and the salaries and pensions should be adjusted in strict accordance with the capabilities of the agricultural industry to pay since this industry is 80% of the whole industry of the 26 Counties."

Mr. D'Arcy said that the salaries being paid at present were the salaries fixed at the time when, he supposed, there was a certain demand for them owing to the high cost of living in the war time. He thought that all present knew perfectly well that the two classes of people being ground out of existence at present were the farmers and

labourers. He thought, if his memory served him right, that the Co. Council, some years ago, made a very deep cut on the labourers employed by them. That being so, he thought the proposition should have been carried on down to every employee of the Council. He believed that the reduction of salaries was long overdue. They all had to admit that no man who was a producer in the country was receiving within 200 per cent of what he received when those salaries were put up, and at the moment there was no production, on the land anyhow, which in itself was able to balance the price of production. Everything being produced at present was a dead loss, and it was only a question of people on the land at present living in hope that to-morrow would be better, but, as far as they could see, to-morrow might be bringing something a great deal worse.

Mr. Brennan seconded the motion, Mr. Gaul opposed.

Col. Gibbon said that the Co. Council salaries were not a very large item, and he thought that a 10 per cent, cut would only mean relief to the extent of a farthing in the £. He thought, on the other hand, that they should say to the Government that they agreed thoroughly with the attempt they were making to reduce the public expenditure. One of the legacies they got from England was the enormous staffs in Public offices in Dublin.

Mr. Hayes - It beats all how we can agree with the Government when it is a question of reducing wages or creating more unemployment

Chairman - Would you think the cutting of salaries would increase unemployment? It would increase employment, I think.

Mr. O'Byrne said it was unfortunate they had never seen that result from it. They were told when the argument was put up to reduce the wages of Co. Council workmen that they would have more employment, but it did not give more employment.

Miss O'Ryan said she thought they had a similar resolution before, and that it was only to affect salaries over a certain rate. She did not see how any member of the Labour Party should object to a

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reduction in extravagant salaries.

Mr. Corish - But the point is if they commence at the top they go down lower.

Miss O'Ryan - Probably this resolution is meant more or less to strengthen the hand of the Government, and probably Mr. D'Arcy means to show that the people would be in favour of such a course.

Mr. D'Arcy - That is quite true.

Mr. Gaul - I do not see that the Government want any strengthening seeing that they are able to pay 24/- a week to unfortunate labourers.

Col. Gibbon said that since they cut the wages of the road workers they had not materially reduced the expenditure on roads. Year after year they had cut the Co. Surveyor's estimates, but he did not think they had cut materially the amount of money that they had put on the roads, and if they were paying at a lower wage, therefore they were paying a larger number of men.

Mr. Corish - Indeed, you cut it down considerably.

Mr. Hayes said it was a very old policy to reduce wages and salaries, and it was like a dog following its tail. The result was that the purchasing power of the people had been cut down, and they had heard over and over again that there was over-production. He would put the matter in another light - he would say that there was under-consumption. If every citizen of the State got all he required he did not believe they would have so much complaint about over-production. He never looked on the reduction of wages as a remedy for economic ills.

Col. Quin - Do not reduce the people who get the present wages, but reduce them in the future, because if you cut any man's wages you make him discontented.

Chairman - Arising out of that, the agricultural community should be all gone mad if your remarks apply to them, because after all their income is certainly cut in two.

Mr. D'Arcy - It is, and in three.

Miss O'Ryan said that they all would agree that too much money

was no fault and an increase of wages might be a solution to the present problem, but another solution might be to increase the income of the farmer. However, that was too big a question for them, a County Council, to discuss. She thought, however, that until the farmer was made better off some people had more than their share in the country.

The Chairman said he thought that until agriculture was put on its feet again they were going to have no cure for unemployment. When they had the farmer in good circumstances there was no talk whatever of unemployment, either in town or country.

Miss O'Ryan - America paid big wages, and still there is a crash.

Mr. Keegan proposed that the matter be adjourned for six or eight months; it would give the Government time to look around. They were not very long in office and perhaps the new County Council would have more brains than the present one.

Mr. Colfer seconded.

The Chairman said he thought it was incumbent on all to take their share of the present depression, and at the moment there were a great many people not bearing any share of it. He referred particularly to people with large salaries. They were not in any way injured by the present depression, because food was much lower in price while the salaries were still at the same level. With regard to those engaged in agriculture, their remuneration was about half what it was about three years ago, and how were they going to exist. They got half, while no other body could bear any cut. He held it was extraordinary to have one or two sections of the community bearing all the brunt of the depression. He regretted that the depression, to some extent, had been forced on the agricultural community, and they had to put up with it, whereas everyone else could argue their point and say "you cannot touch me."

A poll was taken on Mr. Keegan's motion which resulted as follows:-

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan and Shannon. (12)

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Colleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Meyler, Quin, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman. (12)

Mr. Murphy (1) was not present when poll was taken.

The voting being equal the chairman gave his casting vote against the motion which he declared lost.

A vote was then taken on Mr. D'Arcy's motion with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Colleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Meyler, O'Ryan, Quin, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman. (13)

AGAINST: Messrs. Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne and Shannon. (11)

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

#### FORD OF LYN

Correspondence was submitted in connection with the case of the Ford of L yng. It was decided on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Hayes that the matter be considered in Committee.

The following under date 4th March, 1933, was submitted from Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor:-

"I enclose copy of a letter received from Messrs. Meldon & Co., Solicitors for the Defendants, from which you will see, that in order to avoid the very heavy expense and cost of the litigation they suggest a Settlement of the case on the terms set out in the Memo attached to their letter, that is, that the Council should carry out the necessary work, which they estimate to cost £300. and that such cost should be borne by both parties in equal shares.

"On receipt of this letter, I submitted same to our Counsel for their consideration, and I send copy of a letter with reference thereto

"received from Mr. Fergus O'Connor, our Junior Counsel, from which you will see, that he strongly advises a Settlement on the terms mentioned, more especially having regard to the heavy cost of the Action if it goes to trial.

"I visited the Lands yesterday with Mr. Fergus O'Connor, and inspected the entire Drainage Area with him. Mr. Doyle and Mr. Barry, the County Surveyor, were also present, as well as Mr. Frank Jacob, an adjoining Owner.

"Mr. O'Connor explained the Legal aspect of the case fully to Mr. Doyle, and strongly urged a Settlement of the case, on the terms mentioned.

"The difficulty I see in the Settlement of the case is, that the Council have no Legal Authority to do any work such as is proposed, that is, in cleaning up a natural river or drain. Mr. O'Connor, thinks, however, that this difficulty can be got over.

"I will be glad if you will bring the matter before the next meeting of the Council for consideration."

"The following under date 27th February, 1933, is copy of letter from Messrs. Meldon & Co., 9, Bachelors Walk, Dublin, C.9., written "Without Prejudice":-

"We have consulted our clients on your suggestion that something might be done to avoid litigation in this matter.

"You have the Defence which speaks for itself.

"Our Clients whilst denying all liability for the matters complained of in the Statement of Claim recognize that if the Action proceeds and they succeed they will be at heavy expense and costs which would not be covered by any sum which they might recover. They are therefore disposed to suffer a loss and to contribute to the cost of any necessary works which may have to be done rather than that the proceedings should go on to a finish. Our Engineer estimates the total cost of what would have to be done at £300.

"We enclose for your consideration a Statement of the Terms on which we would advise a Settlement of the Action, and we suggest, that should a meeting become necessary it will be sufficient to confine it to you and your Surveyor and to our Engineer and us."

The following are the heads of proposed terms of settlement suggested by Messrs. Meldon:-

"The Plaintiffs admitting that the obligation imposed on the Defendants as District Commissioners by the Wexford Harbour Embankment Act, 1852 is limited to maintaining the works erected or carried out by the Wexford Harbour Embankment Company under the Authority of the said Act, and further, that the Defendants as such District Commissioners are only empowered by the said Act to levy rates for the purpose of maintaining such works, and without prejudice to the Defendants denial of all liability for the matters complained of in this action, action to be discontinued on the following terms:-

1. The Plaintiffs may, at their own expense construct a drain or other suitable work through the Pill of Rathdowney and emptying into the Catch water Canal adjoining the said Pill lands for the purpose of carrying off surplus water from the Lands of the Ford of Lyng and Ballybro.
2. The Plaintiffs shall be solely responsible for the future maintenance of such drain or other work.
3. The Defendants undertake to procure from the Owners of the Pill of Rathdowney the necessary permission for the Plaintiffs to enter thereon for the purpose of constructing such drain or other work and maintaining the same.
4. The Defendants undertake to procure from the Owners of the reclaimed lands within their District or some of them as a contribution towards the cost of constructing such drain or other work a sum equivalent to one-half of such cost but in no case exceeding £150.

5. The Plans and Specifications for such Drain or other work shall first be submitted to the Defendants' Engineer for his approval in writing and the works shall be carried out in consultation with him and subject to his approval so far as necessary to ensure that the same shall not impair or injure the Drainage works adjoining the said reclaimed lands for the maintenance of which the Defendants are responsible."

Under date 1st March, 1933, the following to Mr. Elgee, from Mr. Fergus O'Connor, B.L., was read:-

"I have just received your letter of the 28th ult., with enclosures.

"I have read the Heads of the proposed Settlement very carefully, and it seems to me, that if they can be carried out, they are eminently reasonable from the points of view of both parties.

"I realise the difficulty to which you have adverted, but I do not think it is by any means insuperable. Frank Fitzgibbon who is leading Counsel for the Defendants had a conversation with me this morning, and he tells me, that as far as the Pill is concerned no difficulty need be anticipated in regard to getting a Licence from the Tyntes who own this particular land.

"Surely there should not be any real difficulty in obtaining the necessary permission from the Owner or Owners of the other Lands where the Streams are, to cleanse and maintain these Streams, if necessary deepening and widening them a little. If unobtainable any other way surely a small monetary payment to these Owners would secure a Licence. Mr. Fitzgibbon assures me, that if the works contemplated by his Engineer are carried out all flooding will cease save where two things combine on exceptionally high tide and a period of heavy rain causing a very large volume of water in the Streams and Canal, and that even then, it will only last for an hour or two at the peak point

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"of the tide. In view of the cost of the litigation if this Action goes to trial and against which I now warn our clients I think a serious and sincere effort should be made to avoid fighting the matter to a conclusion. If the proposed Scheme is effective to bring about a practical disappearance of the matters complained of it would be sheer madness not to make a real effort to have it put into execution. I observed the reference in the latter part of Messrs. Meldons' letter, I think what they mean is, that the preliminary bickering should be done between the parties they mention. If they mean more, then neither Mr. Jellett nor I, nor I think Mr. Fitzgibbon will countenance it for a moment. The idea is, to have the practical details agreed on and have the parties ad idem before we have a final meeting to consider the legal aspects of the situation and close the bargain. I think you had better write Messrs. Meldon to this effect as soon as possible."

Col. Gibbon said he never heard such a ridiculous proposal. Anybody acquainted with the circumstances would realise that any real improvement in the drainage could not be carried out for less than £2000. Then the Defendants in this case proposed they should be released in perpetuity from all liability and in the heads of settlement there was not a single word that the Spillways on the Slob would be reduced to their original height. He considered the County Council should not listen to any talk of settlement until they had a clear admission from the Defendants to maintain the place in future, when the proposed work had been carried out and that they would reduce the Spillways as suggested.

Mr. Elgee contended that the new Act of Parliament under which the present Defendants were functioning did not compel them to keep in repair any drains except those constructed by themselves. The older drains were supposed to have been taken over by the land owners who were responsible for their maintenance.

The Co. Surveyor said he differed with Mr. O'Connor in one

particular point. He contended that the part of the drain going up to the bridge from the embankment was part of the original work while Mr. O'Connor held it was only a natural stream of which the Slob Commissioners had taken advantage.

Mr. Culleton said he never heard of any Act governing the development of this place except that of 1852.

Mr. Corish suggested that Mr. Elgee should get in touch with the Office of Public Works and see all the Acts bearing on the matter.

Mr. Elgee pointed out that Counsel who had seen all the Acts were very strongly in favour of Settlement.

Col. Gibbon proposed that Counsel for Co. Council should be asked for a further report and that all the Acts should be put in. He (Col. Gibbon) had gone to enormous trouble to get these but was not successful. He had, however, been assured at the Office of Public Works that anything which was in the Act under which the Commissioners were first established was still in force and could not be annulled. This was the one matter they should insist upon very strongly. The second point was that the Co. Council should not agree to allow the Defendants to slide out of their liability for the maintenance of the works in future. As for the cost, any work to be of real effect would run to much more than £300. They should have the opinion of the Co. Surveyor as regards this side of the case. Knowing the position extremely well he considered that capitalising the cost of repair and the future maintenance of the works a sum of £2,500 at least would be involved.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That consideration of correspondence in connection with Ford of Lyng be adjourned until next meeting of the Council. In the meantime Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, will ascertain how the position is affected by the Act of 1860, and report to the Council."

ARTHURSTOWN AND DUNCANNON PIERS

Under date 2nd March, 1933, the Department of Industry and Commerce - Transport and Marine Branch - wrote (TS.1450) as follows:-

"With reference to your letter of the 22nd November last and previous correspondence relative to the piers at Arthurstown and Duncannon, I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to say that these two works would appear to have been transferred to the County Authority under the Grand Jury Act, 1853. I am to point out that the duty on the County Council of maintaining these piers imposed by the Act referred to is accompanied by the power to levy such tolls and rates in respect of the use of these works as may be fixed by the Minister with the approbation of the Minister for Finance. So far as the Minister is aware Schedules of rates in respect of these undertakings have not been fixed up to the present time, and I am to add that he would be prepared to consider an application from the Council for the fixing of such rates as they might consider reasonable.

"The Minister would, however, be glad to be informed of the nature of the new legislation which the County Council propose and also of the reasons for such legislation."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Brennan seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That in reply to letter of 2nd March, 1933 (T.S.1450) from Department of Industry and Commerce we desire to point out that as Waterford Harbour Commissioners levy tolls at the piers of Arthurstown and Duncannon it would not be desirable that Wexford Co. Council should apply for powers to enable them to levy a second set of dues at these piers. The legislation which the Co. Council desire is a repeal of the Acts which compel them to maintain these structures and such a change in the Waterford Harbour Act as will oblige the Waterford Harbour Commissioners to be responsible for the maintenance of piers and harbours at which dues are collected by them."

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF WEXFORD HARBOUR

The following under date 4th March, 1933, was read from the Secretary, Wexford Harbour Commissioners:-

"I am directed to ask you to thank the Members of your Council for their kindness in granting our request to contribute through the rates towards the intended scheme of improvement of Wexford Harbour which we trust will be an everlasting benefit to all concerned."

Mr. Brennan - Did they thank the Chairman?

Chairman - I do not mind, they are mostly Englishmen, and I do not mind the Cockneys.

Mr. Colloton - There was a lot of uncalled-for criticism of the Chairman.

In reply to Mr. Colloton, the Secretary stated the resolution agreeing to pay the rate could be rescinded.

Chairman - We were told by the Chairman of the Harbour Commissioners that the rate would not be payable in perpetuity. The loan will run for perhaps sixty years, and it is, therefore, in perpetuity for the present generation at least. The matter was taken very lightly on the last day. I do not think it is worth while meddling with it; not that I am afraid of the criticism of the Harbour Board.

CAHORE PIER

Under date 8th March, 1933, the Department of Lands and Fisheries wrote (D/84/2) acknowledging the resolution adopted by the Co. Council at their meeting of 27th February, 1933, regarding the proposed extension of Cahore Pier.

DREDGING COURTTOWN HARBOUR BASIN

Under date 7th March, 1933, the Office of Public Works wrote (26030/32) asking what progress had been made with the work of dredging Courtown Harbour basin, the expenditure incurred to 28th February and the estimated expenditure to 31st March, 1933. As it was essential

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that as much of the State Contribution as was possible should be paid during the current financial year they wished a claim for payment, as near the end of the year as could be arranged, would be made.

The Co. Surveyor stated he would deal with the matter.

#### DUNDRUM - TINACREE QUARRY

The Co. Surveyor submitted letter from Office of Public Works under date 6th March, 1933, (M.R.S. 2869) that as the grant for Minor Relief Schemes had been exhausted it was not possible to consider in the immediate future the proposed work of repairing the road at Dundrum - Tinacree .

The Co. Surveyor said it would be necessary for the Council to open the quarry at this place and any money which might become available should be applied to this work before the claims of other works were dealt with.

#### CLEARING RIVER AT RIVERCHAPEL

The Co. Surveyor submitted from Office of Public Works letter under date 6th March, 1933, (M.R.S. 2868) stating it was not possible to consider in the immediate future the proposed work of clearing the river at Riverchapel as the amount of the grant for Minor Relief Schemes had been exhausted.

#### KILMICHAEL LANE, CRAANFORD

Under date 9th March, 1933, Messrs. John Davis, Daniel McDonald and Catherine Drumgoolde wrote calling attention to above lane and asking to have it repaired under Minor Relief Scheme.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall a resolution was adopted referring the application to the Co. Surveyor for report.

#### PORTOBELLO CORNER, CAMPILE

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district, reported that the owner of land at Dunmain Cross proposed to be taken for easement of Dunmain Cross had refused to accept £2 the amount of proposed compensation. He recommended that the money be transferred to a much

more urgent work at Portobello Corner near Campile.

Mr. Thomas Barron, The Moor, Bannow, - the owner of the land referred to - wrote that unless he received £3 he would not agree to allow the corner to be interfered with.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the ~~£10~~ set aside for improvement of corner at Dunmain, be transferred to work to be carried out at Portobello corner, Campile."

#### CONTINGENCY FUNDS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That as requisitioned by Co. Surveyor the following allocations be made from Contingency Fund:-

| <u>Section</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Road</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|----------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| 2              | £5            | 17          | £19           |
| 6              | £5            | 29          | £19           |
| 9              | £5            | 42          | £19           |
| 13             | £5            | 59          | £19           |
| 23             | £5            | 61          | £19           |
| 24             | £5            | 63          | £19           |
| 31             | £5            |             | <u>£114</u>   |
| 38             | £5            |             |               |
| 45             | £5            |             |               |
|                | <u>£45</u>    |             |               |

#### TRANSFERS ROAD ACCOUNTS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That as requisitioned by Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, a sum of £20 be transferred from Account 9M to Account 10M. And, that as requisitioned by Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, £10 be transferred from Section 400. and £5 from Section 420 to Section 380.

#### CARRIGBYRNE QUARRY

Seven of the former employees of Carrigbyrne quarry wrote asking for permission to work this quarry to get chippings for New Ross Urban Council as they had been employed only six months during the past two years.

It was decided that the Co. Surveyor endeavour to arrange with Mr. Shortall, Town Surveyor, New Ross, as to supply of chippings from Carrigbyrne quarry.

#### FLOODING OF CAMPILE BRIDGE - ROAD 789

The following report was submitted from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor:-

"During the heavy rain last week there was a flood under the Railway Bridge at Campile for two days. The employees of the Co-Op. Store opened up the pipe line, and a considerable quantity of coal and ashes was found in the pipes. The Manager has agreed to construct a trap, but unless some pressure is brought on the Company it will be left until there is another flood. There was some damage done to the recently rolled section of road that was covered with the flood."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the report of Mr. O'Neill re flooding at Campile Bridge be referred to Mr. Elgee, Col. Solicitor, with a view to having suitable action taken against the Committee of Co-operative Stores to obviate flooding in future."

#### COMPLAINT OF NON-ACCEPTANCE OF HAULAGE TENDER

Mr. James Kavanagh, St. Johns, Enniscorthy, wrote that he tendered at New Ross for the haulage of stones to several roads from Palace quarry and notwithstanding the fact that his tender was the lowest the work was given to a higher tender. He thought, as a ratepayer, he was entitled to an explanation.

Mr. Cummins said that he was Chairman of New Ross Tenders Committee and as Mr. Kavanagh tendered for haulage by steam -engine horse haulage was accepted because it would cause less injury to the road and would give more employment.

The meeting considered this explanation satisfactory.

SEAN ETCHINGHAM MEMORIAL HALL

Under date 7th March, 1933, Mr. D. Mac Colum wrote in connection with a site at the Weighbridge, Courtown Harbour, for the purpose of erecting a hall to be known as the Sean Etchingham Memorial Hall.

In a subsequent letter Mr. Mac Colum asked that consideration of his application should be adjourned to next meeting of the Council.

It was decided to comply with Mr. Mac Colum's wishes and to have the communication considered at Co. Council meeting to be held on 27th March, 1933.

RATHDUFF LANE

A largely signed memorial from the residents on Rathduff Lane and adjoining ratepayers was submitted asking the Co. Council to have it put into repair, was submitted.

Dr. Patricia M.J. Daly, Larkfield House, Killanne, wrote that a spring of her motor-car was smashed and she was nearly killed in broad daylight while attempting to travel this lane.

Mr. H.J. Frizelle, Solicitor, Enniscorthy wrote on behalf of the residents asking that the lane should be repaired under Minor Relief Scheme and that the Council should appoint a Committee to inspect the lane and report as to its condition.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, reported under date 11th March, 1933, that the lane was approximately a mile long and seven feet wide - except in a few places where it was 8½ feet. There were five corners requiring improvement, two new gulleys and repairs to a large culvert would also be required. The people living on the lane were prepared to widen where required and put back corners. The cost of repair was estimated at £200.

Messrs. Robert Rowe and Simon Doran attended as a deputation before the Council and explained the difficulty of using the lane which they said was of great convenience to the general public.

Mr. Shannon proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:- "That a Committee be appointed to inspect and report as to the condition of Rathduff Lane. That, in the event of this Committee recommending the lane for repair, the necessary work to be carried out from the first available money which will be received out of the Minor Relief Grant."

It was decided that the Committee should consist of the County Councillors for Enniscorthy Electoral Area with Mr. Brennan.

TOURDUFF LANE

Under date 7th March, 1933, Mr. David Doyle, Tourduff, Killena, wrote asking the Council to put into repair the lane leading from Donamore Churchyard to his farm. Of late years about 200 yards of the lane was used by Contractors of Co. Council to draw gravel for roads and for building labourers' cottages, as well as by the public. It was now in a very bad state, worn hollow, while it was filled with water after rain storms. It was the only way he had to and from his farm.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District, reported that he had inspected the lane on the 10th March, 1933. It was badly water torn and uneven. It required full drainage and considerable repair work the cost of which he estimated at £55. Part of the lane was used by hauliers and others for carting gravel from seaside.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Smyth seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That we recommend repair of Tourduff Lane not to exceed £55 to be borne by grant from Minor Relief Scheme"

POISONS & PHARMACY ACT LICENCE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act, 1908 issue to Michael O'Neill, 89 North Main Street, Wexford, provided no objection to same be received from Garda Siochana."

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*Michael Doyle*

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL  
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MEETING 27th MARCH, 1933

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary, Wexford Co. Council

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 27th March, 1933.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presiding, also Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, James Gaul, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, James Shannon and Myles Smyth.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £298.13.6d. was examined and signed.

#### VOTE OF CONDOLENCE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That we offer our heartfelt sympathy to Councillor Keegan in the death of his nephew - a promising young man who was cut down in the prime of life. That copy of this resolution be furnished Mr. Keegan."

#### AGREEMENT TO RATE FOR FINANCIAL YEAR

1933/34

The following under date 16th March, 1933 (G.24532-1933 Loch Garman Fa) was read from the Department 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 13th instant and I am to draw the Council's particular attention to the last paragraph of this Department's circular letter of the 9th instant, (G.48/2/33). It is incumbent on the County Council to proceed forthwith with the striking of the rate for the service of the forthcoming year and consideration of the rate should be taken up

"without delay on the basis of an Agricultural Grant of the amount stated in the circular letter."

The paragraph referred to in the letter stated that the Minister consented by way of departure from the terms of the Public Bodies Orders to reasonable extensions of time for the purpose of striking the rate but he desired it to be understood that such rate must provide fully for the estimated requirements of the County for the year in question as otherwise he would not be prepared to recommend the Government to proceed with the grant allocation.

The Chairman said that Mr. O'Byrne and himself attended the meeting of the General Council of County Councils, which was held in Dublin last Friday, when a deputation was appointed to wait on the Minister for Local Government to ask him to reconsider the departure from the usual procedure in curtailing the agricultural grant. The deputation made every effort to secure an interview with the Minister, but failed, as he had gone to the country ~~or~~ somewhere. He could not be found, and it was only left to the meeting to adjourn their visit to the Minister until Tuesday, and if possible, to find out in the meantime if County Councils could adjourn the striking of the rate until the deputation had met the Minister and the result of the deputation's visit was known. The Secretary of the General Council of County Councils was asked to notify the County Councils on Monday morning if the Minister would agree to the adjournment of the rate. No such notification had been received but every member of the General Council meeting was of the opinion that they were right to adjourn the rate until the result of the deputation's visit was made known.

Mr. O'Byrne said the General Council members were unanimous in agreeing that no rate should be agreed to until the result of the deputation was known.

Mr. Cummins proposed that as no reply had been received about the matter, the Council adjourn the striking of the rate. In proposing that, he had no great hope that they were going to get anything out of

it, but there was nothing like trying. As they would probably have a reply by Wednesday, he proposed that the Co. Council meeting adjourn until Friday.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded.

Chairman - There is no other course open to the General Council of County Councils except this. The deputation is ready to attend at the Department as soon as they are called any day or hour.

Col. Quin - I would be very glad to come.

Chairman - None of the members at the General Council of County Councils wanted the curtailment of the agricultural grant, and there were all shades of political opinion represented but I think they were all unanimous about that.

Mr. O'Byrne - It was the unanimous decision of the Council to let the deputation do their best and to adjourn striking the rates until the deputation had seen the Minister.

Mr. D'Arcy - I think we cannot do anything else in the circumstances. It is a very serious matter.

Miss O'Ryan - How would it affect the Co. Council administration to adjourn the matter to-day?

The Secretary said that they could manage, provided there was only this one adjournment. If the rate is not agreed to very soon it would be impossible to get the books out in time.

Miss O'Ryan proposed that the special meeting be held on Monday 3rd April at 10.30 a.m.

Mr. Hall seconded and the proposition was passed unanimously.

At a later stage the Chairman announced that a message had been received that the Minister would see the deputation on Wednesday. Mr. Frizelle would arrange to have a wire from Mr. Keogh-Nolan, Secretary to the General Council of County Councils on Wednesday evening, so that the special meeting could be called for the following Monday.

On the suggestion of Mr. Murphy, it was also decided that the meeting on Monday be the ordinary monthly meeting for April.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to extend the time for agreeing to Rate for financial year 1933/34 from 13th March 1933 to 3rd April 1933 in view of the difficulty which has arisen in respect of Agricultural Grant."

#### SEEDS AND MANURES

Mr. D'Arcy said that since the last meeting a lot of small farmers had called on him about the matter of providing seeds and manures. He explained to them the reason why the Co. Council could not put the scheme into operation. He thought that the Council should put up some feasible recommendation to the Minister for Agriculture, as it appeared that he was prepared to put a scheme into operation if it was feasible. He did not see why the Co. Council should not recommend the Minister to give the people seeds and manures on the same terms as the loans to buy heifers. Let the Department of Agriculture deal with the people directly.

He proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Department of Agriculture be requested to formulate a scheme through which farmers will be enabled to secure seeds and manures in the same manner as persons are able to obtain heifers by loan."

Chairman - I think we should agree to Mr. D'Arcy's idea. We have no ambition to keep the people from getting seed and the Council would be very pleased under normal circumstances to do what they could to help but we have the Small Dwellings Act and a terrible amount of money borrowed on the security of the rates and we cannot go any further.

Mr. Cummins said the Scheme of loans for the purchase of heifers had been criticised by every County Committee of Agriculture. If Mr. D'Arcy's resolution recommended that applicants for seed

should have a second security besides their own it would be a farce.

Mr. D'Arcy - Amend the resolution to say that each applicant should be his own security.

Mr. O'Byrne - Would it be fair to ask the Department to give the seed on personal security of the applicant when we would not do the same ourselves? We turned down the same thing.

Chairman - Let the Department make provision for security themselves.

Col. Quin said that the necessitous people were the very people who would be unable to repay the loans. Very few people in other Counties had repaid the money last year.

The Chairman pointed out that Mr. D'Arcy's resolution did not put any responsibility on local rates. The Scheme would be financed by the Department of Agriculture.

After further discussion Mr. D'Arcy amended his resolution to read as follows:- "That the Department of Agriculture be requested to formulate a scheme through which farmers will be enabled on their own security to obtain seeds and manures necessary for this year's crop. "

Mr. Hall seconded and the resolution was unanimously adopted.

#### EMERGENCY DUTIES - SEED OATS

The following under date 23rd March, 1933 (E.5826-33) was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to the resolution adopted by your Council at their meeting on 13th instant relative to the issue of licences to farmers for the importation of seed oats, I am desired by the Minister for Agriculture to state that he is satisfied that oats of a quality suitable for seed purposes is available in this country in sufficient quantities for the requirements of the sowing season, and that he does not, therefore, propose to recommend the issue of licences for the importation of seed oats, free of duty, under the above-mentioned Order."

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## REPAIR OF LANES

GARRYNISK LANE, BLACKWATER:- A memorial signed by residents of Garrynisk was read making representations to have the lane from the new cottage on Ballyroe road to the licensed premises on the new line, a distance of about one mile, repaired. It was a public roadway to both a forge and cornmill and as it was in a very bad condition it was impossible to get crops removed from the land. They suggested that the lane be repaired under contract as it connected two important public roads.

The Co. Surveyor said he presumed it was proposed to repair the lane under the minor relief scheme, but all the Council could do was make a recommendation because he received several letters from the Board of Works in regard to several other lanes and stating that the funds were exhausted.

Mr. M. Sutton and Mr. P. Breen attended as a deputation in favour of the proposal. The former who acted as spokesman said that the memorialists were not asking that the lane should be repaired under Minor Relief Schemes Vote but that it should be taken over by the Co. Council. At present it was in a very bad condition. There was a broken bridge on it and there was no room for a car to pass. There was never anything done by the Council to the lane. Six families resided on it but there was a good deal of traffic outside this over the lane.

Miss O'Ryan - If this were done would it be a great short cut for the people of the district.

Mr. Sutton - It would.

Mr. Corish - My information is that the lane is used by everyone.

The Chairman explained that if the work were done under the minor relief scheme the Council would not be obliged to take over its subsequent maintenance if the lane had a dead end.

Mr. Gaul - Has not Mr. Barry told us there is no money available?

Mr. Corish - The Government cannot do anything until after the

end of the current financial year. All the money that was available for the current year is exhausted.

Mr. Sutton said that the lane had been very badly damaged when used as an alternative route owing to a bridge having been blown up and it was never the same since.

Mr. Hall proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted without dissent:- "That the Co. Councillors for Enniscorthy County Electoral area be appointed a Committee to inspect and report in regard to the memorial for repair of Garrynisk lane, (Blackwater). That County Surveyor fix date and hour of meeting and inform Mr. Sutton when Committee will inspect the lane.

BALLINROOAUN LANE:- Patrick Doyle, Ballinrooaun, Aidan Conway, do., and Mrs. Quirke do., wrote asking to have the lane leading to their houses repaired under the minor relief scheme.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colloton, it was decided to recommend the inclusion of the lane in the proposals for a minor relief scheme grant.

KILMICHAEL LANE, CRAANFORD:- John Davis, Daniel McDonald, and Catherine Drumgoold, wrote applying to have Kilmichael Lane repaired under the Minor relief scheme.

It was decided on the proposition of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall, to recommend the inclusion of the lane in a minor relief scheme.

MEELGARROW LANE:- Ratepayers of Meelgarrow and surrounding districts forwarded a memorial suggesting that the lane leading through Meelgarrow townland upon which five families resided was urgently in need of repairs. At seasons it was impassable and the people were practically isolated. Engine owners and lorry owners complained that unless something was done with the lane they would be unable to carry out their operations. Up to now the memorialists had done everything possible to make the laneway passable. They asked the Council to allocate a minor relief Grant.

Messrs. Thomas Deacon, Denis Condon and Patrick Flynn attended as a deputation.

Mr. T. Deacon, who acted as spokesman, stated the lane was impassable at times. They were asking the Council to do something with it as they saw that steps were being taken in regard to lanes elsewhere. The lane was leading to the Chapel and school and on occasions the people were compelled to take to the land when the lane became impassable. They had no outlet, but were promised one of forty yards, which would bring them to the road. The lane was one statute mile in length and there were six families living on it.

Chairman - The idea of the inhabitants is to get the forty yards converted into a connecting link between the road and the lane.

The Chairman expressed the opinion that until the lane was connected with the road he was afraid that anything better than a minor relief scheme would not succeed, and then if the road was of utility to the public the probability was that the Council might take it over.

Col. Quin - I am afraid they will take that as a promise.

Chairman - I am not making any promise and no member of the Council can say I did, and I am not to be taken as a spokesman for the deputation.

On the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Hall, a recommendation was adopted that the Committee already appointed to inspect Rathduff Lane should inspect Meelgarrow Lane on same day.

The Co. Surveyor said he did not see how they could do anything until they saw what would happen in connection with the application for a grant for this lane under the Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

Mr. Shannon then proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution:- "That application be made under Minor Relief Scheme for repair of Meelgarrow Lane."

Passed. X

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STONEHOUSE AND GURTINS LANE:- A memorial was read from ratepayers of Stonehouse and Gurtins (Fethard) applying for a grant under the Minor Relief Scheme to be used for repairing the Stonehouse-Gurtins Lane.

On the proposition of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Gaul, it was decided to recommend the proposal for inclusion in a minor relief Scheme.

KNOCKLAHANE LANE:- A memorial was submitted from the people of Croghan, Tinnabawn, Rathpierce, Tomatone, Kilminer, Tomcoyle and Ahullen, asking to have money allocated for the improvement of this laneway which was being used by people attending the church in Kilanerin and school children. The ordinary highway open to traffic from the townlands during the summer months was closed during a great part of the year, even in the summer during a prolonged wet spell of weather. The same obstacle prevented the people from availing of the use of the ordinary highway for the reason that a large part of the road at the foot of Limbrick Hill was covered with water during wet weather and all pedestrian traffic was diverted to the laneway. The attendance of the clergy on the sick was cut off by the flooding of the road. The proposed work would relieve ~~the~~ unemployment and the Council could rely on the willing co-operation of the people and their readiness to allow the widening of the laneway. There was a quarry beside the laneway which would be at the free use of the Council.

Col. Quin stated that a man came to him on the previous night and told him the chief grievance was that on one of the roads the water came to a height of four feet. He (Col. Quin) travelled the road and never saw water to that extent on it.

Mr. D'Arcy - I certainly say if it were not four feet it might be five feet.

Co. Surveyor - Are you talking about a lane?

Mr. D'Arcy - No, it is a public road. To obviate the flooding of the road Mr. D'Arcy suggested that it would be necessary to make a

deep drain for a distance of two or three hundred yards.

Chairman - If it is as great as that something should be done. It would be easier to make the drain than anything else.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution:- "That Knocklahane lane be scheduled for a grant under Minor Relief Schemes Vote. " Passed.

Col. Quin said if their own road was as badly flooded as was represented the matter should be remedied.

The Co. Surveyor said he would make a special report as to this road

BALLINCASH LANE:- Sixteen resident Ratepayers wrote asking the Co. Council to construct a new road from Ballincash to Tinnick.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the application of Ratepayers from Ballincash district as to new road be referred to the Co. Surveyor for report." Passed.

Rev. J. Maher, P.P., Oulart, wrote that the road was badly needed from every point of view and he was strongly in favour of its construction.

BALLYMOTHEY LANE:- Nine residents on Ballymothey lane wrote that although a grant through Minor Relief Schemes had been obtained for repair of this lane the work was held up by William Murphy and they had been informed he was looking for an exorbitant sum for compensation. They appealed to the Council to have the work started as soon as possible.

Mr. Hall said this was really the most important lane which the Council had dealt with up to the present.

Mr. Colloton proposed that as it was possible the opposition by Mr. Murphy might be met through the Land Commission, consideration of the letter be adjourned for the present.

Mr. Brennan seconded and the motion was adopted.

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LANE - BALLYNASLANEY - POULDARRIG:- The Co. Surveyor forwarded a copy of letter received by him from the Commissioners of Public Works regarding his communication about the lane from Oylegate through Ballynaslaney and Pouldarrig, and pointing out that it was included in his list of suggested works furnished in December last. It was regretted that as the vote was exhausted the project could not now be considered.

#### DANGEROUS CORNER

Col. Quin asked that a wall at a dangerous corner a quarter of a mile from Ferns on the road from end of Tomgarrow Bridge to Ballycarney be improved by removing a wall and erecting a fence. So far as he remembered there was some difficulty about the matter before, but the wall appeared to belong to a Health Board cottage.

Mr. D'Arcy said it was a dangerous corner.

The Co. Surveyor said he would see to it.

#### WHITE LINES ON ROADS

Col. Quin referred to the necessity of a white line being on the road at Ferns.

The Co. Surveyor stated it would be no use except a Guard was on duty there. They had black lines on the road to Ferrycarrig and there was not one motorist in fifty who would not cross it.

Col. Gibbon - The reason they do not take notice of it is because there are two black lines.

The Co. Surveyor stated he never saw any more than a black line on the Ferrycarrig road.

Col. Gibbon - You will find two lines under the Railway bridge.

The Co. Surveyor undertook to attend to the matter of having the lines laid on both roads.

#### COAST EROSION

Mr. Cummins said that the Secretary had received a letter from the Land Commission stating that with reference to the matter of the

Coast erosion at Slade, and the provision of a right-of-way to the holdings of Messrs. Fortune and Moran, this was under consideration and was being expedited.

Mr. Cummins said that five years ago that matter was brought up before the Council, and several letters had been written and resolutions passed, but it was still receiving attention. These people have no chance of getting into their houses. He would like to draw the attention of the gentlemen in office to the fact that it is the work they wanted done and not letters.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Murphy:- "That as the Council have been receiving letters for years past from the Land Commission that the necessary work of laying down road for Messrs. Fortune and Moran at Slade is receiving attention, the Council call on the Land Commission to have the work put in hands without further delay."

#### ETCHINGHAM MEMORIAL HALL

Letter was read from Mr. D. MacColuim, Riverchapel, stating that he had been appointed by the Sean Etchingham Memorial Committee to approach the Council with regard to acquiring from them a site at the Weighbridge at Courtown Harbour, for the purpose of erecting thereon a hall to be known as the Sean Etchingham Memorial Hall. It was quite unnecessary for him to say anything to the Council about the late Sean Etchingham, and they would agree that the erection of a memorial such as was proposed would, besides commemorating a noted figure in the struggle for freedom, be of great benefit to the people of the locality. Their object was to provide accommodation to be utilised for all purposes to promote the National interests.

The Co. Surveyor said he saw no objection to the granting of the site, but it might be recollected by the Council that a private individual asked permission to erect a house there and they turned it down. The present application was, however, more in the nature of a public body asking for consideration. With regard to the obstruction

of the view it would make no difference as the weighbridge house was on the plot which was part of the ground taken over from Lord Courtown by the County Council.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed that the application be granted subject to the Co. Surveyor being satisfied in the matter.

Mr. Corish seconded.

Col. Quin remarked that there were a good many halls in Courtown and another would hurt the owners of the halls already erected.

Mr. D'Arcy - Opposition is good.

Col. Quin said that the hall was not needed in Courtown.

The Co. Surveyor stated that permission to erect a house at the place was refused to a private individual about twelve months.ago

Mr. Cummins - There is no question of considering a private individual as against the object the site is proposed to be used for now.

The Chairman asked if the Hall would be for the personal benefit of those in control of it, or if it was to be erected by the public.

Mr. Cummins - The public are erecting it in memory of Mr. Etchingham.

Chairman - Are you sure?

Mr. Corish said he thought a hall of the kind should be made available to every section of the public.

Col. Quin said he thought the name of Mr. Etchingham was being used as a red herring in the matter.

The Chairman said that if a private individual was going to get the ground for a hall under the title of the Sean Etchingham Memorial Hall it was another matter altogether.

Col. Gibbon suggested that as a rule when memorial halls were erected there were trustees. He thought they should ask for particulars.

The Chairman agreed that they should ascertain the ownership of the hall and said he had no objection whatever if the hall was to be erected by the public as a memorial but he thought they should

safeguard themselves against anyone snatching the name of the hall for their personal advantage.

Mr. Corish considered they should get an undertaking that the hall would be available for all sections and they should make a small charge say 1/- per year to keep alive their rights to the plot.

Mr. Hall said that some provision should be made in the agreement giving the plot that it was given on the understanding that the building would be used as a public hall.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of the matter for further consideration Mr. Elgee in the meantime to get in touch with Mr. MacColuim and ascertain from him (a) the names of the proposed Trustees (b) if the hall will be available to the public (c) will the Trustees sign an agreement that in the event of the hall falling into disuse or its use being restricted to a section of the community that the plot will revert to the Co. Council.

Mr. O'Byrne said the present intention was that the hall should be used for Irish language and dancing classes.

#### FLOODING AT CLOHAMON

The Co. Surveyor reported that the Committee appointed by the Co. Council were summoned to meet at Clohamon on 24th March, 1933, Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, and himself attended and waited a considerable time. Mr. Armstrong turned up but no one else. They discussed what would be possible, and it was suggested that under the road improvement grant they should do the road through Clohamon Village in concrete. That would raise the surface of the whole road about six or seven inches, and at the actual deep holes they might get in six or twelve inches in ordinary filling under the concrete, so that there would never, except in extraordinary floods, be any big depth of water, and being concrete, the road would not be torn up. To provide for pedestrian traffic during minor floods - not during excessive floods - it was suggested that there should be a little

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footbridge along the side, timber trestles on concrete posts. Excessive floods occurred very rarely.

Col. Quin - Very, very rarely.

The Co. Surveyor stated that they did not propose to deal with the excessive floods. What they suggested would enable all vehicular traffic to get by in any ordinary floods, and the little footpath would allow pedestrians to pass in ordinary floods. In excessive floods no one could get by.

Col. Quin said he thought that a tremendous mountain had been made out of a mole hill. It was only in extraordinary floods that everyone could not get across. They might wet their feet a little.

The Co. Surveyor said it had been suggested that the weir at the mill was the cause of the flooding but Mr. Ennis on a couple of occasions found that the first flooding was caused independently of the weir.

Mr. Armstrong said it was evident to everyone acquainted with the place that the weir was not the cause of the flooding. Col. Quin had stated that the flooding was very very rare, but it was not. For the past eight or ten years he (Mr. Armstrong) was confident that the road had been flooded to a depth of from twelve to eighteen inches four or five times every winter. He would be satisfied if the Council made provision in regard to minor floods. He would not expect the Council to deal with extraordinary floods, which probably did not occur except once in twenty-five years.

In reply to the Chairman, the Co. Surveyor said that if they were going to do concreting they might as well go through the village and finish the job. The distance would be about three-quarters of a mile which would cost about £3,000 and would be done out of a grant.

Mr. Armstrong said that apart from the flooding he thought it was the intention that the road would be resurfaced in any case. It was a place on which they would be entitled to spend the usual grant.

The Co. Surveyor said the road was a link road, and he took it that it would come within the grants they were getting for the coming year.

Mr. O'Byrne remarked that concrete was the only surface that would stand the flooding.

Chairman - The expenditure of £3,000 is a fairly big item. We will get it of course, but there are places in the country worse wanting expenditure than this place.

The Co. Surveyor said that in future he would be inclined to do road improvement works on steep hills in concrete. It was going down hills particularly that the horse traffic felt the danger of slippery roads.

Mr. Armstrong proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the acceptance of the Co. Surveyor's recommendation.

In reply to the Chairman the Co. Surveyor said that any alternative route for vehicular traffic would mean a detour of about six miles.

The Chairman said that the Co. Surveyor's estimate was a tremendous amount of money for such a short distance.

Mr. D'Arcy said that he would in future oppose any concreting of roads. It was the concreting of roads and streets that was putting all the unemployed on the market. When they put down a concrete road they put men absolutely off the employment market. What would happen if they had all the main roads in the County concreted? What work would they have?

Co. Surveyor - You would have the money for other improvements.

Mr. D'Arcy - If the roads are all concreted I am sure the Ratepayers are not going to agree to the striking of a rate for roads that are not wanted.

Co. Surveyor - They could do it for other things. They could do drainage work.

Mr. D'Arcy said it was proposed to spend £3,000 on three-quarters

of a mile of road, and the Co. Surveyor stated that his chief reason for concreting was to prevent slippery roads, but on the road between Enniscorthy and Gorey there was not a word about slipperiness. He did not see why they could not leave a margin on tarred roads for horse traffic. There was not a bag of cement manufactured in Ireland while the stones put on tar macadam roads were dug out of the quarries of the country giving men work. It was time they opened their eyes to what they were doing.

Col. Quin remarked that he thought Mr. D'Arcy was there in the interests of the ratepayers. If they could get all the roads concreted it would make the cost to the ratepayers less.

Mr. Armstrong said that no one would suggest that a road which suffered from flooding should be repaired in tar macadam.

Col. Gibbon said it would be useful for Councillors if the Co. Surveyor would give them some idea as to how the road rate had been affected by the concreting of Wexford-Enniscorthy road taking into account the capital expenditure.

Mr. D'Arcy said that if they got £25,000 in grants for the roads this year he understood that the amount derived from all motoring sources in the County was in the neighbourhood of £24,000, so that it meant that they would be getting back their own money plus £1,000.

The Co. Surveyor said that even if they only got something less than their own money it was a perfectly proper proposition, because £1,000,000 had been expended that had to be paid back.

Mr. D'Arcy - But you must remember that the taxation on motor parts coming in is £2,000,000 a year.

After further discussion Mr. D'Arcy proposed that the road at Clohamon except the portion actually subject to flooding should be repaired in tar macadam.

Mr. Brennan seconded.

The Co. Surveyor said that the Department expected that where possible cement should be used in reconstruction of main and link roads.

The cost of laying a road in tar macadam would be something less than half the cost of cement but, owing to maintenance he believed in a twenty year period the cement road would work out cheaper. The average cost for re-spraying a tar macadam road would be £90 a mile per year while the maintenance of the cement road would be very small. He wished Councillors would give him suggestions as to road improvement works.

After further discussion Mr. Armstrong and Mr. D'Arcy withdrew resolution and amendment respectively and the following motion proposed by Mr. Armstrong and seconded by Mr. D'Arcy was passed, Col. Quin dissenting:- "That the road at Clohamon from cross roads in village of Clohamon to Ryland Cross be repaired in concrete and the balance in tar macadam."

SOUTHERN PIERS AND HARBOURS

Under date 22nd March, 1933, the Department of Industry and Commerce, Transport and Marine Branch wrote (T.S.1450) that the resolution of the Council as regards the piers at Arthurstown and Duncannon was receiving attention.

UNEMPLOYED IN HOOK DISTRICT

The following which bore eighteen signatures was read:-

"We the unemployed of Hook District beg to draw the attention of the Council to the immediate need of having a continuation of the recent work on the Hook-Fethard road carried out under a further grant in order to enable us to provide a living for ourselves and our families. We have been unemployed since the recent work (which was but a small thing) finished and we have nothing else to look forward to. We therefore suggest that the Council make some provision as soon as possible to have the work continued as we are in a very bad way.

"We further wish to state that notwithstanding the fact that six cottages are about to be built in our midst not one of us have got a chance of a day's work at blockmaking or of being otherwise employed, we know that this is a matter for the Health Board and not for the

"Council, but we mention it in order to bring home to your members who are members of the Health Board the manner in which they seek to treat us. We understand that blockmaking is in progress at Ballykerogue, Campile, and that this centre is intended to cover our area also. We strongly protest against this, holding it is most unfair whilst there is as good, if not better material on our shores as there is at Ballykerogue or Cullenstown.

"Mr. Shortall, Engineer, made some tests of the sand here, but he made sure to keep far away from the place where he might easily acquire the material he wanted."

Mr. Colfer proposed that about £400 be spent in finishing the road from Porter's Gate to Slade, when money was available.

The Chairman said the question of blockmaking of labourers' cottages was in the hands of the Engineers of the Health Board and they were prepared to start at any place they found convenient.

Mr. Colfer said the men of the district contended that Fethard was not getting a fair show.

Miss O'Ryan said that there was a good deal of discontent because the work was given to a particular set of men. There was also an allegation that men had left farmers to take up road work.

The Chairman said the men concerned should send in representations to the Board of Health, the Body in charge of the erection of labourers' cottages.

Mr. Cummins said that the members of the Health Board should inquire into the discontent prevailing in the Hook.

The Chairman said that at the blockmaking centre in his district the men were changed about.

Mr. Cummins, who seconded Mr. Colfer's motion, said that if the men were changed about in his district there would not have been any discontent in the Hook.

The resolution was then put and passed.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That as recommended by the Finance Committee we agree to loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts being advanced to the following applicants whose title to plots on which they are erecting houses have been approved by the Co. Solicitor, and on condition that certificates of value by Assistant Surveyors are found in order.":-

|                                                        | Loan   | Est Value of House |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------------------|
| <u>Daniel Bolger</u> , Templeshannon, Enniscorthy.     | £130 ✓ | £200               |
| <u>John Whelan</u> , Templeshannon, Enniscorthy        | £180 X | 200                |
| <u>Daniel Tomkins</u> , Esmonde Street, Gorey.         | £115 ✓ | 230                |
| <u>Denis Keane</u> , Ballinakill, Courtown Harbour.    | £100 ✓ | 200                |
| <u>J.T. Sutton</u> , Whitemill Road, Wexford.          | £125 ✓ | 250                |
| <u>Mrs. N. O'Callaghan</u> , Rosslare Strand, Wexford. | 150 ✓  | 200                |
| <u>John Webster</u> , The Shannon, Enniscorthy.        | £180 ✓ | 200                |
| <u>Patrick Doyle</u> , Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy.   | £135 ✓ | 270                |
| <u>Michael McGrath</u> , Tomnalossett, Enniscorthy.    | £180 X | 200                |
| <u>Patrick Hayes</u> , Kilmannon, Cleariestown.        | £75    | 190                |

Col. Quin gave notice of his intention to move at next meeting of the Council that the resolution agreeing to consider chattel mortgages on houses as sufficient security for repayment of loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be rescinded and that the Council oblige applicants for loans under these Acts to provide ordinary security by themselves and two solvent sureties jointly. This resolution not to be retrospective and to apply only to applications dealt with after 3rd April, 1933.

John T. Sutton, Green Street, Wexford, whose application for loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts was rejected at last meeting on the ground that he was a single man, came before the meeting and contended that he had as much responsibility as he had to support his father (who was an invalid) two sisters and a younger brother. His

work was mainly agricultural.

Miss O'Ryan gave the following notice of motion for consideration at Co. Council of 3rd April, 1933:- "That the resolution of the County Council rejecting the application of John T. Sutton, Green Street, Wexford, for loan under Small Dwelling's Acquisition Acts be rescinded and the application accepted."

#### FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE REPAIRS

The following letter under date 24th March, 1933, was read from the Irish Piling Company, Contractors for repair of Ferrycarrig Bridge:-

"Our attention has been called to a motion adopted by your Council requesting us to carry out the terms of the Specification with regard to wages.

"We would remind you that we entered into this contract with you as a result of negotiation between our Mr. O'Rourke and a sub-Committee acting on behalf of your Council. Mr. O'Rourke was informed by the sub-committee that the local rate for labourers was 8½d per hour, and the contract price was decided on that understanding. We are not prepared to pay more than this unless we have an undertaking from your Council that the extra cost will be paid to us over and above the Contract price.

We understand that members of your Council advocated a rate of 10½d per hour, and further, made certain statements which we consider were an incitement to the men we have working to go on strike. As a result the men are agitating for the rate mentioned, and we wish to advise you that we will hold your Council responsible for any loss or damage which we incur as a result of these statements."

On the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Brennan, it was decided the matter be considered in Committee.

Messrs. O'Byrne, Corish, D'Arcy and Gibbon said that the question of wages was not discussed with Mr. O'Rourke when he met the sub-committee.

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, said that under Clause 93 of the Contract it was provided that the Contractor should not pay to his workmen a less wage than the minimum standard wages of the district and wherever possible to employ local labour.

The Co. Surveyor said he had informed Mr. O'Rourke that at the work on concrete roads he had paid 8½d an hour for labour. Mr. O'Rourke was now paying 9d or 9½d. The question was, could the unskilled labour at Ferrycarrig be described as builders' labour. He (County Surveyor) contended it could <sup>not</sup> and was at variance with Mr. Corish on the point.

Mr. Elgee, said it was plain on the face of it that it was not anything which the sub-committee said to Mr. O'Rourke that affected the wages question as his tender was in before the sub-committee saw him.

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

"That Mr. P.G. O'Rourke B.E., of the Irish Piling Co., be requested to meet the sub-committee which interviewed him regarding the tender of his Company for this work on Monday 3rd April, 1933, at 11 a.m. in County Surveyor's Office to discuss various questions in connection with the Bridge Contract."

The following extract from Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 16th March, 1933, was submitted:-

"Inspector Harte of the I.O.C., came before the meeting in regard to a request for the Company to be allowed to use the road from Deeps Bridge to Kyle Cross in order to get on to trunk road to Enniscorthy.

"The Co. Surveyor said that Mr. Harte had informed him that since the Ferrycarrig Bridge had been closed the bus lost a considerable amount of traffic between Wexford and Enniscorthy and were getting practically no traffic between Ballymackessy and Wexford the alternative route. He (Co. Surveyor) did not know if the Co. Council had any legal power to prevent the Bus Company from using the route from Deeps Bridge to Kyle Cross but in his (Co. Surveyor's) opinion the road was dangerous for both bus and public. It was very narrow and if a common cart or motor-car was coming in an opposite direction

"to the bus there would be danger of collision as the bus would not be well able to get off the crown of the road. He was afraid that if the request was agreed to there might be an accident.

"Mr. Harte said they had four bus services daily; one at 8 o'clock a.m., second at 1 o'clock p.m.; the third at 4.30 p.m. and the last at 10 o'clock. It was only the one at 4.30 p.m. which would cause any inconvenience and that would be for a few minutes only. Most of the traffic went now by Castlebridge.

"Mr. Culleton said he understood that when the bridge was closed traffic was to go by a certain route, which was not via Castlebridge.

"The Co. Surveyor said that it was published by advertisement that Ballymackessy was the alternative route but this would not bar traffic from the use of the Castlebridge road.

"Mr. O'Byrne said if the bus was compelled to use the alternative route it would be a great hardship on the people from Kyle into Enniscorthy who were in the habit of taking this means of transport.

"Mr. Harte said it was not the desire of the Company to do anything against the wishes of the Co. Council.

"The Co. Surveyor said he was not against the use of the road from the Deeps Bridge to Kyle Cross but the Company should give an undertaking that if found dangerous to the public or destructive to the road surface the route should be abandoned.

"Mr. Culleton said it appeared as if all motor traffic formerly using Ferrycarrig Bridge in and out of Wexford had now come on to the Castlebridge road, the repair to the damage of which, before the work at the bridge was completed, would run into three times the cost of a temporary bridge.

"In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Harte said the Company would be only too pleased to take the bus off the route if the Council objected.

"The Co. Surveyor said the speed going down the hill from Kyle should be limited to ten miles an hour.

"Mr. Harte said that the Company would confine themselves to any

"specified speed.

"It was then decided that the request of the I.O.C. to use road for bus from Killurin Civic Guard Barracks and Deeps Bridge to Kyle Cross via Newtown, be agreed to, speed to be limited to ten miles per hour the Company to withdraw this service at any time on the request of the Co. Surveyor".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That we hereby confirm resolution of Finance Committee at their meeting of 16th March, 1933, allowing Irish Omnibus Company to use road from Killurin Civic Guard Barracks and Deeps Bridge to Kyle Cross via Newtown."

The Co. Surveyor said that no damage had apparently so far, been done to the road.

#### ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR

Mr. Corish said representations had been made to him by the people of St. Helen's to try and get something done with the pier there. He had brought the matter before the Minister for Lands and Fisheries and also the Fishermen's Association. He had received a letter from the Minister but had forwarded it to Mr. O'Brien, Secretary to the St. Helen's Fishermen. He believed there was a good chance of obtaining a grant provided the Council would spend the £10 or £15 necessary in the preliminary work of borings.

The Secretary stated that the Council had no power to spend money on an unscheduled pier.

Col. Gibbon suggested that the people of the district should try and raise the amount.

After further discussion Col. Gibbon proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. D'Arcy and adopted:- "That Mr. Corish T.D., make representations to the Minister for Lands and Fisheries as regards the expenditure of £10 or £15 for preliminary borings at St. Helen's Harbour from State Funds, and, failing this, that he ascertain from the Department of Local Government and Public

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"Health if there be any way possible by which the Council can expend the amount in question without running the risk of surcharge."

#### BALLYTEIGUE DRAINAGE

Mr. Gaul referred to the drainage meeting at Kilmore Quay on Saturday, and said he would like the Council to pass a resolution strengthening the hands of the drainage boards in their efforts to obtain a grant.

Mr. Culleton - What have we to do with the drainage down there?

Col. Gibbon - It is an unemployment grant.

Chairman - I think you have as much to do with it as with Wexford Harbour.

Mr. Gaul proposed that a resolution be adopted.

Chairman - I am sure I am not adverse to it if it do any good.

Mr. Shannon seconded the proposition, and it was passed.

#### FORD OF LYNG

Consideration of correspondence relative to this matter had been adjourned from meeting of 13th March, 1933, when the following resolution had been adopted:-

"That consideration of correspondence in connection with Ford of Lyng be adjourned until next meeting of the Council. In the meantime Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, will ascertain how the position is affected by the Act of 1860, and report to the Council."

The following under date 20th March, 1933, from Mr. Fergus O'Connor, B.L., to the Co. Solicitor was read:-

"With reference to your third paragraph - there appears to be a misapprehension, perhaps occasioned by a misprint on my part, as to the Statement referred to. What I wished to point out was ~~this~~ - that whilst the Company were given certain powers of reclamation provided they did not injure the draining of the adjoining lands once the reclaimed lands were sold there was nobody on whom the mantle of the Company fell, and who would be liable if the work

"of reclamation carried out by the Company did in fact ultimately result in injury to the drainage of the adjoining lands. As I read the Statute the only duty of the Commissioners is to keep in proper working order and repair the drainage works erected by the Company in pursuance of its Statutory powers. For this reason I was particularly anxious to inspect these works, and as the Council is aware I carried out a complete inspection of the whole place about a fortnight ago in company with you and Mr. Barry. Mr. Doyle was there, as was also a neighbouring owner Mr. Jacob. In my former letter I must have written "Commissioners" by mistake for "Company" and this has given rise to the difficulty you mention. Mr. Barry was unable to point out any elements of disrepair in the drainage Scheme or the doing of any Act by the Commissioners in the maintenance or repair of the works which would occasion the flooding we complain of.

"I am not to be taken as trying to force a Settlement on the Council, but I should consider myself as failing in my duty to them if I did not point out (a) the Action is one<sup>in</sup> which in my opinion, it will be very difficult to succeed (b) Whether they win or lose it will cost them a great deal of money, much more of course if they lose and (c) apparently if the suggestions in Messrs. Meldons' letter are carried out and the work properly done the result we want will be achieved, and at a very much lesser cost than even if we won the action.

You see, my view is, that there is nobody now who can be made liable for the fact that the Scheme which was thought perfect at the time has through the effluxion of time and the lack of scouring action on the part of the Tides and without default on the part of the Commissioners, has injured the draining of the adjoining lands."

Col. Gibbon said that within recent years the present owners of the Slob had raised the spillway and thereby raised the height of the water outside the Sloblands.

The Co. Surveyor maintained that the channel from the

embankment to the road bridge was part and parcel of the Drainage System. Making the canal and ponding back the water should be regarded as a structural work.

Col. Gibbon asked if Mr. O'Connor contended that the entire Drainage Act had been abrogated because of the fact that the land had been sold to the tenants. There was no provision in any Act repealing the Act of 1855.

Mr. Elgee held that the new Company had kept in order the drain which they had made themselves and this was the limit of their responsibility.

Col. Gibbon held that the present Company had made themselves liable by raising the spillway.

The Chairman said it was very funny if the Company could shed their responsibility by selling to tenants.

Mr. Culleton pointed out the case of the North Slob the present Company had all the responsibilities of the old one.

The Chairman said that the flooding was mainly caused by the water in the canal not being as deep as when it was first constructed through lack of dredging.

Mr. Elgee said he should inform the Council that if they went to law and were beaten they would have to reconcile their action with the Auditor in view of the opinion of Counsel advising settlement.

The Chairman said any effective work at the place could not cost less than £1000 and the Council should not accept the proposal to be responsible for future maintenance.

Mr. Corish said the matter was of sufficient importance to submit to a Government Department and if they found the grievance could not be remedied they might try and promote a short Bill to meet the situation. He proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. D'Arcy and adopted:- "That the Office of Public Works be requested to receive a deputation in connection with flooding at the Ford of Lyng. "

The following were appointed as the deputation:- The Chairman, Col. Gibbon, Messrs. Culleton, Corish, with Co. Surveyor and Co. Solicitor, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall.

It was also agreed that the County T.D.'s. should be asked to assist the deputation at their interview at Office of Public Works.

#### APPLICATION FOR INCREASE OF WAGES

Under date 18th March, 1933, Mr. Patrick Kehoe who described himself as Harbour Master at Kilmore applied for an increase in his wages of £1. per week.

The Secretary stated that on the sudden death of the former Harbour Master who was applicant's father the Widow was appointed, applicant being then a minor and the position had not been changed since.

Mr. Corish gave notice of motion that Patrick Kehoe, provided no objection be received from his mother, be appointed Harbour Master of Kilmore and that when said appoint<sup>ment</sup> has been ratified his application as to increase of remuneration for the position be considered.

#### APPOINTMENT OF SHEEP DIPPING INSPECTORS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the following appointments of Lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors for Summer and Autumn Dipping periods of 1933 be made, remuneration in each case to be £1 per week with refund of actual cost of postage incurred:-

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT:- James Murphy, Ferns; for the Electoral Divisions of Ballycarney, Ballymore, Castledockrill, Ferns, Kilbora, Kilcormack, Kilrush, Marshalstown, Moyacomb, Newtownbarry, St. Mary's The Harrow, Tinnacross, Tombrack and Rossard.

Myles Roban, St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy; for the Electoral Divisions of Ballindaggin, Ballyhogue, Ballyhuskard, Ballyvaldon, Bolaboy, Bree, Castleboro, Castle Ellis, Castle Talbot, Clonroche, Edermine, Enniscorthy Rural, Killanne, Killoughrim, Killmallock, Kiltaly and The Leap.

GOREY DISTRICT:- Patrick Ormonde, Ballyellis, Carnew; for the Electoral Divisions of Ballylarkin, Ballynestragh, Coolgreany, Courtown, Gorey Rural, Gorey Urban, Kilgorman, Kilnahue, Limerick, Monaseed and Wingfield.

Thomas Prendergast, Knockskimolin, Oulart; for the Electoral Divisions of Ardamine, Ballybeg, Ballycanew, Ballyellis, Ballygarrett, Ballyoughter, Cahore, Ford, Huntingtown, Kilcomb, Killenagh, Killincooley, Monamolin, Rossmínogue and Wells.

NEW ROSS DISTRICT:- M. J. Hennessy, Monamolin, Rathmure, Enniscorthy.

WEXFORD DISTRICT:- James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin.

#### SELECTION OF TEMPORARY STAFF

In connection with Committee appointed to select temporary staff to write up Rate Books and prepare Receipt and Demand Notes for Rate Collectors it had been decided on the motion of Mr. Colloton seconded by Mr. Brennan that the Chairman replace Mr. Roche who was unable to attend.

This Committee met at the conclusion of the business of the County Council on 13th March, 1933, when the following attended:-

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT:- Messrs. T. McCarthy and James Shannon.

GOREY DISTRICT:- Messrs. S. O'Byrne and James Hall.

NEW ROSS DISTRICT:- Messrs. J. Cummins and J.E. Walsh.

WEXFORD DISTRICT:- The Chairman and Mr. R. Corish.

The following were selected as the temporary staff the first twenty named to be first employed, and the remaining ten as the exigencies of the work require:-

1. Thomas O'Rourke, 16, John Street, Enniscorthy.
2. Laurence Doyle, 14, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy.
3. Aidan Leacy, Garrydaniel, Monamolin.
4. Patrick Dempsey, 19, Garden City, Gorey.
5. Hugh P. Kenny, 14, George Street, Gorey.
6. Charles Kavanagh, Clonattin Road, Gorey.
7. James Brennan, Chapel Lane, New Ross.
8. William Halloran, 1, Chapel Lane, New Ross.
9. M. Ffrench, Kilhile, Arthurstown.
10. Michael J. Grosbie, Nethertown, Carne, Broadway.
11. Denis Curran, Ballinleck, Crossabeg, Co. Wexford.
12. Patrick Kearns, Lady's Island, Broadway.
13. D.J. Druhan, Lady's Island, Broadway.
14. J. Doyle, Sleadagh, Murrintown.
15. Liam J. Cosgrave, Taghmon.

16. Patrick Beary, Trinity Street, Wexford.
17. William Busher, Faythe, Wexford.
18. Capt. J.J. O'Leary, Monument Place, Wexford.
19. Thomas Kearns, William Street, Wexford.
- 20 Roderick O'Connor, 34, Faythe, Wexford.
- 21.M. Flusk, John Street, Wexford.
- 22.James Devereux, South Main Street, Wexford.
- 23.Desmond Horan, Upper Rowe Street, Wexford.
- 24.James Murphy, George Street, Wexford.
- 25.Joseph Fennell, George Street, Wexford.
- 26.William Harris, High Street, Wexford.
- 27.William Ebbitt, High Street, Wexford.
- 28.Richard Ormonde, Johns Gate Street, Wexford.
- 29.Nicholas Kelly, 4, Swan View, Wexford.
- 30.Frank Roche, 16, Upper King Street, Wexford.
- 31.Thomas O'Farrell, 24, Faythe, Wexford.
- 32.Patrick O'Brien, 5, Clifford Street, Wexford.
- 33.P. Healy, Castlebridge, Wexford.

#### PRINTING CO. COUNCIL OFFICES FOR YEAR 1933/34

The Finance Committee had at their last meeting considered the following tenders for the annual printing:-

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| Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy.....  | £95. 8s.    |
| John English & Co., Wexford..... | £105.9s.    |
| "Echo" Enniscorthy.....          | £119.14s.   |
| "Free Press", Wexford.....       | £127.2s.6d. |
| "People" , Wexford.....          | £138.2s.6d. |

They recommended the acceptance of the lowest tender -  
Messrs. Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy, at £95.8s.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That the recommendation of Finance Committee to accept the tender of Messrs. Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy, for the annual printing of the County Council at £95.8s. be confirmed."

#### EASTER SUNDAY COMMEMORATION

Mr. R. Ormond, Secretary of P.H. Pearse Club, wrote asking the Council to take part in the commemoration ceremony of the men who fell in 1916 and which would be held on Easter Sunday.

Mr. Cummins - I propose that the whole Council go. The least they might do is pay a mark of respect to the memory of those men. Only for them we would not be here at all.

Mr. Colfer seconded.

Chairman - That is not going to use any compulsion, I suppose. I think the best thing to do is to leave everyone to his own opinion.

Mr. Cummins - That will not compel you to go at all, but it will be recorded on the Minutes.

Col. Quin - I am against it. I mean that anyone who likes can go, but I do not think we should bring in a political motion like that.

Mr. O'Byrne - It is with reference to the men of Easter week, and it is not political. It is national, and something we should all be proud to do.

Chairman - I think if you propose such a resolution it will not be carried out.

Mr. Cummins - I have proposed the resolution anyhow and it is seconded.

Col. Quin - I propose that any man go who wants to go, but we should not go as the County Council.

Mr. Murphy - I suggest that if you have a discussion you will spoil the whole thing. Let the members go if they like.

Mr. Cummins - I proposed the resolution and whoever likes can vote against it.

Chairman - Your resolution is surely not going to compel members to go?

Mr. Cummins - That is their own business. Let them vote against it.

Mr. Mayler seconded Col. Quin's proposition.

In reply to Mr. Shannon, the Chairman pointed out that Mr. Cummins' resolution was asking the whole Council to go as a body.

Mr. Cummins - Yes, and I am standing by the resolution.

Mr. O'Byrne - I do not think we are doing any good by having a discussion on this. I believe we all sympathise with Easter week.

Mr. Corish - Is it not ridiculous? Supposing the motion that the whole Council go is carried, do we not know that the whole Council will not go?

Mr. Cummins - I am moving the resolution, and I do not care if you

all vote against it but myself.

A poll on Col. Quin's amendment resulted as follows:-

For: Messrs. Meyler, Murphy, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman. (5)

Against:- Messrs. Armstrong, Brennan, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, D'Arcy, and Hayes. (7)

Declined Voting:- Messrs. Colloton, Gaul, Gibbon, Hall, McCarthy, O'Byrne and Shannon. (7)

Miss O'Ryan (1) was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

A vote was then taken on the resolution of Mr. Cummins with the following result:-

For:- Messrs. Armstrong, Brennan, Colfer, Cummins, D'Arcy and Hayes. (6)

Against:- Col. Quin (1)

Declined Voting:- Messrs. Corish, Colleton, Gaul, Gibbon, Hall, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Shannon, Smyth and the Chairman. (12)

Miss O'Ryan (1) was not present when vote was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

#### RELIEF OF RATES

The following resolution was received from New Ross Urban Council:-

"That in view of the abnormal depression in trade, lessening the earning power of the community of the towns, and with a view to assisting Ratepayers in Urban areas to meet the increased Rates Demand without reducing purchasing power, it is the considered opinion of the Council that it is high time something should be done by Local Administration to press forward a campaign with all possible speed and energy towards relief in Municipal Rates.

"The Agricultural Community has succeeded in retaining both Rates and Annuities on their holdings in a way which is too recent to require repetition. Following on the lines conceded to the farmers, the obvious method to be adopted in towns appears to be immediate recognition by the Government of the fact that the town is labouring under a heavy annual burden, occasioned by the loans obtained from time to time

"from the Commissioners of Public Works to build houses under the Working Classes Acts, to construct sewers and to provide a sufficient supply of water for the people amongst other things.

"The repayment of Principal and Interest on such loans constitutes a very heavy tax amounting to more than half the annual liabilities of an Urban District Council at a time when ratepayers can ill afford the payment. It is admitted **that** as the farming community are suffering and have been suffering severe losses, the towns dependent on the prosperity of the farming community must be suffering and have suffered. Recognition that the Land Owners are entitled to relief in their annuities, is tantamount to a recognition of the rate which is assessed for the purpose of repaying the annuities due to the Local Loan Fund. Now, we, therefore, in meeting assembled, resolve that the Government be requested to consider legislation if necessary, to mete out the same treatment to the annual payee in the town as they have to the farming community, that is to say, by the granting of a moratorium for two years and the halving of the annual payments thereafter."

The Chairman said they could not accept the resolution in its entirety as it was incorrect to state that farmers had been able to retain their Rates and Annuities.

Mr. McCarthy **proposed** and Mr. Corish seconded the adoption of the resolution.

After discussion Mr. McCarthy withdrew his motion and proposed the following:- "That the Government be requested to consider legislation, if necessary, to mete out the same treatment to the annual payee in the towns as they have to the farming community, that is to say by the granting of a moratorium for two years as regards repayments to the Local Loans Fund and the halving of the annual payments thereafter."

Mr. Corish seconded the amended resolution which was adopted.

COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

A resolution was received from Sligo Corporation calling on the Government to amend the Local Government franchise so that the forthcoming County Council Elections would be consessed on the Dail franchise.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following proposal which was adopted:- "That resolution from Sligo Corporation asking to have County Councillors elected on the Dail franchise be marked "read".

H. Connolly

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MEETING 10th APRIL 1933.

M I N U T E S

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary, Wexford County Council.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 10th April, 1933.

Present:- Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, John Doran, James Gaul, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, William P. Keegan, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, James Shannon, and Myles Smyth.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor, Rates Inspector and Assistant Surveyors:- Messrs. T. Treanor, R.J. Ennis, Thomas Cullen, J.F. Birthistle and P. O'Neill, were also in attendance.

Mr. Corish was moved to the chair on the proposal of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cline.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

At this stage Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman of the Council attended and presided for the rest of the business.

#### REPLY TO VOTE OF CONDOLENCE

The following reply to vote of condolence from Mr. W.P. Keegan, Co. Councillor, in the death of his nephew was directed to be inserted on the Minutes of the day on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cline:-

"Please convey my grateful thanks to your Council for their vote of condolence, extended to me on the death of my nephew, also to yourself for your kind remarks and to all who joined in sympathy with me."

#### AGREEMENT TO RATES FOR GENERAL AND SEPARATE CHARGES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1933/34

Consideration of agreement to Rates for current financial year and which had been adjourned from a previous meeting was the special business of the meeting.

Under date 6th April, 1933, the Department of Local Government

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and Public Health wrote:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 27th ultimo, concerning the rate to be adopted by the Council for the service of the present financial year and to state that the State Grants in relief of rates on Agricultural Land have already been announced and it is the duty of the Council forthwith to strike such rate as may be necessary to provide fully for the requirements of the County in 1933/34.

"This matter recently formed the subject of a full discussion with a Deputation from the General Council of County Councils when it was explained that the Grant for this year had been fixed at the highest possible figure having regard to all the circumstances and particularly the substantial relief afforded to tenant purchasers under the Land Acts. Before the announcement of the Grant was made the matter had been given prolonged and careful consideration and the Minister is satisfied that in providing £1,750,000 for the assistance of occupiers of land to meet their rates the Government had gone to the limit which their resources permitted. There is therefore no reason for further delay on the part of any County Council to determine the required rate for 1933/34. Essential public services depend on Councils keeping their finances in order and Councils should not relax pressure on Collectors to collect all arrears or give any encouragement to ratepayers who wish to postpone or evade their public obligations. As already intimated the Minister has consented by way of departure from the terms of the Public Bodies Order to a reasonable extension of time for the determination of the rate."

Under date 31st March, 1933, the Secretary to Co. Councils' General Council wrote that the Minister had informed the deputation from General Council that the decision of the Executive Council to pay a less agricultural Grant than amount provided for year 1932/33 could not be departed from and that Co. Councils should proceed to strike rates on the basis of the reduced figure.

The following under date 8th April, 1933 was read from Secretary Co. Councils' General Council:-

"I am directed to forward you the report of the deputation appointed by the Special Meeting of the General Council held on the 24th ult. and to inform you that at the adjourned Special Meeting of the General Council held on the 5th inst. the following resolution was adopted viz:-

"Whereas, the retention in the State of the £5,000,000 previously paid to Britain has caused an economic War by which the Agricultural Community has lost its market and its only source of income, and whereas this War has resulted in an export agricultural loss of practically £8,000,000 in six months we feel the Agricultural Community is entitled to freedom from annuities and rates during the continuance of that war, the onus rightly falling on the National Exchequer which has now transferred to it the monies of the suspense account derived from the retained payment to Britain and consequently no justification exists for the reduction proposed in the Agricultural Grant."

"With a view to seeking some mitigation of the hardship inflicted on the Agricultural ratepayers by the reduction in the Grant a further deputation was appointed to interview the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to place before him the suggestions embodied in the following resolutions:-

- (1) That in view of the statement relative to the financial position made by the Minister for Local Government to the deputation from this Council, and if the Minister is not in a position to restore the Agricultural Grant to last year's figure, the Minister be approached to raise a loan equal to the amount deducted from the Grants and to pay the deducted amount thereout to the Councils.
- (2) That the deputation to the Minister be authorised to discuss with him the desirability of enabling County Councils to

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"reduce their expenditure on foot of loan charges by funding their outstanding loan commitments on a long term basis of repayment by the issue of Bonds.

"The Minister has now conveyed to me his view that no useful purpose would be served by the reception of the deputation inasmuch as he had already discussed the first suggestion with the previous deputation and could not recommend its adoption and that he disapproved of the principle underlying the second resolution."

The following is copy of report referred to in letter of Secretary of County Councils General Council:-

"The deputation appointed at the Special Meeting of the Council held on the 24th March waited upon the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on Friday 31st March, at Leinster House, the following members being present viz:- Mr. John J. Sheil, Chairman, D.L. O'Gorman, C.M. Byrne and E. Brady, accompanied by Mr. Keogh Nolan, Secretary. The deputation was received by the Minister who was accompanied by Mr. Collins.

"The Members of the deputation stated that they had been sent to the Minister by the General Council in the spirit of co-operation to discuss with him how the situation could be relieved. They stressed the very serious nature of the position confronting the agricultural Community consequent on the economic situation and pointed out the great difficulty experienced by the Councils in collecting the current year's rates. They expressed the view that a large proportion of the arrears still outstanding might be regarded as almost irrecoverable as the Agricultural ratepayers had not the money to pay.

"The deputation further pointed out that the County Councils' had been placed in a false position because the information that the grants were to be reduced was held back until the estimates had been made out and until they had agreed to undertake increased expenditure especially in connection with the Government's housing schemes and sewerage and water schemes undertaken with the object of relieving

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"unemployment. The further increase in rates necessary to make good the reduction in the Agricultural Grant would impose a crushing burden on the farming ratepayers which in view of their economic position they would be unable to bear. The deputation urged that the Agricultural Grant should be restored to the same figure as in the Current year.

"In reply the Minister said the Government had given all the assistance which they could afford in the reduced Agricultural Grant of £1,750,000 which represented a reduction of £448,000 as compared with last year. He had done everything he could to safeguard the position of the rural ratepayers and the Government had gone to the limit of their resources having regard to the financial situation and could not promise to do better. He also pointed out that the farmers had got the benefit of the reduction of their land annuities by half which meant £2,000,000 per annum and that if an effort were made there was no reason why the poor law services could not be maintained. If the services should fail to any extent he intimated that the blame would rest on the local authorities for failing to collect the rates.

"The deputation contended that the reduction of land annuities and the maintenance of the Agricultural Grant were two distinct questions - the former was intended to mitigate to some extent the loss suffered by farmers consequent on the economic conditions and could not in any way justify reducing the Grants which had been found to be necessary for the relief of Agricultural depression before the economic war arose. Dealing with the funding of the arrears of land purchase annuities the deputation pointed out that these arrears already had been made good to the Guarantee Fund at the expense of the ratepayers and that normally but for the funding operation these arrears when recovered would go to the credit of the Councils. In reply to a question on this subject the Minister maintained that in his opinion the Government were justified in retaining the interest on the funded arrears.

"In reply to a suggestion that the amount deducted from the Grant

"might be funded over a number of years the Minister stated he could not recommend its adoption.

"The Minister asked the deputation to bring from him to the Councils that he wished to speed up the collection of the rates and that those Councils which had not struck rates should do so without delay. He also emphasised that delay in striking the rates affected the position of other bodies. He warned the deputation of the unpleasant results of the collapse of the local services and said that the public would not tolerate a situation in which the essential health services would be placed in jeopardy. It therefore rested on the Councils as a solemn obligation to put their finances in order. He felt the Councils fully realised the seriousness of the position which would be created by allowing the situation to go out of hand. The duty of the Councils was to collect the rates and to get in the arrears outstanding for the financial year which concluded that day.

"The deputation having thanked the Minister for having received them then withdrew."

The following resolution which was adopted, at a meeting of Farmers held in Wexford on 8th April, 1933, on the motion of Mr. William Boggan, Hayestown, seconded by Mr. William R. Devereux, was read:- "That this meeting of Farmers consider that the Co. Council should not strike a Rate to make up for the grant withdrawn by the Government. The Rate struck for 1933/34 should not exceed that previously decided on by the Co. Council. The Agricultural Community is so hard hit by the present economic situation that additional payments are out of the question."

The following resolution was read from meeting of farmers held at Castletown:- "That we the farming community call upon the Wexford County Council to strike a rate not to exceed the amount paid on last year's Demand Notes."

In connection with the reference to issue of Bonds referred to in letter of Secretary of Co. Councils' General Council of 8th April

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1933, the following resolution was read from Cavan Co. Council:-

"That considering the Annuities Suspense Account amounts to, approximately, £5,000,000. sterling, presently, which is now about to be made available for general Exchequer purposes, this Council respectfully requests the Minister for Finance to consider the advisability of impounding £1,750,000. sterling of this Account and issuing Bonds to that amount on the security of this Fund, such Bonds to be made legal tender in the Free State for the purpose of completing the Housing Scheme and relieving Local Authorities from the necessity of pledging their credit at high interest rates."

Under date 31st March, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.30008/1933 Loch Garman Fa) that the Minister sanctioned such departure from the terms of the Public Bodies Order 1925 as would enable the Council to adopt a Rate in respect of financial year 1933/34 on a date not later than 3rd April, 1933.

The Chairman stated that this was all the correspondence in connection with the rate and the Council could see that the Deputation had failed completely to move the Minister. It was very fine for the Minister to tell them that the Government were providing £1,750,000 in Grants but £1,000,000 of that had been provided by the British Government and the Council need not thank anyone for it. It represented the land-lords' half payment of rates and was embodied in the Local Government Act 1898 in order to placate that class. The Cosgrave Government had added to that £750,000 and the present Government gave another £250,000 to be applied to the first £10 of land valuation.

Col. Gibbon asked if in the event of the Council deciding to have the same rate as last year would it be possible for them to reduce expenditure on roads in particular, and also the Co. Board of Health and Mental Hospital Demands.

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, said that as the Road Works Scheme had been adopted and printed it was impossible to make any reduction in

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road expenditure now, and as for the demands of the County Board of Health and Asylum, the function of the Council would be merely to reject or refer back. They had, however, the statements of members of those bodies that the demands had been framed with every care and that it was necessary every penny of them should be provided to have the services carried out in a proper manner.

Col. Gibbon said it appeared there were only two alternatives open to the Council - to strike the full rate with the extra 2/0<sup>3</sup><sub>4</sub>d rate on land as compared with last year or not to strike any rate at all.

Mr. Cummins stated he would be in favour of striking no rate if the Council would agree but wished to know what would happen then.

Chairman - You would be dissolved and a Commissioner appointed.

Miss O'Ryan - That would be no loss.

Col. Gibbon - It would be a very good thing.

Mr. Cummins said no doubt to strike no rate would be a popular move but they had to consider other people besides themselves, those in hospitals and in the County Home.

Col. Quin said that to strike no rate was unthinkable. It was absolutely necessary that the Public Bodies should be financed. As regards the Co. Board of Health the figures of their Estimate had been very scrupulously examined and no reduction could be secured. The Country was in a very bad way and he knew hundreds of people who were trying to live on 10/- per week.

Mr. Hayes held it would be much better for everybody - the County Council and Public - if the Council fell in with the views of the Minister and faced up to the facts.

Mr. D'Arcy contended that the Finance Committee would not have agreed to the rate they did had they been made aware of the reduction in the Agricultural Grant. The proposal of the Finance Committee was for a rate the same as last year and everyone would have to admit that it would be very difficult for the farmers to pay this.

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Miss O'Ryan said that great complaint was made when the Government withdrew what they clearly stated was a temporary subsidy. The cry was with a great many only hypocrisy and playing up to the Press. The Council should realise they were taking less money in rates from the people every year the State contributing the balance. Then look at the excellent County Services they had - roads, Co. Hospital, free medical service. One of the resolutions which had been read said the country had lost its markets but that only applied to live stock. The prices of bacon and grain had improved and through the action of the Government butter was three times the price. If the present Co. Councillors were afraid to face the people they should make way for people who were prepared to carry on.

Col. Gibbon held that after a very close comparison of prices he came to the conclusion that the difference in price between cattle in England and Ireland was 8/- per cwt. against Ireland which in a ten cwt. beast meant a loss of £4. He was prepared to produce evidence to show this. And also that the loss was due to tariffs. There were any number of men in Kilmore district who could not dispose of their potatoes. One poor man had 12 tons on hands. All the potatoes in the district had been grown for South Wales markets. Having referred to prices of other farm produce Col. Gibbon said the farmers were paying for tariffs and could not afford an increased rate.

Miss O'Ryan said the price of butter in England was 64/- per cwt. and in Ireland 117/-.

Chairman - The Creameries will reap the benefit of that.

Miss O'Ryan said the price of potatoes in Northern Ireland was 17/6d. per ton.

Col. Quin said the previous Government was composed of business men. The present Government bribed the voters with all sorts of things and now had not the money to provide them. The Country was going to the d---l and later on there would be no money to pay for anything.

Mr. Hayes contended that the present Government had received a

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mandate from the people to carry on the economic war.

Mr. McCarthy said the Council were losing £17,000 and also the £12,801 arrears of Agricultural Grant for year 1932 and which they were informed would not be paid them.

The Chairman said that during the last election campaign the people were told they would get half the annuities but there was not a word about a reduction of the Agricultural Grant.

Col. Quin - All sorts of bribes were offered and all sorts of promises made.

Mr. Keegan said that Col. Quin should withdraw these observations.

Mr. D'Arcy referred to the prices ruling at Tinahely Fair on 8th April and which went to show that the farmer was 100% worse off than he was last year.

The Chairman pointed out that the overhead charges of farmers had not decreased in any way but prices of their produce had deteriorated to an extraordinary extent.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed the following resolution:- "That the County Council agree to the rate recommended by the Finance Committee and that the amount of rebate of rate for Agricultural Land be the same as for financial year 1932/33."

Mr. Gulleton seconded.

Mr. O'Byrne said that nothing could be done in the way of getting the Subsidiary Bodies to do with less money than they had applied for. He did not think however, they should surrender their right to the £12,801 of arrears and they would have an increase of 1/2½d in the £. on land without that.

Col. Gibbon said he feared that a reduction in the expenditure would mean a corresponding reduction in Government Grants with the result that an additional impost on land would probably be 2/7½d in the £.

Miss O'Ryan said that great capital was made of the position of the ratepayers but she did not believe a single ratepayer in the

County would be so heartless as to see beds in the Co. Hospital shut up and the people turned out of the Co. Home.

Mr. Keegan contended that there were a great many other people harder hit than the farmers who were receiving great consideration from the Government. He knew of instances in towns where rent had been increased 56%. If that had happened in 1882-1883 the landlord would have been shot.

Col. Gibbon proposed that no rate be struck but this proposal was not seconded.

Miss O'Ryan proposed the following:-

"That Rate for General Charges for financial year 1933/34 ( in conformity with figures appearing on Form 42) be and is hereby agreed to at 8/7½d in the £. That rebate on Agricultural Land (in respect of Agricultural Grant) be allowed in accordance with allocation of said Grant (£60031 and £8163 Total £68194) as fixed by Minister for Local Government and Public Health representing rebate of 3/2d in £. plus 2/- in £. on first £10 of valuation on agricultural land. That rates for Separate Charges for financial year 1933/34 ( in conformity with particulars appearing on Form 43 and supplemental Form 43) and as presented to this meeting be also agreed to.

"That the following amounts be fixed as the sums to be demanded from the three Urban Districts of the County:-

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| Enniscorthy..... | £3039.       |
| New Ross.....    | £2886.16.2d. |
| Wexford.....     | £6522.17.0d. |

"That the following amounts be raised for drainage rates for Kilmannock and Sow Drainage Areas:-

KILMANNOCK: Amount assessed on various proprietors as per charging Order of Commissioners of Public Works dated 19th January, 1927, amount £83.7.10d.

SOW: Amount assessed on the various proprietors or reputed proprietors in accordance with letter from Office of Public Works No.25807/32 amount £551.2.6d. This amount to be charged to the various occupiers

"in the proportions set out in Charging Order of the Commissioners of Public Works dated 16th January, 1929."

Mr. Corish in seconding, said that the Government had obtained a mandate from the people and were entitled to think that their programme had been approved. The Irish cattle trade would have been badly hit no matter what Government was in power because they could see the attacks which had been made by the "Daily Mail" and "Daily Express" on that trade, and asking for the prohibition of the importation of Irish cattle. He believed this campaign of exclusion from England would have been successful if they never had an economic war. If later on, the Council found it was impossible to collect rates they could make representations to the Government.

Mr. Hall could not see how the Council could persuade themselves to strike a rate of 2/- in the £. extra on land in view of the prices of farm produce.

Mr. Hayes held that the condition of the country was growing worse but not on account of the Tariff War but because science by machinery had thrown so many people out of employment.

Miss O'Ryan said there was a fearful depression all over the world and there was no doubt that people had been hit by the economic war, although it was not the cause of all the depression.

The Chairman held that the Council could make certain reductions in their ordinary expenditure. What about stopping the grant to the Tourist Association and scrapping all the Scholarships.

Mr. Cummins said the Council could expect a worse state of affairs as regards depression than at the moment, and more money would be necessary for Home Assistance and unemployment. The great obstacle to prosperity was that there was no money in circulation and business-men in the towns were as badly off as the farmers. They had 86,000 unemployed men and everybody was looking for a solution of this question. A solution could be found in having their own currency. When Mr. Corish T.D., went to the Dail

he should advocate this very strongly because it would enable them to pay their labourers a decent wage, open up their mines and develop agriculture. He would ask Mr. Corish to tell the President there was no other course open and it might happen that their adoption of this step would be a headline for other countries. They never had a more favourable Spring than this year and the only drawback was the lack of "filthy lucre". He did not see why for internal business a note signed by Mr. DeValera or Mr. MacEntee would not be as valuable as the notes at present in circulation.

A poll was taken on Mr. D'Arcy's motion and resulted as follows:-

FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Colloton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Meyler, Murphy, Smyth, and the Chairman. (11)

AGAINST: Messrs. Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Shannon and O'Ryan. (13)

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

Mr. O'Byrne then proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the following amendment:- "That the rebate on land be fixed at 4/0<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d in the £. instead of at 3/2d. which would be rebate if the deduction in Agricultural Grant and arrears to March 1932 were taken into account.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Hall, McCarthy and O'Byrne (3)

AGAINST: Messrs. Armstrong, Brennan, Cline, Colfer, Corish, Colloton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Gaul, Gibbon, Hayes, Jordan, Keegan, Meyler, Murphy, O'Ryan, Quin, Shannon, Smyth and the Chairman. (21)

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

A poll was then taken on Miss O'Ryan's proposal with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan and Shannon. (12)

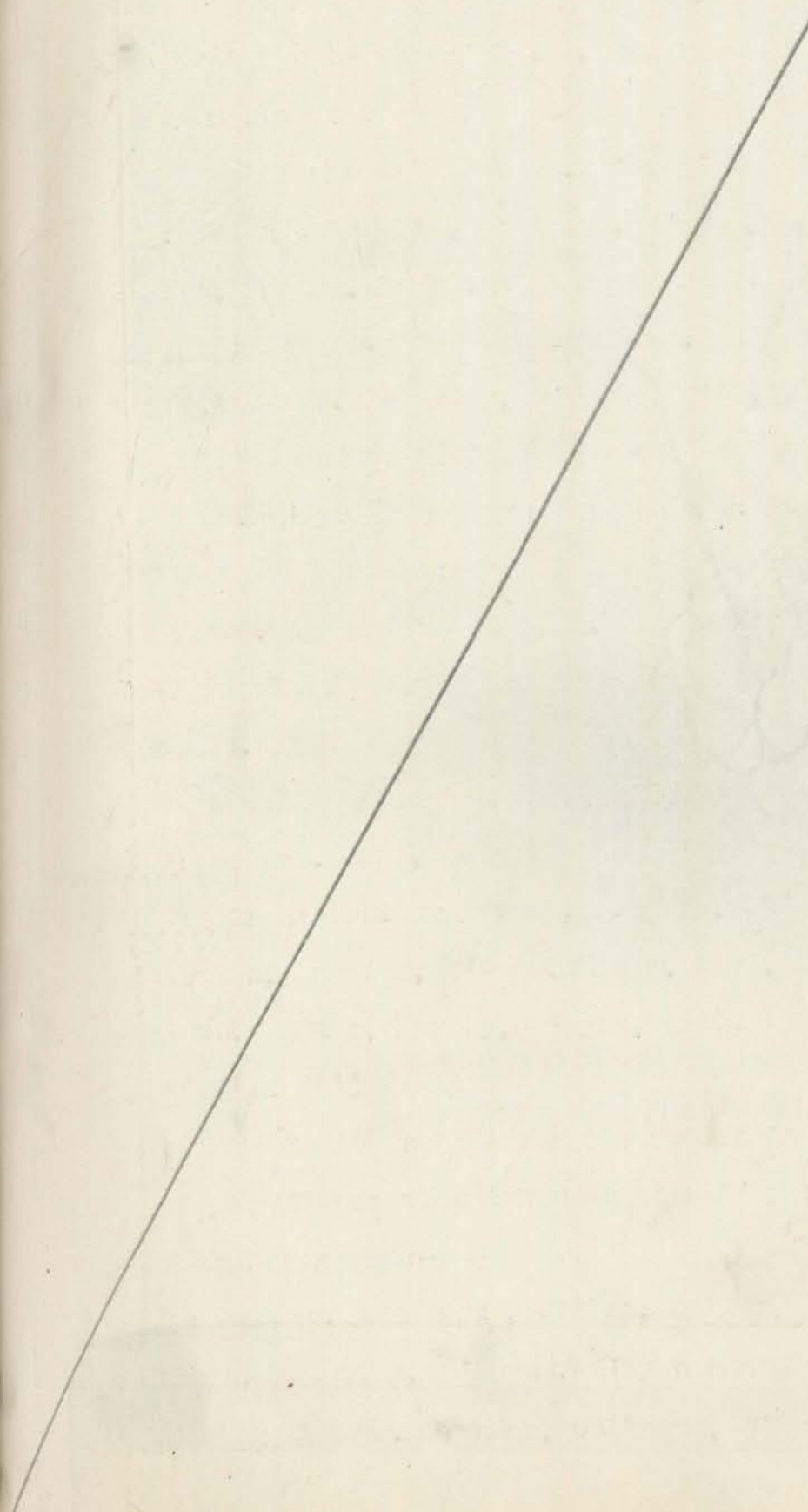
AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Colloton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Jordan,

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Meyler, Murphy, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman. (11)

Mr. Hall did not vote, The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 16th March, 1933, were submitted as follows:-



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING - 16th MARCH, 1933

M I N U T E S

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary, Wexford Co. Council

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 16th March, 1933.

Present Messrs. J. Colloton, James Hall, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor and Rates Inspector were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon the chair was taken by Mr. Hall.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £3279.8.3d and for £60 were examined and signed.

#### PRINTING CONTRACT FOR 1933/34

The following tenders were received for printing contract for next financial year:-

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|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Redmond Brothers, Wafer Street, Enniscorthy: | <u>£95.8s.</u>    |
| J. English & Co., Quay, Wexford:             | <u>£105.9s.</u>   |
| "Echo", Enniscorthy:                         | <u>£119.14s.</u>  |
| "Free Press", Wexford:                       | <u>£127.2.6d.</u> |
| "People", Wexford:                           | <u>£138.2.6d.</u> |

The tender of Messrs. Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy, the lowest, at £95.8s. was accepted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF:- The state of Rate Collection up to 15th March, 1933, was submitted as follows:-

| <u>Name of Collector</u> |                | <u>Percentage of Warrant collected excluding arrears.</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.                       | J. Curtis      | 77.8                                                      |
| 2.                       | S. Gannon (6)  | 75.6                                                      |
| 3.                       | E. J. Murphy   | 75.0                                                      |
| 4.                       | P. Carty       | 72.8                                                      |
| 5.                       | J. Cummins     | 72.2                                                      |
| 6.                       | J. J. O'Reilly | 70.0                                                      |

| <u>Name of Collector</u> |                | <u>Percentage of Warrant collected excluding arrears</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 7.                       | T. Rowe        | 70.0                                                     |
| 8.                       | A. Dunne (15)  | 69.0                                                     |
| 9.                       | W. Doyle       | 67.4                                                     |
| 10.                      | P. Nolan       | 67.4                                                     |
| 11.                      | W. Cummins     | 65.6                                                     |
| 12.                      | M. McCarthy    | 65.3                                                     |
| 13.                      | M. Murphy      | 64.6                                                     |
| 14.                      | J.J. Sinnott   | 64.5                                                     |
| 15.                      | S. Gannon (10) | 64.2                                                     |
| 16.                      | A. Dunne (14)  | 63.4                                                     |
| 17.                      | J. Deegan      | 63.2                                                     |
| 18.                      | J. Quirke      | 62.7                                                     |
| 19.                      | P. O'Byrne     | 61.1                                                     |
| 20.                      | P. Doyle       | 61.0                                                     |
|                          |                | <u>67.4</u>                                              |

The Secretary stated the collection was 2.7 per cent. behind the figures for the corresponding period last year.

APPLICATION FOR POUNDAGE:- Under date 4th March, 1933, Collector P. O'Byrne wrote asking for payment of poundage on 50% of warrant on 1933 Rate.

The amount collected to date by this collector was 61.1 per cent. of warrant excluding arrears.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon:-  
"That the Department of Local Government be requested to sanction payment of poundage to Rate Collector P. O'Byrne in respect of lodgments of poor rate made by him to the end of November."

APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF RATES:- Mr. Jeremiah Walsh, Blackwater, applied for refund of rates. It appeared that a field adjoining his holding formerly rated to his father James Walsh, was really held by Mr. James Walsh, National Teacher.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That as regards his claim for refund of rates Mr. Jeremiah Walsh, Blackwater, be informed that acting on the advice of Co. Solicitor the Finance Committee regret they are not in a position to make refund."

RATING OF BANTRY AND BLACKSTAIRS COMMONS:- The following under date 28th February, 1933 (C/M) was read from the Valuation Department:-

"I am directed by the Commissioner of Valuation to refer to your

"letter of 29th January, 1932, relative to Bantry and Blackstairs Commons, and to state that the enquiries made by this Office would indicate that the position as regards each of the three tracts of land in question is that sundry occupiers of land possess, as appurtenant to their holdings, rights of common over it. Upon that view of the facts it would, in the Commissioner's opinion, be lawful to divide the present valuations, as desired by the Wexford and Carlow County Councils among the various persons interested, but there remain the difficulties of determining who the persons are who possess the rights of common, how much of each valuation should be allocated to each, and how much should be allocated to the occupier of the soil.

"If you are of opinion that the legal position as regards these lands is as indicated above it is open to you to have the valuations submitted for revision on form R.2. on or before 27th June next. For your guidance a draft form R.2. is attached, which indicates the manner in which, it is thought, such a submission should be made.

"You will observe from the draft that the onus of indicating who the persons are who have the rights of common rests primarily with the County Council officers. It is considered that in rating rights of common the relevant point is whether the right actually exists as appurtenant to a holding; the circumstance that the occupier of the holding may not have chosen in any given year actually to exercise the right is immaterial.

"This Office has not been able to ascertain who the occupier of the soil of each of the three tracts is. The number and extent of the rights of common would suggest, however, that the value of the occupation of the soil to the occupier of the soil can only be nominal. In case you are unable to ascertain the name of the occupier of the soil you should enter it in your submission as "not known".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That application be made to Valuation Department for revision of the valuation of Bantry and Blackstairs Commons."

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COURTOWN HARBOUR

The Co. Surveyor reported that Mr. P. Donovan, Contractor for dredging Basin at Courtown Harbour had made application for payment of £60. He had been paid a similar amount already but he had work to the amount of £180 carried out, and he was entitled to be paid the amount of his present requisition as he had £180 worth of work done.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That Pay Order for £60 a payment on account to Patrick Donovan, Contractor for dredging Basin at Courtown issue from this meeting on the certificate of the Co. Surveyor."

BUS ROUTE WEXFORD TO ENNISCORTHY

Inspector Harte of the I.O.C., came before the meeting in regard to a request for the Company to be allowed to use the road from Deeps Bridge to Kyle Cross in order to get on to trunk road to Enniscorthy.

The Co. Surveyor said that Mr. Harte had informed him that since the Ferrycarrig Bridge had been closed the bus lost a considerable amount of traffic between Wexford and Enniscorthy and were getting practically no traffic between Ballymackessy and Wexford the alternative route. He (Co. Surveyor) did not know if the Co. Council had any legal power to prevent the Bus Company from using the route from Deeps Bridge to Kyle Cross but in his (Co. Surveyor's) opinion the road was dangerous for both bus and public. It was very narrow, and if a common cart or motor-car was coming in an opposite direction to the bus there would be danger of collision as the bus would not be well able to get off the crown of the road. He was afraid that if the request was agreed to there might be an accident.

Mr. Harte said they had four bus services daily; one at 8 o'clock a.m.; second at 1 o'clock p.m.; the third at 4.30 p.m. and the last at 10 o'clock. It was only the one at 4.30 p.m. which would cause any inconvenience and that would be for a few minutes only. Most of the traffic went now by Castlebridge.

Mr. Culleton said he understood that when the bridge was closed traffic was to go by a certain route which was not via Castlebridge.

The Co. Surveyor said that it was published by advertisement that Ballymeckessy was the alternative route but this would not bar traffic from the use of the Castlebridge road.

Mr. O'Byrne said if the bus was compelled to use the alternative route it would be a great hardship on the people from Kyle into Enniscorthy who were in the habit of taking this means of transport.

Mr. Harte said it was not the desire of the Company to do anything against the wishes of the Co. Council.

The Co. Surveyor said he was not against the use of the road from the Deeps Bridge to Kyle Cross but the Company should give an undertaking that if found dangerous to the public or destructive to the road surface the route should be abandoned.

Mr. Culleton said it appeared as if all motor traffic formerly using Ferrycarrig Bridge in and out of Wexford had now come on to the Castlebridge road, the repair to the damage of which, before the work at the bridge was completed, would run into three times the cost of a temporary bridge.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Harte said the Company would be only too pleased to take the bus off the route if the Council objected.

The Co. Surveyor said the speed going down the hill from Kyle should be limited to ten miles an hour.

Mr. Harte said that the Company would confine themselves to any specified speed.

It was then decided that the request of the I.O.C. to use foad for bus from Killurin Civic Guard Barracks and Deeps Bridge to Kyle Cross via Newtown, be agreed to, speed to be limited to ten miles per hour the company to withdraw this service at any time on the request of the Co. Surveyor.

### CLAIM FOR INJURY TO MOTOR CAR

The following under date 13th March, 1933, was read from Mr. Henry J. Frizelle, Solicitor, Slaney Place, Enniscorthy:-

"I am instructed by Mr. Denis O'Sullivan, Manager, Boro Creamery, Rathmure, Enniscorthy, that he injured his Motor Car this morning while going over New Ross Bridge. More than half the Bridge was closed by means of a Chain which was laid across the Bridge. My client was driving very cautiously but owing to the heavy fog he did not see the chain, and there was no notice of any kind displayed to warn on-coming traffic. The Radiator of my Client's car, the left hand mudguard, the two head lamps and right hand light were completely destroyed. The full extent of the damage has not yet been ascertained. My Client has left his car in a Garage to obtain an estimate as to what it will cost to repair it. When I receive same I can forward it to you. Please let me know if your Council are prepared to compensate my Client for the loss which he has sustained."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the claim of Mr. Denis O'Sullivan, Manager, Boro Creamery, for injury to his motor car on New Ross Bridge be referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor."

### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

Notification of Sergeant Lee, Fethard, as to his intention to make application for the committal of two children, Margaret Mason, four years old and Mary Mason, two years old, (illegitimate children) of Margaret Mason, a native of Gorey, to the New Ross Industrial School, at Ballycullane District Court, was referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor.

### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Applications for loans under above Acts were received from the following:-

Paul Hannon, Kilcavan, Ballymitty; Loan £25 on £200 house.

Mary A. Carty, Ballinvegga, New Ross; Loan £100 on £200 house.

Edward Kelly, Courtnacuddy, Enniscorthy; Loan £100 - House £200

Patrick Hayes, Kilmannon, Cleariestown; Loan £75 - House £190

Ellen Casey, Ballinamona, Foulksmills, Loan £50 - House £250

John Webster, Shannon, Enniscorthy; Loan £180 - House £200

Patrick Doyle, 13 Old Church, Enniscorthy; Loan £150 - House £270

Brigid Brennan, National Teacher, Ballymitty N.S.; Loan £200 - House £400

Sylvester Murphy, Monksgrange, Killanne; Loan £50 - House £120

The following were recommended for acceptance to the Co. Council:-

Messrs. Edward Kelly, Patrick Hayes, Patrick Doyle and Sylvester Murphy.

The application of Brigid Brennan was refused and the others were adjourned for further information.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 16th March, 1933, be received and considered:-

PRINTING CONTRACT FOR 1933/34:- The recommendation of the Finance Committee to accept tender of Messrs. Redmond Bros., Wafer Street, Enniscorthy, at £95.8s. was confirmed on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin.

RATE COLLECTION:- The Secretary stated that the collection to the 31st March last on current Warrants showed an improvement of 7% on the collection for corresponding period 1932/33.

RATING BANTRY AND BLACKSTAIRS COMMONS:- Mr. Brennan and Mr. D'Arcy argued that the Co. Council would not be in a position to collect rates until a fence had been put round the Co. Wexford portion of the Mountain so that sheep from the Carlow side could be excluded from Wexford portion.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Colloton seconded confirmation of recommendation of Finance Committee.

After considerable discussion a poll was taken on this with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Colloton, Cummins, Doran, Gaul, Gibbon, Hall, Hayes, Jordan, Keegan, Meyler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin and Shannon. (19)

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, D'Arcy, Murphy and Smyth. (4)

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

APPLICATION FOR POUNDAGE:- The recommendation of Finance Committee asking Department of Local Government and Public Health to sanction payment of poundage to Collector O'Byrne in respect of lodgments of rate to the end of November was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Shannon.

Under date 1st April, 1933, Collector Quirke, Hon. Secretary to County Rate Collectors, applied for payment of poundage on all rates lodged to 31st March, 1933, as the Collectors found it very difficult

to carry on at the present time.

On the motion of Mr. Armstrong seconded by Mr. Clince the application was referred to the Finance Committee meeting of 13th April, 1933.

COURTOWN HARBOUR:- The recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.

In reply to Mr. Keegan the Co. Surveyor said the Contractor had been paid £150 and he (Co. Surveyor) was satisfied that work to this amount had been carried out.

Mr. Keegan said he would raise the matter at a future meeting.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Clince seconded by Mr. Armstrong:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 16th March, 1933, be and are hereby confirmed."

Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 30th March, 1933, were submitted as follows:-

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 30th MARCH, 1933

M I N U T E S

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary, Wexford County Council

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 30th March, 1933,

Present:- Messrs. J. Colloton, James Hall, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor and Co. Solicitor were in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne the chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2941.14.10d. was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF:- According to Return of Rate Collection to 25th March, 1933, the amount collected showed a one per cent improvement as compared with the corresponding period last year. The amount outstanding was £29305.

It was decided that the question of outstanding amounts should be carefully dealt with at next meeting of the Committee.

APPLICATION REFUND OF RATES:- Messrs. M.J. O'Connor and Co., Solicitors, 2, George Street, Wexford, wrote under date 18th March, 1933 pointing out that holdings which had been formerly rated in the names of their clients Denis and James McDonald who had been wrongly paying rates therefor for the past 13 years were now rated in the names of the actual occupiers Mrs. Lambert and Mrs. Harvey. They considered in the circumstances the Council should refund Messrs. McDonald a reasonable amount of the rates and they suggested this refund should cover the rates for the past six years. In limiting their request to that amount they considered Messrs. McDonald were meeting the Council fairly.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That as advised by our

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"Solicitor the Committee find they are not in a position to make refund of rates to the Messrs. McDonald for holdings at Kyle Middle and Ballydicken."

PART PAYMENT OF RATES:- Under date 16th March, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.15231/1933 - Loch Garman Fa) that the Minister agreed to the continuance of present system of payments on account of rates due until the 1932/33 Warrants are closed, when, after report as to its working the matter can be again considered.

#### COUNTY COUNCIL INSURANCES

The Co. Surveyor forwarded letter from Messrs. McDonagh and Boland, Insurance Brokers, 51, Dame Street, Dublin, under date 14th March, 1933, as to claim by Miss Palmer, Gorey Hill Quarry. They had a consultation with the Ocean Company who, as they had dealt with similar claims previously were prepared to deal with the present one. They hoped the claim would be settled properly and to the satisfaction of the County Council.

The following tenders were submitted:- McDonagh and Boland, 51, Dame Street, Dublin (for Ocean Insurance Co. - Tariff) Employers Liability 1/6% Common Law and 29/9% for remaining.

This based on a wages roll of £47,530 would amount to a premium of £708.16.4d. per annum.

Public Liability 2/-%, total of £47.10.8d.

Messrs. Coyle and Co., 7, Anglesea Street, Dublin, (Federated Employers Insurance Association - Non Tariff) Employers Liability 1/6% Common Law and 25/-% all others. Amount £594.2.6d. Public Liability £47.10.8d.

London and Lancashire Tariff - same quotation as Messrs. McDonagh and Boland and Ocean Accident, for Employers Liability. No quotation for Public Liability.

National Employers Mutual General Insurance Association Ltd. 2/6% Clerical Staff; 5/-% County and Assistant Surveyors and 40/-% all others.

Mr. Gulleton proposed the acceptance of quotation submitted by Messrs. Coyle and Company.

Mr. Hall proposed and the Chairman seconded the selection of the Ocean Insurance Company, through Messrs. McDonagh and Boland.

The Chairman pointed out that from experience he found there was considerable difficulty in dealing with non-tariff companies. Of course this might not happen with the Company submitted by Messrs. Coyle and Co., but dealing with a Public Authority he felt constrained to the acceptance of a Tariff Company.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For acceptance of quotation and Company submitted by Messrs. Coyle:-

Messrs. Gulleton and O'Byrne. (2)

For acceptance of quotation and Company submitted by Messrs. McDonagh and Boland:- Messrs. Hall, Shannon and the Chairman. (3)

#### PAYMENT OF WORKMEN

The following report under date 24th March, 1933, was submitted from the Co. Surveyor:-

"I have discussed with the Assistant Surveyors, the suggested alteration in the system of dealing with payments. The Assistant Surveyors are unanimously of opinion that any system that calls upon them to distribute the money would be out of the question. They state that each fortnight the distribution of individual Pay Orders would entail several days' work, and that some of the workers would not be paid until the week after the Finance Committee meeting. Even if extra travelling allowance was made to the Assistants for such work it would entail a decided loss in their efficiency in looking after the ordinary routine jobs. It was suggested that if Pay Orders for each Ganger's Area were made out to the Assistant Surveyor that he could obtain cash and hand it to the ganger for distribution. This would entail visits by the Assistants to local banks, and the travelling about the

"County with large sums of money, which they are not prepared to do.

"It is suggested that the only satisfactory method of dealing with these payments would be to revert to the individual Pay Orders and have them sent to each Ganger by registered post who could distribute them to the men, and obtain their receipt on the present form."

The following resolution was adopted after considerable discussion:-

"That Pay Orders covering payments to workers which now issue to Road Gangers be forwarded in future to Assistant Surveyors who will meet the gangers at the various banks and hand the cash to them for distribution receiving in exchange a receipt for the amount. That the liability of Assistant Surveyors under this head be covered by a special endorsement or if required a special <sup>Insurance</sup> policy."

#### PRINTING RECEIPT AND DEMAND NOTES

The following tenders were received for the printing of Receipt and Demand Notes for financial year 1933/34:-

Messrs. Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy.....£23.10s.  
"People", Wexford.....£25.16s.6d.  
Messrs. English & Co., Wexford.....£28.0s.0d.  
"Free Press", Wexford.....£35.0s.0d.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the tender of Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy, for the printing of Receipt and Demand Notes at £23.10s. for current financial year be accepted."

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following applications were received:-

##### ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT: -

John Rigney, Ballyprecus, Bunclody. Loan £75.  
John Breen, Dranagh, Davidstown. Loan £70  
John Hayes, Clonjordan, Marshalstown. Loan £40  
Mary Anne Roman, Kiltaly, Clohamon. Loan £85.

Robert Swaine, Tincurry, Ballycarney; loan £200.  
Cecilia Elizabeth B. Swaine, Ballycarney, Ferns. Loan £130.  
Peter Nolan, Mullinahasmear, Bunclody. Loan £85.  
Michael Doyle, Abbeydown, Clonegal. Loan £85.  
Denis Murphy, Gurteen, Bunclody. Loan £85.  
William S. Sheil, Templeshannon Quay, Enniscorthy. Loan £150.  
John Greene, 17, Duffry Street, Enniscorthy. Loan £130.  
James Nolan, Lower Church Street, Enniscorthy. Loan £180.  
James Joseph Doyle, Kilcasey Upper, Ferns. Loan £200.  
Patrick Byrne, Coolbawn, Ferns. Loan £200.  
Denis Finn, Ballydan, Marshalstown, Enniscorthy. Loan £130.  
William Sheridan, Glanna Smol, Sweetfarm, Enniscorthy. Loan £140.  
Daniel Neill, Blackstoops, Enniscorthy. Loan £85.  
Walter Sutton, Clonhaston, Enniscorthy. Loan £150.  
Christopher Murphy, Moneytucker, Enniscorthy. Loan £120.  
Edward Dunne, 82, Irish Street, Enniscorthy. Loan £130.  
John Murphy, 59, Irish Street, Enniscorthy. Loan £130.  
James Walsh, 16, Irish Street, Enniscorthy. Loan £130.  
GOREY DISTRICT:- Elizabeth Gregory, Raheenagurren, Gorey. Loan £180.  
John Keating, Ballinavocran. Loan £75.  
James Doyle, Grattan Terrace, Gorey. Loan £180.  
James Mythen, Mount Alexander, Gorey. Loan £100.  
Myles Byrne, Coolishal House, Gorey. Loan £200.  
Patrick Murphy, Knockadague, Killena, Gorey. Loan £100.  
NEW ROSS DISTRICT:- Walter Walsh, Carrowanree, Campile. Loan £200.  
Thomas Neville, Moor of Bannow, Wellingtonbridge. Loan £50.  
Francis Duffin, Ramstown, Fethard. Loan £50.  
Philip Rochford, Ballygalvert, Ballywilliam. Loan £75.  
John Hackett, Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge. Loan £180.  
WEXFORD DISTRICT:- Jack Busher, Greyrobin, Tomhaggard. Loan £100.  
Stephen Parle, Duncormack, Co. Wexford. Loan £100.

The following were recommended to County Council for acceptance:-

Robert Swaine, Loan £150; James Walsh, Loan £130.

John Murphy, Loan £130; Daniel Neill, Loan £85.

John Greene, Loan £130; Wm. S. Sheil, Loan £150.

W. Sheridan, Loan £140. W. Sutton, Loan £150.

Cecelia E.B. Swaine, Loan £130. John Breen, Loan £70.

James Nolan, Loan £180. J.J. Doyle, Loan £200.

John Rigney, Loan £75; Mary A. Ronan, Loan £85.

Denis Murphy, Loan £85. Peter Nolan, Loan £85.

Elizabeth Gregory, Loan £180; James Mythen, Loan 100.

Myles Byrne, Loan £140. James Doyle, Loan £150.

The other applications were adjourned for further information.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

Notification from the District Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Enniscorthy, for the committal of James Foley, 12½ years old and Laurence Buckley, 10½ years old, both of Clonroche, to Industrial Schools was referred to Mr. Elgee.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 30th March, 1933, be received and considered."

CO. COUNCIL INSURANCES:- Mr. Colleton proposed the following which was seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That we dissent from the recommendation of the Finance Committee accepting the quotation of Ocean Insurance Company for Public Liability and Employers Liability for Co. Council Insurances as from 31st March, 1933, and that the tender of Messrs. Coyle and Co., on behalf of Federated Employers Insurance Association Ltd., be accepted."

Mr. Shannon proposed the confirmation of recommendation of Finance Committee but this was not seconded and the motion of Mr. Colleton was adopted, Mr. Shannon dissenting.

PAYMENT OF WORKMEN: - Mr. Colfer contended that the Council should revert to the system of paying each worker by Pay Order and proposed a resolution to this effect.

Mr. Clince seconded.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance Committee. The payment direct by Pay Order was not satisfactory. In some places posts were irregular and the men had to come to town very often to have the Orders cashed. Again the cost of postage would be enormously increased and there was the fact that unless the letter was registered it would not be possible to prove delivery.

Mr. D'Arcy held that if the Pay Order for sections of men was sent to the Assistant Surveyors the men could be paid at the residence of the Surveyor.

A poll was taken on Mr. Colfer's motion with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Hayes, Keegan and Shannon (8)

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Colloton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall,

Jordan, Meyler, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman. (13)

Mr. Gaul (1) did not vote and Messrs. McCarthy and Murphy (2) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

The recommendation of Finance Committee was then put and adopted nem. con.

Mr. Ennis explained that he would not get his post until 11 o'clock on Friday after which he would meet the Gangers at the Banks of Enniscorthy, Ferns and Bunclody. It might happen on account of the amount of travelling he would not be able to pay the men until the following day and perhaps some of them might not be paid until Monday following.

The Chairman said in his opinion if Mr. Ennis cashed all the Pay Orders in the bank at Enniscorthy he should be able to get round his district by Friday evening.

PRINTING RECEIPT AND DEMAND NOTES:- The recommendation of the Finance Committee to accept the Tender of Messrs. Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy at £23.10s. for the printing of Receipt and Demand Notes was accepted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. D'Arcy.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS:- The Chairman ruled that in considering names of persons whose titles to plots were in order they would deal with the following notice of motion which had been given by Col. Quin:-

"That the resolution of the Co. Council agreeing to consider chattel mortgages on houses as sufficient security for repayment of loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be rescinded and that the Council oblige applicants for loans under these Acts to provide ordinary security by themselves and two solvent sureties jointly. This resolution not to be retrospective and to apply only to applicants dealt with by County Council after 3rd April, 1933."

Col. Quin in moving his motion said the Council was "broke" as it was but they would be doubly "broke" if they gave out money

on loan on the security of a chattel mortgage. As a business proposal this was absolute rot and could not be regarded as any security at all. They should have their work done in a businesslike way. It appeared to him that if men were not able to get security for the amount of the loan they would be very doubtful payers of what they were borrowing and the Co. Council would be left in the lurch.

Col. Gibbon seconded.

Mr. Keegan said the motion by Col. Quin was an insult to the Co. Councillors who up to the present had recommended a number of very decent people for the loan.

Three or four names had come before the Council when it was found they were paying 10/- a week rent. They were not in any arrears with this, and as the loan would only represent a payment of 4/- or 5/- a week he could not see how anybody could say these men were not in a position to pay back the loan. If they passed Col. Quin's motion it would mean scrapping the whole scheme.

The Chairman said he could not see how this would happen as Col. Quin's motion did not deal with any application for loans which had been considered up to the present.

Mr. O'Byrne said the Council had decided by a majority to accept the mortgage on the house as security and not to put any of the applicants to the humiliation of seeking securities. All the applications which had been received up to the present had been dealt with on this basis. The loans had **not** been given in any sort of a promiscuous or haphazard way. Every case had been carefully considered by the Finance Committee. He appealed to the Co. Council not to upset the present arrangements and held that the chattel mortgage was a safe and a sound security.

The Chairman questioned the ability of the Council to obtain possession of the house in cases in which the loan was not repaid. There would be a fearful outcry against the Council if they evicted any of these applicants even though they repudiated the redemption of the loan.

Miss O'Ryan said the Board of Health had dispossessed people who had not paid rents and asked the Council not <sup>to</sup> have one regulation for one set of people and a different one for the second set. For this year anyhow there should be no change in the scheme.

Mr. Cummins said in his own area a couple of hundred houses were required and there was no doubt that going through the country they could see a large number of dwellings were dilapidated and required substantial reconstruction or pulled down altogether. It would pay the Council to be a little generous in a matter of this sort and he might remark that at the moment it ran through his mind where the Grand Jury had given to a policeman in his district £500 compensation for a squirt of pepper in his eye.

Col. Gibbon held that the Council should not stand on the proposal of advancing money unless they had a guarantee for repayment. It would not be difficult for the right type of man to obtain security. If he was not trusted by his neighbours it would be a mistake to trust him with the money of the Council.

After further discussion a vote on the motion was taken with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Meyler, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman. (11)

AGAINST: Messrs. Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, and Shannon. (11)

Messrs. McCarthy and Murphy (2) were not present when poll was taken.

The voting being equal the Chairman exercised his casting vote in favour of the vote which he declared carried.

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, mentioned that Col. Quin's proposal could not apply to any applications which had been received prior to the 31st March ~~as~~ the Co. Council had advertised in the local papers that they would receive applications for loans, the security being the chattel mortgage and all applications which had been received up to the present were forwarded to the Council on that understanding.

Mr. Cummins said he would give notice of motion to rescind the resolution.

The following motion of which she had given previous notice was moved by Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Corish and adopted:-

"That the resolution of the County Council rejecting the application of John T. Sutton, Green Street, Wexford, for loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be rescinded and the application accepted."

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

"That the following payments under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be issued to applicants provided they have signed chattel mortgages, as their titles to plots are in order and a satisfactory certificate as to value of house has been received from the Assistant Surveyor of the District:-

William O'Leary, Summerhill, Enniscorthy. Loan £130. Work certified £210. Payment £65.

John Morrissey, Milehouse, Enniscorthy. Loan £100. Work certified £105. Payment £50.

Michael Ryan, The Bridge, Gorey, loan £100. Work certified £190. Payment £50.

Michael Codde, Ballyscarton, Gorey. Loan £100. Work certified £15 (Foundations are in and material for erection of house on site) payment £10.

Mr. Elgee reported that the title of Patrick Doyle, Templeshannon Enniscorthy, was in order and on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. O'Byrne application for loan of £150 in this case was approved.

On the motion of Mr. Glince seconded by Mr. Armstrong the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 30th March, 1933, be and are hereby confirmed, except in so far as same have been amended by resolution passed at this meeting."


### HARBOUR MASTER KILMORE

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. Corish:-

"That Patrick Kehoe, (provided no objection be received from his mother) be appointed Harbour Master of Kilmore and that when said appointment has been ratified his application as to increase of remuneration for the position be considered."

Mrs. Annie Kehoe, Kilmore Quay, wrote that the Councillors would remember she was appointed Harbour Master on the sudden death of her husband who held the position. Her son was then a minor but he was of age for some time past and it was with her consent he asked to be appointed Harbour Master as he had been performing the duties since her appointment. She and the rest of her family were dependant on him.

Mr. Corish then moved his motion as follows:-

"That we accept the resignation of Mrs. Annie Kehoe as Harbour Master of Kilmore and that her son Patrick be appointed to the position on the same terms and conditions viz. £1 per week and poundage of 5% on all dues collected." 

Col. Gibbon seconded the motion which was adopted.

Mr. Corish then gave the following notice of motion:- "That application from Patrick Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore, for an increase in his wages of £1 per week be considered at next meeting of the Co. Council and that he be granted an increase."

### SCHEME FOR SUPPLY OF SEEDS AND FERTILISERS

Under date 31st March, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circ. No. 89-33) that the Government were anxious to encourage tillage but it was realised that as it is not always possible to recover the full expenditure on Schemes for supply of seeds and manures it had been decided the State would undertake liability for one half of any loss in carrying out such a scheme this year. In Wexford County the maximum liability of the Government would be £876. Persons who were in arrear with payment

of their Rates or who had not discharged their indebtedness under last year's scheme were not entitled to participate in the benefits of the present scheme. With the object of minimising the possibility of any loss applicants should be required to furnish two solvent sureties. Recoupment of any loss would be provisional on the Council taking all necessary steps to secure recovery of the amounts due.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution:- "That the Council formulate a Scheme for supply of seeds and manures to farmers on the conditions mentioned in letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health ( 31st March, 1933 - Circ. No. 89-33 )."

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, stated that at a recent meeting the Council had adopted a resolution declining to put this scheme in force and it would require notice of motion to rescind that decision.

Mr. D'Arcy held that as the Government were now providing for half of any loss it could not be regarded as the same scheme as had been turned down by the Council.

Mr. Elgee, held that notwithstanding the offer of the Government the scheme could not be put into operation without a notice of motion.

The Chairman said he felt bound to act on the advice of their Solicitor and on the proposition of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Mayler it was decided to take up the next business.

Mr. D'Arcy then gave the following notice of motion:-

"That the resolution of the Co. Council declining to put into operation a scheme of loans for supply of seeds and manures be rescinded and that scheme be adopted on the lines of letter of Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 31st March, 1933 (Circ. No. 89-33) and that this motion be considered at next meeting of Co. Council to be held on 8th May, 1933.

SOUTH WEXFORD HARBOURS

Under date 29th March, 1933, the Department of Industry and Commerce (Transport and Marine Branch) 14, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, wrote that as regards the piers at Arthurstown and Duncannon the maintenance of which the Council requested should be transferred to Waterford Harbour Commissioners who collected and retained the dues the question of the transfer of marine works from one authority to another is a matter to which attention would be given if and when proposals for legislation of a general character in relation to harbours are under consideration.

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 4th April, 1933, the Department of Education forwarded authorisations for candidates to attend examinations which would open at 9.50 a.m. on 19th April, 1933.

The Secretary stated that the authorisations had been issued to the selected candidates.

ARREARS OF RATES

Col. Quin referred to the question of rates being due on Mount St. Benedict, and said there was talk of a certain individual making £600 per acre.

The Secretary said that the Finance Committee had directed a Collector to take certain steps in the matter.

In reply to the Chairman, the Secretary said there was a very large sum due on Mount St. Benedict which was occupied by Father Sweetman. He thought it would be better to leave the matter in the hands of the Finance Committee.

Mr. O'Byrne said that the matter was important, because the two individuals referred to (Father Sweetman and Captain Bryan) had a very bad effect in the districts concerned. In the case of Captain Bryan, the land was very highly valued, and there were people paying rates whose land was covered with water.

In reply to Mr. D'Arcy, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said that, in the

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case of Captain Bryan, they could not seize on property to pay rates on other land that was not his property. They could not seize on his property in respect of property owned by Madame Serres.

Mr. Keegan - Who is Madame Serres?

Mr. Elgee - I do not know.

Mr. D'Arcy asked if Mr. Elgee had ever inspected the title of the lady that got the place and Mr. Elgee replied that he had inspected it.

Col. Quin - Has he got sporting rights.

Mr. Elgee - The deed did not show that.

Mr. Corish - He has right sport, I think, with this Council.

After further discussion it was decided to refer the matter to the Finance Committee.

#### FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE CONTRACT AND WAGES

The following resolution was at meeting of Co. Council on 27th March, 1933, adopted:-

"That Mr. P.G. O'Rourke, B.E., of the Irish Piling Co., be requested to meet the sub-committee which interviewed him regarding the tender of his Company for this work on Monday 3rd April, 1933, at 11 a.m. in County Surveyor's Office to discuss various questions in connection with the Bridge Contract."

In consequence of the time spent in considering the question of the agreement to the Rate it was decided that the matter should be considered in Committee by the whole Council the sub-committee being unable to deal with it unless they were not present for some portion of the business.

The Co. Surveyor said that as regards the question of wages the Contractor <sup>was</sup> notified that he would have to carry out the terms of his contract as regards the rate of wages paid to his men.

The Chairman said it would be remembered that Mr. Corish had raised the matter. In the letter from the Irish Piling Company, which had been read at last meeting there was a statement that remarks made

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at the meeting and which appeared in the Press were an inducement to the men to strike but there was no intention on the part of the Council to foment any trouble. As different sums of wages had been mentioned the Council adopted a resolution asking the Contractor to adhere to the terms of Contract as regards payment of wages. Exception had been taken by some members to the rates of wages which were being paid.

Mr. Corish contended that any statement which he had made was not calculated to provoke a strike. This was no time to bring men out of employment.

The Chairman said one of the questions which had been raised was that the Contractor should pay the rate of wages prevailing in the Urban District of Wexford.

Mr. Corish said that labourers from Wexford town when employed in the country were paid Urban wages and received "country money" as well.

Mr. O'Rourke said that after the Committee had settled the contract with him he asked the rate of wages paid labourers and the Co. Surveyor said 8½d per hour and it was generally agreed that this was a fair rate. This was what he was paying. The men demanded 10¾d but he put it to the men that the cost of the job had been based on 8½d and the men accepted and there was no trouble now.

Mr. Corish said that the letter from the Contractors stated that Mr. O'Rourke had been informed by the Sub-Committee that the rate of wages was 8½d per hour but the question of wages had never been discussed by the sub-committee. He (Mr. Corish) contended that the men working at the bridge could not be regarded as ordinary road workers and he held they should be paid at the rate obtaining for builders' labourers.

Mr. O'Rourke argued contra. Builders' labourers waited on Carpenters, Masons and Bricklayers and had to know a certain amount of these trades, whereas the men at Ferrycarrig bridge were employed with pick and shovel and were only ordinary manual labourers. As regards carpenters the Contractors were working in several parts of

Ireland and they were paying 1/- per hour. All these points were prejudicing the position of the Contractors in carrying out the work.

The Chairman ruled that the Council take up the next business and the matter dropped.

#### PROPOSED MEMORIAL HALL

Under date 5th April, 1933, Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, wrote that the plot at Courtown Harbour on which it was proposed to erect the Sean Etchingham Memorial Hall was held by the Co. Council under lease dated 19th January, 1906 made by Lord Courtown for a term of 31 Years from the 1st of March, 1905 subject to a yearly rent of £4. As there were only three years of the term of the lease to run the Council were not in a position to make a letting of the plot in question.

#### UNEMPLOYED AT BUNCLODY.

The following under date 30th March, 1933, was read from P. Doyle, Secretary, Irish Labour Party, Bunclody Branch:-

"We the workers of Bunclody and District wish to again draw your attention to the necessity of having something done to relieve the terrible conditions prevailing because of unemployment in this district. If it is possible to have any work started under the minor relief scheme it would give at least temporary help. There is a very important stretch of lane/leading from Irish Street, Bunclody, to the main road in Ballyprecus with branch to the mountain in Ballyprecus. Hoping you will give the matter favourable consideration!"

The following petition from the unemployed workers of Johnstown, Corragh, Ballinastraw, Coolmeelagh, Abbeydown, Ballyshonogue, Drumderry and Gurteen in the parish of Moyacomb was read:-

"We, unemployed workers in the areas above-named respectfully solicit the Wexford Co. Council to initiate some works of public utility in this locality to help to relieve the prevailing want of employment. The depression in the farming industry re-acts on us the Winter's work on the roads is almost finished; and no other occupations are available. We would respectfully request the

"provision of some public work to aid us, and beg to suggest that the resumption of repair work on the "Corragh road" is both necessary and practical, and would at present meet our claim for the provision of work to relieve ourselves and our families."

Mr. Cummins thought that a request should be made that lists of unemployed in the different divisions should be supplied to the Council, and he thought they might be able to do something by sending the lists to the men in authority.

Mr. Armstrong said he was of opinion that the Council could do a lot to relieve unemployment.

Mr. John Fortune, Irish Labour Party, Kilmannon Branch, wrote under date 6th April, 1933, stating that a resolution of the Branch had been adopted asking to have all road material in Ballyconnick and Mountain quarries broken by hand as it would give more employment than any other class of work and at present there were about 46 unemployed in the district.

Mr. Hayes said that twelve married men and seven single men required work in the area. He thought the Council would be in a position to relieve unemployment if they adopted the system of hand-breaking in all the quarries. There was nothing before the married men, at least, but to seek for Home Assistance, which they would do with great reluctance. It would be better to have men trying to earn something than to have machinery doing the work. He thought there was never greater necessity for hand-breaking than at present.

Col. Gibbon said that some men in the locality were very badly off. If some work could be secured for them now they would be getting work at thinning beet in about another month.

Mr. Colfer proposed:- "That, where feasible, material in quarries should be broken by hand."

Mr. Hayes seconded.

The Co. Surveyor said that the men would not be able to secure more than 10/- or 15/- a week wages as they would break only from

three to five cubic yards of material per day. He had to look at this question from the point of road maintenance as well as providing work to relieve unemployment and if they paid higher wages than those which obtained to the present they would not have enough for the up-keep of the roads.

Mr. D'Arcy was of opinion that all material for third and fourth class roads should be broken by hand.

The Co. Surveyor said that in the two quarries of Edenvale and Tubberfinnick hand breaking would be possible.

The resolution was then put and passed.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the instruction in the resolution was already being carried out.

Mr. Armstrong proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the representations as to unemployment in Bunclody District be filed for consideration when money under Minor Relief Schemes will be available."

BOIRA DRAINAGE

Mr. O'Byrne said that the Co. Surveyor should impress upon the Minister the necessity for providing money to finish the work of drainage in the Boira area. The work carried out up to the present was splendid but the people of the area could not derive full benefit from it until the cleaning up of the rest of the drainage section was carried out. He proposed that the Co. Surveyor communicate with the Office of Public Works in the matter.

The Co. Surveyor said that the Government had spent £500 on the upper section of the system and the work was very good. But the river below Killenagh was badly choked and unless it was cleaned up the good work already done would only accentuate flooding in the lower reaches.

Mr. Smyth seconded Mr. O'Byrne's resolution which was adopted without dissent.

LANES - APPLICATION FOR REPAIR

Under date 7th April, 1933, the Co. Surveyor furnished copy of letter (M.R.S.34368-8 - 5th April, 1933) from the Office of Public Works stating that as the vote for Minor Relief Schemes 1932-33 was

exhausted there was no prospect of the following works mentioned in the letter of the Co. Surveyor:- (a) Millquarter Lane, Knock Brandon Lane and Aughnamaulmeen Lane being undertaken in the immediate future. The applications would be considered when further funds will be available.

In connection with Rathduff Lane Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, reported that on 31st March, 1933, Messrs. J. Shannon and J. Clince, Co. Councillors, inspected Rathduff Lane and discussed the matter of repair with the local people. It was decided to recommend that the lane be put in a state of repair as soon as money be available.

Nine residents of Marshallstown area wrote asking to have the Marshallstown Lane repaired to the extent of 96 perches under the Minor Relief Scheme. It was in a very bad condition at present and in Winter time was impassable owing to flooding. There were three families living on the lane and the residents of the three new cottages passed for erection in the immediate neighbourhood would have occasion to use the lane at times.

Mr. Bernard Condren, Moneygarrow, Inch, and two others wrote asking the Co. Council to apply for a Government Grant to put Moneygarrow lane into repair. It was over a mile long and impassable at present so that it was only with the greatest difficulty they could get to their homes.

Five residents of Ballyroe lane (Blackwater) wrote calling attention to the bad condition of this lane which was half a mile in length. Several people who had land adjoining the lane found it impossible to get their crops out. It was impassable for a traction engine and people could not get their corn threshed.

In connection with the Ballysilla lane, Ballymurn, Rev. J. Murphy, P.P., and eight other Ratepayers wrote calling attention to the deplorable state of Ballysilla lane and asked for an allocation from Grant to put the lane into repair. It was constructed under Public Works about 80 years ago but had now deteriorated so much that a

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good deal of land adjoining was practically inaccessible.

The Co. Surveyor suggested that all these applications should be filed and forwarded to the Office of Public Works when money was available under Minor Relief Schemes.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That applications for repair of the following lanes:- Millquarter, Knockbrandon, Aughnamaulmeen, Rathduff, Marshallstown, Moneygarrow, Ballyroe and Ballysilla, be filed and forwarded to the Office of Public Works."

#### ILLNESS OF MR. JOHN KEHOE, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR

The Co. Surveyor forwarded certificate from Dr. R.V. Murphy, 89, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, that Mr. John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, who was under his care would not be fit for duty for two or three weeks.

On the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Brennan it was decided that Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, be granted three weeks sick leave as from 5th April, 1933."

The Co. Surveyor said he would make arrangements with Messrs. Birthistle and O'Neill, Assistant Surveyors to carry out the duties in Mr. Kehoe's district, travelling allowance of Mr. Kehoe to be apportioned between them.

#### RIVERCHAPEL STREET

Mr. John Byrne, Riverchapel, Courtown Harbour, wrote that at meeting of the Riverchapel and Courtown Branch of the Irish Labour Party the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we request the Co. Council to finish the steam rolling of Riverchapel Street from the pump at Riverchapel to the Star of the Sea Church gate on the Ballinatray road."

The Co. Surveyor said that the work had been done under a relief Grant and a gap had to be left as they had not sufficient money to finish it. They could not do anything until a further grant was available and he would then see what could be done to comply with the request.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That renewal of licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act issue to John Doyle, 22, North Street, New Ross."

WEXFORD URBAN MAIN ROADS.

Under date 28th March, 1933, the Town Clerk, Wexford Urban district wrote that the Finance and Works Committee was surprised to note that the amount allocated for the maintenance of the main roads of the area viz. £350 was less by £88 than the sum allowed for financial year 1932-33 notwithstanding the fact that the Road Estimate generally stood at the same figures as for that year. The Committee adjourned consideration of the matter for a week to have some information from the Co. Surveyor as to the reasons for the reduction. The attention of the Co. Surveyor was also called to John Street foot-path which the Committee requested should be replaced by a new one to be paid for by a grant from Contingencies Fund.

The Co. Surveyor replied to this on 29th March, 1933, pointing out that in allocating money for maintenance consideration had been given by the Co. Council to the necessities generally of the main roads of the County. Where these had been improved under grants it was obvious that the cost of maintenance should be very much reduced and it would be noted that the allocation to the trunk roads of the County was very much less than formerly. In the case of Wexford Urban the greater part of the main roads had been so improved and consequently the amount allocated for maintenance was lower.

The Co. Surveyor said that where the main roads either in rural or urban areas had been improved the annual maintenance cost was reduced. It was natural as regards Wexford Urban that as the greater part of its main roads had been improved the maintenance cost had been cut down.

Mr. Corish contended that the Urban district had been treated

unfairly and held that it was entitled to have new footpath laid down in John Street.

After further discussion it was decided to adjourn consideration of this matter to next meeting of the Council.

#### CARNE PIER

Under date 29th March, 1933, Mr. James Ryan, Ballytra, Carne, wrote on behalf of the fishermen of Carne Pier that there were twenty or thirty yards of the structure damaged by the last winter storm. The pier had come away from the foundations about half way up inside the new work which was done last summer. It was also giving way around the outer end. If a buttress was put at the back it would form protection. It was the opinion of the fishermen that if something was not done this summer the pier would collapse next winter. If work could be started in the near future it would be a good thing as there were a number of able-bodied men in the district who were getting home assistance and who could be employed if the work proceeded. He suggested a Committee should visit the pier and furnish report.

The Co. Surveyor said he had been down at the pier and discussed the whole thing with Mr. Weldon. There were a few blocks out of the back of the pier but they were part of the old work. The new work was as good as when it was laid down. He had arranged when the weather would suit to replace these blocks. He was also contemplating laying a few blocks to break the force of the tide at the back of the pier, but there was very little wrong with the place.

Col. Gibbon said he would arrange to meet the Co. Surveyor at the pier

#### CARRIGBYRNE QUARRY

In reply to a query the Co. Surveyor stated that the Town Surveyor, New Ross Urban District informed him that he wanted  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch chips and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch stuff and the Co. Council could not supply him with these unless he was prepared to take also the large gauge material.

Col. Gibbon said if the Town Surveyor agreed to take all the material he could have the larger stuff broken small.

The Co. Surveyor said if the New Ross people were prepared to pay the price of the small material he would give it to them.

It was decided that the Co. Surveyor convey this information to the Town Surveyor New Ross.

MACHINERY AND QUARRY CHARGES FOR 1933/34

The following charges recommended by the Co. Surveyor were approved on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colleton:-

|                              |      |                    |
|------------------------------|------|--------------------|
| Steam Drill.....             | £3   | per day            |
| Engine and Granulator.....   | £4   | per day for 16 x 9 |
| Engine and Granulator.....   | £3   | per day for 12 x 8 |
| Engine and Stonebreaker..... | £3   | per day            |
| Compressor Drill Plant.....  | £4   | per day            |
| Roller.....                  | 45/- | per day            |
| Lorry.....                   | 50/- | per day            |
| Tar Boilers or Sprayers..... | £1   | per week each      |
| Concrete Mixer.....          | 30/- | per week.          |

FOR MATERIAL A FLAT RATE AS UNDER:-

|                                       |      |                 |
|---------------------------------------|------|-----------------|
| Rubble Stone .....                    | 4/-  | per cubic yard. |
| Broken Stone.....                     | 7/-  | per cubic yard. |
| Chippings screened from Broken Stone. | 7/-  | per cubic yard. |
| Granulated Chippings.....             | 10/- | per cubic yard. |

The rate charged to Contractors shall be that set out in the Specification.

THE LATE MR. M. O'KELLY

Mr. Cummins proposed a vote of sympathy with Mr. Sean T. O'Kelly Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the death of his brother Mr. M. O'Kelly. Even those who differed with Mr. Sean T. O'Kelly in political matters should recognise he was a great man and was doing great work for the country. He had announced he was getting £20,000,000 to build cottages for the poor people and a man

who was behind such a programme deserved all the sympathy that could be offered him by a body of Irishmen. They were very sorry indeed for Mr. O'Kelly's bereavement.

Mr. Culleton seconded the motion which was supported by the Chairman and other Councillors and also by the Secretary.

The motion was passed in silence.

The remainder of the business was adjourned to next meeting.

*Michael Doyle*

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MEETING 8th MAY, 1933

M I N U T E S

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary, Wexford County Council

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The Monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 8th May, 1933.

Present Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presided; also Messrs. John Brennan, James Clince, P. Colfer, R. Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, T.F. D'Arcy, James Gaul, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Wm. P. Keegan, Thomas Meyler, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss O'Ryan, Col. Quin, James Shannon, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor, Rates Inspector, and the following Assistant Surveyors were also in attendance:- Messrs. T. Treanor, R.J. Ennis, Thomas Cullen, John F. Birthistle and P. O'Neill.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3277.17.6d. was examined and signed

#### THE LATE MR. M. O'KELLY, DUBLIN

The following in reply to vote of condolence in the death of his brother Mr. M. O'Kelly, was read from Mr. Sean T. O'Kelly, Vice - President, Executive Council:-

"The Vice-President desires me to request that you will be good enough to convey to your Council his sincere thanks for their kind sympathy in his recent bereavement.

"I am also to express the Vice-President's appreciation of your personal message of condolence."

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne and seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That reply to vote of condolence by Wexford County Council received from Mr. Sean T. O'Kelly, Vice-President, Executive Council, be inserted on this day's Minutes." Passed.

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 13th April, 1933, were submitted as follows:-

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING - 13th APRIL, 1933

M I N U T E S

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

H.J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary, Wexford Co. Council.

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 13th April, 1933.

Present:- Messrs. J. Colleton, James Hall, Sean O'Byrne, Thomas McCarthy and James Shannon.

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

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colleton the chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3795.9.6d. was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF:- Return of Rate Collection was submitted as follows:-

| <u>Name of Collector</u> | <u>Percentage of Warrant collected excluding arrears</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. J.J. O'Reilly         | 95.6                                                     |
| 2. J. Curtis             | 93.6                                                     |
| 3. E.J. Murphy           | 93.0                                                     |
| 4. P. Carty              | 91.3                                                     |
| 5. A. Dunne (Solger)     | 90.3                                                     |
| 6. J. Deegan             | 90.0                                                     |
| 7. T. Rowe               | 88.2                                                     |
| 8. J. Cummins            | 86.1                                                     |
| 9. S. Gannon (10)        | 84.0                                                     |
| 10. M. Murphy            | 83.5                                                     |
| 11. P. Doyle             | 82.6                                                     |
| 12. A. Dunne             | 81.2                                                     |
| 13. S. Gannon (6)        | 81.5                                                     |
| 14. M. McCarthy          | 81.2                                                     |
| 15. J.J. Sinnott         | 80.0                                                     |
| 16. J. Quirke            | 80.0                                                     |
| 17. P. O'Byrne           | 78.9                                                     |
| 18. W. Cummins           | 78.2                                                     |
| 19. P. Nolan             | 77.0                                                     |
| 20. W. Doyle             | 70.0                                                     |

The sum represented by lodgment and Credit Notes is £85174.5.2d. leaving sum outstanding £16237.14.11d. Collection shows a 7% improvement on corresponding period last year.

It was decided (1) That Lists of temporary uncollectable Rates be prepared by 29th April, 1933, in order that amounts outstanding

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may be carried forward for inclusion in Warrant for 1933/34.

- (2) That Collectors lodge all collectable Rate by the 8th May, 1933.
- (3) That Lists of Irrecoverable Rates be prepared by the 29th April, 1933.

#### PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE FEES

The following letter was read from J. Quirke, Rate Collector:-

"I have been instructed by the Rate Collectors of the County to apply on their behalf to the Members of the County Council at their next meeting for Poundage on all Rates lodged to 31st March, 1933. The Collectors find it very difficult at the present time to carry on."

It was decided that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction payment of 80% of Poundage Fees to Collectors on lodgments and Credit Notes to 31st March, 1933, as Collection shows a substantial improvement on last year. Finance Committee is of opinion that payment of Poundage Fees proposed would enable a number of Collectors to close warrant by lodgment of recoverable rates outstanding. The Finance Committee believe that the withholding of 20% Poundage Fees until all recoverable Rate has been lodged is a sufficient penalty to impose on Collectors.

As regards proposed payment of Poundage Fees to Collector O'Byrne, the following letter under date 12th April, 1933, No. G. 32669/1933, Loch Garman, was read from the Local Government Department:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant in regard to the payment of poundage to Collector P. O'Byrne, and to state that the Minister does not approve of the continuance of payments on account of Poundage.

"As Mr. O'Byrne has already lodged more than the equivalent of the first moiety and arrears of his warrant the Minister is prepared to sanction payment of reasonable poundage in respect of the first moiety and arrears. In view of the prolonged delay the Council's proposal should impose a suitable penalty by way of reduction from

"the normal rate of poundage."

It was decided to inform the Local Government Department that the Finance Committee propose paying Collector O'Byrne in respect of lodgments to the 30th November, 1932, owing to the fact that the other Collectors had only been paid in respect of lodgments to that date. If lodgments beyond that date were taken into account for Collector O'Byrne it would place him in a more advantageous position than the other Collectors. The Committee consider if an immediate payment of £30 could be made to Collector O'Byrne, it would meet the circumstances of his case, the balance of poundage on his lodgments to 31st March last to be paid him at the same time as such payment is being made to the remaining Collectors. The Committee are of opinion that the withholding of poundage from Collector O'Byrne for a considerable period has inflicted a suitable penalty on this Collector.

#### RATES ON MOUNT ST. BENEDICT

The Rate Inspector stated that, in accordance with instructions of Finance Committee, Collector Art Dunne was taking legal proceedings for the recovery of outstanding rates, amounting to £460, on Mount St. Benedict, Gorey.

#### RATES ON BOIRA

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, stated that as the transfer of these lands was made in a legal manner to Madame Christine Serres, Sans Basse, The Pyrenees, France, the County Council could not sue the previous owner, Captain Bryan, for the rates on this holding. The Rates outstanding for three years amounted to £34.14.2d. Captain Bryan paid the rates up to the period the lands were transferred. In his (Mr. Elgee's) opinion the Council were powerless in the matter.

#### CREDIT NOTE

The following letter from Mr. John Doyle, Ballydarragh, Craanford, under date 8th April, 1933, was read:-

"I wish to bring to the notice of the County Council that I had no application for my rates until April the 3rd. I had a note on that

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"date stating that if I brought in my rates and Credit Note that evening they would be in time to allow me £1 reduction. It was 6 p.m. when I received the letter, I tendered payment to-day, 8th instant, and the Rate Collector refused to take the money unless I paid in full. I was immediately furnished with a Six day's notice. I was afterwards speaking to Mr. T.F. D'Arcy, M.C.C., he told me he understood I should be called on for the rates, duly, I understood the same. I always paid my rates in due time as the late collector, Mr. Bolger, could testify. I should like the Co. Council to let me know, is the Rate Collector to call in due time, or am I to follow him with the Rates? Hoping you will give this matter your careful attention."

It was decided that Collector Art Dunne be asked for a written explanation for next meeting of the Finance Committee.

#### LOANS SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following applications for loans were recommended to the County Council for approval:-

Michael Redmond, Sawmills House, Enniscorthy; situation of house, Templechannon; loan £180; Government Grant £70; value of house £200.

Margaret King, Cooraun; situation of house, Cooraun; loan £150; Government Grant £70; value of house, £200.

John J. O'Gorman, Scerawalsh, Enniscorthy; situation of house, Coolnahorna; loan £100; Government Grant, £70; value of house £200.

James Sheehan, Currawn, Killanne; situation of house, Currawn; loan £120; Government Grant - not stated - value of house £200.

Timothy Murphy, Riverchapel, Courtown Harbour; situation of house Riverchapel; loan, £100; Government Grant - not stated - value of house £160.

John Roche, Screen, Castlebridge; situation of house, Ballylemin, Screen loan £120; Government Grant £70; value of house £240.

Aidan Lavless, Greenane, Killanne; situation of house, Greenane; loan £60 Government Grant £70; value of house £200.

Mary Murphy, Dranagh, Caim; situation of house, Dranagh; loan £40; Government Grant £70; value of house £200.

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James Murphy, Mangan, Killanne; situation of house, Mangan; loan £70; Government Grant £70; value of house £200.

The following applications were referred to the County Council:-

Michael J. Doyle, Old Church, Enniscorthy; loan required £150

John Murphy, Knockree, Strahart, Ferns; loan required £80.

Andrew Kehoe, Ballyroebuck, Glahamon, Ferns; loan required, £100.

James Kelly, Bellingly, Ballymitty; loan required, £80

Mrs. Bridget Doyle, Boley, Ballycullane; loan required £130.

William Devereux, Murrintown, loan required £130.

It was decided that the Assistant Secretary be allowed a sum of 5/- per annum in respect of each £100 advanced by the Council under the Acts for additional clerical duties performed by him in connection with the administration of the Acts.

The Chairman pointed out that this remuneration would be met by the difference between the  $5\frac{1}{2}$  per cent which the Council pay for loans and the 6 per cent fixed by the Department as the rate to be charged by the Council to recipients of loans; the remaining 5/- per cent would be required for poundage fees to rate or rent Collectors for collecting instalments on foot of the loans.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee of 13th April, 1933, as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION:- With regard to the closing of Rate Collection Mr. O'Byrne mentioned that a very important fair would be held in Gorey on the 20th May and suggested that the time for closing of Warrants should be extended for a day or two beyond the date of this fair.

On the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Cline it was decided to refer this matter to the Finance Committee.

RATES ON MT. ST. BENEDICT:- The Secretary stated he had received a communication from Rev. Dom Sweetman, Mount St. Benedict, Gorey, that he would come before the next meeting of Finance Committee in regard to the payment of his rates.

RATES ON BOIRA:- With reference to this matter Mr. O'Byrne mentioned that the principal benefit derived from these lands was the shooting rights and in the transfer to Madame Serres, Captain Bryan may have retained these.

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, stated he had inspected the Deed and there was no mention of sporting rights therein.

Col. Quin said that the same set of circumstances prevailed as regards the Saltee Islands that had been transferred to a man of straw.

Mr. Corish mentioned that in view of the fact that the procedure taken by the owners of Boira and Saltee Islands provided means of evading payment of rates, the Council should do something to bring the matter to a head.

Mr. O'Byrne - Some people were turned off the land by persons who we heard were employees of Captain Bryan and I would suggest that a statement be sent to the Department and they be asked for a ruling in the matter.

Chairman - I am afraid the reply you would get back is to be guided by your Solicitor.

Mr. Elgee in reply to Mr. Corish said so far as he could see there was no action the Council could legally take to recover the rates.

Mr. Culleton - If the County Council are going to make an example of people who carry out this procedure they should take the Saltee Islands, as all the persons concerned live in the Free State.

Mr. Smyth said he understood that that part of the Boira which was suitable for grazing had been retained by Captain Bryan.

The Rates Inspector mentioned that Mr. Dier of Coolbawn was about to make over portion of his land to people who had no means in order to avoid payment of rates.

Mr. Keegan said it was a fact that while the Board of Works through Minor Relief Grant had spent a fair sum improving the Drainage of the Boira and making the place more useful to Captain Bryan, according to law there was no possibility of obtaining rates from this property.

Mr. Elgee said that on the existing facts the Council appeared to have no remedy.

Miss O'Ryan could not understand why foreigners who declined to discharge their liabilities should be allowed to hold land in the Country.

Mr. Corish suggested that if the existing law was powerless in this matter the Council should press for legislation.

The Chairman was of opinion that all the circumstances should be put before the Department concerned and ~~that~~ if no remedy existed that legislation should be promoted to prevent transfer of land in order to evade liability for the payment of rates. If it was realised that the Council had no power in the matter, the example set by the owners of Boira and Saltees would become general and the County Council would lose a very large amount of their rates.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the circumstances of the transfer of land in order to avoid payment of rates in the three cases mentioned at this meeting viz:-

(1) Saltee Islands.

(2) Boira

(3) Coolbawn,

be submitted to the Local Government Department and also to the Irish Land Commission and that they be requested to advise the Council as to what remedy (if any) exists in order to meet the situation.

That should these Government Departments be unable to help the Council owing to existing state of the law, the Local Government Department be requested to introduce legislation to deal with all such cases in order to protect County Councils in securing their just rights."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 13th April, 1933, be and are hereby confirmed.

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 27th April, 1933, were submitted as follows:-

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 27th APRIL, 1933

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,  
secretary, Wexford County Council.

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 27th April, 1933.

Present:- Messrs. John Colloton, James Hall, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor and Rate Inspector were in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne the chair was taken by

Mr. Colloton.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2792.15.3d. was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

POUNDAGE:- The following letter under date 12th April, 1933, (G.32669-1933 Loch Garman) was read from the Local Government Department:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant in regard to the payment of poundage to Collector P. O'Byrne, and to state that the Minister does not approve of the continuance of payments on account of poundage.

"As Mr. Byrne has already lodged more than the equivalent of the first moiety and arrears of his warrant the Minister is prepared to sanction payment of reasonable poundage in respect of the first moiety and arrears. In view of the prolonged delay the Council's proposal should impose a suitable penalty by way of reduction from the normal rate of poundage."

Under date 25th April, 1933, the following letter (G.38025/1933 - Loch Garman Fa) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and

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"Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant in regard to the payment of 80% of poundage to Collectors on their lodgments and value of "Credit Notes" to the 31st ultimo, and to draw attention to the opening paragraph of the Department's letter, G.32669/1933, of the 12th instant regarding payments of poundage on account. The Minister is not prepared to accord his sanction in future to payment of poundage until the Collectors have lodged a sum equivalent to a moiety of their warrant and arrears or have fully closed their warrants. The Minister is prepared to consider proposals from the Council as to the poundage to be paid to each Collector including Collector P. O'Byrne who has lodged the equivalent of the first moiety and arrears."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That in reference to letter of 25th April, 1933 (G.38025/1933 - Loch Garman Fa) the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction payment of the following poundage fees to Rate Collectors which with amounts already advanced will represent full poundage fees on lodgments equivalent to amount of first moiety and arrears:-

J. Quirke, £16.5.6d: Wm. Doyle, £33.0.1d: Philip Doyle, £34.16.8d:  
M. McCarthy, £16.19.5d: P. Nolan, £22.15.4d: S. Gannon (No.6) £6.3.4d:  
J. Deegan, £23.10s.0d: J. Cummins, £16.3.8d: P.O'Byrne £61.1.7d:  
S. Gannon (No.10) £10.12.2d: W. Cummins, £29.9.0d: E. Murphy, £14.13.6d:  
J.J. O'Reilly, £12.14.8d: T. Bolger (No.14), £12.18.11d: A. Dunne (14)  
10/2d: A. Dunne (No.15) £16.15.0d: J.J. Sinnott, £33.6.8d:  
E.J. Murphy, Nil: T. Howe, £7.16.3d: J. Curtis, £3.2.10d: and  
P. Garty, £7.10.1d.

"That in view of the fact that a number of Collectors have no other means of livelihood and find it very difficult to carry on we request the Minister to reconsider his decision refusing sanction to the payment of 80% of poundage to Collectors on their lodgments to

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"31st March last, and on value of Credit Notes. We are convinced it was not the fault of the Collectors that warrants were not closed by the 31st March last and we regard it as a great hardship if no payment for poundage for second moiety can be made to Collectors until Warrants have been closed."

ALLOWANCE FOR CREDIT NOTES:- In connection with letter from John Doyle, Ballydarragh, Craanford, Gorey, as to allowance for Credit Note by Collector Dunne (No.14 district) and which appears on last Minutes of Finance Committee the following under date 18th April, 1933, was read from Mr. Dunne:-

"I have your letter of 14th instant re complaint of John Doyle, Ballydarragh, Craanford. The following are the facts of the matter:-

"On Tuesday, March 7th, I was going through that part of Mr. Bolger's district around Ballydarragh. In the evening I called on Mr. Dan Kennedy, Island, where threshing operations were going on. I saw Mr. Kennedy and some other farmers, and made arrangements for them to pay their rates in the office in Gorey. I asked a man named James Kenny, Bannpark, the way to Jack Doyle's, Ballydarragh, and he told me that Jack Doyle was in the haggard on the straw rick (at Kennedy's) and there would be no use in going to his house. I asked Kenny to tell Doyle that I was finishing this year's collection for Thady Bolger, and to pay his rates before 31st March. I then went over to the straw rick where Doyle was and shouted up to him, "Hello Jack, be in before the 31st to save your pound" and he said "All right". Later that evening I passed by his gate and if I had thought there was any necessity or use I would certainly have called in. As Mr. Doyle has always paid his rates in the office in Gorey, I believe I did my duty when I saw him inside the time.

"I trust this explanation will satisfy the Finance Committee."

The Secretary wrote to Mr. Dunne on 20th April, 1933, asking for his observations as to stating to ratepayer he would allow Credit Note to be presented on 3rd April, 1933, in reply to which Mr. Dunne, wrote as follows under date 22nd April, 1933:-

"I did write to Mr. Doyle on 1st April telling him I would accept Credit Note on the 3rd April.

"On going through my books that day, I saw a rate outstanding of a man who I felt sure had forgotten the matter, Mr. John Doyle, Ballinacoola, R.D. Kilnabue. As I was expecting the Rates Inspector on Tuesday the 4th April, I decided to chance accepting Credit Note on the 3rd and wrote to Mr. Doyle telling him to send in money and Credit Note on Monday, which he did. At the same time and for the same reason, I wrote Mr. Doyle, Ballydarragh, I believed he had forgotten and I wanted to give him the benefit of the Credit Note."

Mr. O'Byrne said he regarded the presence of the Collector with Mr. John Doyle in Mr. Kennedy's yard as calling on the latter for the rates. He then proposed the following resolution:- "That, as regards complaint of Mr. John Doyle, Ballydarragh, Crasford, that he had not been called upon by the Rate Collector, we accept, as satisfactory, the explanation in the matter offered by Rate Collector Dunne."

LEGAL EXPENSES OF RATE COLLECTOR:- Mr. McCarthy (No.4 district) came before the meeting to ascertain where he stood as regards £4.7s.6d. costs incurred in proceedings against a man named Harman (who was at present in prison in default of paying his rates). He (Mr. McCarthy) considered it unfair that he should be liable for these costs in the circumstances. Harman was in a position to pay his rates but refused and encouraged others to follow his example. There was also the case of a man named Cagney in respect of which Mr. McCarthy was informed by his Solicitor that he would have to go to Dublin to prove his claim as Cagney resided in the City. He (Mr. McCarthy) would not do this unless the Finance Committee agreed to pay his travelling expenses.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Local Government

"Department be requested to allow the County Council to reimburse Mr. McCarthy, Rate Collector (No.4 district) the sum of £4.7.6d. costs incurred in proceeding against Joseph Harman, Tacumshane, who refused to pay his rates and whose holding is derelict, also for consent to pay reasonable expenses to Mr. McCarthy in the case of Daniel Cagney, 10, Prussia Street, Dublin, who has refused to pay his rates and against whom proceedings must be taken in the City of Dublin."

#### APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION FOR CRIMINAL INJURY

Applications for compensation in the following sums for the burning of timber, heather etc., were received from Mr.R.W. Hall Dare, and referred to Co. Solicitor to oppose viz: £40, £35, £30 and £25.

The Secretary mentioned he had been informed by District Superintendent Millard, Gorey, that in future the Garda could not supply reports in connection with applications for compensation for Criminal Injury unless a fee of 5/- per report was paid by the County Council.

The Co. Solicitor said that in his opinion the reports furnished to him by the Garda were not worth 5/- each.

No order.

#### USE OF GOREY COURTHOUSE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by the chairman:- "That Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee be afforded the use of Gorey Courthouse for Saturday 6th May, 1933, to carry out examinations for award of Irish Scholarships, and for the evenings of 1st, 4th, 11th, 12th, 14th, 15th, 17th, 22nd and 29th May, 1933, for Technical School examinations."

Mr. Roark, Camolin, applied for use of Gorey Courthouse for meeting of farmers on 6th May, 1933.

It was decided to inform Mr. Roark that the building was not available as Irish Scholarship examinations would be held there on that day.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 27th April, 1933, be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION - STATE OF:- The Secretary reported that the amount outstanding was £14,055.14.9d. This week the Collectors were lodging any portion of this regarded as collectable and the balance would be carried forward. The Finance Committee at their meeting on the 11th May, 1933, were dealing in detail with the various items.

POUNDAGE:- The Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote under date 3rd May, 1933, (G.44301/1933 Fa Loch Garman) that the Minister had sanctioned the payment of poundage set out in Minutes of Finance Committee to the Rate Collectors in respect of their first moiety collections.

ALLOWANCE FOR CREDIT NOTE:- In the course of a discussion Mr. D'Arcy said that in his opinion the matter arose through a misunderstanding. Mr. Dunne was a good Collector and Mr. Doyle a hard working farmer who was under a misapprehension.

No order.

LEGAL EXPENSES OF RATE COLLECTOR:- The Rate Inspector said that Cagney's land could be let. It was previously let to the late Canon Crowe. It would be easy to set the land so that it would realise the rates.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the adoption of the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Passed.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS:- The following under date 25th April, 1933, (H.371151/1933 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government & Public Health (Housing Department):-

"With reference to your communication of the 11th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the making by the Wexford County

"Council of the following advances under the Small Dwellings

Acquisition Acts:-

| <u>Name of Borrower</u> | <u>House.</u>                                 | <u>Amount<br/>of<br/>Advance.<br/>£.</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Michael Codde           | Ballyscarton, Gorey.....                      | 100                                      |
| Mrs. Elizabeth Phelan,  | Ballintra Lower, Courtown Harbour, Gorey..... | 150                                      |
| Denis Keane             | Ballinakill, Courtown Harbour, Gorey.....     | 100                                      |
| Nicholas Whelan         | Dunbrody, Campile.....                        | 125                                      |
| William O'Leary         | Summerhill, Enniscorthy.....                  | 130                                      |
| Michael Ryan            | Clonattin, Gorey.....                         | 100                                      |
| John Morrissey          | Killallyan North, Milehouse, Enniscorthy..... | 100                                      |

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, reported that the Titles of the following applicants were in order:- John Webster; house at Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, loan £150, value of house £300; Wm. Willoughby, House at Railway Road, Gorey, loan £130 value of house £190; Paul Hannon, Kilcavan, Ballymitt, house at Coolbrock, loan £25 value of house £200; James Nolan, house at Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, loan £180, value of house £200; Martin Breen, Castleboro, Clonroche, house at Gurrawn Lower, loan £50, value of house £200; James Murphy, Market Square, Gorey, house at New Road, Gorey, loan £180, value of house £200; John Lawlor, Ballyloughlan, Caim, loan £100, value of house £200; Johanna Fortune, Ballyoughna, Kilen, Loan £60, value of house £150; Ellen Carey, Ballinamona, Foulksmills, loan £50, value of house £250; Maurice Foley, Ballyhighland, loan £50 value of house £200; James Mythen, Mount Alexander, Gorey, loan £100 value of house £200.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That Local Government Department be requested to sanction the amount of loan in each of the applications under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts in respect of which Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Co. Council, has reported to this meeting that the titles to plots are in order."

The Secretary reported that in the case of W. Tomkins,

Esmonde Street, Gorey, the Assistant Surveyor had reported that the value of the house was £175 and plot £25. The applicant's value of house was £230; in that of John T. Sutton, Green Street, Wexford, the Assistant Surveyor had reported the house value for £165 and plot £35. The loan asked for is £125 and amount of Government Grant £70. Applicant's value of house was £250. The Assistant Surveyor in the case of Denis Keane, Ballinakill, Courtown, had certified the value of house at £150 the applicant estimating £200. The loan requisitioned was £100 and amount of Government Grant £70. This man held a small farm and was building on his own land. John Morrissey, Milehouse, Enniscorthy, applied for loan £100 valuing his house at £200. The Government Grant was £70. The Assistant Surveyor's estimate of value was £165.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That loans to the following be allowed to stand at figures already agreed to." :-

W. Tomkins, Esmonde Street, Gorey, £70; J.T. Sutton, Green Street, Wexford, £125; D. Keane, Ballinakill, Courtown Harbour, £100 and J. Morrissey, Milehouse, Enniscorthy, £100.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded the following resolution:- "That loans be advanced in the following cases under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts as soon as Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, has reported that titles are in order:-

John Whelan, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, £180; Michael McGrath, Tomnalossett, Enniscorthy, £180.

In connection with the proposal of the Finance Committee to allow Assistant Secretary 5/- per annum in respect of each £100 advanced by the Co. Council for additional clerical duties the Secretary explained that although the difference in Rate of Interest on loan payable by applicants and that paid by Co. Council represented 10/- per cent per annum on the half yearly basis this would work out at 8/- only.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Hall to refer the matter back for further consideration to Finance Committee.

In connection with interim advances under these Acts the following under date 22nd April, 1933, was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of yours of yesterday, and note what you say, as to the position with regard to the loan on which payments are to be made on account. I do not see however that it would be possible to prepare any documents in connection with the matter pending the payment of the full amount of the loan, as this would only add increased cost on the person that had borrowed the money, as if you got a mortgage for each amount advanced the cost for same would be practically equal to the cost of the mortgage for the full amount of the loan."

Miss O'Ryan asked if it was absolutely necessary that people who were applying for loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts should take out administration. She considered that where there was a clear will with no one to inherit except the applicant, his Title should be accepted.

Mr. Elgee - The will is worth nothing until it is proved.

Miss O'Ryan - It does not suit everyone to take out administration.

Chairman - The Revenue Authorities could compel people to administer if they so choose.

Miss O'Ryan - It is not necessary to do so to get a loan from the Agricultural Credit Corporation.

Chairman - I believe the Authorities are bound to compel administration to be taken out in many cases.

Mr. Gaul said if a man was not to be entitled to an advance under the Scheme until his house was roofed it was tantamount to scrapping the Scheme.

Mr. Keegan said red tape was holding up the Scheme as it had

held up every building Scheme for the last 60 years.

Mr. Corish said the Act would be useless unless interim payments could be made.

Mr. Elgee said he was simply protecting the Council and safeguarding their interests.

Col. Quin proposed and Mr. Clince seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That arrangements be made for Applicants for Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to sign mortgage for the full amount of loan and that interim payments be made to said applicants when sanction of the Local Government Department to amount of loan in each case has been received and when mortgage has been executed."

Mr. Gaul raised the question as to payment of Government Grant under the Housing Acts and said he understood no payments had been made so far. He proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:- "That we request the Department of Local Government to expedite the payment (or some portion thereof) of the Government Grant under the Housing Acts."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 27th April, 1933, be and are hereby confirmed."

RESIGNATION OF MR. KEHOE, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR

The following under date 3rd May, 1933, was read from Mr. John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor:-

"Owing to ill health I beg to tender my resignation as Assistant Surveyor to your Council, and in doing so wish to offer my sincere thanks to every member of the Council for their extreme kindness and courtesy to me during my long term of Office.

"I was elected Assistant Surveyor to your Council on the 8th March, 1900, and started work at once.

"The Local Government Board sanctioned the appointment on the 10th January, 1901.

"A Doctor here in Dublin (whose Certificate I enclose) tells me to-day that I will not be able to carry out the duties of an Assistant Surveyor any longer.

"Under the circumstances I feel I should at once tender my resignation to your Council."

Dr. R.V. Murphy, 89, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, wrote under date 2nd May, 1933, that Mr. Kehoe's progress was most satisfactory but as his convalescence will take some time and in view of the risk of recurrence of his complaint he (Dr. Murphy) had advised Mr. Kehoe to resign.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following resolution:- "That in accordance with Standing Order 59 the letter of resignation of his office as Assistant Surveyor from Mr. John Kehoe be referred to the Finance Committee for report as to the filling of this office.

Col. Gibbon gave notice of motion that in the event of an Assistant Surveyor's office becoming vacant the number of Assistant Surveyors be reduced to five.

Mr. Gaul gave the following notice of motion:- "I hereby give notice of my intention to move at meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on 12th June, 1933, that the Co. Council agree to award Mr. John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, superannuation on his resignation of the office of Assistant Surveyor and that amount of same be fixed by Council."

#### SCHEME FOR SUPPLY OF SEEDS AND FERTILISERS

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. D'Arcy:- "That the resolution of the Co. Council declining to put into operation a scheme of loans for supply of seeds and manures be rescinded and that scheme be adopted on the lines of letter of Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 31st March, 1933 (Circ. No. 89-33) and that this motion be considered at next meeting of Co. Council to be held on 8th May, 1933."

In connection with this matter letter from Local Government Department under date 31st March, 1933 (Circ. 89-33) set out on Minutes of a previous meeting was read.

Under date 12th April, 1933, letter (Circ. 89/2/33) from Department of Local Government and Public Health was read. This pointed out that two conditions in the letter of 31st March, 1933, (Circ. 89-33) which precluded persons who were in arrear with payment of their rates or who had not already repaid full cost of any seeds or fertilisers supplied under last year's Scheme had been withdrawn.

Under date 13th March, 1933, the Department of Agriculture wrote (E. 7016/33) that with reference to the resolution of Wexford Co. Council asking the Department to formulate a Scheme through which farmers would be enabled on their own security to obtain seeds and manures necessary for the year's crop, the Minister considered that the Scheme of facilitating the obtaining of seeds and manures which was recently urged on Co. Councils by the Department of Local Government and Public Health should suffice for the needs of the present situation.

In moving his motion Mr. D'Arcy said it looked late in the season to be putting the scheme into operation, but he knew there was a lot of people who would be very anxious to get some assistance even at the moment, and quite a lot were badly in need of both seeds and manures in many districts. He had received letters from some people whom he knew personally, and he knew also that they would pay their way.

Miss O'Ryan seconded.

Col. Quin was strongly against the resolution. In the Government's circular they stated that very few people paid last year. That made it a very bad proposition. He thought they should stick to their original motion.

Mr. D'Arcy said that last year he was against the scheme but there was a very material difference in the system this year.

Chairman - There is a difference. You are guaranteed half the loss.

Col. Quin remarked that if security was good there would be no trouble for people in getting money from the Bank.

The Chairman said that in Tipperary £700 was advanced and only £12 recovered. He would like to facilitate the people, but he did not think it would be advisable to add to the burdens on the rates.

Mr. D'Arcy - I do not expect the Council will have to pay at all. You are guaranteed half by the Department, and you are also guaranteed by the securities.

The Chairman remarked that the half not guaranteed by the Department might take a lot of collecting.

Mr. D'Arcy - You have the securities.

Mr. Shannon said that a lot of people would avail of the Scheme. Owing to the bad weather plenty of people had corn to sow still and they had not got the seeds yet.

The Chairman suggested that there was no necessity for the Scheme, as if a person had two solvent sureties he thought any merchant would give him seed.

Mr. Cummins remarked that in six weeks' time the scheme would be of no use to anybody.

After further discussion a poll was taken on Mr. D'Arcy's motion with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Cline, Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Shannon, Smyth and Walsh. - 16.

AGAINST: Col. Gibbon, Col. Quin, Messrs. Hall, Meyler, and the Chairman. - 5.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That a special meeting of Wexford Co. Council be held on Friday, 19th May, 1933, at 2 p.m. for

"The purpose of dealing with applications under the Scheme for Supply of Seeds and Fertilisers."

#### SURETIES UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Consideration of the following notice of motion which stood in the name of Mr. Cummins was adjourned at his request:- "That the resolution of the Co. Council requiring two solvent sureties for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be rescinded."

Mr. McCarthy said that in connection with the repayment of loans under these Acts he had suggested that arrangements should be made to collect a certain amount weekly. This would be a benefit to the Council in ensuring payments and would make it easier on the people to pay. Under the Act, provision had been made for payments every six months but this would entail a great deal of hardship on some people.

Mr. Keegan was **against** the proposal. It would not suit small farmers to have a Collector tapping at their doors every Monday morning.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cline the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Finance Committee be requested to submit a scheme for payment of loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts by weekly or other short periods."

#### KILMORE HARBOUR MASTER - INCREASED REMUNERATION

The following motion stood in the name of Mr. Corish:- "That Patrick Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore, be granted an increase in his wages of £1 per week."

An application to this effect was read from Mr. Kehoe who stated he secured the position ten years ago on the death of his father, former Harbour Master. During his service he believed he had carried out his duties with satisfaction and on ability and length of service he held he was entitled to an increase. The position practically debarred him from availing of opportunities

of adding to his income in other ways such as fishing during the season. In practice his job was whole-time for the reason that he had to hold himself day and night in a stand by position. He had to keep a widowed mother and a school-going brother both of whom were solely dependent on his wages.

The Secretary stated that on the death of Mr. Kehoe's father, the widow was appointed to the position as the present applicant was under age. It was only at last meeting that applicant was appointed Harbour Master.

Mr. Corish moved the following which was seconded by Mr. Gaul:-  
"That Patrick Kehoe, Harbour Master, be granted an increase of 10/- per week in his wages."

Mr. Hall said this was a bad time to start increasing wages when everyone was endeavouring to have them reduced. He proposed that no increase be granted.

Mr. Meyler seconded.

Mr. McCarthy said that apparently the harbour master in Kilmore was continually on duty - at least he was bound to be there - and according to the discussion, he had a great deal more work to do than other harbour masters..At the same time he thought that 50% of an increase seemed high, and he proposed an increase of 5/- per week subject to sanction of Local Government Department should this be required.

Mr. Shannon seconded.

The Chairman said the amount of dues they were receiving from Kilmore was not very big, and with regard to whole-time work they had men engaged at agricultural work who were getting less pay than the Harbour Master, and their work was much heavier.

Mr. Shannon - I quite agree that that is the case, but this man can avail of no other work.

Chairman - Can the agricultural labourer avail of any other work? He is working all day.

A poll on Mr. Hall's motion resulted as follows:-

FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Colleton, D'Arcy, Hall, Meyler, O'Ryan, Keegan, Smyth and the Chairman. - 9.

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AGAINST: Messrs. Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Gibbon, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Shannon and Walsh. - 12.

FOR: The Chairman declared this amendment lost.

A poll on Mr. McCarthy's motion resulted as follows:-

FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gaul, Gibbon, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, Shannon and Walsh. - 17.

AGAINST: Messrs. Meyler, Smyth and the Chairman. - 3.

Mr. Hall (1) did not vote.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

On being put as the substantive motion the amendment of Mr. McCarthy was carried nem con.

#### ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT

The following under date 21st April, 1933, (R/SGL/201/35) was read from Department of Local Government (Roads):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state for the information of the Wexford County Council that a sum of £14,062 has been provisionally allocated to the Council out of the above-mentioned Grant for Main Road Improvement as follows:-

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|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | L.30 No. 39 - (1 mile) from Enniscorthy Urban to Clonhaston Cross - 5" Reinforced Concrete                        | £<br>3,400            |
| 2. | L.33 No. 47 (½ mile) from Ryland Cross to Clohamon 6" concrete including raising Road through flooded hollow      | 2,200                 |
| 3. | L.31 No. 42 (1½ miles) from County Bounds at Ballyellis. Tar-Bitumen grout                                        | 2,062                 |
| 4. | L.29 No. 34 Wexford-Kilmore Road (2 miles). Tar-Bitumen Grout.                                                    | 2,900                 |
| 5. | L.18 No. 26 (1½ miles) Ballyanne-Ballybanogue. Tar-Bitumen Grout.                                                 | 2,600                 |
| 6. | Wexford Urban resurfacing portions of John St. and School Street in Tar Macadam and surface dressing John Street. | 900<br><u>£14,062</u> |

"In addition to the under-mentioned conditions relating to the Grant, it shall be a condition governing purchases of tars and Bitumens that the supplies of these commodities for all roads, whether Grant-aided or not, will be obtained from the Official Contractors appointed by the Minister for the year to which the Grant relates. If an Official Contractor is not appointed for a particular commodity, the sanction of the Minister must be obtained before any orders are placed for the supply of such commodity. In asking for sanction, information should be supplied as to the quantity to be ordered, the price at which the material is to be obtained, and the reason for selecting the particular material.

"The following are the conditions referred to in the previous paragraph:-

1. The Grant shall be expended on the foregoing works only, and, while not conditional on any contribution from the County Rates, it is not to be taken as relieving the County Council from responsibility for reasonable and economical road maintenance.
2. Inspections shall be carried out by the Chief Engineering Inspector or his Assistants as the work proceeds, and in all cases before final payments are made. The Minister shall take such steps as he may deem proper, either by way of withholding payments or refusing to sanction payments or otherwise in the case of unsatisfactory work.
3. Payments shall be made on Requisition Form No. 97, certified by the County Surveyor:-
  - (a) On commencement of work an amount estimated to provide for the payments by the Authority during the ensuing month.
  - (b) Towards the end of the first month after commencement of work an amount estimated to provide for the payments by the Authority during the second month, and so on from month to month until eighty per cent of the grant has been paid, after which the Authority will submit through the County Surveyor to the Minister a statement showing their expenditure up to

"date, and the Minister will then determine what further instalments should be paid under the Grant.

(c) On completion of the Work the Authority will supply the Minister with a certificate of their Surveyor stating that the work has been completed and stating with such particulars as may be required by the Forms then in use by the Department, the total expenditure incurred.

4. As to Conditions regarding the men to be employed, see Circular Letter SR.1. of 19th March, 1932.
5. Forms No. 11 enclosed should be completed by the Co. Surveyor and forwarded to this Office, accompanied by a brief specification and tracing.
6. No contract for the execution of any of the work mentioned in the first paragraph is to be advertised until the Minister has notified approval to the specification as well as to draft advertisement, and no contract is to be entered into until the prior sanction of the Minister is obtained to the acceptance of the particular tender."

In reply to a query the Secretary said that the letter of 19th March, 1932 (SR/1) referred to pointed out that any regulations or directions requiring local Authorities to give a preference to demobilised men of the National Army, as such, in the matter of employment had been withdrawn, and where additional men were required for the purpose of carrying out works financed in whole or in part by State Grants, such men should be obtained through Employment Exchanges.

Mr. O'Byrne held that Gorey area had not been fairly treated in the allocation.

Mr. D'Arcy and Mr. Keegan agreed and considered that the allocations should have been made between the four Rural Districts of the County in, so far as it was possible, equal shares.

The Chairman said if it was not in the power of the Co. Council

to make any change in the allocation he did not think there was any necessity for discussion.

Mr. Keegan - We should protest: we are here for the purpose of getting more information than we have got. I know that in Ballygarrett there are 51 men idle and in Kilmuckridge 17 men out of employment. We have been looking for a grant of £250 for the purpose of trying to relieve those men. I have the names of the men with me to-day and something should be done for them if they are not to be left to starve.

The Co. Surveyor stated that proposal for a grant to which Mr. Keegan referred did not come within the terms of the allocation.

Mr. Keegan - Can we do nothing to help those men - £250 is not a lot of money?

The Co. Surveyor stated that the trunk roads of the county were practically completed and the grants allocated were for work on main roads. The work to which Mr. Keegan referred was on roads, which were outside the scope of the grants that had been made.

Mr. Hall stated that what Mr. Keegan referred to was right. In the areas which he mentioned there were more unemployed than in any other in the County and there was no prospect of work for them. Of the allocation of £14,000 not one penny was coming within twenty miles of those areas. He knew the areas very well and he did not know what the people in question were going to do.

Mr. O'Byrne - When the Council had the allocation of the money to the areas they divided it fairly evenly.

Mr. Corish stated that Ballygarrett area was hard hit so far as unemployment was concerned, but he had no doubt that after the introduction of the Budget money for employment would be available. He was aware that the T.D.s for the County were interesting themselves in the matter of getting an extra grant for the Boira and Ounavarra rivers. The Co. Surveyor had supplied them with a scheme and his views and strong representations were being made to the Government.

Col. Quin - I do not believe there is money anywhere at all.

Mr. Smyth stated that they got a grant for the relief of unemployment in the area, and he made a fight on that occasion for the allocation of a portion for the road to which Mr. Keegan referred - Kilmuckridge to Courtown - and he got very little support from those who were trying to put up a case to-day for it.

Mr. Colfer also protested against the allocation. The question of a grant for the improvement of the road known as the Duncannon line had been under consideration for the past eight years.

The Chairman said there were roads in other parts of the County as bad as the Duncannon line.

The Co. Surveyor said if the Council were going to divide the money into small jobs in bits of areas it would be most unsatisfactory. It was not correct to say that no grants were made for New Ross area. Last year there was expenditure on the laying of a concrete road of two miles from Ballinaboola to New Ross and on a half mile of road at Talbot Hall.

Chairman - No matter what portion of the County you go to you can get lists of unemployed as large as Mr. Keegan talks about. In Carnsore area we are being pressed by men looking for work for the past three months. There are as many men idle there as in Ballygarrett. The worst thing they could do would be to hold up this work which is so urgently needed.

Mr. Keegan - I am not suggesting you should hold up the work.

Mr. O'Byrne - There is less than £5,000 of the £14,000 going to New Ross and Gorey districts.

The Co. Surveyor explained that the works for which the grants were allocated were decided by the Local Government Department following a visit which the Chief Engineer of the Local Government Department made to him.

Mr. D'Arcy - Do you know that you will have to fly from Gorey to Carnew if the road between those places is not done?

Chairman - I would advise you to let the work go ahead. There are considerable numbers of unemployed all over the County.

Mr. D'Arcy suggested that when the works were being done due regard should be made for the use of tar so that the people living in rural areas could travel over them.

The Co. Surveyor stated that work was done on a road passing by Col. Gibbon's place, and on the latter's motion it was decided not to use tar. That road, he feared, was not going to hold.

Col. Gibbon stated why he made that proposition was that the money should be spent not on tar but for the relief of unemployment. Potholes were appearing in the portion which had not been tarred.

Miss O'Ryan stated that a good job had been done on Taghmon streets, but she was afraid they would not hold unless some tar was used.

Mr. Hall mentioned that he had seen tar on a road in such quantities that it stuck to the feet of horses.

Mr. Colfer proposed:- "That the Local Government Department be requested to reconsider the allocation of the Road Improvement Grant with a view to having a more equitable division of the amount among the four rural areas in the County."

This proposal was not seconded.

Mr. Gaul said if Mr. Colfer's motion was carried it would hold up the work and keep men out of employment.

Mr. Hayes agreed with Mr. Gaul and said they should, in view of the needs of so many people endeavour through their representatives in the Dail to secure further grants. He proposed the following resolution:- "That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to carry out the works under Road Improvement Grant 1933-34 as set out in letter from Local Government Department (R/SGL/201/33 - 21st April, 1933)."

Mr. Hall seconded.

The Co. Surveyor said the selection of the works was the best that could be made for the amount of money which was allocated. He did not say it would please everyone for everyone was putting forward the claims of his own particular district and there was not sufficient money to go round.

The Chairman in putting the motion which he declared passed recommended its adoption so that they could put idle men to work. The Assistant Surveyors should push forward the various proposals for their districts as there was a tremendous number of people idle.

Miss O'Ryan proposed that before proceeding further with the rolling of Taghmon streets ~~that~~ the portions done should be tarred and that the best steps possible in the circumstances should be taken to deal with the remainder of the road on the allocation in the Road Works Scheme.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded and the motion was adopted.

Mr. O'Byrne said that unless the streets in Gorey were tarred they would break up in the same way as had been referred to in regard of other roads.

Mr. Corish advised the Council to take some money from the Contingency Fund to keep the Curracloe road from falling asunder.

Mr. Culleton - It certainly will fall to pieces.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, said they had no money in the direct labour proposals to do that particular road. To spray it would cost from £130 to £150.

Mr. Colfer said that £400 had gone west in Ballycullane streets

The Co. Surveyor said the Council <sup>would</sup> ~~be~~ have to decide whether they would have the roads under the Improvement Grant carried out by direct labour or by contract.

He recommended direct labour.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed a resolution that the works be carried out by direct labour.

Mr. Corish seconded and the motion was adopted.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That application be made to the Local Government Department for the closing of roads at which concreting was being carried out. That Co. Surveyor prepare schedule setting out the necessary particulars of such roads, the periods for which they will be closed, and the various alternative "routes."

RABIES ORDER, 1933

Under date 19th April, 1933, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.2559-32) forwarding copies of Rabies Order 1933, with copies of explanatory memo. in relation thereto. The Department requested that each of the Veterinary Inspectors of the Co. Council should be furnished with a copy of the Order and Memo.

The Secretary stated that the instructions of the Department of Agriculture in this matter had been carried out.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1915

Under date 15th April, 1933, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.1029/33) stating that the Minister for Agriculture would offer no objection to the appointment of James Murphy, Myles Roban, Patrick Ormonde, Thomas Prendergast, M.J. Hennessy and James Hayden to act as Sheep Dipping Inspectors during the dipping periods of the current year remuneration £1 per week and refund of amount spent on postage, Inspectors to be responsible for their own travelling expenses.

In connection with the above Order the Department of Agriculture wrote under date 20th April, 1933, (L.1064/33) that the Garda Siochana would renew for this year the arrangements made last year in connection with the enforcement of the Order.

DRINAGH CEMENT FACTORY

Under date 13th April, 1933, the Department of Industry and Commerce wrote (T.I.M. 9/1) that the claims of re-opening Drinagh Cement factory would be fully considered before a final decision is come to in the matter of re-establishing the Cement Industry in An Saorstat.

Miss O'Ryan said the matter was a very important one. If they got one of the cement factories for Wexford it would absorb the unemployed. They had the premier claim as after all they had had the only factory in the State where cement was manufactured

She thought the Council should urge the claims of Wexford for a Cement factory as far as possible. A very interesting statement in reference to Drinagh had been made by Mr. Corish at a meeting of Wexford Corporation. She understood that the company to establish a factory should choose a site, and she suggested that they should point out the advantages of Drinagh, where there was skilled labour and facilities for transport of cement to other parts of the country. Other areas had got a share of the new factories that had been established, while Wexford had got none of those factories.

The Co. Surveyor said that he used Wexford cement forty-five years ago, and it was good cement. With the modern system of manufacturing cement they got very fine grinding, which they did not get from Wexford. Fine grinding was the whole secret of the modern method, but a modern factory would have modern machinery.

Mr. Corish said he had been speaking to Mr. Lemass, Minister for Industry and Commerce, and he certainly said he had the matter under consideration. In the proposal as outlined by Mr. Lemass on the second reading of the Bill on Thursday it was put forward that there would be three cement factories, in the East, South and West. Whether Wexford could be counted as the one coming in the South or East, was a matter to be decided.

The Chairman said he understood that they would not be able to produce cement in the Free State within 4/- a ton of foreign stuff.

Miss O'Ryan said that the point raised by the chairman had no bearing on the question before the meeting. If there were going to be cement factories in Ireland they should try to get one of them.

Mr. Corish said he thought if they could bring any pressure to bear in the matter it would be very important. As Miss O'Ryan had pointed out, they in Wexford were the only people making cement formerly, and he never heard anything against

it. Dublin Corporation gave it preference for years. The offer he told Wexford Corporation he had got was conveyed to him by a representative of the Associated Portland Cement Co., who said they were prepared to open the Drinagh cement works, put in a hundred men and keep it open, provided that the Government were prepared to let them open another factory in Skerries and give them protection.

The Minister was going to advertise in the matter and the question of Drinagh might be forgotten. He understood that the matter of the factories was to be considered by Civil Servants, and they could not expect them to give the matter of Drinagh the same attention as the Minister would give it, especially if they brought pressure to bear on him.

Miss O'Ryan proposed that they call on the five T.D's. to urge that Wexford should have the premier claim for a cement factory, to watch progress with regard to the cement industry, and to see that one of the factories was obtained for Wexford.

Chairman - I think it had an almost damning effect on the matter in the Dail to say that we could not produce cement unless at 4/- a ton over foreign cement.

The Co. Surveyor stated that dumping was responsible for the present low price of foreign cement.

Miss O'Ryan said that in any case the question of price did not concern the resolution. Even if Irish cement was going to cost 10/- a ton more than imported cement it would be better to have it made in Wexford than in any other part of Ireland.

Mr. Hall seconded the proposal of Miss O'Ryan but was afraid if only three factories were to be established Wexford would not get one of them.

Mr. D'Arcy stated he had a dwelling house built some years ago using a considerable quantity of Drinagh cement. A competent engineer who inspected the work said that ten to one of Drinagh cement was equal to seven to one of any other cement he knew.

Mr. Corish said they never heard anything of Drinagh cement

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but the highest praise. With reference to Col. Quin's remark about Drinagh not being an economic proposition, he thought that would be better left unsaid by a member of the Co. Council. It would not be a bit uneconomic if the matter was arranged as Mr. Lemass said, and the supply from the different factories confined to zones. Wexford could supply a certain zone. As a matter of fact early last year a proposal was put forward to the effect that a certain merchant in Wexford was prepared to put up all the working capital if the Government were prepared to advance money from the Trades Loans Guarantee Fund. To the credit of the Government they were prepared to do that, but the project fell through for some reason. At that time the zone idea was accepted. He thought Drinagh should be used to supply cement to a certain zone. The factory was there and the men were there and terrible hardship prevailed in consequence of the place being closed down.

The figure mentioned as necessary to equip Drinagh as a modern factory was £60,000.

Miss O'Ryan said she held they could get the factory for Wexford if the Wexford people were in earnest enough, but the Wexford people were not in earnest. Even if only the County Council were in earnest the Government would not like to pass over Wexford in favour of any other place, in view of Wexford having the premier claim.

Mr. Cummins said that if the people were in earnest and put down the capital or part of the capital there would be no trouble at all about starting the factory, and many another factory, too. The T.D.s should stress upon the Government the necessity of being more generous to Co. Wexford than to any other county, because of the fact of the factory being there before and of what was done with it. It was bought by an English syndicate for the purpose of doing away with it. That should be a great incentive to an Irish Government to see that

some restitution should be made for the injury done to the people of the county. The cement was better than imported cement. If there was any energy or earnestness on the part of the people of the town and county to create industry they should put up some of the money, but he was not making that an obstacle in the path of the Government. He wanted Mr. Corish to tell the other T.D.s why the Drinagh factory was not working at present. They had been deprived of their industry - when it was bought it was closed down and the machinery taken away. He wanted it put up and they were more entitled to consideration than any other County in Ireland, because of the fact that they had the works and had been deprived of them.

Miss O'Ryan's resolution was then put and passed.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the following resolution:- "That a deputation be appointed from this Council to wait upon the Minister for Industry and Commerce in conjunction with the five T.D.s of the County to impress upon him the absolute right of Wexford County to one of the three factories to be established in An Saorstat according to the statement made by the Minister."

Mr. Hall seconded, and said that as a farmer he thought he used as much cement in building as probably any other farmer in the north of the county, and he had used Drinagh cement as long as he could get it. It gave him great satisfaction, and the work it did was to be seen to-day. He thought that the presence of skilled labour in Drinagh was a very important matter. Of course, being an agriculturist, he would like to get cheap cement but at any time he would be prepared to pay a shade more for the home article than for foreign.

Mr. Gaul asked if the Government or any other Authority could interfere with Drinagh cement works which were owned by the Cement Marketing Company and there was nothing to prevent them placing a prohibitive price on the value of their interest.

Mr. Corish said this did not arise. If the present scheme

went through, the Cement Marketing Company would not be allowed to open the works at Drinagh. Whatever plans the Minister might have in mind Drinagh would have to be considered even if it were to be only an auxiliary factory to that to be established in the East. They should get Drinagh working in as full operation as before it was closed down.

Miss O'Ryan - Have the factory for the East in Wexford.

Mr. Corish - The Wexford Development Association are meeting to-night to deal with the situation so far as cement is concerned, and I would be glad if any deputation appointed by the Council would go in conjunction with that body.

The resolution of Mr. O'Byrne was then put and passed, nem con.

Mr. O'Byrne moved and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the deputation to the Minister of Industry and Commerce from this Co. Council in connection with re-opening of Drinagh Cement Works consist of the following members:- The Chairman and Messrs. D'Arcy, McCarthy, Walsh and Miss O'Ryan. "

Mr. Corish suggested that the deputation should first meet the five T.D.s. He said that Dr. Ryan was in an awkward position as a Minister did not like going on a deputation to another Minister, it was considered infra dig. He was not saying that Dr. Ryan would not go, but he did not want his position misconstrued.

#### PROPOSED ROAD AT CAMOLIN PARK

The following under date 11th April, 1933, (A & R 36946/32 Estate of W.H. Foster, Co. Wexford Record No. H.C.4198) was read from Irish Land Commission:-

"With reference to previous correspondence relative to the construction of a road through Camolin Park, I am desired by the Land Commission to say that the statement made at the meeting of the Council in July last that the Land Commission would be

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"prepared to construct the road must have been made under a misconception as no such promise was made by the Land Commission. The Commission has, however, since then had the matter under consideration and is prepared to contribute a sum of £500 towards the proposed road provided it is constructed and maintained by the Co. Council and that a sum of not less than £1,000 is spent on its construction."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That as regards proposed Camolin road we desire to point out to the Land Commission that as Road Works Scheme for current year has been adopted no further money from Co. Council funds is available for road work. But in view of the fact that the Council would be prepared to take over the future maintenance of proposed road we are of opinion that the Land Commission should carry out the entire construction of this road from State Funds."

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That this Council hereby considers the following applicants for University Scholarships as eligible to compete for same."

Codd Anastasia, William Street, Wexford.

Delaney Margaret Mary, Misterin, Adamstown, Co. Wexford.

Ennis Susan Francis, 13, Hospital Road, Wexford.

Forrestal Brigid, South Street, New Ross.

Hall Thomas Fergus, 10, Cornmarket, Wexford.

Harte Nellie, Tinnock, Campile, Co. Wexford.

Kilty Joshua, Kilanerin, Inch, Co. Wexford.

McDonald Rita, Kilmuckridge, Gorey.

Murphy Chrissie, Ballysolough, Ramsgrange, Co. Wexford.

Redmond W.F., "Glenview", Enniscorthy.

Stafford William, Chapel, Kilmore, Co. Wexford.

Walsh Thomas, Piercestown, Drinagh, Co. Wexford.

Whitmore George, Bishopswater, Wexford.

### TRANSFER OF PLOTS AT BUNCLODY

The following under date 5th May, 1933, was read from Secretary, County Board of Health:-

"About 1919 or 1920 the Enniscorthy R.D.C. purchased from Miss McCutcheon land at Bunclody for allotment purposes. The fee simple of the land was purchased from Mr. R.W. Hall Dare at the same time. The Assignment and Conveyance are in my procurement. It is now proposed to take over some of these plots for the building of a dispensary residence for the Medical Officer at Bunclody. You will recall that under the Act of 1925 such properties were transferred to your Co. Council. I would be glad if you could have a resolution passed at the Council under seal to enable me to show title to the land so as to satisfy the Local Government Department."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That this Council agree to transfer to the Co. Wexford Board of Health plots of land at Bunclody purchased for allotment purposes from Miss McCutcheon and Mr. R.W. Hall Dare to allow of said Board erecting a dispensary residence thereon."

### TENDERS FOR ROADS

Under date 7th April, 1933, Mr. Mark Hanlon, Clongeen, Foulksmills, wrote complaining that a haulage contract on Road 55 given to him at New Ross had been transferred to a man named Delaney. Also that although his son, James, put in the lowest tender for haulage on Road 729 it was given to a man named Donnelly. Further that another son, Gregory, was the lowest tender for haulage on five roads but he was not accepted.

It was stated that Mark Hanlon's tender for haulage on Road 55 had been accepted by Tenders' Committee and confirmed by the Co. Council; Donnelly's tender had been accepted for No. 729 as the Committee wished to divide the work and the difference was 1d. per cubic yard. Gregory Hanlon had been accepted for one

haulage contract and there was no evidence he had tendered for any others.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall to inform Mr. Hanlon that the Co. Council had every confidence in the manner in which the ~~New Road~~ Tenders Committees had dealt with the Tenders submitted to them.

#### CURRACLOE ROADS

Under date 24th April, 1933, Mr. Philip Tobin, Hon. Sec., Curracloe Development Association wrote stating that <sup>at</sup> a special meeting of the Association it was decided to call the attention of the Co. Council to the very bad state of the roads leading to Curracloe Strand. Half of the main road from Wexford had been steam rolled, but the other half was in a bad state, and a danger to motorists and cyclists. There were many complaints from motorists and cyclists coming from Enniscorthy. There was a need for the erection of sign-posts pointing towards the strand.

The Co. Surveyor said he would erect a danger sign as requested.

Mr. Colloton remarked that the surface of the road passing the coastguard station got very loose at times.

The Chairman suggested running a roller over it.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said that to throw some soft stones over it was the best thing they could do.

Mr. Corish said he thought something should be done in the matter. A committee were giving their time voluntarily to develop Curracloe, and they should be encouraged.

In reply to Mr. Colloton with regard to the hill at the Coastguard station, Mr. Birthistle said that anything they could do would be done, but they would not be able to do very much, because the <sup>amount of</sup> road proposal was not very much. It would be done as far as the money would permit. Arrangements had already been made with regard to the danger signs, but there was some trouble with the Customs about them. They had the posts waiting for the signs.

DANGER SIGNALS

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That school danger signs be erected at Ballycullane, Clongeen and Carrig-on-Bannow as soon as signs are available."

ROADS AND LANES

GARRYNISK LANE (BLACKWATER):- The Co. Surveyor reported that the Co. Council <sup>Committee</sup> meeting relative to this lane had been summoned to meet on 2nd May, 1933. Mr. Colloton was the only Councillor in attendance and there were also present Mr. Laurence Sutton and another of the adjoining ratepayers, County Surveyor and Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, were in attendance. An inspection was made of the entire length of the lane and it was decided to recommend its repair as soon as funds were available either by relief grant or otherwise.

Mr. Culleton said this lane was connected to two important roads at each end. During the troubled times it was used as an alternative route when the bridge at the Unyoke was broken down. This was responsible for breaking up the lane and leaving it in its present condition. It was a lane which was of great public convenience. He proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:- "That Garrynisk lane, Blackwater, be listed for repair under Minor Relief Scheme when Grants are available and, when put into repair that Co. Council take over future maintenance.

RATHDUFF LANE NO.2:- On the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. D'Arcy it was decided to list for repair under Minor Relief Scheme the lane between Milltown and Rathduff leading to Killanne.

Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, reported that if a grant of £120 was obtainable it would put surface and sides in good order but the widening of the lane would be costly and there were six corners on the lane which it would be well to have improved.

BARNLAND LANE, GOREY:- A memorial signed by eight ratepayers asking

Co. Council to take over this lane was read. The memorialists pointed out that the present state of the lane greatly hampered their farming operations. There was considerable vehicular as well as pedestrian traffic along it as it leads to Church and Schools. Very many years ago "that now defunct but admittedly scrupulous and useful body, the old Grand Jury" voted money for the repair of the lane showing that it was of some importance in those days. The repair of the lane would absorb the unemployed of the district.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That Barnland Lane, Gorey, be listed for repair under Minor Relief Scheme when funds are available."

FORRESTALSTOWN LANE:- Memorial signed by 38 ratepayers including the Clergy and Dispensary Medical Officer of the district was read asking to have Forrestalstown Lane repaired under Minor Relief Scheme. Both priest and Doctor were obliged to leave their cars at the end of this lane and ~~wade~~ through mud and slush to attend to their duties.

The following deputation attended to urge on the Co. Council the necessity of having lane repaired:-

Messrs. Joseph Williams, James Cloney and David O'Brien.

Mr. Williams acted as spokesman and said that in addition to the seven families who lived on the lane it would, if repaired, be a great convenience to about 20 adjoining farmers. Castleboro, which had been taken over by the "Forestry Department" would be very convenient to secure firing; Lord Carew in the past helped to keep the lane in repair but there was no representative of the Carew family there now.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor for the district, reported that the lane which ran off Road 475 formed an incomplete loop, 160 yards running through an open field. The owner of this field was prepared to give right of way free provided a proper concrete post and wire fence be erected. The surface of existing lane was very bad and he estimated it would cost £250 for repair and to continue through field to form a loopway.

Mr. Shannon proposed that the lane be listed for repair under Minor Relief Scheme Grant. Mr. Brennan seconded, and the motion was adopted.

The Co. Surveyor held if an abnormal amount of timber was hauled over this lane it might be described as "extraordinary" traffic and those engaged in the haulage might be held responsible for repair.

Mr. Corish said this should be a lever to help to set a grant and should be stressed in the application.

CUMMER LANE:- Mr. James Byrne, Cummer, Tinahely, wrote asking the Co. Council to put on for Minor Relief Scheme, Cummer Lane, which was about 60 perches long led to three farms and was used by four farmers. There was a good deal of unemployment in the district.

VOLETOWN LANE:- Thirteen ratepayers users of Yoletown lane, Ballycullane, from Carty's in Yoletown to upper road in Yoletown connecting two roads and very useful to a good many people wrote asking that Co. Council should recommend the lane for a grant under Minor Relief Scheme.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded a resolution that the request be agreed to, as regards Cummer and Yoletown Lanes.

Passed.

CLONROE LANE:- Fourteen memorialists asked Co. Council to schedule for Grant under Minor Relief Scheme Clonroe ~~lane~~ by-road leading from the cross at Clonroe to the road near Annagh Cross, Inch. Six farmers lived on the road which was a great short cut for persons going to Tinahely, to Aughrim and to Carnew fairs. After heavy rain the road was in an awful condition through which children had to wade going to School. The nine inch pipe at Clonroe was not sufficient to carry off the water.

On the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. O'Byrne it was decided to add this road to list for Minor Relief Scheme grants.

BALLINACoola LANE (CURRACLOE):- Eight residents of this lane asked for its inclusion in list for repair under Minor Relief Scheme; it was impassable at the moment.

On the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Culleton it was decided to add this lane to list for repair under Minor Relief Scheme.

#### ROAD 220 (Section 9)

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, reported that this road had been badly cut up by haulage with a four ton lorry, of stones to cottages for Co. Board of Health. There is now a sand pit being opened which will mean more haulage. He had only £16 to maintain this road for a year and which amount is a fair proportion of the total money for the section. Consequently, it was not possible to repair the injury which had been done by this excess traffic. It would require at least £25 extra to keep this road and No. 219 adjoining in any sort of order.

Mr. Ennis said this was a mountain road near Bunclody and at present it was practically dangerous. The normal tonnage was 20 cubic yards but 100 cubic yards would not be sufficient to keep it right now.

The Co. Surveyor considered the haulage on this road constituted extraordinary traffic.

Mr. Colfer suggested they should proceed against the Co. Health Board but several Councillors objected.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Clince, Mr. Colfer dissenting: "That a sum of £25 be withdrawn from the appropriate Contingency Fund to provide for repair of roads Nos. 219 and 220 in consequence of excess traffic."

#### FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE REPAIRS

In reply to Mr. Culleton the Co. Surveyor said that the Contractor for repairs at Ferrycarrig Bridge had erected a suspension bridge for pedestrians but he could not say whether it would be a success or not until it was working.

Mr. Culleton said they were told when the contract for repairs

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for Ferrycarrig Bridge was under consideration that when it was closed all the traffic would go by Ballymackessy but it was nearly all going through Castlebridge and the Artramont-Crossabeg road was being badly cut up. He proposed;- "That a sum of £50 be withdrawn from the appropriate Contingency Fund for repair of Crossabeg-Artramont Road in consequence of injury by diverted traffic from route via Ferrycarrig Bridge."

Mr. Brennan seconded the resolution which was adopted.

#### HOUSE ON ROAD 519

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that on 19th August, 1929, he had reported a house having been built by John Corrigan, Drumgoold, Enniscorthy, on margin of above road, and on 26th August, 1929, the Roads Committee passed a resolution that owing to scarcity of houses Corrigan be allowed to remain undisturbed for twelve months. This resolution came up at Co. Council meeting of 9th September, 1929, and was allowed to stand and Corrigan is living there still. On recent inspection of this road he found another house which had been erected in line with Corrigan's, the sides and ends of which were composed of timber framing sheeted with jute bags. He understands this new structure is being used by a local band.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That copy of report of Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, be furnished Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, with a view to his taking action thereon."

#### UNEMPLOYMENT IN TAGHMON

The following was read from John Kennedy, District Secretary, Taghmon Branch, Irish National Trade and Labour Insurance Society:-

"At a meeting of Taghmon Branch Irish National Trade and Labour Insurance Society, the following resolution was proposed by Mr. James Pender seconded by Mr. P. Byrne, and unanimously adopted:- "That we the unemployed of the Village (which number about twenty) call on the Wexford County Council to have all stones broken by hand this year

"owing to the large amount of unemployment in the district. I am directed to forward the above to you for consideration at next meeting of the Co. Council. The unemployed consider that Upton Quarry is suitable for hand breaking."

The following deputation attended - John Kennedy (Spokesman) Edward Ennis and Luke Devereux.

Mr. Kennedy, said the whole Council were aware of the state of the country in regard to unemployment. Taghmon was the worst area in the county in that respect. There were twenty-four or twenty-five men idle and walking the streets daily. They saw at the present time a huge amount of stones being broken in Knockaroon (Upton) quarry, and the unemployed demanded that if possible they be placed at work of breaking the material by hand. The Council might not be aware of the distress among those unemployed, who were of the class that did not want relief or doles. They wanted work; they were willing to work and were "game" and able to work. Some people might say that the stones broken by hand would not suit the roads, and that the ratepayers would be before the Council at their next meeting objecting to them. The present Government had asked the people to make sacrifices and why not the people using the roads make a sacrifice? (laughter).

The men concerned had previously worked in the quarry breaking stones by hand for the roller. People would say the men could not make a living wage at hand breaking but he considered half a loaf better than no bread.

The Co. Surveyor estimated that there were about 600 cubic yards in the quarry to be broken. There were eight men there already at hand breaking but if Co. Council employed the whole twenty-four some of their permanent staff would be thrown out of employment. If the Council wished to expend the money allocated for road work on the relief of unemployment he did not mind, but they should not blame him later on if the work necessary on the roads was not done <sup>OWING</sup> ~~according~~ to the amount allocated being exhausted.

Mr. Keegan could not understand why road workers with years of Insurance stamps to their credit could not be disemployed for a period to give idle men a chance.

The Co. Surveyor said they were having all possible material broken by hand. If the stuff in Upton Quarry had in the former period of employment been broken to proper gauge the men would have earned practically nothing. He suggested that half the amount should be broken by hand.

Mr. Gaul asked the Council to fall in with this suggestion; otherwise some of their permanent staff might be thrown out of employment.

Mr. D'Arcy then proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:- "That 400 yards of material in Upton Quarry be broken by hand at 3/- per cubic yard, Co. Council to stamp Insurance Cards in the usual manner and to provide the necessary tools."

Mr. Kennedy said that the decision of the Council would do very little to relieve the situation. There were other quarries convenient to Taghmon, to where, men given employment, could travel on their bicycles. On the relief scheme in Taghmon there were men employed who lived miles away from the village. Would men from those places be brought to break the stones?

Mr. D'Arcy - Certainly not.

Miss O'Ryan stated that in connection with the relief scheme, the men were employed through the Labour Exchange. Mr. Kennedy had made a complaint with regard to the employment of the men yet he suggested that men from Taghmon village would be given employment in Windy Gap quarry which was in Barntown district. The manner in which men had been employed on the previous grant could not be improved upon.

#### SUGAR BEET INDUSTRY

Mr. Colloton said he had seen that New Ross was making a move for a Sugar Beet Factory and probably a resolution from the

Co. Council would do no harm in that direction. They had experience of what the present factory had done for agriculture.

Mr. Walsh said that a committee was working at present in connection with a factory for New Ross, and a deputation was going to Dublin on Wednesday. The Committee had got together all the necessary data. They had secured a suitable site and had water, and had arranged practically every detail in connection with the factory, in fact they had got details from the people running the factory in Carlow with regard to the amount of water required. It would strengthen the hands of the deputation to have a resolution from the Council. The suitability of New Ross had been stressed at various times in the Press from New Ross Urban Council. They had road, rail and water transport facilities, including transport from the open sea. It was possible to bring a boat of 1,000 tons to New Ross. Beet growers in the area would save from 4d to 6d a ton in freight. He thought the present factory dealt with about 13,000 acres of beet but the one in New Ross would not be as big. He believed it was contemplated to start three or four or more factories. The acreage could easily be got in South Kilkenny and in Wexford southern area without interfering with Carlow. Co. Wexford had another claim to a beet factory also. Tillage was becoming very popular all over the country now, but Wexford was tilling when other parts of the country were under grass, and they had every right to demand that the premier agriculturists should benefit by the establishment of a beet factory.

Mr. Hall said he would prefer to see a beet factory in Enniscorthy. They had every convenience in Enniscorthy. It was in the centre of the county and thousands of tons of beet passed through it every year. He believed that Enniscorthy would be a more suitable place for a beet factory, but at the same time he would like to see a factory established in any part of the County.

Mr. Walsh said that the question of a factory in New Ross was

as old as beet growing in the county. New Ross was mentioned at the very first, and it was admitted to be one of the best sites or probably the best, but other influences were at work, otherwise the factory might have been established in New Ross. With regard to Mr. Hall's reference to Enniscorthy, he would not object if Mr. Hall could get a factory for Enniscorthy also (laughter). The amount of coal required would run to between 600 and 1,000 tons a week. It could be brought straight from the vessel to a factory in New Ross, but if a factory was in Enniscorthy the coal would probably have to be brought from Wexford by lighter.

Mr. Corish - For the past ten years I have been receiving letters from New Ross, and I consider they have first claim on me if there is anything I can do.

The Chairman thought the Wexford beet growers were more in favour of Enniscorthy. They would all be quite pleased to see a factory established in the county, and, the deputation appointed by the Council in connection with the Drinagh cement works should, he thought, also concern themselves with the question of the establishment of a beet factory in the county. It should be remembered, however, that it was all very fine for the people in the beet area to bring forward such projects, but what about the people who were not in the beet area. Those people were simply subsidising others. The people of Co. Wexford were lucky to be in the beet area, but they <sup>should</sup> remember the amount of money connected with each factory.

Mr. Walsh said there was no question of subsidies arising at present. The conditions under which the factory would operate had not been decided on yet. The question of subsidy had not arisen at any meeting he had been at up to the present.

Chairman - Do you think you are going to run a factory on your own?

Mr. Walsh - I do not, but eventually, if beet growing is to be

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a success, it will have to be grown without a subsidy.

Chairman - Even in England they are not able to carry on without a subsidy.

Miss O'Ryan suggested that if there was another factory every industrious farmer could grow beet.

Mr. Corish - There is going to be a bigger demand for beet.

The Chairman said he was not trying to throw cold water on the question of a factory. He held that it would be a great relief if it gave the same relief that the Carlow factory was giving.

Mr. Shannon remarked that people who stood out against the factory in the beet-growing fight had been in some cases, curtailed by fifty per cent. He held it would be a great boon to have a factory in the county.

On the proposition of Mr. Colloton seconded by Mr. Corish, it was decided that the Council should, in every way possible, assist the efforts of the people of New Ross to have a Sugar Beet Factory established there.

Mr. Hall said if they could not get the factory for Enniscorthy he was well satisfied to have it in Ross.

#### CONVERSION OF WEST WING OF COUNTY HALL

The following resolution was read from Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee:- "That this Committee urges upon the County Council the immediate development of the old wing of the Jail, not alone to provide offices for the Committee and its officials but also in order to help towards the relief of unemployment."

The Co. Surveyor said that Mr. E. O'Maille of the Local Government Department who had raised certain questions about the plans was now satisfied and the whole question was whether the work would be done by Contract or by direct labour.

On the proposition of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Corish, it was decided that the work be done by direct labour.

The Secretary pointed out that the sanction of the Local

Government Department for the work had been applied for but had not been received, and work could not proceed until it came to hand. With regard to the appointment of a foreman-in-charge the County Surveyor suggested Mr. John Armstrong, John Street, Wexford, who was clerk of works on the previous reconstruction work in the Co. Hall.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed that the Co. Surveyor appoint the foreman-in-charge, and Mr. D'Arcy seconded.

Mr. Gaul proposed that the position be advertised, and Mr. Corish seconded.

The Co. Surveyor said that if he had not the selection of the man he would not take responsibility.

Chairman - If you advertise at all why not advertise the whole thing? Why agree to advertise one part and not to advertise the other part?

Mr. Gaul agreed to withdraw his proposition and let the work go on.

The Co. Surveyor suggested a payment of £6 a week for the position.

The Chairman said he would not agree to £6 a week, and the Co. Surveyor then suggested £5.5s.

Mr. D'Arcy - £5, and he is a very lucky man to get it.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That Mr. John Armstrong, be paid at the rate of £5 per week while acting as foreman of reconstruction work at West wing of County Hall."

#### MAINTENANCE OF MAIN ROADS

##### NEW ROSS URBAN AREA

The Co. Surveyor submitted letter under date 26th April, 1933 from Town Clerk, New Ross, that his Urban District Council had decided not to undertake the work of Urban Main Roads maintenance.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the maintenance of main roads in "

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"New Ross Urban area be placed in charge of Co. Surveyor for a year as from 31st March 1933, as the New Ross Urban Council have refused to maintain these roads at the figure fixed by Co. Council."

#### COAST EROSION

In reply to Mr. Cummins the Secretary stated he had received from the Land Commission under date 13th April, 1933, (1380/33) an acknowledgment of the resolution of the Co. Council as to making roadway at Slade for Messrs. Fortune and Moran the previous road having been washed away by coast erosion.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution which was passed:- "That as regards the correspondence between the Land Commission and the Wexford Co. Council relative to Coast erosion at Slade the Council would point out that it is a number of years ago since the Council asked something to be done for Messrs. Fortune and Moran who have now no road to their places and yet in spite of promises nothing has been done. The Council fail to understand the apathy of the Land Commission in the matter particularly in view of the fact that their Engineers visited the place a considerable time back."

#### AUDITOR'S REPORT -

##### MOUNTGARRETT BRIDGE COMMITTEE

Under date 10th April, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health forwarded (A.30298/33) report of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the Mountgarrett Bridge Committee for the five half years ended 30th September, 1931.

The report evoked no comment.

#### POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Brennan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That new licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to B. Hennessy, South Street, New Ross and renewals of licences to D. Lennon, Bunclody, James Cullen, Taghmon, and Michael Furlong (Furlong & Hanrahan), South Street, New Ross, provided no objection be made by Civic Guards."

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### PAYMENT TO ROAD CONTRACTORS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That payments of amounts certified to Road Contractors by Co. Surveyor on Form 22 issue from this meeting subject to the modifications and other orders noted on said form and initialled by the Chairman of this meeting."

### VALUATION OF HOUSES

The following resolution received from Mr. D'Arcy, M.C.C., and from Public meeting held at Castletown was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That we request the Co. Council to demand the necessary legislation to prevent an increase of valuation on houses which have been improved; or built on the existing foundation or otherwise."

### COMPULSORY RE-INSTATEMENT OF EVICTED TENANTS

The following resolution from Cork Co. Council was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That the Government be requested to insert a clause in the forthcoming Land Bill making it mandatory on, instead of optional with, the Land Commission to re-instate Evicted Tenants in their former holdings where now untenanted, and to provide equivalent holdings for the remaining Evicted Tenants who were evicted since August 1878 for non-payment of rent. That copies of this resolution be sent to the leaders of the various political parties in the Dail, as well as to the other County Councils in the Free State requesting its unanimous adoption."

### DERELICT FARMS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That we call upon the Government to bring in a Bill to deal with derelict farms in such manner as will enable County Councils to ensure payment of rates levied on such holdings."

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NEW ROSS URBAN COUNCIL AND

LOCAL LOANS FUND

The following resolution was read from New Ross Urban Council "That, in the opinion of this Council it is expedient to implement the Resolution passed at a meeting held on the 7th day of February, 1933, by refusing to strike a Rate for the repayment of monies obtained from the Local Loans Fund under the various Public Health Acts and for that purpose a resolution on the introduction of the local budgets be passed to reduce the Estimates by an amount equivalent to the Annuities."

Mr. Corish said that of course the Co. Council were paying nothing in connection with the Local Loans' Fund but they would be later on. He thought that urban authorities were entitled to relief. A great many local authorities such as Wexford, New Ross and Enniscorthy had been borrowing money for a number of years. The Government were collecting money which, according to the Treaty, was due to England, and he thought that in view of their collecting it and not handing it over in the same way as they were not handing over the Land Annuities, the towns were entitled to some relief, as the farmers were getting relief. However, he did not want to raise a controversy in that connection. He did not agree that they should refuse to strike a rate. What would become of the social services and the people.

Mr. Walsh said that some relief was due. It did not seem equitable that the money should be collected when it was being withheld.

The following resolution was adopted on the proposition of Mr. Corish and seconded by Mr. Walsh:- "That in view of the fact that the Government are collecting the money and not handing it over the Co. Council consider that the Urban Districts who have borrowed in the past from the Local Loans Fund should be given commensurate relief."

USE OF GOREY COURTHOUSE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the use of Gorey Courthouse be given for meeting of Farmers of Gorey District on Saturday, 20th May, 1933."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the use of Gorey Courthouse be given to Gorey Feis Committee for 15th June, 1933, the day of Feis."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That application of Mr. Thomas Funge, 63, Main Street, Gorey, for use of Gorey Courthouse for lecture on tobacco growing with the object of forming a Tobacco Growers' Association in Gorey District be acceded to, date to be fixed by Mr. Funge and County Secretary."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Hayes:- "That permission be given to Gorey Labour Party for use of Gorey Courthouse on a day to be selected by Mr. Corish."

ANALYST'S REPORT

From Report of Co. Analyst for quarter ending 31st March, 1933, it appeared that during the period there had been analysed the following samples:- Foods 173: Drugs 38: Waters 4: Total 215. Two new milks were found to be adulterated and four waters had been condemned.

MAINTENANCE OF UNEMPLOYED

A resolution was received from Waterford Corporation calling upon the Government to introduce the necessary legislation whereby the relief of the Able Bodied Unemployed would be administered out of Central Funds through the medium of the Employment Exchanges, and thus confine to local rates the relief of the indigent sick and destitute only, as originally contemplated by the legislature.

The motion was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Shannon.

COLLECTION OF RATES

A letter was read from P.T. Dunne, Secretary Farmers' Protection Association, 3, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, that <sup>as</sup> from a reply which they had received from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health it was Co. Councils who were responsible through their Rate Collectors for harrassing proceedings which were taken against farmers for arrears of rates, the Association hoped Co. Councils will discontinue these methods and suspend the attempted collection of arrears, and in regard of the rates due to 31st March, 1933, accept payment by instalments.

It was decided that no order be made on the communication.

HALF LAND ANNUITIES VERSUS

DE-RATING

Mr. Patrick J. Gaffney, General Secretary, United Farmers' Protection Association, forwarded a long communication in which he submitted figures to prove that it was far more beneficial to farmers to be forgiven payment than to have full de-rating of land.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the letter from the General Secretary of the United Farmers' Association be marked 'read'"

VOTE OF CONDOLENCE

On the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Shannon a vote of condolence was adopted to Mr. John Murphy, M.C.C., in the death of his aunt Mrs. Cummins, Horeswood.

Mr. Shannon and the Chairman supported the motion which was adopted in silence.

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Doyle Edward, Ballycoursey, Enniscorthy. (Agreed to).  
Fenelon James Raheenahone (Refused)  
Fortune John, Norrismount, Camolin. (Refused)  
Hyland Joseph, Coolgarrow. (Refused).  
Kenny Hugh, Glenogue, Ballyfadd. (Agreed to)  
Mangan Thomas Ballinlow, Kilmuckridge. (Agreed to)  
Millar James, Glenogue, Inch. (Agreed to).  
Moran John, Bulgan, Glynn. (refused)  
O'Neill Henry, Ballingarry, Gorey. (Agreed to).  
Somers Laurence, Ballyteague, Kilmuckridge. (Agreed to)  
Waters William, Loughnageer, Foulksmills. (Agreed to)  
Whelan Laurence, Ballinagore, Blackwater. (Agreed to)  
Whelan Martin, Marshallstown, Enniscorthy. (Agreed to).

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING, 19th MAY, 1933

M I N U T E S

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary, County Council.

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A special meeting of Wexford County Council to consider applications for supplies of Seeds and Manures was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 19th May, 1933.

The following were in attendance:- Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, Patrick Colfer, John Culleton, John Cummins, T.F. D'Arcy, James Hall, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss O'Ryan, James Shannon, and Myles Smyth.

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

On the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. D'Arcy the chair was taken by

Mr. Cummins.

The following applications were dealt with:-

John Moran, Bulgan, Glynn, applied for twelve stone grass seeds and six bags Superphosphate. Refused. Applicant to be informed that grass seeds are not included in Scheme.

Edward Clancy, Tomfarney, Clonroche, applied for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  barrels of April Red Beardy Wheat and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  tons of Superphosphate.

It was decided to refer applicant to special Wheat Scheme. The meeting agreed to accept applicant for one ton of Superphosphate.

John Cowman, Kyle, Bunclody, applied for  $2\frac{1}{2}$  tons XXX Superphosphate and six cwt. Sulphate of Ammonia. The meeting agreed he should be accepted for one ton of Superphosphate and two cwt. of Sulphate of Ammonia.

James Fenlon, Raheenahone, Bree, applied for Half ton Superphosphate and two cwt. Sulphate of Ammonia.

The Council refused the application as applicant owed three years' rates in consequence of which the members expressed doubt as to the ability of applicant to repay the amount of loan.

William Waters, Loughnaguer, Foulksmills, applied for one barrel of Archer barley and one ton Superphosphate.

The application was agreed to provided applicant lodges Form of

application properly filled up by himself and his sureties.

Laurence Somers, Ballyteague, Kilmuckridge, applied for 2½ barrels Black Tartary Oats, 3½ barrels of Barley and 6 cwt. Superphosphate; three cwt. nitrate of Soda and seven cwt. Sulphate of Ammonia.

It was decided to accept application for oats and barley and for six cwt. of Superphosphate and five cwt. of Sulphate of Ammonia.

Walter Crean, Ballinclay, Killurin, applied for 1½ tons Superphosphate and three cwt. Sulphate of Ammonia.

As applicant owed three years' rates the meeting did not believe he would be able to repay the loan and the application was refused.

Joseph Hyland, Coolgarrow, Enniscorthy, applied for two tons artificial mamure.

The meeting considered applicant should be able to make other arrangements.

Hugh Kenny, Glenogue, Ballyfadd, applied for ten stone hay seed, one ton Superphosphate and half ton basic slag.

The meeting accepted the application for mamure but refused application for hay seed as this was not included in the scheme.

Thomas Mangan, Ballinlow, Kilmuckridge, applied for loan for 7½ barrels Oats, two barrels of Barley and one ton artificial mamure

The meeting agreed to two barrels of Barley, five barrels of oats and one ton Fertilizers.

John Fortune, Norrismount, Camolin, applied for twenty-four barrels of Black Tartary Oats and fifteen barrels old Irish Barley.

The applicant's valuation is £205 odd and he proposed to obtain the corn from Patrick Fortune, The Bungalow, Ferns, one of the Sureties.

The meeting considered that applicant should be able to make arrangements to obtain seed oats and barley otherwise than through a loan from Co. Council.

Moses Dempsey, Monawilling Lower, Oulart, applied for three

tons of artificial manure and the meeting agreed to issue Order for half the amount,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  tons.

Edward Doyle, Ballycoursey, Enniscorthy, applied for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  tons of Superphosphate and five bags Kainit. Application agreed to.

Martin Whelan, Marshallstown, Enniscorthy, applied for two tons ten cwt. of Superphosphate. It was agreed to issue Order for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  tons.

Henry O'Neill, Ballingarry, Gorey, applied for one ton of Superphosphate and application was accepted, applicant's signature to be properly witnessed.

James Millar, Glenogue, Inch, applied for four stone Hay-seed and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  tons Superphosphate. Application for manure accepted and applicant to be informed that hay-seed cannot be supplied as it is not included in approved Scheme.

P. Donnelly, Annagh, Inch, applied for one ton Superphosphate and one bag of Potash. Agreed to on condition that stipulated Form of application be signed by applicant and his sureties.

Mrs. Ellen Delaney, Oldcourt, Adamstown, applied for two barrels of Oats, one barrel of Wheat and one ton artificial manure. Accepted for Oats and manure only, and on condition that Form of application be properly filled up by applicant and her sureties.

Laurence Whelan, Ballinagore, Blackwater, applied for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  tons Superphosphate and five cwt. Sulphate of Ammonia. Accepted for one ton of Superphosphate and on condition that new application Form be filled up by applicant and his sureties in ink as Form lodged was filled up in pencil.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That the applications for loans for seeds and fertilisers agreed to at this meeting be subject to the County Solicitor being satisfied that application Forms have been filled by applicants and sureties so as to meet all legal requirements."

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M. Doyle

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 29th MAY, 1933

M I N U T E S

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary, Wexford Co. Council.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 29th May, 1933.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle, (Chairman) and subsequently Mr. James E. Walsh (Vice-Chairman) presiding; also Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Clince, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, James Gaul, Col. C.M. Gibbon, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, William P. Keegan, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, James Shannon and Myles Smyth.

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

The Minutes of ordinary meeting of 8th May, 1933, and of special meeting of 19th May, 1933, were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £352. (Ordinary Account) and £20201.17.11d (Transfers to Public Bodies) were examined and signed.

#### VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Smyth, a resolution of condolence with Mr. T.F. D'Arcy, County Councillor, in the death of his brother-in-law (Mr. Kinsella) was adopted.

Mr. Cummins moved and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution:- "That the heartfelt sympathy of this Council be offered to the Mother General of the Loreto Order and to the Loreto Community of Wexford in the great loss sustained by them by the death of Mother M.J. Raphael Doyle, a native of Wexford, who was deservedly esteemed and respected by everyone who had the happiness of her acquaintance.

"That this meeting of the Co. Council stand adjourned at 11.50 a.m. to enable the Members to attend the funeral."

The Chairman in putting the motion said he probably was more intimate with Mother Raphael than any other member of the Council as he knew her from childhood. The deepest sympathy was felt with the Community in their great loss.

The resolution was then passed in silence.

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STRIKING OF RATE FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1933/34

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That as set out on Forms 42 and 43 and as appearing on Minutes of meeting of Wexford County Council held on 10th April, 1933, and also as advertised in the "People" ; "Free Press" and "Echo" newspapers of 6th May, 1933, we hereby strike the Rate for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1933/34 the General Rate being fixed at 8/7½d in the £.

"The sum payable by the occupiers of Agricultural land will be reduced owing to additional Agricultural Grant 1933 by a further 3/2d in the £. plus 2/- in £. on first £10 of valuation on Agricultural land.

"That the amount of Rates for Separate Charges be as set out on Forms 43 which accompanied Agenda for meeting held on 10th April 1933, and as set out on Minutes of said meeting.

"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 furnished this Council by Valuation Department subject to allowances granted under Housing Acts, Local Government Act 1925, Rating of New Buildings Order 1925 and Local Government Act 1927.

"That the allowance 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 arrears of Poor Rate outstanding amounting to £9458.1.7d which includes two sums making £46.6.5d which were not under consideration by Finance Committee be carried forward for collection with Poor Rate for year 1933/34.

"That we hereby strike Drainage Rate for Kilmannock Drainage District viz. £83.7.10d in accordance with Charging Order issued by the Commissioners of Public Works under date 19th January, 1927,

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"as amended by said Commissioners by their letter of 19th May, 1933 (10479/33). That arrears of Kilmannock Drainage Rate outstanding be carried forward for collection with said Drainage Rate for year 1933/34, amount being £174.8.9d.

"That we hereby strike Drainage Rate for Sow Drainage District viz. £551.2.6d. in accordance with Charging Order of the Commissioners of Public Works dated 16th January, 1929, as amended by said Commissioners in letters of 17th January, 1933 (25807/32) and 22nd March, 1933 (4672/31).

"That Warrants for collection of all Rates included in this resolution be Sealed and Signed.

"That the Demands of Wexford County Council on the Urban Districts of Enniscorthy, New Ross and Wexford as appearing on Form 48 be duly Signed and Sealed, the amounts demanded from said Urban Districts being as follows:-

Enniscorthy.....£3039.0.0d.

New Ross.....£2886.16.2d.

Wexford.....£6522.17.0d.

The Chairman said the only remark he had to make was that he was very sorry to have the rate so much increased. It was not the fault of the Council to have it increased; it was the fault of the deduction from the Agricultural Grant, and the ratepayers were aware of that just as much as the Members of the Council. He wished to impress on the public that it was not the fault of the Council.

The proposition was then put and passed without dissent.

#### RESIGNATION OF MR. MURPHY, COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Under date 24th May, 1933, Mr. John Murphy, M.C.C., Ballykerogue Castle, Campile, wrote:-

"I beg to tender my resignation as a member of the Wexford County Council and ask you to bring it before next meeting. I also take this opportunity of thanking every member for their kindness

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"to me while on the Council.

"I wish to thank you Mr. Frizelle very much for your help and kindness during my five years as Co. Councillor and I may tell you I am very grateful.

"If it does happen that any member proposes that I be asked to reconsider will you please tell him that I do not wish it and that I have made up my mind definitely and it would be only a waste of time. I might add that pressure of business alone is my reason for resigning, and in conclusion I hope you will again accept my best thanks for all your kindness."

Col. Gibbon proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following:-  
"That the resignation of Mr. John Murphy, Ballykerogue Castle, Campile, as a member of Wexford County Council be accepted, and that said office be declared vacant."

Mr. Keegan expressed the opinion that Mr. Murphy should be asked to reconsider his decision, as he was a valued member of the Council.

The Chairman said that Mr. Murphy had written to him requesting that he should be released at once. Every member of the Council would regret his resignation.

The resolution was put and passed.

It was decided that formal acceptance of the resignation with the declaration that the office was vacant, and notification of vacancy be advertised in three County newspapers and be signed by the Chairman, Messrs. Sean O'Byrne and James Armstrong, and countersigned by the Secretary.

As regards the question of fine it was stated that under Section 8 of the Local Elections and Meetings (Postponement) Act 1931, a fine was not payable in the circumstances of Mr. Murphy's resignation.

RESIGNATION OF RATE COLLECTOR NO. 18 District

Collector T. Rowe for above District wrote resigning his position as Rate Collector.

In reply to a query the Secretary stated this Collector took up duty on 1st July, 1922.

On the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Brennan, the following resolution was adopted:- "That as provided by Standing Orders of this Council, the resignation of Collector Rowe, No. 18 District, be referred to Finance Committee for report to the Council."

RECOMMENDATIONS OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The following recommendations of Finance Committee of 11th May, 1933, were submitted.



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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 11th May, 1933.

Present:- Messrs. John J. Culleton, James Hall, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor and Rates Inspector were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall the chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### NEXT MEETING OF COMMITTEE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That next meeting of Finance Committee be held on 24th May, 1933, as Ascension Thursday (which is a holyday of obligation) falls on 25th, the ordinary day of meeting

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3152.0.7d. was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

The following lists of irrecoverable rates were submitted and the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the amounts submitted to this meeting representing items of totally irrecoverable rates be struck off as follows:- J. Quirke £81.9.2d; Wm. Doyle £194.11.0d; Philip Doyle £37.5.5d; M. Mo.Carthy £166.10.1d; P. Nolan £161.12.2d; S. Gannon (No. 6) £31.6.7d; J. Deegan £59.15.2d; J. Cummins £53.12.0d; P. O'Byrne £55.12.7d; S. Gannon (No. 10) £35.11.1d; W. Cummins £11.10.3d; M. Murphy £5.13.8d; J.J. O'Reilly £30.19.2d; A. Dunne (No.14) £12.5.10d; A. Dunne (15) £38.19.11d; J.J. Sinnott £74.0.8d; E.J. Murphy £68.13.1d; Thomas Rowe £7.2.9d; J.J. Curtis £12.2.6d and P. Carty £48.17.4d.

On the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:- "That the following amounts be

"carried forward as temporary uncollectable into warrants of Rate Collectors for financial year 1933/34:-

James Quirke £588.16.7d; Wm. Doyle £1,159.16.4d; P. Doyle £161.10.5d; M. McCarthy £406.19.11d; P. Nolan £809.3.6d; S. Gannon (No.6) £275.10.7d; J. Deegan £109.16.5d; J. Gummins £507.8.9d (Collection closed) S. Gannon (No.10) £298.7.9d; W. Gummins £792.13.9d; M. Murphy £421.15.5d; J.J. O'Reilly £203.10.6d; J.J. Sinnott £728.17.1d; E.J. Murphy £143.6.10d (closed) T. Rowe £199.3.5d; J.J. Curtis £228.5.3d (closed) P. Carty £97.15.6d.

No lists of temporary uncollectable rates had been received from Collectors P. O'Byrne (No. 9) and Art Dunne (Nos. 14 and 15).

The Secretary reported that Collector O'Byrne was due to attend at Wexford on 5th May but sent a wire that he was not able to go until 6th May, when, however, he did not turn up.

Mr. O'Byrne came before the meeting and produced Medical Certificate from Dr. Bowen, Enniscorthy, under date 6th May, 1933, that he had the remains of a bullet wound through his left thigh and was complaining of pains in his left leg which the Doctor believed to be the result of the wound. He was also suffering from Psoriasis which he informed the Doctor he had contracted in jail in 1923.

Mr. O'Byrne (Collector) said he had not been able to make out the lists of temporary uncollectable rates owing to his illness.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That Collector O'Byrne be directed to furnish his list of temporary uncollectable rates by 17th May, 1933, at latest.

"That the attention of Collector O'Byrne be called to the fact that the Finance Committee have had to complain of the slipshod way in which he is discharging his duties for some time past and point out to him that if he fails to comply with instructions as to furnishing his List of outstanding Rates or gives any further cause for complaint, the Committee will ask the Co. Council to relieve him of his duties."

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Collector Art Dunne (Nos. 14 and 15 Districts) came before the meeting and explained that he understood that if his list of temporary uncollectable rate was furnished immediately after the 13th instant it would be in time. He now found that what was meant was that any money collected at the fair in Gorey on the 13th May could be lodged after the Fair. He was sorry he had misunderstood the instructions and would prepare the necessary lists immediately.

It was proposed by Mr. Shannon and seconded by Mr. Culleton and passed:- "That Collector Art Dunne be instructed to furnish his lists of temporary uncollectable rates not later than 17th May, 1933."

It was decided to hold a special meeting of the Finance Committee on 19th May, 1933, to consider supplemental list of temporary uncollectable rates immediately before the special meeting of the Co. Council called to consider applications under Supply of Seeds and Fertilisers Scheme.

Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne and seconded by Mr. Shannon the following resolution was passed:- "That the Rate Collectors be instructed to have all collectable Rate lodged not later than 27th May, 1933."

Under date 9th May, 1933, Collector Quirke, Hon. Secretary, Rate Collectors' Association, wrote that at a meeting of County Rate Collectors held that day it was decided to ask the Finance Committee to apply for sanction to have full poundage paid Collectors immediately Warrants were closed. The Collectors had received notice to pay the Premium on their Bonds for the coming year, and were badly in need of funds to do so.

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for sanction to pay full poundage to each Rate Collector as soon as he had closed Warrant for year 1933/34 by lodging all collectable Rates."

It was reported to the meeting that Collector W. Cummins

had obtained a Decree against Joseph Kearney, Clonmore, Glenbrien, one of the personal Sureties of Patrick Nolan, Rate Collector.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "In view of the fact that Joseph Kearney, Clonmore, Glenbrien, has been decreed for rates, we call upon Mr. Patrick Nolan, Rate Collector, to submit the name of another Surety to take his place."

In connection with vacancies for Collectors in Districts Nos. 6, 7 and 14 the following resolutions were proposed by Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:- "That as Collector John Deegan who was appointed temporary Collector in room of his brother (deceased) has discharged his duties with satisfaction, we recommend the Council to approve of the extension of his appointment for another year."

"We also recommend the Council to approve of the appointment of Collector Gannon for District No. 6 for a further year."

Proposed by Mr. Shannon and seconded by Mr. Culleton the following resolution was adopted:- "That we recommend the Council to accept the resignation of Rate Collector Thady Bolger ( No. 14 District), to become effective as soon as warrant has been satisfactorily closed and suggest to the Council that instead of appointing new Collector, the District should be amalgamated under the following arrangements:-

Collector J. Cummins to receive Ballyoughter and Kilcomb; Collector Art Dunne, Ballybeg, Huntingtown and Rosminogue, and Collector J.J. O'Reilly, Ballyellis and Monaseed."

With regard to rates due on Mt. St. Benedict, Gorey, letter was read from Rev. Father Sweetman, Mount St. Benedict, stating he would attend a meeting of Finance Committee on 24th May, 1933, to deal with the matter.

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SMITH WORK AT BALLYTHOMAS QUARRY

Under date 4th May, 1933, James Hempenstall, Blacksmith, wrote that he had been repairing tools for work at Ballythomas quarry and no fault had been found with him. The work was now given to another Smith. He asked the Ganger the reason and was informed that he was sending the tools as usual, but the men in the quarry objected very strongly on the grounds that Hempenstall was not a member of the Fianna Fail Club. He (The Ganger) left the matter to the men and they sent the tools to the other Smith. He considered he was still entitled to the work particularly as no fault had been found and it seemed strange that for political reasons this action had been taken. He asked the Co. Council to look into the matter and have things left as before. The Ganger in the past, had been always in charge of repair of the tools and there was no reason for the change particularly if it was to be on a political issue.

Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District, submitted the following report under date 6th May, 1933:-

"Yours of 5th instant to hand with copy of letter from above re smith work Ballythomas quarry. I went into matter to-day with Ganger who informed me that Hempenstall and the other smith had an agreement by which the forge was set by Hempenstall to him as a weekly tenancy. Recently this tenancy was terminated and the other man set up for himself. Quarrying work was started for the season three weeks ago, and the necessary dressing of tools since then has been equally divided between these men.

I may mention that all the quarry tools work for the past two years was done by the man to whom Hempenstall had let the forge, and who is now working forge of his own."

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

"That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to institute personal enquiries as to the statement of Mr. Hempenstall, that because of

"his political opinions he was no longer employed to sharpen tools etc. used in Ballythomas quarry."

ALLEGED CRIMINAL INJURIES -  
APPLICATIONS FOR COMPENSATION

Applications for compensation under above were received from Patrick and Arthur Carton, for £99.16.6d for destruction of Dwelling house at Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, and James Meaney, Mt. Elliot, New Ross, for £50 for destruction of dwelling house.

It was decided that both applications be opposed by Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, on behalf of the Council.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

Under date 3rd May, 1933, (G.44302/1933 Loch Garman Fa) the Minister for Local Government wrote sanctioning Overdraft Accommodation not exceeding £40,000 up to the 31st July next, Interest thereon to be paid at the agreed rate.

Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne and seconded by Mr. Culleton the following resolution was adopted:- "That application be made to the National Bank on behalf of the Co. Council for Overdraft Accommodation not exceeding £40,000 for the period ended 31st July, 1933."

RESIGNATION OF MR. JOHN KEHOE, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR

Letter of resignation from Mr. John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, under date 3rd May, 1933, and which appears on Minutes of Co. Council meeting of 8th May, 1933, was read in accordance with Standing Order No. 59.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That we accept, with regret, the resignation of Mr. John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, to become effective as from 4th May, 1933."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colloton:- "In view of the fact that Notice of motion

"has been served by Col. Gibbon not to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Kehoe the Finance Committee await the result of the consideration of this notice of motion before taking any steps as to the filling of the vacant office.

"That as from 5th May, 1933, Assistant Surveyors Birthistle and O'Neill be paid £1 per week each, with such travelling expenses as were allowed Mr. Kehoe (the latter to be apportioned by the County Surveyor) for discharging the duties in the vacant district."

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following letter (10150/33) under date 10th May, 1933, was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"In reply to your letter of the 9th instant regarding loans of £2,000 and £8,000, we beg to state that we have received the recommendations of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health that loans for these amounts be made from the Local Loans Fund for the purposes of advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. The sanction of the Minister for Finance is necessary before any loan can be made from the Local Loans Fund and we await his decision regarding the loan of £2,000. If sanction for this amount is received the Treasury Solicitor will be asked to prepare the necessary Mortgage Deed as soon as possible. We are about to submit to the Minister for Finance the question of the loan of £8,000 and you will be notified of his decision in due course."

In regard to the suggestion of Mr. McCarthy that arrangements should be made by which instalments of loans would be paid weekly, or in longer periods as arranged in each case, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That steps be taken to ascertain if the Rent Collectors of the County Board of Health and Public Assistance would be available to collect instalments of loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts at weekly or other short periods and the amount of remuneration they would expect for this work.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That consideration of the amount to be paid for clerical work in connection with these Acts be adjourned until the Finance Committee ascertain what the cost of collecting instalments of loan at short periods would be."

#### OUTLAY ACCOUNT - COUNTY SOLICITOR

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That amount of out of pocket expenses of Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, for financial year 1932/33 amounting to £73.4.2d. be recommended to the Co. Council for payment. The expenses in the list amounted to £49.7s. for Ford of Lyng."

#### FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

Under date 11th April, 1933, the District Superintendent, Garda Siochana, reported that a sample of new milk purchased from Mrs. Foley, Ferns Upper, was found by Co. Analyst to be 4.3% deficient in fats. As the Analyst considered the deficiency slight she did not forward a Certificate to sustain a prosecution and proceedings were not therefore instituted.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

Intimation was received from District Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Enniscorthy, for the committal of Mary O'Neill, Ballinakill, Ferns, to a certified Industrial School and for the committal of Patrick Kirwan, Greenane, Killanne, aged 12 years, under the School Attendance Act 1926.

The Inspector of the Wexford Branch of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children wrote stating he intended applying for the committal of Bernard Holohan (11 years old); John Holohan (10 years old); Mary Holohan (8 years old) and Catherine Holohan (5½ years old) of Barntown, to an Industrial School. The father died about five weeks ago and the family were destitute since. In addition to above children there were two

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others both under two years. Application would be made under Section 58 (1) 4 Childrens Act 1908.

#### FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE

Under date 11th May, 1933, the Co. Surveyor submitted copy of letter from Messrs. Delap and Waller, Consulting Engineers, Ferrycarrig Bridge repairs, to the Contractors, the Irish Piling Co., as to driving of new pile and the use of cylinders over groups of piles.

The directions of the Consulting Engineers in the matter were approved on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Gulleton.

#### GOREY POUND AND FAIR GREEN

Under date 3rd May, 1933, the Town Clerk, Gorey, wrote stating he had been directed by the Town Commissioners to draw the attention of the County Council to the state of disrepair into which the wall between the Pound (which the Commissioners contended was the property of the Council) and the Fair Green had fallen. This wall is almost down and the Commissioners would be glad to have the matter attended to. He also asked the name of the Official Pound-Keeper.

It was decided to adjourn this matter pending report from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District.

#### FOREMAN IN CHARGE -

#### RECONSTRUCTION WEST WING COUNTY HALL

The Co. Surveyor said that Mr. John Armstrong, whose appointment by him as foreman in charge of the reconstruction work of West wing of Co. Hall had been approved by the County Council at last meeting was not available as he had taken up a position in Dublin. He (Co. Surveyor) proposed appointing another suitable man.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the appointment of Foreman - in Charge of reconstruction work of West wing of County Hall be allowed to remain in the hands of the Co. Surveyor."

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 11th May, 1933, and as submitted to this meeting be received and considered.

POUNDAGE OF RATE COLLECTORS:- The following under date 26th May, 1933 (G.55687-1933) was read from Department 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 23rd instant, and to state that he sanctions payment of poundage at the authorised rate to all Rate Collectors who closed their warrants by the 27th instant.

"It should be understood that any Collectors who remained in arrear after that date will not receive similar favourable treatment and the Council in such cases should consider what disciplinary action is called for."

PROPOSED AMALGAMATION OF DISTRICTS:- It was pointed out that in view of amount of new Warrant for No. 14 District the Finance Committee at their meeting on 24th May, 1933, had decided to recommend appointment of new Collector.

RESIGNATION OF MR. JOHN KEHOE, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR:- The recommendations of the Finance Committee were considered with the following motion by Col. Gibbon and of which he had given previous notice:- "That vacancy in office of Assistant Surveyor be not filled but that arrangements be made for the carrying out of the work in vacant district with the existing five Assistant Surveyors."

Col. Gibbon proposing his motion, said that the time had come when economies should be made. Five or six years ago he proposed that when a vacancy arose in the Assistant Surveyors branch that it not be filled. He did not mean to throw the extra work on the other Assistant Surveyors without their getting some remuneration. One of the questions to be considered was, whether they could legally compel the other surveyors to take on the extra

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work without coming to an arrangement which would be acceptable to them. There were several ways of dealing with the matter, but if his motion were accepted the financial side of the legal question would be examined. The question was whether the surveyors would be able to do the work with an increase in their travelling allowance, proportionate to the increased mileage, which they would have to cover or the alternative of making an arrangement by which a saving could be effected by the Council, and portion of the salary which was paid to Mr. Kehoe given to them. He suggested that his motion be passed, that the financial side be postponed. He understood from the Co. Surveyor that the work could be carried on efficiently with one assistant surveyor less.

Col. Quin seconded the motion.

Mr. D'Arcy said it was evident that Col. Gibbon's motion would mean an increase. The present was not a time for increasing expenditure.

Miss O'Ryan stated she would not be in favour of a proposition which, if it means one surveyor less, was going to cost the same amount of money as they had been paying.

Col. Gibbon pointed out that if they appointed a surveyor to replace Mr. Kehoe they probably would have to pay him the same salary and in addition they would have to pay Mr. Kehoe a pension.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, in reply to Col. Gibbon said the Council could not compel the other assistant Surveyors to take on the work in Mr. Kehoe's district without their consent.

Mr. D'Arcy said the Council would not be so childish as to pay a new surveyor the same salary as Mr. Kehoe was receiving.

Col. Gibbon - You will have to do it ultimately.

Mr. Hayes said that the Council would have to consider if the work would be done as efficiently by departing from the existing arrangements. If a comparison was made with the system under which work of the County Health Board was being done in Wexford area it did not lead to efficiency.

The Chairman stated that as far as the work in the future was concerned there would not have to be as much travelling as heretofore by the surveyors as all the main roads should be by now sufficiently dealt with to avoid it to the same extent.

The Co. Surveyor stated he discussed the matter with the Assistant Surveyors who were quite willing, in fact, rather pleased to do the work in Mr. Kehoe's district if they got reasonable remuneration. The total mileage of roads in the county was fairly evenly divided among the Assistant Surveyors and was as follows:-  
Mr. Kehoe 340.64; Mr. Treanor 333.53; Mr. Ennis 321.7;  
Mr. Birthistle 342.5; Mr. Cullen 321.21; Mr. O'Neill 315.9. Total 1975.48 miles.

If Mr. Kehoe's district were divided among them it would mean sixty-eight additional miles travelling for each of them. He understood from Col. Gibbon that the travelling allowance which Mr. Kehoe had been paid and the balance of his salary after the pension had been paid would be divided among the five Assistant Surveyors.

Mr. Keegan stated that one of their assistant surveyors, Mr. Ennis, was only a part-time official of the Council.

Miss O'Ryan asked if it would not be advisable for the Co. Surveyor to go into the whole question of a re-allocation of the work of the assistant Surveyors and reported to the Council.

Mr. D'Arcy said that they had not been able to get very far with the matter that day and if they were to adopt Col. Gibbon's motion it would mean an increase of the salaries of two surveyors. He proposed that a new surveyor be appointed for Mr. Kehoe's district at a salary of £3 a week with £3 weekly travelling allowance. Mr. Brennan seconded.

Mr. Corish said he would prefer a surveyor to be appointed at a lesser salary than to have two surveyors given the work at only £1 a week each.

Miss O'Ryan proposed that the Co. Surveyor should consider with the Assistant Surveyors, the matter of re-allocation of their work and mileage and the remuneration which they were prepared to accept as regards proposed new conditions, and submit report.

Col. Gibbon seconded the motion which was passed.

It was agreed that further consideration of notice of motion by Col. Gibbon and of Mr. D'Arcy's motion should be dealt with at next meeting of the Council.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS:- Under date 18th May, 1933, the following letter (H.49044/33) (Wexford Co.) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your communication of the 9th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the making by the Wexford County Council of the following advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

| Name of Borrower        | House                      | Amount<br>of<br>Advance<br>£. |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| William Orr             | Raheenmore, Killenagh.     | 50                            |
| John Whelan             | Templeshannon, Enniscorthy | 180                           |
| Daniel Tomkins          | Esmonde Street, Gorey      | 115                           |
| Thomas Roche            | Kilcloran, Camolin         | 167.10                        |
| Mrs. Nellie O'Callaghan | Bearlough, Rosslare        | 130.                          |
| John Webster            | Templeshannon, Enniscorthy | 180                           |
| John & Annie Redmond    | do do                      | 140                           |
| William Roche           | do do                      | 180.                          |
| John T. Sutton          | Whitemill Road, Wexford    | 125                           |
| Patrick Grant           | Busherstown, Ballymitt     | 50                            |
| John Breen              | Templeshannon, Enniscorthy | 180                           |
| Michael McGrath         | do do                      | 180                           |
| Daniel Bolger           | do do                      | 130                           |

In reply to Mr. O'Byrne the Secretary stated that the Local Government Department had sanctioned the two loans of £2,000 and £8,000, besides sanctioning loans to a number of individual applicants.

As regards the obtaining of the money represented by these loans, the following under date 25th May, 1933, (11257/33) was received from the Office of Public Works:-

"We beg to state that the Minister for Finance has not yet sanctioned the making of the loans of £2000 and £8000 to the Wexford County Council and we await his decision in these cases."

Mr. O'Byrne considered that a strong protest should be made as regards the delay in obtaining the loans. Councils had been accused of not doing their best under the Housing Acts but in Wexford, people who had houses actually finished, had neither received Grant nor loan which was altogether unfair, and was bound to have a prejudicial effect upon the future working of the Scheme as it would ruin the credit of applicants.

Mr. Cummins said that Mr. Corish T.D., should raise the question in the Dail, but in reply Mr. Corish said he would 'phone to the Office of Public Works and find out exactly how the matter stood.

Subsequently Mr. Corish stated he found as a result of his telephone conversation, that the Board of Works had gone out of their way in endeavouring to obtain the sanction of the Minister for Finance. When he (Mr. Corish) was in Dublin he would take up the matter directly with the Finance Minister, and hoped to be able to have it dealt with satisfactorily without further delay.

Mr. D'Arcy asked if it was to be understood that applicants for houses were to be charged £5.5s. each for mortgage.

Mr. Elgee said that by arrangement with the Council he had cut down the ordinary fee of £8 or £9 to the five Guinea figure.

In answer to Mr. D'Arcy, he said that this money would not be credited to the County Council; it would be paid to himself for

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his services, and to cover the cost of the necessary stamps.

Mr. D'Arcy stated he was not going to stand for that kind of thing. As Mr. Elgee was the Council's Solicitor, paid a salary each year for doing the work of the Council and as this was the work of the Council, why should each applicant be saddled with a payment of £5.5s. for his mortgage.

Miss O'Ryan - It does not cost anything like £5.5s. under the Board of Health.

The Chairman mentioned that the cases were not analogous, as no applicants for labourers' cottages were executing a mortgage for a loan.

Col. Gibbon suggested the matter should be referred to the Finance Committee, but Mr. D'Arcy objected.

Miss O'Ryan said that the Council had taken up the Scheme in order to provide for people with bad houses, or who had no houses and it would not help if extra cost was piled on them. The Board of Health were not paying anything like £5.5s. or half of that for mortgages for acquisition of land under Labourers' Act.

Mr. D'Arcy said he would hand in notice of motion to have this particular matter as to payment for preparation of mortgages dealt with at next meeting.

Mr. Elgee - In view of that notice I would like to withdraw my offer to do the work for £5.5s.

The matter dropped.

On the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Gaul, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Council approve of loan of £170 to James Doyle, under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts - site at St. Michael's Road, Gorey, and loan of £130 to John Roche of Ballylemin, Screen, Mr. Elgee having certified that the titles to plots etc. were in order. "

FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE:- Col. Gibbon said he wished the County Surveyor to inform the Council as to the progress of repair work at Ferrycarrig Bridge.

The Co. Surveyor replied that the progress was very slow and behind the time scheduled for its completion. The contract was timed to be completed on August 20th, but it would not be done by that time. There was delay in reference to piles, which was outside the control of the Contractor.

Col. Gibbon alluded to the great inconvenience which would be caused to the farming community by the closing of the road until perhaps the end of September or October.

In reply to Mr. Corish the Co. Surveyor stated that the work was not properly organised. The man in charge was anxious to do good work, but he had not sufficient experience to organise it properly.

Mr. Corish - How many men has he employed?

Co. Surveyor - About fourteen.

Mr. Corish - How many are Wexford men?

Co. Surveyor - He has five or six of his own men.

Mr. Corish - That is a rather high proportion. It is Wexford money is being spent, and there is a good deal of unemployment in the rural areas.

Col. Gibbon proposed that the Co. Surveyor and Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor to the Council, should examine the terms of the contract, consult with the advisory engineers, and communicate with the contractor that the Council were not satisfied with the progress of the work, and that he would be held responsible for the delay in completing the work.

Mr. Cummins seconded Col. Gibbon's motion which was adopted.

In reply to Mr. D'Arcy the Co. Surveyor said he did not think the Contractor could put on eight or ten men more.

Mr. D'Arcy said he did not then see how the work could be expedited.

Col. Gibbon - If this road is not to be opened at the scheduled time it means that the farmers will be caught with their corn when they should be bringing it into Wexford. The Council should not stand for that.

County Surveyor - I do not know what you may do.

Chairman - My opinion is that the Contractor should carry out the terms of the contract.

In reply to Col. Gibbon, the Co. Surveyor said that the withholding of payments might hold up the work further.

In reply to Mr. Culleton the Co. Surveyor said that a satisfactory footbridge had not been provided at Ferrycarrig.

Mr. Culleton - That is a disgrace. People made complaints to me three months ago, and I brought it on at meetings and understood a footbridge was to be put there.

Mr. Gaul said he crossed a footbridge erected at the place.

The Co. Surveyor stated they were not satisfied with the structure referred to by Mr. Gaul.

Mr. Culleton - I brought this matter up at the last two meetings of the Council, as I was asked to draw attention to it.

Mr. D'Arcy - The terms of the contract are there.

Chairman - And the Co. Surveyor and his officials should enforce them.

Mr. Culleton proposed that the Co. Surveyor be instructed to erect a proper footbridge, and that the cost be deducted from the Contract.

Mr. Shannon seconded.

Col. Quin proposed:- "That the terms of the Contract for repairs at Ferrycarrig Bridge as regards erection of temporary foot-bridge be enforced.

Mr. Shannon seconded.

The Co. Surveyor said that under the terms of the Contract the Contractor could provide a ferry instead of a footbridge.

Mr. Culleton said the attention of the Council should have

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been called to that fact.

The Co. Surveyor said that there was a footbridge at the place but he would not certify for it until it had been subjected to further examination. The terms of the Contract were to provide for foot passenger traffic.

Mr. Culleton said if the Council had believed a suitable footbridge would not have been provided there would have been a great deal more support given to the project of providing a temporary bridge for light traffic and for pedestrians.

Col. Quin's resolution was then put and passed.

The resolution of Mr. Culleton that a proper footbridge be provided at the expense of the Contractor was withdrawn pending report of Co. Surveyor and Co. Solicitor as to the terms of the Contract on this point and on the point of the penalties which were enforceable if contract is not completed within the stipulated time.

FOREMAN - in - CHARGE OF WORK OF  
RECONSTRUCTION CO. HALL, WEST WING:-

Mr. D'Arcy proposed that as the Council were unable to secure the services of Mr. Armstrong the position should be advertised by the Co. Surveyor on the terms and conditions already agreed to.

Mr. Cooney seconded and said that there was no reason why the Co. Surveyor should have the selection of the official.

The Chairman said that the Co. Surveyor was responsible for carrying out the work.

Mr. Gaul stated that he proposed at last meeting that the position be advertised but the majority were in favour of leaving the matter in the hands of the Co. Surveyor.

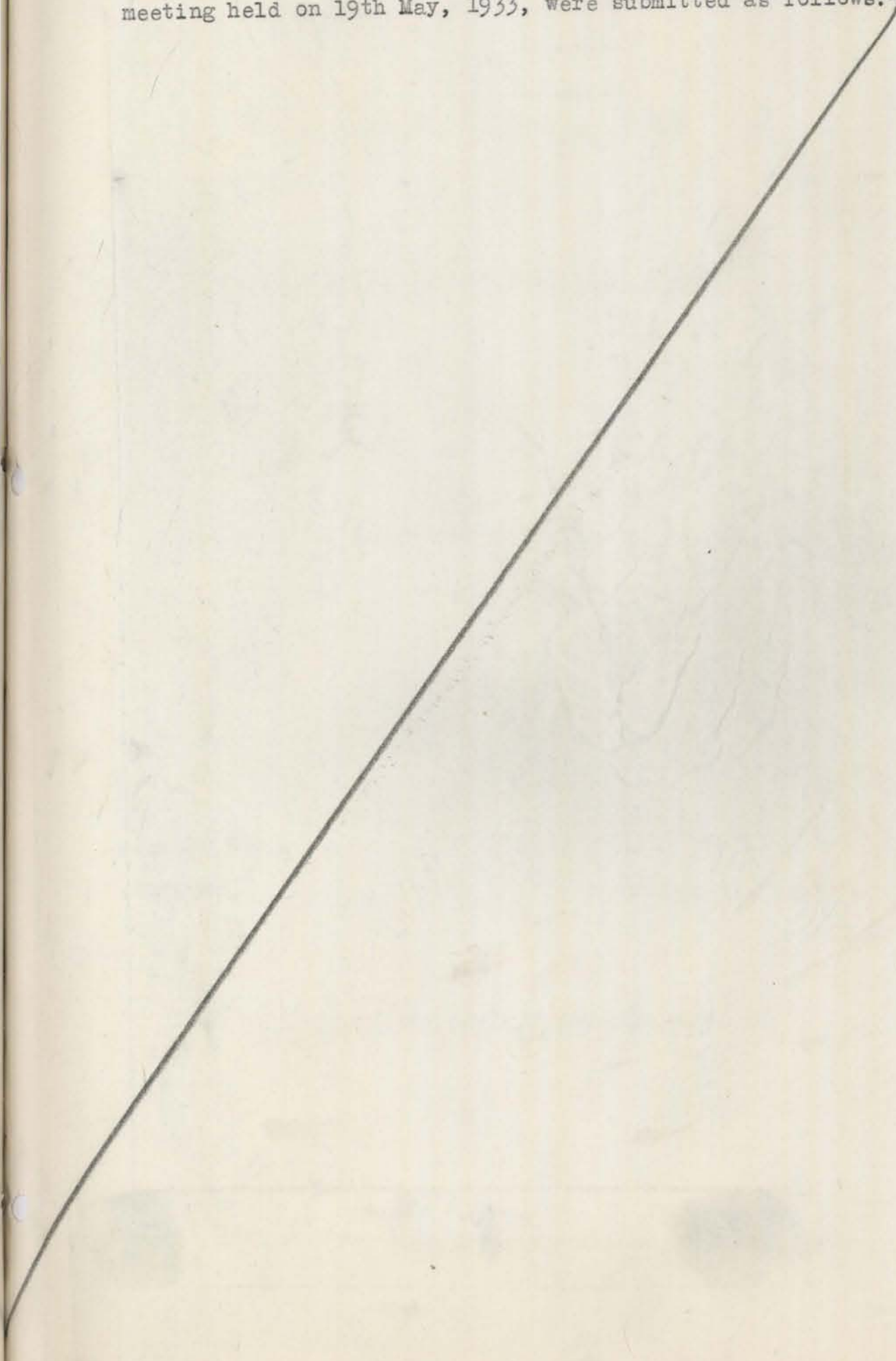
The Chairman remarked that the Council should consider favourably any recommendation made by the Co. Surveyor as to the man to be employed.

The resolution was then put and passed.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the Minutes of Finance

"Committee meeting of 11th May, 1933, be and are hereby adopted except proposal to amalgamate Rate Collection District No. 14 with other districts which we dissent from."

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of special meeting held on 19th May, 1933, were submitted as follows:-



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCILFINANCE COMMITTEESPECIAL MEETING - 19th MAY, 1933M I N U T E S

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary, Wexford County Council

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A special meeting of the Finance Committee to deal with lists of temporary uncollectable rates was held in Co. Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 19th May, 1933.

Present:- Messrs. J.J. Culleton, James Hall and Sean O'Byrne.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Solicitor and Rates Inspector were in attendance.

The chair was taken by Mr. Culleton, on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.

The following amounts were agreed to as final list of Temporary Uncollectable Rates to be carried forward for collection warrants for year 1933/34:- J. Quirke £856.18.3d; Wm. Doyle £1206.4.4d; Philip Doyle £435.5.9d; M. McCarthy £406.19.11d; P. Nolan £912.12.9d; Sean Gannon (No.6) £458.13.4d; John Deegan £109.16.5d; J. Cummins £484.5.10d; S. Gannon (No.10) £353.15.7d; W. Cummins £806.10.8d; M. Murphy £421.15.5d; J.J. O'Reilly, £178.10.5d; A. Dunne (No.14) £203.1.10d; A. Dunne (No.15) £900.8.4d; J.J. Sinnott £805.4.8d; E.J. Murphy £27.15.9d; T. Rowe £266.18.6d; J. Curtis £227.7.9d; P. Carty £172.19.8d.

COLLECTOR O'BYRNE

The Secretary reported that Collector O'Byrne had not yet furnished his list of temporary uncollectable Rates. The Collector had been notified by Rates Inspector to attend at Enniscorthy for the purpose on 17th May, 1933, but Collector did not turn up.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That County Council be recommended to suspend Rate Collector O'Byrne from office owing to his failure to submit lists of Temporary Uncollectable and outstanding Rates as instructed by Finance Committee."

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the Minutes of special meeting of Finance Committee held on 19th May, 1933, be and are hereby confirmed."

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th May, 1933, were submitted as follows:-

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

F I N A N C E   C O M M I T T E E

MEETING 24th MAY, 1933

M I N U T E S

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary, Wexford County Council

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 24th May, 1933.

Present:- Messrs. James Hall, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, Co. Solicitor and Rates Inspector, were also in attendance.

Mr. Hall was moved to the chair on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.

The Minutes of last ordinary meeting of 11th May, and of special meeting of 19th May, 1933, were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2953.12.11d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

Rates Inspector stated he had taken up the books of Collector O'Byrne (No.9 District) which from examination were perfectly in order. Collector O'Byrne had lodged £205.10.11d between 20th and 22nd May. The reason given by him for not attending at Enniscorthy on 17th May, 1933, was that as he was away from home, the communication from the Rates Inspector did not reach him. The amount outstanding in the District was £550.3.6d.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That provided Collector O'Byrne undertakes to lodge by 8th June, 1933, a sum of £250, the Finance Committee will withdraw the recommendation that he be suspended from office.

"That a sum of £300.3.6d be carried forward in this District as temporary uncollectable rate."

Collector O'Byrne then came before the meeting and promised that he would carry out the directions of the Finance Committee and leave no complaint as to his conduct, in dealing with his collection in the future.

In connection with the proposal of Father Sweetman to attend the meeting of Finance Committee relative to arrears of rate due on Mt. St. Benedict, Gorey, it was decided Father Sweetman be informed

"that the Finance Committee will be prepared to have an interview with him at their meeting on 8th June, 1933, at 2.15 p.m. in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford."

In connection with the proposed transfer of District No. 14 to Collector J. Cummins (No. 8) Collector J.J. O'Reilly (No. 13 District) and Collector Art Dunne (No. 15 District) it appeared that the amount of Poundage on Warrant for No. 14 District calculated at 5d. in the £. for current financial year would be £109.15s. To this £16 under fees for Voters and Jurors Lists should be added. If with the transferred portions of the District to Mr. Cummins and Mr. O'Reilly, they were paid their existing poundage rate of 7d. in the £. the contrast between the full warrant at 5d. and the amount to be paid under transfer, showed an increase of £29.5s. by transfer.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That taking into consideration the amount of Poundage on warrant for current financial year in Rate Collection district No. 14 and as the transfer of the divisions in this district might mean an increase over this amount, the Finance Committee are of opinion a new appointment should be made for this district."

POUND ETC. AT GOREY

In connection with the communication received from Gorey Town Commissioners as to repair of wall of pound etc. at Gorey, the County Surveyor stated that the County Council did not own the Pound and had nothing to do with the Pound Keeper.

Mr. Elgee stated that the Pound Keepers in the past were appointed by the Sheriff whose powers had now devolved upon the District Justice. The only concern the Co. Council had with the matter was to provide a sum not exceeding £10 for the establishment of a Pound.

The County Surveyor said as regards the ownership of Gorey Pound, there was some doubt. John Valentine, Courthouse Keeper in Gorey, was the Pound Keeper, having succeeded his father in the

occupation of the premises which were used as a Pound.

It was decided to inform the Gorey Town Commissioners that the Finance Committee recommend the County Council to disclaim all liability as to repair of wall etc. at Gorey Pound.

USE OF GOREY COURTHOUSE

A letter was read from Messrs. J. Whitty and M. Hughes, Hon. Secs. , Gorey Agricultural Society, for use of Gorey Courthouse for meetings of newly formed Committee.

The application was acceded to on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon.

LAWN MOWER - GOREY COURTHOUSE GROUNDS

John Valentine, Courthouse Keeper, Gorey, applied for a lawn mower, for upkeep of Courthouse grounds. The existing one was completely worn out and useless.

The following resolution was proposed on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon and adopted:- "That Co. Council be recommended to allocate a sum not exceeding £2.10s. for purchase of Lawn Mower, in connection with grounds in Gorey Courthouse."

BALLYTHOMAS QUARRY

The Co. Surveyor said as directed at last meeting of the Finance Committee he had attended at Ballythomas Quarry and investigated the complaint made by James Hempenstall, Blacksmith, that the work of sharpening quarry tools was taken from him owing to political reasons. He (Co. Surveyor) found that there was no political element whatever in the matter. Those concerned appeared to be the one way of politics, but there was some personal spite existing. It appeared that Hempenstall who owned the forge that was convenient to the quarry had fallen into bad health, and employed a smith from the Co. Wicklow, and the work of sharpening the tools was carried out at this Forge by the Smith whom Hempenstall had installed. He (Hempenstall) had recently recovered his health and started work himself, with the result that the second Smith had

opened a forge some little distance from the quarry. In the circumstances an arrangement had been made that the work would be divided equally between the two Smiths. Hempenstall was quite satisfied with this and as regards the political side, he explained to the Co. Surveyor he had always voted Fianna Fail.

The meeting approved of the arrangement to divide the work equally between the two Smiths.

CRIMINAL INJURY APPLICATIONS

Applications for compensation for Criminal Injury were received from the Official Liquidator, Motorways, Cork, Ltd., for £350 (injury to four vans).

Brigid Kirwan, malicious injury to wooden gate 10/-; to wall £2.0.6d. and to a post and wire fence £9.10s.

Michael Doyle, Rectory Road, Enniscorthy, £5 injury to motor lorry

Patrick and Arthur Carton, Drumgoold, Enniscorthy, £39.16.6d. injury to dwelling house.

These were all referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, to oppose.

DEMAND REPAYMENT LOAN SOW DRAINAGE

In connection with the Demand received from the Office of Public Works under date 18th May, 1933 (10385-33) re above, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That Pay Order for £275.11.3d. issue at next meeting of County Council to Board of Works for instalment of loan and penal Interest for Sow Drainage Scheme, provided an assurance be received that no surcharge be made against the Co. Council in respect of penal Interest."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Notification was received from District Court Clerk as to application at Gorey District Court on 26th May, 1933, by Garda Siochana, to have James Quinn, aged 9 years, Mary Quinn, 7½ years, and Margaret Quinn, 5½ years, of Raheen, Camolin, committed to St. Michael's Industrial School. The Mother was dead and the father in a very delicate state of health and unable to support them.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Clince seconded by Mr. Armstrong:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th May, 1933, be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION:- As regards appointment of Rate Collector for No. 14 district it was decided on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by the Chairman that appointment be made at County Council meeting on 12th June, 1933, poundage fees to be at the rate of 5d in £. on amounts collected and lodged; qualifying examination to be held on Saturday, 10th June, 1933, commencing at 10.30 a.m. in Irish, English and Arithmetic.

BALLYTHOMAS QUARRY:- Under date 26th May, 1933, James Stanley, the second smith concerned, wrote that he had sharpened the Ballythomas Quarry tools for the past three years without complaint. Last year he moved to another smithy and now understood that the work was to be given to another man. This should not happen. As he had no other means of livelihood he considered he should get the work as in the past.

The meeting approved of the arrangement to divide the work between Hempenstall and Stanley.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Armstrong:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 24th May, 1933, be and are hereby confirmed.

DRINAGH CEMENT WORKS

In connection with deputation to Minister for Industry and Commerce as regards the re-opening of Drinagh Cement Works the following under date 16th May, 1933, (1654/33) was read from Dr. James Ryan, Minister for Agriculture:-

"I am desired by the Minister for Agriculture to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, and to state that he will be prepared to do everything in his power to facilitate the deputation from the Wexford County Council which is to see the Minister for Industry and Commerce on Thursday next in connection with the establishment at Drinagh of one of the proposed cement

"factories. The Minister desires me to point out, however, that it is not the practice for one Minister to accompany a deputation to another Minister and he, accordingly, regrets that it will not be possible for him to be present at the interview between the Minister for Industry and Commerce and the deputation. "

The Chairman said that the deputation, which was representative of various bodies in the county, was introduced to the Minister for Industry and Commerce by the T.D.s for the county, with the exception of Dr. Ryan, whose reasons for absence they had just heard. The whole matter in reference to the cement works was put before the Minister very forcibly by the deputationists representing the Wexford Development Association. They had a very full statement which was read by the Solicitor to the association, and he (Chairman) did not think there was very much to add to it, but it was supplemented by other members of the deputation. He thought, however, that everything was embodied in the written statement. The Minister's reply, as far as he (chairman) could gather, was to the effect that if any body of people in the district or county would put up some capital, the matter would be gone into immediately by the Department and that they would be prepared to advance monies to help to a very large extent whatever local capital would be put up. He presumed that it was from the Trade Loans Fund the money would be obtained. They were to advance a certain amount, but the Minister did not define what amount would be forthcoming. The first move to be made was to find people to put up some money. He took it that that was the Minister's meaning.

Mr. Gaul - How much capital would he want you to put up locally?

Chairman - There were several sums mentioned, but I think the minimum sum was about £10,000.

Mr. Corish - Something like that.

Miss O'Ryan said that a more important point was stressed, that the Minister had the power of issuing or refusing licences, and only a certain number of factories would be allowed in the Saorstat. He

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said that on the question of issuing licences he would give preference to Wexford over other districts if a company were prepared to start - he would give premier consideration to Wexford provided they complied with the conditions.

Mr. Corish - What Miss O'Ryan means is that there are certain people putting up proposals to start cement factories and the Minister would give very favourable consideration to those people if they proposed to start in Wexford.

Chairman - He said he would not give any consideration to any place if they did not put up some capital.

Miss O'Ryan - A licence would be issued to Wexford in preference to other districts if they comply with the regulations.

Chairman - But in no case did he say that consideration would be given unless some sort of company were formed.

FORD OF LYN

The Chairman said after the reception of the deputation by the Minister for Industry and Commerce, accompanied by Col. Gibbon, they went to the Board of Works and made the best case they could as to the Ford of Lyng. The Board contended they were interested in the matter to a very small extent but they would examine the circumstances of the case and report to the Council. It would appear they would not be prepared to take much responsibility on themselves when they came to deal with it.

Mr. Corish - They said they would examine it from the legal aspect.

Chairman - The information we got was anything at all but encouraging. The Board of works are to examine the matter and ascertain if they have any locus standi.

BALLYTEIGUE DRAINAGE AREA

Mr. Corish said that when at the Board of Works the deputation raised the question of improving the existing drainage work at Ballyteigue and this was looked on more favourably than the Ford of Lyng. He proposed the following resolution:- "That the Government

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"be requested to provide the amount of money required in order to put the drainage area at Ballyteigue into efficient working order." There were 47 married men (with 75 dependants) in the neighbourhood unemployed and also a number of single men. It was necessary that something should be done to save the lands of adjoining farmers from permanent flooding.

Mr. Gaul seconded the resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Chairman - They considered Ballyteigue more favourably than Ford of Lyng and it is the opinion of the deputation that a certain amount of money will be forthcoming for Ballyteigue.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Gaul a resolution of thanks to the deputation for their efforts in connection with a Cement Factory for Wexford; Ford of Lyng and Ballyteigue Drainage, was adopted.

COURTOWN HARBOUR DREDGING

In reply to Mr. Keegan, the Co. Surveyor said the dredging work at Courtown Harbour was to be finished in six months from the date of signing the contract.

Mr. Keegan - In six months, with four weeks more to finish it. It is to finish on 26th June.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the work was four and a half months in progress.

In reference to an inquiry by Mr. Keegan as to an accident to one of the men on the job the Co. Surveyor stated he was informed the Contractor (Mr. Donovan) had the men insured.

Mr. Keegan - Would you be surprized to hear he has not them insured.

Chairman - That is not our business.

Mr. Smyth stated he was informed that there was likely to ^{be} legal proceedings arising out of the accident, and the Council were likely to be involved.

Mr. Gaul stated he was informed by the Contractor that he had the men employed on the job insured.

Co. Surveyor - The Contractor told me that he is paying the man weekly compensation, and that the case is coming on for arbitration at the next Circuit Court.

Mr. Keegan - What have you paid the contractor.

Co. Surveyor - £210.

ROAD GRANTS

Under date 9th May, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (R.G.M./32) that a payment of £2552.10.4d. for Road Maintenance Grant had been made on 5th May, 1933, and under date 27th May, 1933 (S.G.L./32) the Department wrote that £5000 had been paid on 26th May, 1933, from the Road Improvement Grant for the current financial year.

Under date 19th May, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (S.G.L./32) approving of Road Improvement Grant Scheme which involves an expenditure of £14062.

POSTPONEMENT OF LOCAL ELECTIONS

Under date 15th May, 1933, the following circular (F.42/33) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to Circular Letter No. F.18/33 dated 21adh Feabhra, 1933, on the subject of the holding of Local Elections and to state after considering recommendations made in that behalf it has been decided to appoint a day in the month of November next for the holding of triennial elections of members of local authorities in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of the Local Elections and Meetings (Postponement) Act, 1931, and an Order to that effect will issue in due course.

"In this connection I am to direct your attention to the provisions of Sections 8, 9 and 10 of the Local Elections Act, 1927. In consequence of the Order above referred to the year 1933 will be a year in which a triennial election to the Council or of the Commissioners is held.. Accordingly the annual or first quarterly

"meeting at which the Chairman and vice-Chairman or Mayor, as the case may be, is to be elected will be a meeting held after the day appointed for the election, that is to say, in the case of a County Council - the fourteenth day after the day of election, and in any other case - the tenth day after the day of election, and therefore in this year annual and first quarterly meetings and elections of chairmen, vice-chairmen and mayors will not be held during the period 23rd June to 1st July."

Mr. Gaul said it was not fair to the ordinary ratepayer that the elections would not be held in June.

The Chairman concurred.

Mr. Gaul - In my opinion there should be an election when the time was fixed. It is not fair to the people, because you do not know whether they want us here or not.

Col. Quin - We all agree with you. It is a very fine political move - the cutest thing I have heard of for years.

Mr. Cummins - Would it be any use suggesting that the month of November is no time to have an election?

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Col. Quin:- "That we strongly protest against the change of month for holding local elections from June to November, 1933, the latter being a most unsuitable time."

Mr. Gaul - The people should be given an opportunity of re-electing their present representatives or choosing others.

HARBOUR MASTER KILMORE -

INCREASE OF WAGES

Under date 20th May, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.53072/1933 - Loch Garman Pg) as follows:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th inst., regarding the proposed increase in wages of 5/- per week to Mr. Patrick Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore. I am to state that the matter is one in the discretion of the County Council subject to

"review at audit. In view of the very recent appointment of this man to the position an increase in his wages would appear to be premature."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be informed that as Patrick Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore, has been discharging the duties of this position for the past ten years the Co. Council considered he deserved a small increase in his remuneration."

COAST EROSION AT SLADE

Under date 19th May, 1933, the Land Commission acknowledged (P (11) 19220 - 33 Ely Estate Record No. E.C.4148) resolution as to Coast erosion at Slade adopted by Co. Council on 8th May, 1933.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Armstrong seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That as this Co. Council have been receiving acknowledgments of resolutions passed by them calling on the Department to deal with Coast erosion at Slade for several years past they wish to know when it is intended the necessary work will be put in hands."

After further discussion it was decided to request Mr. Corish, T.D., to interest himself in the matter and to interview the Land Commission Officials with a view to having the grievance of the tenants in this matter remedied.

RAHEENAROSTIA WATER SUPPLY

Under date 17th May, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health forwarded Sealed Order (No.P.H. 28056 -1933) stating that the special expenses for providing and maintaining water supply at Raheenarostia would be chargeable on Carrigbyrne Dispensary District.

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Armstrong:- "That we approve of application to Minister for Local Government and Public Health for

an Order authorising the temporary closing of Roads as under:-

1. Link Road from Enniscorthy Urban Boundary to Clonhaston Cross (L.30 No.39) from 30th June, 1933 to 31st August, 1933, inclusive. Alternative Route via The Rectory, Glencarrig and Clonhaston Quarry.
2. Link Road from Ryland Turn over Clohamon Bridge to Clohamon (L.33 No.47) from the 19th June, 1933, to 21st July, 1933, inclusive. Alternative Route via Ballycarney Bridge or Bunclody Bridge.

ROAD MATTERS

In connection with application from Shelburne Co-operative Society, Campile, to cut road 683 in order to lay pipes for water supply, Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, reported that the proposed cut was about 26 feet long. The Society would put up notices and restore the roadway. He considered the application should be granted.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Col. Quin:- "That the application of Shelburne Co-operative Society, Campile, to lay water supply pipes under road No.683 be granted, work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the Co. Surveyor."

John Kennedy, Ballinaberney, Strahart, came before the meeting and complained he had not been accepted contractor for haulage for roads 159 and 162.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, reported that Kennedy tendered for Road 159 at 1/- per yard but was not accepted as Tenders Committee considered the figure too high, and because he was getting as much haulage as he was able to do. Kennedy had been always unsatisfactory both as road contractor and haulier. Carroll of Clohamon to whom the work had been given at 10d. per yard had finished drawing while Kennedy had not even started his work.

As regards Road No.162 Kennedy tendered to supply field

stones at 8/- per cubic yard. This was much too high and was not accepted. He (Mr. Ennis) offered Kennedy 5/6d to 6/6d per cubic yard according to quality but Kennedy would not agree. The stones put out by Kennedy every year were poor in quality and badly broken. He (Mr. Ennis) had made no arrangements yet for the haulage to this road but Carroll could supply the material at a reasonable price.

Kennedy complained that Carroll was well off, and had forty acres of land. He (Kennedy) was the only person who tendered.

The Co. Surveyor said the tender was not accepted as it was over the estimate.

Mr. Cummins submitted that the discussion was out of order. The Tenders Committee had gone into this matter very carefully, and when their report came before the Council it was unchallenged. He protested against the time of the Council being taken up by would-be contractors bringing forward petty grievances which should not be entertained if the Council had any confidence in the Committee. He proposed "That the Council proceed to next business."

Col. Quin seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Mark Hanlon, Clongeen, Foulksmills, came before the meeting and complained that his son had not been accepted for some roads at Wexford although he was the lower tender.

Mr. Corish said Hanlon's son's tenders were not accepted by Tenders Committee as he was a minor.

The Co. Surveyor said the haulage work on four of these roads had been referred to him by the Tenders Committee and arrangements had not been yet entered into.

Hanlon stated that the haulage on Road 67 was being carried out by a steam engine.

Mr. O'Byrne asked what was the necessity for employing a steam engine.

Mr. Cooney - Engine haulage is getting preference to horse

haulage.

It was decided that the Co. Surveyor should make enquiries as to how haulage was being carried out on this road.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Council proceed to the next business."

Mr. Armstrong said that some definite decision should be arrived at by the Council as regards mechanical haulage. There was grave disappointment in Bunclody when horse haulage was not employed for work on Clohamon road the draft being only two miles. The limit for mechanical haulage should be defined. He gave notice of motion for next meeting to have this matter considered and a definite decision arrived at.

George Parker, John Parker, Aidan Parker and Thomas Parker, all of Ballinadrissogue, came before the meeting and asked that the lane from Ballinadrissogue to Ballyvaldon should be listed for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

The Co. Surveyor said that the Council had decided to schedule all applications of this nature for which a reasonable case could be made and let the Government Department decide between them.

On the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. D'Arcy it was decided that the application should be placed on list for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

A very extensively signed memorial from ratepayers and residents of Palace, Knockroe, Robinstown, Rathgarogue, Lacken and Ballinvegga, asking for a Minor Relief Schemes Grant for repair of Connolly's Lane from Enniscorthy - New Ross main road - about midway between Corcoran's Cross and Palace Railway Bridge - to the old road New Ross and Palace.

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district, reported that the lane was approximately half a mile long. It was eight feet wide for a third of its length and varied from 10 feet to

to 15 feet for the remainder. The land owners were willing to give the necessary land for widening. It would cost £200 to widen and surface.

On the motion of Mr. Brennan seconded by Mr. Gaul it was decided that the application be scheduled for Minor Relief Schemes Grant.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the application for repair of lane in the townland of Killanne, Enniscorthy, be listed for repair under Minor Relief Scheme."

Mr. Hayes brought forward the flooding of the road at Brownstown leading to Clearestown Church and School.

It was decided that the Co. Surveyor should report to next meeting in connection with the matter.

The Co. Surveyor reported that Mr. B. Downes had erected some time ago a cinema hall at Duncannon on the side of the road and the Council decided not to proceed against him. He was now building an extension of the cinema and this should not be allowed. The road was only 14 feet wide.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Co. Surveyor furnish Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, with particulars of road encroachment at Duncannon by Mr. B. Downes with a view to proceedings being instituted against Mr. Downes to compel him to remove the structure objected to.

BOIRA DRAINAGE

Under date 22nd May, 1933, (10009/33) the following letter from Office of Public Works to the Co. Surveyor was read:-

"Referring to the suggestion in your letter of the 19th ultimo that a further grant should be made to enable drainage work to be carried out further down the Boira (Owenavarragh) river, we regret that at present there are no funds at our

"disposal for the completion of the work, but if and when a further grant for Minor Relief Schemes is available the matter will be considered."

Mr. Corish stated that Mr. Kehoe, T.D., and he were with the Parliamentary Secretary. The plans, etc., sent up by the County Surveyor would be examined and money would now be available. They would continue to keep in touch with it.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Armstrong and adopted:- "That we request our T.D.s to continue to use their best efforts to secure the necessary Government Grant to complete the Boira Drainage."

EMPLOYMENT AT TAGHMON

Miss O'Ryan said that at the last meeting they had a deputation from Taghmon, and the Council adopted a resolution to have hand-breaking of stones as far as possible in Upton Quarry. She saw a list of men from the Labour Exchange, and certainly some of the names were not of those longest unemployed or with the most dependents.

The Co. Surveyor said he was not bound to go to the Labour Exchange at all in that case, but it was in the area of Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, who had resigned. Mr. Kehoe knew the local men, but he (County Surveyor) did not, and Mr. O'Neill, assistant Surveyor, who was doing Mr. Kehoe's work did not and he (Co. Surveyor) thought the only thing to do was to get a list from the Labour Exchange. He got other lists since, and he had arranged to have the men in Taghmon on hand breaking adjoining Taghmon.

The Chairman said that the present system was absolutely ridiculous. They got a whole list of names and they were not conversant with the facts applying to the men or their individual abilities. Unless they got some system whereby they could ascertain whether men were capable for jobs or not they were going to have chaos.

The Co. Surveyor said he had a list of men, and had marked the most deserving.

Miss O'Ryan asked to see the list.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the following applicants be deemed eligible to compete for award of University Scholarships:-

1. Cooney Johanna, Ballykelly, New Ross.
2. Cullimore Thomas, 15, Green Street, Wexford.
3. Donnelly James J., Hilltown, Ballymitty.
4. Doyle Kate, Stokestown, New Ross.
5. Gantley Nicholas J., The Quay, New Ross.
6. Murphy Mary, Killahard, Blackwater.
7. Sheehan Patrick, Clonattin Road, Gorey.
8. Tobin Philip, Bohreen Hill, Enniscorthy.

POISONS & PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That, provided no objection be made by Garda Síochána Authorities, new licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to:- Philip Kehoe, Ballycullane Joseph Kehoe, Blackwater; Peter Kehoe, North Street, New Ross and P.N. O'Gorman, Rosbercon, New Ross. And renewals of Licences to the following:- J.J. Codd, 26-27 Court Street, Enniscorthy; M.R. Moran, Castle Street, Enniscorthy; N. Tackaberry, Bunclody; Robert Butler, St. Ivers, Broadway; Myles Byrne, Market House, Gorey; Mary Byrne (John Bolger & Co., Ltd.) The Mills, Gorey; Robert Spencer (John Bolger & Co., Ltd.) Church Street, Gorey and Walter Boggan, Kilmuckridge.

THE TURF INDUSTRY

Mr. Cummins said they saw a lot in the papers with regard to turf. In his district - in Ballycullane and Boley Bog, there was turf in the old days, and when the railway was being laid a man told him that they could not get a foundation for a bridge in consequence of the presence of turf. Mr. Shannon told him some time ago that there was a lot of turf in the north of the county, and perhaps there was a lot of turf in other parts. He proposed that the Council inform the Minister that there was turf in the county, and that the possibilities should be explored, and ask him to send down an inspector. The cutting of turf would help the unemployed, and the turf itself would be of great advantage to the people.

Mr. Shannon seconded, and said that a meeting representative of Carlow and Wexford had been held at Kiltale. He was not able to attend that meeting, but he was under the impression that by the next meeting of the Council they would have full particulars about the turf bog up there.

Mr. Cummins said he did not want to wait until next meeting.

The resolution was adopted.

Michael Doyle

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 12th JUNE, 1933

M I N U T E S

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary Wexford Co. Council

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in Co. Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 12th June, 1933.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presided: also Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Clince, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, John Doran, James Gaul, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, William P. Keegan, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, M.M. Roche, James Shannon, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and five Assistant Surveyors were in attendance.

MINUTES

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4175.9.9d was examined and signed.

VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Cummins:- "That we offer our heartfelt sympathy to Alderman Thomas Rossiter, Wexford, and a former member of this County Council in the death of his daughter.

The vote (which was passed in silence) was supported by the Chairman, Secretary and Co. Solicitor.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That replies to votes of condolence read at this meeting from Mr. D'Arcy, Co. Councillor, in the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. Martin Kinsella, Ballycomclone Mills and from Loreto Convents, Wexford and Dublin, in the death of Rev. Mother M.J. Raphael, Loreto Convent, Wexford, be inserted on this day's Minutes."

The following is copy of letter from Mr. D'Arcy:-

"I wish to thank the County Council very sincerely for the vote of condolence passed at their meeting on 29th ult., and also to thank your good self. Votes of condolence are always consoling

"under such circumstances."

Rev. Mother M.J. Felix, Loreto Convent, Wexford, wrote:-

"On behalf of the community and myself I wish to thank you most sincerely for your kind sympathy in our great sorrow. Dear M.M.J. Raphael is an irreparable loss to us.

"I would have liked greatly to invite her friends to the Requiem Mass on Monday, but owing to the limited accommodation in our Chapel it was not possible to do so.

"We were deeply touched by the action of the County Council in paying such a tribute to dear Mother M. Raphael's memory and would feel most grateful if you would kindly convey to them our appreciation.

"I forwarded your letter to Mother General."

Rev. Mother M.J. Louis, Provincial, Loreto College, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, wrote:-

"On behalf of the Mother General, and the Community of Loreto Convent, Wexford, I return sincere thanks to the Members of the County Council for their kind message of sympathy on the death of Mother Raphael Doyle (R.I.P.) and for their attendance at her funeral.

"We appreciate deeply the mark of esteem shown to the late Superior, and of kindness towards the Community, in the action taken by the Council. It is in keeping with the cordial relations that have always existed between the Wexford people and the Loreto nuns, and which, I trust, will ever remain unchanged. "

CO-OPTION OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The Secretary stated that in connection with vacancy in membership of the Co. Council consequent on the resignation of Mr. John Murphy, advertisement under the names of the Chairman, and two other members and his own as to the filling of the vacancy had appeared in the three local papers.

Mr. Walsh, after paying tribute to Mr. Murphy for his

ability during his period of office, proposed the co-option of Mr. Michael Hickey, Misterin, Adamstown, who would serve the district which had been represented by Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Cummins seconded and the Chairman declared the motion adopted unanimously.

MEMBER OF COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Mr. Colfer proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the election of Mr. Cummins as member of Co. Board of Health and Public Assistance vice Mr. John Murphy resigned.

Mr. O'Byrne drew attention to the fact that of the ten members on the Board of Health seven came from the South of the County and the remaining three from the North, and in consequence he was of opinion the present vacancy should go to the North.

Col. Quin proposed the appointment of Mr. O'Byrne to the vacancy.

Mr. Armstrong seconded.

Mr. Hall, while admitting that the North had a grievance as regards representation, considered that Mr. Cummins should be elected as he resided close to Mr. Murphy and would represent that particular district.

Mr. Keegan urged on the Council the necessity for appointing someone to represent the poor people of Gorey.

Mr. McCarthy said it had been always the custom of the Council to distribute representation as equally as possible over the County and the Council should admit that Enniscorthy district in which there was an urban population of over 6000, as well as a big rural population, had not sufficient representation. Mr. Jordan, who was an excellent member of the Health Board, was the only representative of Enniscorthy and he lived several miles from the town.

Miss O'Ryan said that although Enniscorthy town had no direct representative on the Board no one could say that its interests were neglected on that account. The members of the Board catered

impartially for the whole County and worked in the greatest harmony. She did not think - especially as they would be only a few months more in office - that any change should be made in representation and considered that Mr. Cummins should be elected as he represented Mr. Murphy's area.

Mr. Doran proposed and Mr. Cline seconded the appointment of Mr. McCarthy as a member of the Board of Health and Public Assistance vice Mr. Murphy resigned.

A poll was then taken with the following result:-

FOR MR. CUMMINS: Messrs. Brennan, Colfer, Colloton, Gibbon, Hall, Keegan, Meyler, O'Ryan, Roche, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman. (12)

FOR MR. O'BYRNE: Messrs. Armstrong, Corish, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hayes and Quin. (6).

FOR MR. MCCARTHY: Messrs. Cline and Doran (2)

Messrs. Cummins, McCarthy and O'Byrne (3) did not vote.

Messrs. Jordan and Shannon (2) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared Mr. Cummins elected as he had a clear majority of those voting.

Mr. Cummins thanked the members for the honour conferred upon him. He would not have allowed the matter to go to a vote only he had been approached and asked to allow his name to go forward. He would spare no effort to give satisfaction to everyone concerned as a member of the Board of Health.

Mr. O'Byrne congratulated Mr. Cummins on his election.

FOREMAN IN CHARGE OF

RECONSTRUCTION WORK - WEST WING

Under date 9th June, 1933, the following was read from the County Surveyor:-

As directed by the Council I put advertisement in the local papers asking for applications for position of Foreman on the proposed alterations at the County Hall, and have received eight

"applications, which I shall submit to the meeting on 12th instant.

"As this work is proposed to be carried out by Direct Labour there will be great responsibility on me, and I wish to point out to the Council that I consider the selection of foreman should be left in my hands. Some of the applicants I am acquainted with, to some extent, and as regards others I am absolutely in ignorance of their capabilities. One of the applicants, whom I favour, is a most suitable man for the job, and I am thoroughly acquainted with him: he was engaged in this capacity, by a Contractor, for work carried out by the County Council."

Applications from the following for the position were submitted by the County Surveyor:-

Patrick Brennan, Bunclody. (Bricklayer and Mason);
 Peter Donnelly, Michael Street, Wexford. (Carpenter);
 John Doyle, Kitestown, Kyle. (Carpenter);
 Thomas J. Keegan, Barrack Street, Wexford. (Carpenter);
 Michael Kelly, 13, King Street, Wexford. (Carpenter);
 Patrick Larkin, 5, Abbey Street, Wexford. (Carpenter);
 Thomas J. Millar, M.I.S.E., Ballina, Curracloe.
 George Sinnott, Ballyhogue, Macmine. (Carpenter);

The Co. Surveyor recommended the appointment of George Sinnott, whom he knew personally as foreman in charge of the reconstruction of Gorey Courthouse.

A vote was taken with the following result:-

FOR BRENNAN: Messrs. Armstrong, O'Byrne and Shannon. (3)

FOR DOYLE: Messrs. Corish, D'Arcy, Gaul, Gibbon, Hayes, Smyth and Walsh. (7)

FOR KELLY: Mr. Meyler.

FOR MILLAR: Messrs. Culleton and Roche. (2)

FOR SINNOTT: Messrs. Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Cummins, Doran, Hall, Jordan, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Ryan, Quin and the Chairman. (12)

Messrs. Donnelly, Keegan and Larkin received no vote.

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Mr. Meyler transferred his vote to Sinnott, leaving the latter in a clear majority of those present who had voted.

The Chairman declared Sinnott elected.

The Secretary pointed out as regards the employment of this man he would not be in a position to start work until the Local Government Department had sanctioned the plans for reconstruction and until the necessary loan had been obtained either from the Treasurer of the Council or from the Local Loans Fund.

ELECTION OF RATE COLLECTOR (NO. 14 DISTRICT)

Under date 3rd June, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote G.58989-1933 Loch Garman Fa. that the Minister saw no objection ^{to} the proposed advertisement for the position of Rate Collector for No. 14 Collection District.

The following applications were received for the position of Rate Collector for No. 14 District, comprising the following District Electoral Divisions:-

Ballybeg, Ballyellis, Ballyoughter, Huntingtown,
Kilcomb, Monaseed and Rossmínogue.

1. Thomas Balfe, Croneyhorn, Carnew. (Passed Examination on 10th June, 1933, obtaining 2nd place with 250 marks).
2. John Cadogan, Shelbaggan, Arthurstown. (Failed in Irish and Arithmetic at Examination on 10th June, 1933.)
3. Matthew Crean, Rathmure, Enniscorthy. (Passed examination 25th May, 1932, obtaining 1st place with 267 marks).
4. Denis Kenny, Ballyconran, Gorey. (Passed exam. on 2nd April, 1929, 11th place with 138 marks).
5. Patrick Bennett, Cushinstown, New Ross (passed examination on 10th June, 1933 - 1st place with 230 marks).
6. Stephen Somers, Ballydaw, Marshallstown. (Passed exam. 20th May, 1930, 2nd place with 188 marks).

Mr. Bennett withdrew his application.

Messrs. Balfe, Creane, Kenny and Somers came before the meeting.

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Balfe stated he resided in Co. Wicklow, just over the border, but would be prepared to live in the District if appointed. His father was a large ratepayer in Co. Wexford.

Kenny resided in the district and Crean and Somers stated that they were prepared to live in it if elected to the position.

The Chairman stated that the Co. Council would insist upon the successful candidate living in his district.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR BALFE: Messrs. Culleton, Keegan, O'Ryan and Roche. (4).

FOR CREAN: Messrs. Armstrong, Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Doran, Gaul, Hayes, Jordan, Meyler, McCarthy and Shannon. (12)

FOR KENNY: Messrs. D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, O'Byrne, Cummins, Quin, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman. (9).

Somers received no vote.

Balfe having dropped out a vote was taken between Kenny and Crean, with the following result:-

FOR KENNY: Messrs. Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Keegan, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, Roche, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman (13)

FOR CREAN: Messrs. Armstrong, Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Doran, Gaul, Hayes, Jordan, Meyler, McCarthy and Shannon (12).

The Chairman declared Kenny elected.

The following resolution was then proposed by Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That Denis Kenny, Ballyconran, Gorey, be appointed Rate Collector for No. 14 District, subject to sanction of Department of Local Government and Public Health, and to his entering into Bonds for Personal and Guarantee Society Security, and on the terms and conditions of advertisement and memorandum, governing appointment and which was supplied to all candidates for the position." Passed.

The Chairman declared Kenny elected and hoped he would see his way to carry out his duties in a manner satisfactory to the Council.

Mr. Kenny in returning thanks for his election said he hoped

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he would carry out the duties in a manner pleasing to everyone.

RATE COLLECTORS RESIDING IN THEIR DISTRICTS.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That as all Rate Collectors were appointed on the understanding that they should reside in their collection districts we hereby call upon all Rate Collectors to do so; otherwise the Council will consider the determination of their appointments."

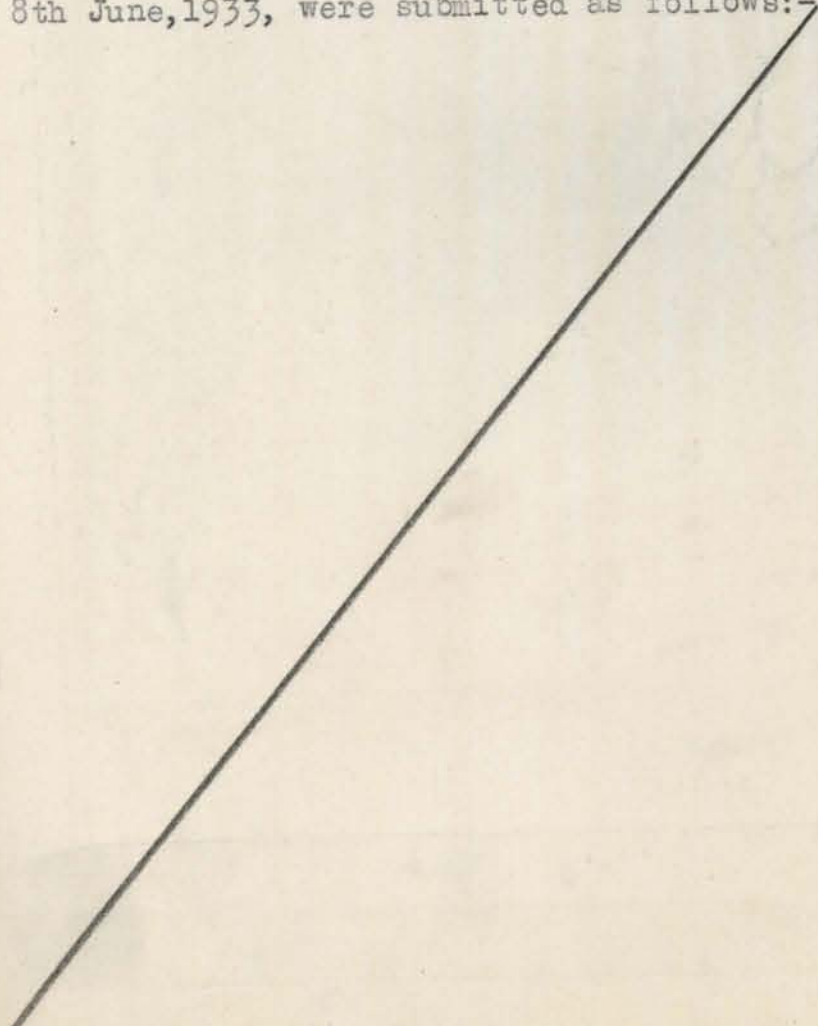
After discussion the resolution was withdrawn and the matter was referred to the Finance Committee in consultation with Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, for recommendation.

COURTOWN HARBOUR COMMITTEE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That, in deference to the request of Courtown Harbour Committee the name of Mr. Dudley Butler, Courtown Harbour, be added thereto."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 8th June, 1933, were submitted as follows:-



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 8th JUNE, 1933

M I N U T E S

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary, Wexford County Council

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held on 8th June, 1933, in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.

Present:- Messrs. J. Culleton, J. Hall, Thomas McCarthy and James Shannon.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and Rates Inspector were in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Shannon, the chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3982.6.8d was examined and signed..

RATE COLLECTION

It was reported that the following Collectors had not yet closed their warrants for 1932/33 the amounts outstanding being

M. McCarthy (No. 4).....	£110.5.1d
P. Nolan (No.5)	£40.9.2d
J. Deegan (No. 7)	£23.4.9d
P. O'Byrne (No. 9)	£262.6.0d
M. Murphy (No. 12)	£41.16.2d
A. Dunne (No. 15)	£96.12.4d
P. Carty (No. 20)	£82. 9.11d.

With regard to Collector O'Byrne the Secretary pointed out that this Collector came before the Finance Committee meeting of 24th May, 1933, and promised he would lodge, as directed by the Committee, £250 by the date of present meeting of Finance Committee and that he would leave no complaint as to his conduct in dealing with his collection in the future. The Collector had not fulfilled his promise, as a matter of fact, he had made no lodgment whatever in the meantime.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Colloton:- "That we recommend the County Council to suspend Collector O'Byrne (No. 9) District)

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"from office unless he closes his warrant by Monday 12th June, 1933. That in the event of his failure to carry out this instruction his Sureties be called upon to lodge £200 amount of personal bond. "

In connection with the amounts outstanding to close their warrants in the cases of the other Collectors, the Rates Inspector stated that the bigger portion of these sums had not been put in the hands of Solicitors for collection at the proper time.

The Secretary stated that Rate Books had now been prepared and warrants signed and it was not possible to make any further change in the figures.

Collector M. Murphy came before the meeting and stated the amount which he had been called upon to lodge was in the hands of the Solicitor for collection or in the hands of the Sheriff for seizure but he was certain that some of the money would not be obtained. There was a derelict farm in his area on which there was no stock and in respect of which he could hold out no hope that the rates would be available.

Collector M. McCarthy stated he would be able to secure all of the necessary amount to close with the exception of £19 and in that case he could not hope that payment would be made until after the lapse of considerable time.

Collector P. Nolan stated that there was in hands of Sheriff decrees representing about £33. He could not see there was any possibility of securing payment of the balance of £7 or £8.

The Chairman pointed out to the Collectors that as the Rate Books had been prepared and arrears carried forward, nothing could be done until the Collectors had lodged the amounts mentioned at the Finance Committee that day.

In connection with arrears of rates due by Rev. Dom Sweetman, Mt. St. Benedict, Gorey, Father Sweetman came before the meeting and stated that he always admitted he was responsible for the rates and always paid them, when he was in a position to do so. Owing to circumstances to which he referred in detail, the School and

Monastery at Mt. St. Benedict had been closed and buildings on which there was a high valuation had been unoccupied for several years. He was employing sixty people who were in the main suffering from various disabilities of sight, lameness and old age, and in the circumstances, he stated, that instead of having to pay rates he should be receiving a premium from the State. The principal portion of the lands were held in the names of three trustees, of whom he was one, but he had in his own name about one hundred acres of rough land, which he would be prepared to hand over to the County Council or to the Co. Board of Health for the purpose of erecting Labourers' cottages.

After discussion the Finance Committee considered that the arrears of Rates on the unoccupied buildings at Mt. St. Benedict should be wiped out, as Father Sweetman had not been in beneficial occupation of these for a considerable time. They also recommended him to get in touch with the Forestry Section of the Department of Agriculture to ascertain if it would be possible to induce them to take over the one hundred acres of rough land to which he had referred. In the opinion of the Committee with a rebate of the rates on the College and School and the application of whatever money was received from the Department of Agriculture for the acquisition of one hundred acres for Forestry purposes to reduce the outstanding balance Father Sweetman should be prepared to pay the rest of the arrears.

Father Sweetman thanked the Finance Committee for the attentive hearing they had given his explanation of the position and accepted the proposals which the Finance Committee had outlined. He said he would get in touch with the Forestry Department as soon as possible.

In connection with the resignation of Collector Rowe (No. 18 District) which had been referred to the Finance Committee by County Council as provided by Standing Orders the questions of advertising for a new Collector and for transfer of

Electoral areas to other Collectors were considered.

It was proposed by Mr. Colloton seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:- "That the Council be recommended to appoint a new Collector for No. 18 District vice Collector Rowe, resigned, remuneration 5d. in the £. on amount collected and lodged with statutory fees in connection with the preparation of Electors Lists."

In connection with the allowance for Credit Note to John Doyle, Ballydarragh, Craanford, a letter under date 19th May, 1933, was read from Mr. Doyle in which he pointed out that the statement of Collector Dunne that he had asked him for rates at Mr. Kennedy's threshing was false. Mr. Dunne never spoke to him at the threshing. He (Mr. Doyle) could not understand why the Credit Note was invalid immediately after the 31st March, 1933, but became valid again, according to Mr. Dunne on the 3rd April, 1933, and again invalid on the 8th April, 1933. He (Mr. Doyle) was never asked for the rates and was at the loss of a £1 through no fault of his own.

After consideration the Finance Committee decided to allow the matter to drop.

GOREY HILL QUARRY

CLAIM BY MISS PALMER

In connection with the claim of £15 by Miss H.J. Palmer for injury to her premises consequent upon blasting operations by the Co. Council at Gorey Hill Quarry, correspondence from the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, 34 Dame Street, Dublin, C.1. was read, also letter from the Co. Surveyor, under date 1st June, 1933, in which he stated that personally he considered the claim excessive.

The Co. Surveyor stated that Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District, had stationed men along the road when recent blasts were carried out and in no case did a stone go near Miss Palmer's premises. Of course it would not be possible to know what view a Court would take if she applied for an injunction to

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close the quarry. Every latitude was given to private individuals in such cases as blasting operations were dangerous to life and limb. But in his (Co. Surveyor's) opinion the amount claimed for damages in regard to these premises from time to time had been excessive.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That in the opinion of the Finance Committee (having heard the statement of the Co. Surveyor in the matter) a sum of £5 should be ample to meet the claim of Miss Palmer as regards injury to her premises by blasting."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Under date 29th May, 1933, Sergeant McDade, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow, wrote relative to an application to be made to the District Court to have Thomas Kelly, aged 10 years, a native of Ballymore, Co. Wexford, found wandering at Ballygannon, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow, on 16th May, 1933, committed to an industrial school.

Referred to Mr. Elgee.

KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE DISTRICT

In connection with correspondence from Messrs. Dunphy and Lalor, Solicitors, 22, South Street, New Ross, relative to the claim of their client Major John Barnewall, that the Co. Council were bound under the Kilmannock Drainage Scheme to prevent the flooding of his lands and their consequent deterioration at a particular point, in the drainage area, the Co. Surveyor said that he had obtained a map from the Land Commission on which was marked the drainage area maintainable by the Co. Council and he had also inspected the premises. From the map and from his inspection he was of opinion that the place complained of by Major Barnewall was outside the Drainage Area.

It was decided to inform Messrs. Dunphy & Lalor that in the opinion of the Finance Committee, the Council had no responsibility for the flooding of lands of Major Barnewall, in connection with their maintenance of Kilmannock Drainage District.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on 8th June, 1933, be received and considered.

RATE COLLECTION:- Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That as Collector O'Byrne (No. 9 District) has failed to carry out his promise to the Finance Committee to lodge £250 by this date his services be dispensed with subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health and that advertisements be issued for new Collector for the district on the same terms and conditions as applied to District No. 14 except that the age of candidates be, over 21 and under 45 years. "

"That Demand Notes for rates on small dwellings in No. 9 district be served by Collector Gannon in No. 8 district; by Collector Curtis in No. 18 district, and by Collector Dunne in No. 14 district."

In connection with amounts outstanding in the cases of the other Collectors the Secretary stated that the amounts reported to Finance Committee meeting had been substantially reduced, except in one instance, ^{and} now stood as follows:-

	£.	S.	D.
M. McCarthy (No. 4).....	19.	0.	6.
P. Nolan (No. 5).....	40	9	2
J. Deegan (No. 7).....	18	0	0
M. Murphy (No.12).....	41	16	2
A. Dunne (No.15).....	74	12	4
P. Carty (No.20).....	82	9	11

With reference to remission of Rates on Mount St. Benedict, it was decided after considerable discussion that the Rates Inspector make enquiries as to the length of time the buildings constituting the School and College had been vacant and report to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

As regards vacancy for Collector in No. 18 District, Mr. Brennan proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following

resolution:- "That the age limits for applications for position of Rate Collector for No. 18 district be not under 21 and not over 45 years. "

Col. Gibbon proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution:- "That the age limits for Rate Collectors for No. 18 district be not under 21 and not over 40 years. "

A poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR 21 and 40 years: Messrs. Cline, Colfer, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Meyler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Roche, Shannon and Walsh. (12)

FOR 21 and 45 years: Messrs. Armstrong, Brennan, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Gaul, Hayes, O'Ryan, Smyth and the Chairman. (12)

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of 21 and 45 years which he declared carried.

Mr. Keegan was not present when poll was taken.

It was decided that appointments of Collectors for Nos. 9 and 18 Districts be made at next County Council meeting to be held on 10th July, 1933.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Brennan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 8th June, 1933, be and are hereby confirmed except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That in view of the report of Mr. Elgee that the titles of the following are in order, the Council agree to advance loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

John Power (Site at Latimerstown) Loan £100.

Richard Hendrick (Ballyeden, Clonroche) Loan £70.

John Hackett, (Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge) Loan £180.

Myles Byrne, (Ballinahillen, Gorey) Loan £140.

James Molloy, (Ballykerogue, Campile) Loan £130.

We observe that the Title of Thomas Neville, for site at Bannow Moor, and who is applying for loan of £50, is also reported by Mr. Elgee as in order but as we are informed by the Appointed Officer that Thomas Neville has made no application to him for Grant, further action as to this loan be postponed.

Under date 6th June, 1933, (H.51048/1933 Wexford) the following letter was read from Housing Section of Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your communication of the 13th ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the making by the Wexford County Council of the following advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

Name of Borrower	House	Amount of Grant £
Maurice Foley	Ballyhyland, Killanne	50
James Nolan	Templeshannon, Enniscorthy	171
Patrick Hayes	Spencerstown	75
William Willoughby	Barnadown, Gorey	130
Paul Hannon	Coolbrock, Wellingtonbridge	25
Martin Breen	Gurraun	50
John Lawlor	Ballyhyland	100

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Armstrong:- "That further representations be made to the Department of Local Government and Public Health and to the Department of Finance as regards advancing loans already sanctioned by first named Department for £2,000 and £8,000. In many instances work has been suspended because applicants have been unable to obtain their loans and to make payments to Contractors, and Builders Providers. As a matter of fact the question of advancing these loans has been so long

"under discussion that Merchants are under the impression that the Scheme will fall through. Requests for payment of at least some portion of the loans are made daily and as the Council have complied with all formalities, we consider it very detrimental to the Scheme not to advance at least some portion of the sanctioned loans."

In connection with the administration of this Act the following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. D'Arcy:-

"That the question of payment for preparation of mortgages under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be considered by the County Council, and if necessary that a ruling be made thereon."

Mr. Shannon asked Mr. D'Arcy to withdraw his notice of motion.

After some discussion Mr. D'Arcy fell in with this request and the matter dropped.

SUPERANNUATION OF MR. JOHN KEHOE, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR

The following notice of motion ^{which} stood in the name of Mr. Gaul and which was circulated to members of the Co. Council on 10th May, 1933, was moved by Col. Gibbon in the temporary absence of Mr. Gaul:-

"That the County Council agree to award Mr. John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, superannuation on his resignation of office of Assistant Surveyor and that amount of same be fixed by the Council."

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the motion which was adopted.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health we hereby fix the superannuation allowance of Mr. J. Kehoe at £122 per annum which allows for thirty-two sixtieths of his salary of £230, Mr. Kehoe having thirty-two years service."

HAULAGE ON ROADS ETC.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice stood in the name of Mr. Armstrong:-

"That the question of Road Haulage be considered with a view to arriving at a decision as to when horse haulage and when mechanical haulage should be employed."

Mr. Armstrong referring to his motion said that mechanical haulage of every sort on the roads was making the condition of the workers and the condition of the Council more and more difficult. Day after day they saw the number of deputations coming before the Council looking for employment. The majority of the unemployed were looking to the Council for relief. Although the County Council were not responsible for the present condition of unemployment it was certainly up to them to act humanely towards the people who were unable to obtain work. Some efforts should be made to amend the Road Works Scheme so that they could deal with unemployment on a proper basis. It was unnecessary to stress how acute unemployment was all over the County. In his district of Bunclody with a population of three hundred they had seventy-five unemployed men with 120 dependents; so that half the population was out of work. This was typical of the rest of the County and to his mind one of the ways in which unemployment could be stemmed was by cutting out all machinery and asking the Local Government Department for sanction to do this in the Road Works Scheme. On considering more carefully the notice of motion he had given he came to the conclusion as conditions in the various districts varied so much, it would not be possible to lay down any hard and fast rule with regard to when mechanical and when horse haulage should be employed. He would put in a new notice of motion regarding unemployment later on.

DEPUTATIONS TO COUNCIL

The Chairman said the Council were asked that day to hear deputations members of which had either given only a day's notice of their application or had handed in application during the meeting. If this procedure was allowed to continue the ordinary business of the Council would suffer.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. Clince seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That in accordance with Standing Order 26 of this Council, any proposed deputation which does not in future give the necessary seven clear days' notice of their intention to attend before the Council, shall not have their application submitted to the meeting and although the stipulated notice be given it will be within the power of the Council to decide if they will hear any particular deputation."

Under date 6th June, 1933, John Kearns, Clologue, Ferns, wrote that the workers of Clologue, Ballyregan and Doran's Hill quarries requested the Council to hear a deputation.

John Kearns and Patrick Kearns, his brother, came before the meeting the former acting as spokesman. He said there were sixteen men unemployed and they had no dole and no relief work. He advocated hand-breaking material in the three quarries mentioned in his letter.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor in charge of Clologue quarry said he had secured sufficient material for the year with the exception of some small amount of granulated stuff.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor in charge of Ballyregan and Doran's hill quarries said he could not provide any work in the latter and as regards Ballyregan he had over 1,200 cubic yards of two and a quarter inch stuff which he could not use until a grant was available.

Mr. O'Byrne said they should ask the Department to pay over about fifty per cent of the grants in view of the vast amount of unemployment.

Miss O'Ryan suggested that the Co. Surveyor keep a record of the names of the sixteen men in the area who were stated to be unemployed and when work was available they could be called upon.

Mr. Hall said he knew everyone of the sixteen men referred to and not a single one of them was idle through his own fault.

One of them had been ten years in the same employment but his employer was not now in a position to employ him owing to economic depression, and a day's casual employment was not available in the district. The plight of this district was one of the saddest ever brought to the attention of the Council.

Mr. Gaul, referring to Miss O'Ryan's suggestion as to keeping a record of the men's names so that they could be employed when money was available, said that the men would, for grant work, have to be employed through the Unemployment Exchange.

The Chairman said a number of farm labourers were trying to get on to Public Works as they thought they would have a better time. In his district there was not a single farm labourer who was willing to work, out of employment.

Mr. Roche, Col. Gibbon and other members said that the desire of the farm labourer to get on to public works did not apply all round.

Mr. O'Byrne said that the people of the district represented by the deputation would get employment if the Council could induce the Land Commission to construct the road through Camolin Park. The Council had been led to understand that the Commission would have built this road if the Council agreed to take over its future maintenance. He proposed:- "That we ask the Land Commission to reconsider their decision as regards building proposed road at Camolin Park and point out to them that the work would be of advantage to the Department of Agriculture as well as to the ratepayers and would provide much needed employment for the District."

Mr. Hall seconded the motion which was adopted.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following resolution:- "That in the event of money becoming available for relief or other works the most deserving of the sixteen unemployed men in Clologue district be employed, if work be not available for all and provided also that they register with the

"Labour Exchange.

Passed.

Under date 10th June, 1933, T. Kavanagh, Kilcavan Upper, Gorey, wrote that a deputation of Tara Hill quarry workmen would attend the County Council meeting on the 12th June, 1933. The men were in a very bad way as they had no work for the past four months. If the Council did not provide them with some employment in the near future they would have to look for home help.

The following deputation attended:- T. Kavanagh, M. Redmond and Laurence D'Arcy.

Matthew Redmond said that the twenty-four men concerned had not been employed since 7th March last. The small farmers in the district were able to do their work with their own families.

Mr. Tresnor, Assistant Surveyor, said as the men were very badly off previous to March he got them to break by hand all the material he would require from Tara Hill for the year.

Mr. Hall referred to the acute distress in Tara Hill district and said that it was the best or certainly the second best material in the County.

The Co. Surveyor said that Tara Hill was a splendid material and had been put into the roads round Gorey for years. But Tara Hill was at the edge of the district and the cost of transport was high. If the quarry were central it could be developed but other quarries in better positions had to be opened and if all material was now taken from Tara Hill the men working in the other quarries would be penalised.

Mr. Keegan said that the Co. Surveyor was using sea gravel for the maintenance of roads round Tara Hill.

The Co. Surveyor admitted this but pointed out that by using sea gravel the whole road was maintained whereas if Tara Hill quarry material was utilised some section would have to go unattended to owing to the price of Tara Hill material. If he had unlimited use of material he would certainly use Tara Hill in

preference to sea gravel but cloth had to be cut according to measure.

Col. Gibbon said if they wanted to save the time of the County Council in hearing at every meeting deputations from unemployed men he suggested that the Members for each County Electoral Area should go carefully and systematically into the matter of unemployment with the County and Assistant Surveyors, each for his own district. They could then have a special meeting of the Council to consider the four reports, deal with every phase of the question and arrive at some considered policy.

Mr. Gaul said he could agree with Col. Gibbon if the Council had the money but they were only beating the air when they proposed to do something on a reduced Road Estimate.

Col. Gibbon said the Council would have a certain amount of money to spend and this should be done under a proper policy.

County Surveyor - So it is.

Col. Gibbon said the T.D.s of the County - particularly Mr. Corish, a member of the Council - had been very active in securing grants and the data and resolutions of the Councillors for the four Electoral areas might be the means of having these grants increased.

Mr. Redmond (deputationist) said they could put chippings on Gorey-Arklow road instead of sand which was going on it now.

The Co. Surveyor said the sand was being put on to prevent the road becoming slippery.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said that chippings were being used for repair of this road.

Mr. Corish said that the Government would probably arrange for some relief grants at an early date.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said that last year the Council had put forward for repair under Minor Relief Scheme, Moneygarrow lane but for some reason the proposal had been turned down. This would have provided work for ten men for about fifteen weeks.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That we call on the Government to include repair of Moneygarrow Lane under Minor Relief Schemes Vote as the work would be of great benefit to the district in which there is exceptional hardship.

Thirteen ratepayers wrote calling attention to the dangerous state of Ballinglen Hill at the turn of which there was a ditch about five feet deep and which came out for some distance on to the road itself.

It was stated that the necessary repair at the place complained of would give some employment in the Tara Hill district.

It was agreed that this matter be referred to the Co. Surveyor for report.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. D'Arcy it was decided to draw the attention of the T.D.s of the County to the great amount of unemployment prevailing in the County with a view to their bringing pressure to bear upon the Government to have all available road grants paid over as soon as possible.

Under date 12th June, 1933, James Walsh, Castlebridge, wrote asking the Council to allow a deputation of the Castlebridge Unemployed to place their views before the Council in connection with the forthcoming work on Wexford-Castlebridge road and Edenvale quarry as they were informed men were about being started.

A deputation consisting of the writer of the letter, with Edward Brennan and Patrick Morris came before the meeting.

Walsh stated he understood that the same men as had been previously working were being taken on for the Castlebridge road and Edenvale quarry, in fact the same men were getting employment all the time. He advocated that men should be employed "turn about" or "all hands" employed at the same time.

Edward Brennan said he understood that Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said that he (Brennan) would not be employed. He had no work since Christmas.

Morris said he got a card for work at Sow drainage but as he could not afford the "luxury" of a bicycle and the work was seven miles away he was not able to avail of the offer.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said he was employing five men who were not regular road workers. They were as badly off as the members of the deputation. He started hand-breaking in the quarry during the winter. Brennan, one of the deputation came on the 6th December to commence work but left the quarry without doing anything. Walsh another member of the deputation broke one and a half yards of material and then left. Morris had earned a respectable amount making cottage blocks for the Health Board and he (Mr. Birthistle) questioned if the Sow Drainage work was more than three miles from his residence. Two of the men he had employed had a short period of work at the Sow Drainage earning there £4 odd each.

On the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Brennan it was decided to proceed to the next business.

FILLING VACANCY FOR ASSISTANT SURVEYOR

In reference to the filling of vacancy for Assistant Surveyor created by the resignation of Mr. John Kehoe, consideration of the following notice of motion by Col. Gibbon:- "That vacancy in office of Assistant Surveyor be not filled but that arrangements be made for the carrying out of the work in vacant district with the existing five Assistant Surveyors." and also the following motion by Mr. D'Arcy were adjourned from last meeting pending report of Co. Surveyor:- "That an appointment of Assistant Surveyor be made to the vacant district at a salary of £3 per week and locomotion expenses of £3 per week. "

The following report under date 9th June, 1933, was submitted by the Co. Surveyor:-

"As directed by the County Council, I have discussed the matter of re-allocation of Districts with the Assistant Surveyors,

"and report as follows:-

"The former division of the County was as under:-

Mr. Kehoe.....	340.64
Mr. Treanor.....	333.53
Mr. Ennis.....	321.70
Mr. Birthistle.....	342.50
Mr. Cullen.....	321.21, and
Mr. O'Neill.....	<u>315.90</u>

Total....1975.48 miles

"As shown above Mr. Kehoe's area, consisting of eight sections totalled 340 miles, and would, if equally divided amongst the other five assistant Surveyors, give an extra 68 miles to each, but this, of course, is not possible to carry out absolutely, owing to sectional divisions of the County. I have made out two divisions of the districts; in the first instance, dividing amongst the five Assistant Surveyors, Mr. Treanor and Mr. Cullen would take on an extra section each, and Messrs. Ennis, Birthistle and O'Neill two extra sections each. The mileage on this division would be as follows:-

Mr. Treanor.....	378
Mr. Ennis	405
Mr. Cullen.....	384
Mr. Birthistle.....	415 and
Mr. O'Neill.....	<u>392.</u>

"Dividing Mr. Kehoe's area amongst only four Assistant Surveyors would give each of the four (omitting Mr. Treanor, whose District would remain as formerly) two sections each, and the mileage with this division would be:-

Mr. Treanor.....	333
Mr. Ennis	406
Mr. Cullen	428
Mr. Birthistle.....	414, and
Mr. O'Neill.....	<u>392</u>

"I could make some slight modification of this by exchange of some of the roads from one section to another, but, substantially, the figures would be as above.

"Now regarding remuneration, formerly Mr. Kehoe was in receipt of £230 salary, and a travelling allowance of £170, and in the future he will be eligible for a pension amounting to £122. This leaves a sum of £278 to be divided amongst the other Assistant Surveyors, provided increased cost on the County is not to take place, and the several Assistant Surveyors have agreed that they would undertake the extra work at an extra remuneration of £50 each, making a total of £250. This leaves a gain to the County of £28 per annum after paying pension, which is, of course, a terminable item.

"With the Districts divided amongst four Assistants, and paying each of the four £60 per annum, there would be a saving of £38 per annum after covering pension.

"If a new appointment be made on the terms as set out in Mr. D'Arcy's proposal there would be a remuneration to the new Official of £312 per annum, a loss to the County of £34 per annum."

Col. Gibbon moved and Mr. Culleton seconded the following motion:- "That vacancy in office of Assistant Surveyor be not filled but that the existing five Surveyors receive £50 per annum to cover increased duty and locomotion expenses, additional mileage to be apportioned in accordance with the report of Co. Surveyor."

Col. Quin said they would gain £28 by one arrangement or they would lose that £28 and £34 a total of £62 by Mr. D'Arcy's proposal.

Col. Gibbon said that the Co. Surveyor had explained the figures showing the saving which he had hoped to make by division of the work amongst the remaining surveyors. He suggested that a further saving could be effected by dividing Mr. Kehoe's salary of £230 amongst the five surveyors, giving them an extra £46 each.

The £170, Mr. Kehoe's travelling allowance, could be devoted to paying his superannuation of £122, effecting a saving to the Council of £48 a year.

Mr. D'Arcy - There is a principle underlying this that I would like to dig up. The Surveyors are here now and I would like to ask them if they have any spare time to do extra work in addition to their present duties.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said he would reply for himself. He was ten years carrying out the Co. Council ordinary work, and he had been working on a very much increased estimate than at present. In addition to the ordinary work and the minor relief schemes he had carried out £82,000 worth of grant work on the roads.

Mr. Culleton - The Co. Surveyor has already told us they can do the work.

Mr. D'Arcy - Do the surveyors think that they would spend the whole of the extra money in travelling?

Mr. Ennis said that on the whole he was losing money on his car, as the travelling allowance did not cover the expense.

Mr. D'Arcy suggested that the surveyors would not work one hour longer in the day by the extra work. They would not be obliged to do it.

Mr. Birthistle - So far as that is concerned I find that very often I have not an hour left when my day is finished.

Mr. D'Arcy - That is what I was telling you that your time is taken up.

Mr. Birthistle - Very often there is an hour to spare. If I get extra work tacked on in the way proposed, it will not be the same as if it was a separate undertaking from my present work. The roads that I would be getting would be adjacent to my present work and I could take them in while doing my present work, because I would be very often passing through them. I know some of them as well as I know my own roads.

Mr. D'Arcy - The Assistant Surveyors may be working overtime as it is.

Mr. Birthistle - The Assistant Surveyors are whole-time officials, but sometimes they have spare time.

Mr. D'Arcy then moved his motion for the appointment of a new surveyor.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded.

Mr. Culleton - He will not be a month appointed until there is a proposition to increase the salary to the level of the other surveyors.

Mr. Cummins - Will the new surveyor take the job at the salary? I do not want to be here losing my time. These men have their Association, and you may not have any application at the salary offered. It is ridiculous pay - a labourer's wage.

Mr. Corish moved and Mr. Gaul seconded the following amendment to Mr. D'Arcy's motion:- "That a new Assistant Surveyor be appointed at a salary of £230 per annum and £170 per annum locomotion expenses."

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following amendment to Col. Gibbon's motion:- "That we divide the work in vacant Assistant Surveyor's district between Messrs. Ennis, Birthistle, O'Neill and Cullen, allocating £40 each to cover increased work and travelling expenses, mileage to be in accordance with recommendation of Co. Surveyor. "

Col. Gibbon said he would agree to accept the proposition of the Chairman if the four surveyors would accept it.

Mr. Birthistle said the surveyors would prefer to have the five share it.

The Co. Surveyor said he discussed the matter with the Assistant Surveyors and one reason he suggested sharing between four instead of five was, because, it was more easy to divide the work between four and Mr. Treanor's district was further ~~west~~ away from Mr. Kehoe's area. Mr. Treanor very properly and kindly

agreed that he did not care which they did.

Mr. O'Byrne - I am opposed to any division, but if you divide it I am opposed to an unfair division.

Mr. Cummins - You had better men here before us who were out to save the rates. They appointed six surveyors and we should conform to the idea of the men that were before us. I propose we have six surveyors.

Secretary - Mr. Corish has already proposed that.

Mr. Corish - Is there any use in the chairman's proposition if the Assistant Surveyors will not accept it?

Mr. Ennis - If Mr. Treanor wants to come in I certainly am not going to keep him out. If he does not want to come in well and good. I will not do it for £40 with Mr. Treanor out.

Mr. Hall - Before you had six surveyors but you had not fifty gangers on the roads.

Chairman - The roads are in order now and will hold good for a few years with very little supervision. If we are to have economy at all, let it be worth doing, and if not let us have six surveyors.

Col. Gibbon - Would four surveyors accept £50 each?

Chairman - Is my motion to be turned down if the surveyors do not accept it? Are we the principals here or are the Surveyors to run the place?

Col. Gibbon - We cannot force them to accept if they do not want to do so.

A poll was then taken on Mr. Corish's amendment for the appointment of an Assistant Surveyor at £230 salary and £170 travelling allowance with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, O'Byrne and Shannon (8)

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Meyler, McCarthy, O'Ryan, Quin, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman. (14)

Messrs. Clince, Keegan and Roche (3) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

After further discussion Col. Gibbon proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following motion:- "That £46 each per annum be voted to the five existing surveyors to cover the increased work and travelling allowance in the discharge of the duties of Assistant Surveyor in the district of Mr. John Kehoe."

A discussion on this motion led Col. Gibbon to alter it to £40 each per annum for five assistant Surveyors.

The amended motion was seconded by Mr. Culleton and it was decided to take a poll as between Mr. D'Arcy's motion for the appointment of a new Assistant Surveyor at £3 per week for salary and £3 per week for locomotion expenses and the transfer of the work to the existing five surveyors at £40 each.

The following is the result of Poll:-

FOR APPOINTMENT OF NEW MAN: Messrs. Armstrong, Brennan, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hayes, O'Byrne, O'Ryan and Shannon. (11)

FOR TRANSFER AND DIVISION OF DISTRICT: Messrs. Culleton, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Meyler, McCarthy, Quin, Smyth and Walsh. (10)

Messrs. Clince, Keegan and Roche (3) were not present during Poll.

The Chairman did not vote. He declared the motion to appoint a new man on the terms of Mr. D'Arcy's motion, adopted.

FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE

The following report under date 9th June, 1933, was submitted from the County Surveyor:-

"For the information of the Council I beg to report that following last meeting of the Council I, at once, notified, the Contractor verbally as regards the various points that were made at the meeting of the Council on 29th ultimo. Subsequently, I confirmed my statements by letter, and directed the Contractor to make proper provision for foot-passenger traffic. Also I was in communication with Messrs. Delap and Waller, and this firm sent special notification to the Contractor in regard to our

"requirements for footbridge. Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, approves of this action, and he also directed that I should get the Consulting Engineers to serve formal notice on the Contractor in regard to the delay in proceeding with the work at the Bridge. This has been done, and on to-day Mr. Delap is arranging to visit the Bridge, and give further directions, as may be necessary."

In reply to Col. Gibbon the Co. Surveyor said that the Contractor had up to the 16th August of this year to finish the work but he (Co. Surveyor) believed work would not be completed by that date. The Contractor had been notified of the delay. He had not a really proper appreciation of the work. No doubt there had been trouble about piles which it had been impossible to get into line and he would have to get consideration for that. He had sufficient men employed.

Col. Gibbon said that the Ferrycarrig Bridge Committee had received a definite assurance from Mr. Waller (Delap and Waller Consulting Engineers) that the bridge would be closed for four months only; according to the present outlook it would be closed for more than six months. They should get a report from Messrs. Delap and Waller in view of the assurance which the Committee had received from Waller, as to when the work would be completed. He proposed a resolution to this effect and stated that it would be a dire calamity to the farmers if they could not get their corn into Wexford on account of the closing of the Ferrycarrig Bridge. Mr. D'Arcy seconded the resolution which was adopted.

OLD UNION BUILDINGS, NEW ROSS

Under date 6th June, 1933, the following was read from County Wexford Board of Health:-

"At a recent meeting of my Board it was suggested that the old Union Buildings at New Ross be advertised for demolition and that tenders from Contractors for the taking down and removing of the materials be invited.

"All the building cannot be removed at present as the portion

"occupied as a Fever Hospital and the apartments occupied by the Porter must remain.

"The Board have requested their Engineer, Mr. James J. Shortall to prepare a specification for the actual demolition, and they have directed me to request the County Council to consider the suggestion and undertake the work or authorise the Board to act as their agent in the matter."

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Walsh seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That as requested by Co. Wexford Board of Health the Wexford County Council hereby appoint said Board to act as their agents in regard to demolition of such of the old Union Buildings, New Ross, as are not required, the permission of Department of Local Government and Public Health to be obtained prior to any work being undertaken."

The Co. Solicitor asked if the Health Board had considered whether they would get any sale for the stuff; otherwise the cost would be very high. The Co. Council had endeavoured to have the building at the rear of Co. Council Chamber taken down but found the project was too costly.

Mr. Walsh said the Committee of the Health Board which met at New Ross to consider plans had pointed out that the buildings referred to would have to come down and the Health Board could not do that without permission. They would advertise for a Contractor.

The resolution was then put and adopted nem con.

ILLNESS OF MR. T. MOORE - CO. SURVEYOR'S OFFICE

Under date 11th June, 1933, Dr. M.H. Bowen, Enniscorthy, certified that Mr. T. Moore, Assistant in Co. Surveyor's Department, was suffering from bronchitis, and would be unable to resume duty before 1st July.

On the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Colfer the following resolution was adopted:- "That Mr. Moore, Assistant in Co. Surveyor's Department, be granted sick leave in accordance

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"with certificate received from Dr. Bowen, and the Co. Surveyor be empowered to employ a substitute during Mr. Moore's absence at a salary of £3 per week."

DEVELOPMENT OF PEAT

Under date 7th June, 1933, the following letter was read from Department of Industry and Commerce, Peat Development Section, La Touche Buildings, Dublin:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant.

"As your Council has no doubt observed from announcements made in the Press, the Minister is making arrangements to facilitate the marketing of peat and he hopes that these arrangements will provide the necessary incentive to induce the maximum production of peat. I am to suggest that the members of your Council should encourage peat producers to take the fullest possible advantage of the arrangements which are being made for their benefit.

"The Minister desires me to take this opportunity of impressing on your Council the desirability of utilising peat for the purpose of supplying the fuel requirements of institutions under its jurisdiction."

Mr. Cummins stated that at last meeting he had moved that the Department of Industry and Commerce be requested to send an expert to the County to explore the possibilities as to obtaining turf in the County. He had been informed that there was a certain amount of turf in the South of the County, in the neighbourhood of Boley, and also in the North of the County, bordering Carlow. The Council knew practically nothing of the matter and it would help very considerably if somebody conversant with the Peat Industry would visit the County and furnish them with a report. He again proposed a resolution on these lines which was seconded by Mr. Colfer and adopted.

Miss O'Ryan said that so far as possible peat should be used by Public Bodies and she was of opinion the Co. Surveyor should be in a position to utilise a certain amount of it for his engines.

EMPLOYMENT ON ROADS

Mr. Keegan gave the following notice of motion for consideration at next meeting of the Council:- "That the Council consider generally the system of employment of men for road and quarry work and, if considered desirable, make any necessary changes to insure that all unemployed men will get a fair share of the work."

USE OF GOREY COURTHOUSE

Under date 10th June, 1933, Messrs. D. & T. Fitzgerald, Solicitors, 30, Anglesea Street, Dublin, wrote asking for the use of Gorey Courthouse to carry out an auction of bankrupts' premises.

On the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Hall it was decided to inform applicants that the Council could not see their way to allow the use of the building for the purpose mentioned."

BOIRA DRAINAGE

Under date 10th June, 1933, the Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, wrote that the Minister would render any assistance possible on his part to promote the Boira Drainage Scheme.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That we remind the T.D.s of the County of the necessity for endeavouring to obtain a grant under Minor Relief Schemes Vote for the completion of the Drainage in the Boira District."

BALLINA LANE BLACKWATER

Application was received from Mr. J. Quin asking that Ballina Lane (Blackwater) should be placed on Minor Relief Scheme Schedule for repair. Eight families resided on this lane which had an outlet to two important roads. Several land owners

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were also obliged to use the lane over which it was most difficult to travel in winter time. A small outlay would make it good for a number of years.

It was decided on the motion of Col. Quin, seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That Ballina Lane (Blackwater) be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Scheme."

LANE - ST. LEONARDS TO GARRYCULLEN

Memorial signed by Rev. I.J. Scallan, C.C., and ten Ratepayers of the District asked the County Council to schedule for repair under Minor Relief Scheme, the lane from St. Leonards to Garrycullen, which was in a very bad condition and which connected two roads. If put in a reasonable state it would be of great service to a very large number of people, being a short "cut" to Church and School.

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Hall a resolution was adopted that Lane, St. Leonards to Garrycullen be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Scheme.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin:- "That in view of report of the Co. Solicitor under date 2nd June, 1933, that the agreements as to payment of contribution for this year to the Irish Tourist Development Association are in order we direct that said Agreements be signed and sealed on behalf of the Council.

POISONS & PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cummins:- "That new licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908 issue to Joseph O'Malley (J. Donohoe Ltd., Enniscorthy) and Edward Connolly, Market Square, Bunclody, and renewal of licence to John Whelan, Bunclody, provided no objection be made by the Garda Siochana Authorities."

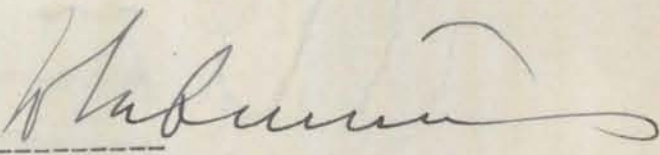
RATES ON INLAND FISHERIES

The following resolution from Mayo County Council was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That we, the Commissioners administering the affairs of the Mayo County Council, earnestly request the Government to review the present position and condition of Inland Fisheries in their relation to local rates. That a proper and adequate valuation of same be made for rating purposes, and that Fishing rights which unduly interfere with or hamper Drainage operations be carefully examined and inquired into with a view to removing the anomalies which exist in this regard.

"That a refund be made to the ratepayers in the several Counties of the sum of which they have been deprived because of the operation of Section 13 of the Fisheries Act, 1925.

"That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Executive Council, to the Ministers for Local Government and Public Health, and Lands and Fisheries, and to each County and Urban Council in the Saorstát."



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'H. J. O'Connell', written over a horizontal dashed line.

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING HELD ON 10TH JULY 1933

M I N U T E S

COUNTY HALL,
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
SECRETARY.

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 10th July, 1933.

Present - Messrs James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, T.F. D'Arcy, John Doran, James Gaul, Col.C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Hickey, Michael Jordan, W. P. Keegan, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, M.M. Roche, James Shannon, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

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

Mr. Ml. Hickey subscribed the declaration of office as Councillor.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton, the chair was taken by Mr. Cummins, who presided during confirmation of Minutes of last meeting, after which Mr. Ml. Doyle Chairman of the Council attended, and presided for consideration of the remainder of the business.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £34,695: 17: 6d. were examined and signed.

NEW MEMBER OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That Mr. Cummins be appointed a member of Finance Committee in room of Mr. John Murphy, resigned."

NEW MEMBER OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Gibbon:- "That as recommended by resolution of Co. Library Committee adopted at meeting of

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24th June, 1933, the Rev. H.L. Scott, Rector, Mulrankin,
be appointed a Member of County Library Committee in
succession to Rev. T. Talbot, Rector, Foulksmills, resigned."

NEW MEMBER CO. WEXFORD VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of
Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That, in view of the
recommendation of Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee,
Rev. William Gibson, Rathaspeck, be appointed a member of this
Committee vice Rev. T. Talbot, Rector, Foulksmills, resigned."

CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES

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Meeting 22nd June, 1933: The Minutes of Finance Committee in
respect of meeting held on 22nd June, 1933, were submitted as
follows:

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 22nd June, 1933.

Present:- Messrs. John Colloton, James Hall, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor and Rates Inspector, were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne the chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4908.3.10d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

OUTSTANDING AMOUNTS:- The Secretary reported that the following amounts of rates were still outstanding in respect of 1932/33 warrant:-

Collector P. Nolan.....	£40.	9	2d
" M. McCarthy.....	£19.	0	6d
" M. Murphy.....	£37	3	5d
" P. O'Byrne	£207	17	9d
" A. Dunne.....	£61.	12	4d
" P. Carty.....	£47.	9	11d

The following resolution was adopted:- "That Collectors Nolan, McCarthy, Murphy, Dunne and Carty be informed that unless they close their Warrants within ten days from date of this Finance Committee meeting, the Committee will be reluctantly obliged to call upon their Personal Sureties in each case to close Warrant."

FIDELITY GUARANTEE BONDS OF COLLECTORS:- The Secretary stated that receipts for payment of Fidelity Guarantee Bonds had not been received from Collectors M. McCarthy, P. Nolan, S. Gannon, J. Deegan and Art Dunne.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That Collectors who have not yet furnished receipts for payment of current premium for their Fidelity Guarantee Bonds be informed they should furnish such receipts immediately and must understand that any delay which may arise in commencing the collection of current warrant owing to failure of the Collectors in this respect, will not be taken into account as regards the closing of their warrants on statutory dates."

RATE COLLECTORS RESIDING IN THEIR DISTRICTS:- At the last meeting of the Co. Council the following resolution was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration (in consultation with Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor) :- "That as all Rate Collectors were appointed on the understanding that they should reside in their Collection Districts, we hereby call upon all Collectors to do so; otherwise the Council will consider the determination of their appointments."

In the course of the discussion relative to this matter it was pointed out that Collector E.J. Murphy resided in the Urban District of New Ross, which was actually in the centre of his collection District. The same applied to Collector Gannon and Enniscorthy Urban District. Collector Curtis lives in New Ross which is close to his district. Collectors J.J. O'Reilly, Wm. Doyle and Philip Doyle resided at very short distances from their Districts. Collectors P. Nolan and P. Carty lived a considerable distance from their Districts.

The Finance Committee are of opinion that it is only in the case of the two last mentioned Collectors viz. P. Nolan and P. Carty, that instructions should issue obliging them to reside in their districts. As regards the others, they feel that any change which might be made in their present residences would hinder them in the discharge of their duties. They also suggest to the Co. Council that the Finance Committee should be empowered to grant permission to a Rate Collector in special circumstances to reside outside his district, taking into consideration the convenience of the Ratepayers concerned.

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RATE COLLECTOR O'BYRNE (No. 9 DISTRICT):- Under date 20th June, 1933, the Rates Inspector reported he had checked the books of Collector P. O'Byrne in No. 9 District on 13th June, 1933, when they appeared in order. The great majority of outstanding Ratepayers were duly notified and so far none of them had disputed their liability. Receipts amounting to £207.17.9d rates which had not been collected by Mr. O'Byrne had been taken up. The Rate Inspector stated there should be no trouble in the collection of this amount.

Under date 20th June, 1933, Mr. H.J. Frizelle, Solicitor, Enniscorthy, acting for Patrick O'Brien, Grange Lower, Killanne, and John Caulfield, Grange Upper, Rathmure, Sureties for Patrick O'Byrne, Rate Collector (No. 9 District) wrote acknowledging the demand from Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, to close this Collector's warrant. The Sureties regretted that the Co. Council had found it necessary to dispense with Mr. O'Byrne's services. It was absolutely impossible for either of them to meet the demand of the Council as they were both in the unfortunate position of being insolvent. Mr. Caulfield owed numerous debts and there was a mortgage on his lands. Mr. O'Brien was only part holder of eleven statute acres and also owed a considerable sum of money. It was stated that £207 would be sufficient to close Mr. O'Byrne's warrant for the last financial year and the Sureties alleged that the amount was not uncollectable but could be very easily obtained. They suggested the Co. Council should retain any poundage due to Mr. O'Byrne and that a new Collector should be allowed to collect the rate outstanding. If this were done the County Council would not be at any loss. If there was any sum then due to the Council the Sureties would do all in their power to square the matter.

As regards the expected vacancy in No. 9 District, Mr. J.J. Mythen, Tomfarney, Clonroche, applied to be appointed temporary Collector pending the permanent appointment.

The Committee considered it would be injudicious to make any temporary appointment of a prospective candidate for the permanent

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position of Rate Collector.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to the approval of Collector O'Byrne's Sureties, Mr. Sean O'Kennedy, Rates Inspector, be appointed temporary Rate Collector for No. 9 District to close Warrant for 1932/33 and that he be paid a remuneration of £10 for this additional work."

PUBLICATION LISTS RATEPAYERS IN ARREAR:- Circular 52/33 under date 12th June, 1933, from Department of Local Government and Public Health as to publication of lists of Ratepayers in arrear was submitted.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "In reference to suggested publication of lists of ratepayers in arrear, this Committee are of opinion that owing to abnormal conditions and economic stringency it would be more of an injury than a help to the Rate Collection to publish lists of ratepayers in arrear at the present time. The Finance Committee are satisfied that the present state of the country is responsible for the large amount of arrears outstanding. They are decidedly of opinion that no attempt is being made in Co. Wexford to hold up the payment of rates."

RATES MOUNT ST. BENEDICT:- In connection with the recommendation of the Finance Committee as to Rates on Mount St. Benedict, the following report under date 22nd June, 1933, was read from the Rates Inspector:-

"As directed I made an inspection of the buildings at Mount St. Benedict on Monday last (19th June, 1933).

"The Rev. D. Sweetman was not at home but one of the servants put me in touch with Miss Kehoe who was in charge during his absence. I explained to Miss Kehoe the reason of my visit.

"The £95 Valuation on house and offices includes all the buildings of the old school and farm-yard.

"Miss Kehoe informed me that there are eight persons including

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"the servants living on the premises of the old school.

"Portions of the dormitories are not in use as living quarters but some of the rooms contain frames that are used in connection with process of tobacco growing. They are also used as storerooms for incubators.

"The latter were not in use on the date of my visit.

"The premises known as St. Aidan's are used as sleeping quarters for the workmen and the premises known as St. Michael's are also used partly for the same purpose."

The Committee desire to point out they have no power to recommend the remission of rates in the case of buildings which are in occupation.

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction payment of full Poundage to Collectors who have closed their warrants for 1932/33 by this date. The Committee would be in favour of penalising those Collectors who delayed in closing their warrants but recognise it was through no fault of the Collectors concerned that Warrants had not been closed in time."

RATING OF NEW BUILDINGS ORDER 1925

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That refunds of Rates under Rating of New Buildings Order 1925 be agreed to as follows:-

Robert Rackard, Killanne, Enniscorthy.....	£17	0	7d
Henry Hill, Ballycanew, Gorey.....	4	8	10d
John O'Connor, Rathimney, Gusserane.....	6	15	9d
Catherine Bolger, Ballinatray Lr.....	2	2	9d
Bridget Turner, Whitehouse, Rosslare.....	£15	9	9d
James Sinnott, Golf Hotel, Rosslare.....	£54.	7	1d
Denis Byrne, Waste, Camolin.....	10		0d
Richard O'Brien, Ballymoney Upper, Gorey....	15		8d
Thomas Murphy, Ballymurray, The Ballagh.....	11		10d

REVISION OF VALUATIONS

The various applications for revisions of valuation were considered by the Committee and it was agreed they should all be submitted to the General Valuation Department.

WEXFORD BRIDGE

In connection with traffic over Wexford Bridge in consequence of the closing of Ferrycarrig Bridge for repair, the following report of Inspector O'Neill, Garda Siochana, to the Co. Surveyor under date 12th June, 1933, was submitted:-

"With reference to your letter of 16th instant in connection with weighty lorries crossing I beg to inform you that on 10/6/'33 Garda John Kearney, 5702, of Wexford No. 1 Station found the following lorries crossing the Wexford Bridge:-

Morris Commercial Lorry No. M.I.3303, owned by J.J. Stafford, The Quay, Wexford, and driven on the occasion by William Kehoe, 11, Swan View, The Faythe. The unladen weight of this lorry is 2 tons, 19 cwts., and at the time was carrying a load of timber which weighed 2 tons, making a total weight of 4 tons 19 cwts.

Chevrolet lorry No. M.I.3195, owned by Lizzie Meyler, Selskar St., Wexford, and driven on the occasion by D. Meyler of same address. The unladen weight of this lorry is $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons, and in addition was carrying at the time $1\frac{1}{4}$ tons of meal making a total weight of $2\frac{3}{4}$ tons.

Ford Lorry and trailer No. Z.A.31 the property of the Texaco Petrol Company, O'Connell Street, Dublin, and driven on the occasion by their employee Percy J.H. Williams, 118, Shelmartin Avenue, Dublin. The unladen weight of the lorry and trailer is 3 tons and in addition was carrying at the time 2 tons of Petrol making a total of 5 tons.

Bedford Lorry No. M.I.3989, owned by John Parle, Tacumshane, Wexford, and driven by James Sinnott, Piltown, Tacumshane, the lorry weighed $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons (unladen) and at the time was carrying $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons of cement making a total weight of 3 tons.

"The drivers of each of these vehicles informed the Garda that

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"owing to Ferrycarrig Bridge being closed they had no alternative route and were therefore obliged to cross the Wexford Bridge."

In reference to this matter the following letter under date 14th June, 1933, was submitted from Wexford Development Association:-

"My Committee have been informed by various Members that lorries have been held up crossing the New Bridge by Civic Guards and the names of owners taken.

"I am instructed to ask if two ton lorries laden with merchandise will be permitted to cross this bridge during the period that Ferrycarrig Bridge is closed, as it is a great hardship on merchants having both these bridges closed at the same time.

"I would be glad if you placed this matter before your Council at the earliest possible moment and oblige."

The Co. Surveyor stated that Messrs. L.J. Barker and T. Traynor from Wexford Development Association interviewed him a few days after he had received the report from the Garda Siochana and wanted him to agree to certain proposals as to the passing of lorries over Wexford Bridge, but he referred them to the Council. If one could be sure that the traffic would be restricted to lorries of two tons laden and if a speed limit of ten miles per hour would be observed, he would not have any objection to such traffic utilising Wexford Bridge. Under the by-laws there was no provision for mechanically propelled vehicles to cross the Bridge under their own power, they were supposed to cross the Bridge unladen. The design of the old Bridge would allow it to stand the traffic he had suggested but he could not be certain of every inch of the timbers. He would make no objection to the passage of lorries of four tons all in with a speed at the rate of ten miles per hour crossing the Wexford Bridge.

After further consideration it was decided on the recommendation of Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, to make no order in the matter.

A resolution was also adopted directing Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, to warn the owners of heavy lorries reported by the Garda Siochana

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as using Wexford Bridge that if they offend again proceedings must be instituted against them.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

In connection with the clerical work under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That a sum of 7/6d per £100 be paid Assistant Secretary for extra work in connection with loans and applications for same under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE AREA

The Co. Surveyor pointed out that in connection with the interview which he had with Mr. Dunphy (Messrs. Dunphy & Lalor, Solicitors, New Ross) acting for Major Barnewall, there was a drain outside the actual drainage area which required cleaning the cost to be provided out of the Interest of Trust Fund of £400 for the repair of the embankment the money being in the hands of the Commissioners of Public Works.

It was proposed on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colloton and adopted:- "That the Co. Surveyor be empowered to apply for a sum of £200, or, in the alternative whatever the sum of accumulated interest which lies in the Trust fund of £400 for the repair of that portion of drainage work at Kilmannock as provided under said Trust."

FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE

A discussion took place as to the manner in which the Contract for repair of above was being carried out.

The Co. Surveyor read copy of letter under date 19th June, 1933, which had been furnished by Mr. Delap (Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers) to the Contractor for Ferrycarrig Bridge, which stated that from the inspection made by Mr. Delap on the 19th June, 1933, it appeared that the bascules of the opening span were getting into a very unstable condition and that adequate provision was not being made to secure them.

Clauses 59 and 84 of the Specification set out clearly what was

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required and he (Mr. Delap) would like to hear from the Contractor how exactly he proposed to raise the bascules and secure them and how he proposed to get the heads of the piles which carry the bearings in to correct position.

He also asked for particulars of what the Contractor proposed to do to lift the bascules and secure them and when he would be ready to lift.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That in view of the fact that the consulting Engineers have reported the Contractor for Ferrycarrig Bridge is not proceeding to carry out his Contract with due diligence and that he will certainly fail to complete same in time we hereby instruct the County Surveyor to inform him that unless he proceeds with this contract as directed the Committee must recommend the Council to act on the Terms of Clause 54 of the Specification and take up the Contract with a view to having it finished at his expense."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

Report from the District Court Clerk, Enniscorthy, as to the proposed committal of two children, John Fanning (4½ years) and Thomas Fanning (seven years) residing at Fairview, Gorey, to Rathdrum Industrial School, was referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCE LTD.

From the report of the Directors of above which is to be presented to the General meeting of the Company on 28th June, 1933, it appeared the surplus realized by the operations of the company amounted to £5706.11.6d., which together with the amount carried forward from the previous Account, made a total of £19,207.15s. for allocation.

The meeting considered that the report of the year's working of the Company was most satisfactory.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 22nd June, 1933, as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

Rate Collectors residing in their districts: Mr. McCarthy proposed confirmation of the recommendation of Finance Committee and pointed out that in the opinion of that Committee it would be hardship to the Collectors and to the ratepayers concerned to interfere with any of the Collectors except Nolan and Carty.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the resolution which passed nem con.
Rates on Mount St. Benedict: Mr. D'Arcy said that to his knowledge the larger portion of the buildings at Mount St. Benedict had been vacant for some years. He proposed:- "That Rate Collectors Dunne be requested to furnish certificate to the Council as to the various years in which the principal portion of the buildings at Mount St. Benedict were unoccupied and for which a substantial amount of arrears of Rates are still due."

Mr. Brennan seconded the motion which was adopted.

Wexford Bridge: Mr. Shannon proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution which was adopted, Mr. Keegan dissenting :

"That consideration of recommendation of Finance Committee as to Wexford Bridge and all matters arising thereon be considered in Committee."

The County Surveyor said the reason why the Finance Committee decided to take no action against offenders was that the whole procedure as to the by-laws was cumbersome, and not very satisfactory, and they believed a warning would be sufficient for the time being.

Col. Gibbon objected to the maximum speed limit being fixed at ten miles an hour for crossing the bridge. He believed it should be five miles.

The County Surveyor said that at five miles an hour a motorist would have to "change down" and this would cause more vibration to the bridge than if the higher speed were maintained.

Mr. McCarthy considered that before doing anything in connection with Wexford Bridge they should deal with the position at Ferrycarrig Bridge.

Mr. Elgee recommended that as law proceedings might be instituted in connection with the Ferrycarrig Bridge contract, it would be advisable to have the discussion in Committee.

Mr. Keegan objected.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution:- "That consideration of all matters arising out of Ferrycarrig Bridge contract be taken in committee."

Mr. Keegan objected and proposed as an amendment that consideration of the matter be not held in camera.

Mr. Cooney seconded.

The Chairman was about to take a show of hands on the amendment but Mr. Keegan objected and demanded a poll, which resulted as follows:-

For Mr. Keegan's amendment:- Messrs Cooney, Gaul and Keegan (3).

Against:- Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Hayes, Hickey, Meyler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Shannon, Smyth and the Chairman (18)

Mr. Clince (1) did not vote and Messrs Doran, Jordan, Roche and Walsh (4) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution was then put and carried nem con.

Ferrycarrig Bridge: The recommendation of the Finance Committee was then read after which the following letter under date 8th July, 1933, from the Co. Surveyor, was submitted:-

"On the 5th instant in company with Messrs Delap and Waller and the Contractor, I made a thorough inspection and examination of the work in progress at Ferrycarrig Bridge and it was arranged that Messrs Delap and Waller should furnish a detailed report for the Council meeting on 10th instant. Up to date I have not received this report, and I have called up Messrs Delap and Waller on 'phone requesting that the report should, without fail, reach

my office on Monday morning. In the meantime I may state that we decided that it would be necessary to apply for authority to keep the road closed for a very extended period. Though it is hoped it will not be necessary to close the road for date set out hereunder we consider it will be advisable to ask for authority to that date. We estimated it would not be advisable to fix an earlier date than 15th November, 1933, though I may note that the Contractor has informed me he will look for extension of time up to 30th September next only.

"I shall be prepared to give further information at the meeting on Monday, but I hope that Messrs Delap and Waller's report will deal with every point, and that it will reach me in time for the meeting."

The County Surveyor stated that since his letter was written he had received the following under date 7th July, 1933, from Messrs Delap and Waller, the Consulting Engineers:-

"We visited the bridge again on 5th instant, and from what we have seen, we advise that arrangements be made for an extension of the time during which the bridge may be closed to traffic. In our opinion a further three months should be arranged for in case of necessity.

"A large amount of extra work has resulted from the unusually erratic form of the rock under river bed which was not disclosed by the borings, and the Contractor will certainly claim for an extension of time under this head when his original time expires. In our opinion the Contractor's claim if reasonable must be conceded.

"As to your query regarding delays at the commencement, the facts are that work was carried out for five weeks before the bridge was closed to traffic, and after this date the Contractor frequently opened the bridge for local traffic in order to oblige the local residents, although he was in no way obliged to do so. We cannot advise, therefore, that there are any adequate grounds for complaint on this score.

"We do not think it possible at this stage to name a

reliable date as to when the bridge may be ready for opening but when the difficulties that have arisen over the foundations have been overcome, we will be able to estimate the remaining time necessary to complete the work."

"You will realise that, under his contract, the Contractor is legally entitled to a reasonable extension of time owing to the difficulties which have arisen and for which he cannot be held responsible."

At this stage a wire was received from the Contractor requesting the Council to extend the time for completion of his contract to 30th September, 1933.

Mr. Culleton proposed:- "That Contractor for repair work at Ferrycarrig Bridge be given all the time he requires for the completion of his contract provided he erects a temporary bridge capable of carrying five tons."

In moving this Mr. Culleton said he understood a temporary bridge could be erected at a reasonable cost and if the Contractor would not comply with the terms of the resolution the Committee should erect the temporary bridge at his expense. If Ferrycarrig Bridge was to remain open till the winter they might calculate upon having to do very extensive repairs on Wexford Bridge which the continued traffic, especially during the winter, on Castlebridge - Artramon roads would cause injury to the extent of hundreds of pounds.

Mr. McCarthy seconded and said that any extension of time should be contingent on the Contractor erecting a temporary bridge which would carry such traffic as the County Surveyor considered reasonable.

Mr. Corish asked who was to be responsible for payment of Clerk of Works from the period when the Contract was supposed to be finished until the work was actually completed. It was very serious for the people and for the town of Wexford to have Ferrycarrig Bridge closed at any time but it was disastrous to have it closed for nine months. The great delay in proceeding

with the work was causing great harm to Wexford town and district.

Mr. D'Arcy considered the resolution was rather against the report of the Consulting Engineers.

Mr. O'Byrne said that one of the Consulting Engineers had informed the Ferrycarrig Bridge Committee that four months would be ample to have the bridge closed but they were wrong in that statement.

Col. Gibbon said he was not satisfied with the Contractor from the first and he was less satisfied with him now. The position at the moment presented a very black outlook for the farmers concerned. The Finance Committee should have a special meeting to go fully into the matter with the Consulting Engineers. It was nonsense to allow the matter to hang as it was and the Finance Committee should go into the position minutely and ascertain if the Contractor was employing all possible men and if he procured the necessary technical advice to assist him as he (Col. Gibbon) had suggested a considerable time back.

The County Surveyor said the Contractor had now secured the necessary technical advice.

Col. Gibbon - It is three months ago since I mentioned it. If the bridge is to remain closed during the winter months the Castlebridge road will require very considerable repair and possibly Wexford Bridge also.

The County Surveyor said the erection of a temporary bridge at Ferrycarrig for heavy lorries or buses was out of the question but for light vehicles and for motor lorries, say, two ton trucks "all in", a temporary structure could be erected for about £300. The previous figure given for a temporary bridge was £1000 but that was for a bridge that would carry all traffic, the Council having decided it would be "all or none".

Mr. Corish suggested that the Contractor should have a double shift of men.

The County Surveyor thought that the Contractor was employing

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all men necessary for the work. Since the Contractor had obtained the services of a qualified Engineer one bascule had been successfully lifted.

Miss O'Ryan said that the County Council should not suffer because the Contractor in the first instance did not secure proper technical advice and it was admitted that the want of this advice up to now had been responsible for delaying the work. The people of the district and the shopkeepers of Wexford and Enniscorthy could not be expected to held out for another three months. If the Council had been informed in the beginning that a fairly satisfactory temporary bridge could have been erected for £300 the whole Council would have been in favour of it. The road to Killurin had to bear bus traffic and this was doing injury. If they had definite detailed representations from the Consulting Engineers under which the bridge would have to be closed for a further three months they should consider the advisability of putting up a temporary bridge.

The Chairman pointed out that if in the opinion of the Consulting Engineers the Contractor had met with unforeseen difficulties he would be entitled to extra time to close his Contract. They could empower the Finance Committee to agree to a temporary bridge at a specified cost if they found it was necessary.

Col. Gibbon suggested that as the Finance Committee meeting would not be held until the 20th July it might be better to set up a special Committee to deal with the matter. They could be empowered after hearing the views of the Consulting Engineers to take all steps they considered desirable, including ~~and~~ the erection of a temporary bridge.

After further discussion Col. Gibbon put forward his suggestion in the form of a resolution which was seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:

Mr. O'Byrne supported Mr. Culleton's proposal. The Contractor was responsible for the delay as it was only last

week he had employed a properly qualified Engineer.

Col. Gibbon's motion was then put and adopted, Mr. Culleton withdrawing his motion for the present.

The following special Committee ^{was} ~~were~~ appointed:-

Enniscorthy Co. Electoral Area: Messrs McCarthy and Culleton.

Gorey do. do. do.: Messrs D'Arcy and O'Byrne.

New Ross do. do. do.: Messrs Hickey and Walsh.

Wexford do. do. do.: Col. Gibbon and Mr. Corish.

To meet at Ferrycarrig Bridge on 15th July, 1933, at 10.30 a.m.

Industrial School Cases: Mr. Cooney protested against poor children being sent to Industrial Schools because they had failed to attend ordinary school, while the children of the well-to-do escaped scot free though they were away from school for longer periods. It was pitiable to see poor children trudging long distances to school wet to the skin and starving.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, said it was only in very exceptional circumstances that children went to Industrial Schools for non-attendance at an elementary school. As a rule in cases of this sort repeated warnings had been sent to the parents.

Mr. Cooney said he would move a resolution that the Council refuse in future to pay for any children in Industrial Schools who were there ~~for~~ because they had failed to attend Elementary school.

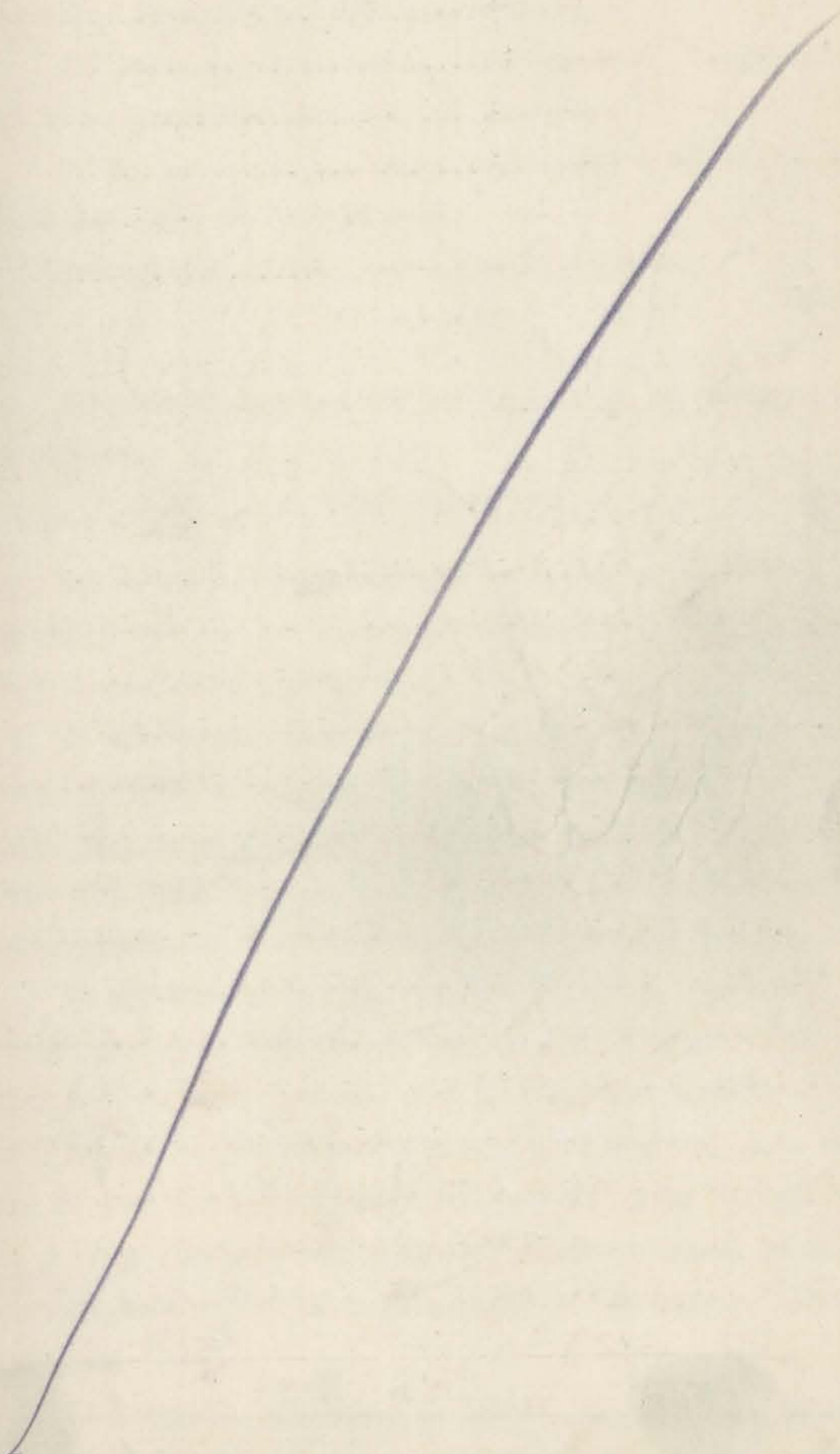
Chairman - The Council cannot go against the law.

Mr. Keegan questioned the statement that the Fanning children Fairfield, Gorey, recently committed, were destitute and it was decided that the Secretary communicate with the District Superintendent, Garda Siochana, in this matter.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Armstrong:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 22nd June, 1933, as submitted to this meeting, be and are hereby confirmed except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

Meeting 6th July, 1933: The Minutes of Finance Committee
meeting of 6th July, 1933, were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 6th July, 1933.

Present - Messrs John J. Culleton, James Hall, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James Shamon.

The Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and Rates Inspector were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall, the chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4,647: 5: 4d. was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

The Secretary reported that Collector P. Carty (No. 20 District) had not yet closed his warrant for 1932/33, the amount uncollected being £47: 9: 11d.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, call on Mr. Carty's sureties to lodge the amount outstanding.

Rate Collectors' Poundage Fees: The following letter under date 29th June, 1933, (No.G.68977/1933) Loch Garman Fa. was read from Department 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 23rd instant, and to state that he sanctions payment of poundage as proposed in the cases of Messrs J.J. O'Reilly, J.J. Sinnott, and T. Rowe who closed their collections before the end of May. It is with some hesitation that the Minister agrees in Mr. Sinnott's case in view of the large proportion of his warrant carried forward.

"As regards Collectors J. Quirke, W. Doyle, P. Doyle, S. Gannon, J. Deegan and A. Dunne, where the delay in closing

has been more pronounced, the Minister cannot see his way to remit all penalty and must ask for a reconsidered proposal. Special attention should be given in those cases where the proportions of the warrants carried forward exceed the average."

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

"That, in view of the fact that our Rate Collectors have had to advance from their own resources the sums required to close warrants for 1932/33, we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to consent to full poundage fees being paid to the following Collectors who have closed:-

No. 1 District - J. Quirke ; No. 2 - W. Doyle; No. 3 Phil. Doyle; No. 4 - M. McCarthy; No. 5 - P. Nolan; No. 6 - S. Gannon; No. 7 - J. Deegan; No. 10 - S. Gannon; No. 12 - M. Murphy; No. 14 - Art Dunne and T. Bolger.

"The arrears carried forward in each Collection District have been closely examined and Finance Committee are satisfied that the Collectors in question are not to blame for the non-payment of these amounts."

No. 9 Collection District - Ex-Collector P. O'Byrne: The following letter under date 28th June, 1933 (No. 68976/33 Loch Garman Fa.) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant, regarding the collection of the balance of rates outstanding in No. 9 Collection District, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he appreciates the desirability of having this matter disposed of without delay. The Minister will not object to any suitable arrangements come to with the late Collector's Sureties. While not objecting as a purely emergency measure to the suggested employment, for the purpose, of Mr. O'Kennedy it should be understood that the Minister does not regard this work as suitable for an officer of Mr. O'Kennedy's position and he would prefer, if possible, that the services of some other Collector should be secured."

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In view of the opinion of the Minister it was decided that the outstanding amount in this district viz., £299: 18: 5d. should be collected by the new Collector to be appointed at County Council meeting on 10th July, 1933.

COMMITTALS TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS

Notifications regarding applications for committals of the following children to Industrial Schools were referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor.

Albert Slye, Rossard, Killanne (12½ years).

Patrick Kearns, Tobergal, Boolavogue (10½)

John Kearns, do. do. (9yrs).

James Kearns do. do. (5yrs).

John Corrigan, Shannon, Enniscorthy (13 yrs.)

Kevin Morrissey, Wafer St. Enniscorthy.

Elizabeth Byrne, Gobbinstown, New Ross (4).

Margaret Byrne do. do. (3).

Brigid Byrne do. do. (2).

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

Inspector O'Neill, Garda Siochana, Wexford, recommended prosecutions against the following for breaches of the Food and Drugs Acts viz., deficiency of fats in samples of milk.

John Kavanagh, Old Pound, Wexford, (21 % deficiency in weight of fats).

John McDonald, Ballindinas, Barntown (14.66 %)

Wm. G. Scarr, Coolcotts, Wexford, (23 %)

Mr. Elgee stated he had already issued summonses in these cases.

Percentage of water in Butter: The following letter under date 28th June, 1933, (No. L.2412/33) was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"I have to acquaint you, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that an officer of the Department, Mr. Edward Kenny, acting on instructions under Section 2 of the Sale of Food and Drugs

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premises occupied by Gregory J. Lancaster, in Newtownbarry, Co. Wexford, a sample of butter which was submitted for analysis and was found to contain 17.25 per cent of water - 16 per cent being the maximum proportion of water allowable in a sample of genuine butter under the Sale of Butter (Ireland) Regulations, 1902 (copy enclosed). A copy of a statement received from Mr. Kenny in regard to the purchase is enclosed, together with the Analyst's certificate and copy thereof.

In this case an offence would appear to have been committed against the provisions of Section 6 of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1875, and the Department are, therefore, desirous that proceedings should, on behalf of your Local Authority, be instituted in respect of the transaction within 28 days from the date on which the sample was obtained (Vide Sections 2(2) and 19, Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1899)."

It was decided that in view of the excess percentage of water being only 1.25 %, that no prosecution be instituted against Mr. Lancaster.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

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

"That we protest against the delay in the issue of Loans of £2,000 and £8,000 , approved by Minister for Local Government and Public Health, for the making of advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. In consequence of the great delay in the issue of these Loans, building operations all over the County have been suspended; grave inconvenience in consequence, being caused to Tradesmen, to Builders' Providers, and selected applicants for Loans. The County Council also have been placed in a false position in connection with the matter and the Finance Committee request that this further application for payment of the Loans be given immediate attention."

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NEW LORRY FOR COUNTY COUNCIL

The County Surveyor stated that the Morris Light Ton Truck, which the Council purchased five years ago, required repair. It would cost about £20. As the lorry had been five years in use, he thought the Council should consider the advisability of procuring a new lorry chassis. He thought the Council would be able to secure about £50 for the existing old lorry. The price of a new chassis would be £189. The body would be fitted by the County Council workmen in the Machinery Yard and would cost about £20.

In reply to a query the County Surveyor stated the tax on the new lorry would be £30, as against £16 on the old Morris Lorry. The latter model is not now manufactured.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall, that the County Council be recommended to purchase a Ford lorry chassis at a cost of £189, the body to be fitted in the County Machinery Yard, the County Surveyor to secure £50 if possible for the old Morris Lorry.

The County Surveyor stated that if the proposal to purchase a new lorry was approved, he intended to effect the sale through the Enniscorthy Co-Operative Society.

HIRE OF CAR

The County Surveyor stated that until the new lorry was ready for the road, it would be necessary to hire a car for the conveyance of machinery parts etc for about a fortnight.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Culleton, that Mr. W. Murphy, Machinery Overseer, be granted 6d per mile for the use of his car until the new lorry was available.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 6th July, 1933, be received and considered."

Rate Collection: The Secretary reported that P. Carty, Collection District No. 20. had closed his warrant that day, and it was decided that application for payment of his poundage be included with the resolution of Finance Committee on behalf of ten other Collectors.

Food and Drugs Acts: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Clince:-

"That we approve of the action of Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, in instituting proceedings against John Kavanagh, Old Pound, Wexford, John McDonald, Ballindinas, Barntown, and Wm.G. Scarr, Coolcotts, Wexford, for alleged breaches of Food and Drugs Acts in regard to sale of milk.

Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts: Under date 13th June, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.62124/33 Loch Garman), asking what steps the County Council had taken to obtain the loans of £8,000 and £2,000 sanctioned by the Department, from their Treasurer or in the open market.

The Secretary stated that he had written to the Department on 14th June, 1933, that application had been made to the Treasurer, as it had been with difficulty the latter had agreed to the recommended extension of Overdraft on the ordinary account of the Council, and it would not have been possible to secure a long term loan otherwise than from Local Loans Fund.

Mr. Corish said that on 5th July, 1933, he went to the Department of Local Government to see what could be done to speed up the matter of securing the money. He had pointed out it was ridiculous to think the money could be obtained either from the Treasurer or in the open market. From the interview he had had with the Local Government he was satisfied that everything possible had been done by them. Then he got

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in touch with the Office of Public Works on two occasions with the result that they promised the County Council would have the draft mortgage for the loans on the morning of the 11th July, 1933,

Mr. O'Byrne then proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem con:-

"That the Finance Committee be empowered, on receipt of mortgage for Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to be advanced from Local Loans Fund, to advance amount of loans to applicants whose titles to land etc have been found in order by Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, whose applications have been approved by the Housing Section of the Department of Local Government & Public Health and who have executed the mortgage to repay loan and Interest thereon to the County Council."

The following (H.61343/1933 (pc)Wexford Co.Cl.) under date 4th July, 1933, was read from Housing Section of the Department of Local Government and Public Health:

"With reference to your communication of the 6th ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the making by the Wexford County Council of the following advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

<u>Name of borrower.</u>	<u>House.</u>	<u>Amount of advance.</u>
James Mythen,	Mount Alexander, Gorey.	£100.
Joseph Darcy,	Railway Road, Gorey.	150.
James Murphy,	New Road, Gorey.	135.
Miss Johanna Fortune,	Ballyoughna, Killena.	60.
Ellen Casey,	Ballinamona, Foulksmills.	50.
Patrick Doyle,	Templeshannon, Enniscorthy.	150.
Matthew Hanlon,	Templeshannon, Enniscorthy.	180.
James Doyle,	St. Michael's Road, Gorey.	170.

Under date 4th July, 1933, the following letter (H.71996/1933. Wexford Co. Cl.) was read from the Housing Section of the Department of Local Government & Public Health:-

"With reference to your communication of the 30th ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the making by the Wexford Co. Council of the following advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

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<u>Name of Borrower.</u>	<u>House</u>	<u>Amount of advance</u>
John Power	Latimerstown, Wexford.	£100
Richard Hendrick	Ballyeden, Clonroche.	70.
John Hackett,	Clormines, Wellingtonbridge	175.
Myles Byrne,	Ballynahillen, Gorey.	105.
James Molloy,	Ballykerogue, Campile.	130.

New Lorry: Mr. Gaul proposed confirmation of recommendation of Finance Committee, Mr. Shannon seconded, and the motion was passed, Mr. D'Arcy dissenting.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. Brennan:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 6th July, 1933, be hereby adopted."

ELECTION OF RATE COLLECTORS.

No 9 District.

The Secretary reported that the following candidates applied for appointment as Rate Collector for No 9 District, comprising the following District Electoral Divisions, viz., Castleboro, Clonroche, Killanne, and Kilttealy:-

1. Matthew Crean, Rathnure, Enniscorthy. Passed Examination held on 25th May, 1932, securing 267 marks out of a possible 300.

2. John Flood, Clonroche, Enniscorthy. Passed examination held on 8th July, 1933, with 199 marks out of a possible 300.

3. Thomas Dunne, Borrmount Road, Enniscorthy. (Failed at Examination held on 8th July, 1933).

It was decided to take a vote as between the two eligible candidates, Crean and Flood.

This resulted as follows:-

For Crean:- Messrs Brennan, Cooney, D'Arcy, Doran, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, Shannon, Smyth, and Miss O'Ryan. 10.

For Flood:- Messrs Armstrong, Clinee, Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Gaul, Gibbons, Hall, Hayes, Hickey, Keegan, O'Byrne, Roche, Walsh, and the Chairman. 16.

The Chairman declared Flood elected and congratulated him on the result.

Mr Flood returned thanks and said he would do his utmost to give every satisfaction in the discharge of his duties.

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

"That John Flood, Clonroche, Enniscorthy, be appointed Rate Collector for No 9 District of the County on the terms of advertisement and conditions of appointment supplied candidates: remuneration to be 5d in £ on amount of Rates collected and lodged with fees under Franchise Acts, the position to be temporary and non-pensionable, and appointment to be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local

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Government and Public Health and to the successful candidate entering into the necessary personal and fidelity guarantee bonds".

No 18 District.

For the vacancy in No 18 Rate Collection District, comprising the District Electoral Divisions of Carnagh, Dunmain, Inch, Kilmokea, Oldcourt and Whitechurch, applications were received from the following:-

1. Patrick J Bennett, Cushinstown, Ballynabola. Passed Examination held on 10th June, 1933, with 230 marks out of a possible 300.

2. William Carty, Yoletown, Ballycullane. Failed at Examination held on 8th July, 1933.

3. Thomas J Devereux, Boley, Ballycullane. Passed Examination held on 8th July, 1933, with 219 marks out of a possible 300.

4. Thomas Dunne, Borrmount Road, Enniscorthy. Failed at Examination held on 8th July, 1933.

5. Maurice Kehoe, Lacken, New Ross. Passed Examination held on 2nd April, 1929, with 200 marks out of a possible 300.

A poll was taken between Messrs Bennett, Devereux and Kehoe (the eligible candidates) with the following result:-

For Bennett:- Messrs Corish, Doran, Hall, Hayes, Hickey, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, Roche, Shannon, and Walsh. 11.

For Devereux:- Mr Cummins and the Chairman. 2.

For Kehoe:- Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Clinee, Colfer, Cooney, Culleton, D'Arcy, Gaul, Gibbon, Keegan, O'Byrne, Smyth, and Miss O'Ryan. 13.

Devereux fell out and the poll between Bennett and Kehoe resulted as follows:-

For Bennett:- Messrs Corish, Doran, Hall, Hayes, Hickey, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, Roche, Shannon, and Walsh. 11.

For Kehoe:- Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Clinee, Colfer, Cooney, Culleton, D'Arcy, Gaul, Gibbon, Keegan, O'Byrne, Smyth, Cummins, ~~xxx~~ the Chairman, and Miss O'Ryan. 15.

on his appointment.

Mr Kehoe thanked the members of the Council who had voted for and against his appointment and promised to do all in his power to give satisfaction as Rate Collector.

The following resolution was then proposed by Mr Brennan, seconded by Mr Colfer, and adopted:-

"That Maurice Kehoe, Lacken, New Ross, be appointed Rate Collector for No 18 Rate Collection District of the County on the terms of advertisement and conditions of appointment supplied candidates: remuneration to be 5d in £ on amount of Rates collected and lodged, with fees under Franchise Acts, the position to be temporary and non-pensionable, and appointment to be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to the successful candidate entering into the necessary personal and fidelity guarantee bonds".

QUESTION OF APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

The following motion, of which he had given previous notice, stood in the name of Mr Culleton:-

"That the resolution, adopted at meeting of Wexford County Council on 12th June, 1933, to appoint an Assistant Surveyor at a salary of £3 per week with locomotion expenses at £3 per week, be rescinded, and that the vacant district for Assistant Surveyor be divided among the existing five Surveyors at a remuneration of £40 each to cover salary and travelling expenses".

(In accordance with Standing Orders, the motion was signed by Mr Culleton and four other members).

In moving his motion Mr Culleton said the matter had been fully discussed at last County Council meeting. If his motion was adopted, it would mean a very substantial saving of the rates while not impairing the efficiency of the work. The roads would be as well looked after as at present.

Mr Hall seconded.

Colonel Gibbon said if the resolution was adopted they would have difficulty with the Assistant Surveyors who did not think £40 each per annum sufficient to cover expenses. He proposed that ^{be paid} £45 each to the four Surveyors, leaving out Mr Treanor who was furthest away from the vacant district and who had stated that he did not mind being left out of the matter.

Mr Cooney opposed the motion which would create unemployment. The County Council should be the last to take such a step. They gave University Scholarships for young men to qualify as Engineers and, in face of that, why should they amalgamate jobs. He looked on it as a scandal and very unfair for the officials to take up this job.

Mr O'Byrne said the Council could not have the same supervision from five Surveyors as from six, and they were asked to sacrifice the services of an Engineer for a saving of £112 per annum, an amount which they were paying to a ganger. It was certainly not economical to reduce the Survey staff for the saving of £112.

Mr D'Arcy said he could not, as the mover of the motion to appoint a new Surveyor, see anything in the present proposals to change his mind; in fact, he was more firmly rooted in the attitude he had taken in view of the collusion between Colonel Gibbon and the Assistant Surveyors.

Mr Roche said this was an unfair statement of Colonel Gibbon's attitude.

Mr D'Arcy.- He comes in to tell the Council we will have only four Surveyors if we pay each of them £5 more. He thought this was very small on the part of Colonel Gibbon.

Colonel Gibbon said he had brought before the Council five or six years ago the reduction of the Survey Staff as opportunity presented. He asked the question of Mr Elgee, County Solicitor, who stated that they could not make any change in the employment of the Assistant Surveyors without their consent. Then the County Surveyor was asked to prepare a scheme as to the amalgamation of the vacant district. He reported that the Assistant Surveyors

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would take £50 each and he (Colonel Gibbon) put up a proposition to give this amount but it was turned down. He asked the County Surveyor what was the lowest the Surveyors would accept and he was told they would not take £40 each, that the lowest the four would take was £45 each. On that basis, there would be a saving to the rates of £138 per annum as compared with Mr D'Arcy's proposition. If they agreed to the latter, it would not be long until strong representations would be made to bring up the salary to the amount paid the other Surveyors.

After further discussion, the Chairman asked Mr D'Arcy to withdraw the remark he had made as to collusion between Colonel Gibbon and the Assistant Surveyors though he (Chairman) considered Colonel Gibbon should not have approached the Assistant Surveyors in the matter. That should have been done by the whole Council or by a Committee acting on their behalf.

Mr D'Arcy agreed to withdraw his statement.

In reply to Mr D'Arcy, Mr Ennis said his salary from the County Council was £230 per annum with £170 travelling expenses. He received £100 from Enniscorthy Urban Council and, if the £45 referred to by Colonel Gibbon was agreed to, he would have a total of £545 per annum.

Mr D'Arcy.- So long as I am a member of this Council, I will not agree to increasing any official's salary.

After further discussion, the Chairman decided to take a vote only on the rescinding of Mr D'Arcy's motion, leaving the second portion of the motion, as to the apportionment of vacant Assistant Surveyor's district, to remain over for future consideration.

This vote resulted as follows:-

For:- Messrs Culleton, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Hickey, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, Roche, Shannon, Smyth, and Walsh. 12.

Against:- Messrs Brennan, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, O'Byrne, Miss O'Ryan, and the Chairman. 11.

Mr Clinee (1) did not vote and Messrs Armstrong and Colfer (2)

were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr Gaul proposed:-

"That the County Council arrange for the appointment of an Assistant Surveyor for district rendered vacant by resignation of Mr John Kehoe at a salary of £230 per annum with £170 per annum travelling expenses".

Mr Corish seconded.

Mr Culleton said he would withdraw the second portion of his motion to divide the vacant district between five Surveyors at £40 each.

Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey District, in reply to the Chairman, said he was not in favour of the division of the district from the beginning on the principle of live and let live. The district would provide a position for an eligible unemployed man.

Mr Cooney said he admired the attitude which Mr Treanor had taken up.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, Wexford District, said the position was looking rather muddy for the Assistant Surveyors. He wished to point out that the Surveyors as a body never sought for the division of the district. The matter was moved years ago by Colonel Gibbon who held that five Surveyors should suffice. The Assistant Surveyors would much rather have the sub-division than see a person appointed at half salary as was put up by Mr D'Arcy. The County Council had suggested the amalgamation without any suggestion from the Surveyors and had asked the County Surveyor to prepare a statement as to what the division should be. The Surveyors accepted this as the next best thing to a man being appointed at a reasonable salary but not at the paltry figure put up by Mr D'Arcy. Mr Treanor had not given them any information as to whether he wished to remain in or to be excluded from the division. If a proper salary was put up the Assistant Surveyors would agree to it.

After further discussion, Mr Culleton withdrew the second portion of his motion.

Colonel Gibbon then proposed:-

"That a sum of £45 each be voted to the four Assistant Surveyors, viz., Messrs Birthistle, Ennis, Cullen, and O'Neill, for the work in vacant Assistant Surveyor's district according to the mileage submitted to County Council meeting of 12th June, 1933, by County Surveyor".

Mr Mayler seconded.

Subsequently, Colonel Gibbon withdrew this motion, but it was then proposed by Mr Mayler and seconded by Mr Hall.

Mr D'Arcy, as a further amendment, proposed:-

"That a sum of £25 each be paid the existing five Surveyors to cover salary and travelling expenses for the work in vacant Assistant Surveyor's district".

Mr Brennan seconded.

A poll was taken on Mr D'Arcy's amendment with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Brennan, Cooney, D'Arcy, Hickey, and the Chairman. 5.

Against:- Messrs Cline, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Roche, Shannon, Smyth, Walsh, and Miss O'Ryan. 16.

Messrs Gaul, Keegan, and Hayes (3) did not vote and Messrs Armstrong and Colfer (2) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

A poll was then taken on Mr Gaul's motion for the appointment of an Assistant Surveyor at a salary of £230 with £170 travelling expenses. The following is the result:-

For:- Messrs Cline, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Hickey, Keegan, O'Byrne, and Shannon. 10.

Against:- Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, McCarthy, Mayler, Roche, Smyth, Walsh, Miss O'Ryan, and the Chairman. 14.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

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A poll was then taken on Mr Mayler's^K to divide the district allotting £45 each per annum to cover salary and travelling expenses to Assistant Surveyors Birthistle, Ennis, Cullen and O'Neill.

The following is the result:-

For:- Messrs Culleton, Doran, Hall, Hickey, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, Roche, Smyth, and Walsh. 10.

Against:- Messrs Brennan, Cummins, Keegan, O'Byrne, Miss O'Ryan, and the Chairman. 6.

Declined Voting:- Messrs Cline, Cooney, Corish, D'Arcy, Hayes, Gaul, Gibbon, and Shannon. 8.

Messrs Armstrong and Colfer (2) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT OF ROAD AND QUARRY MEN

The following motion, of which he had given previous notice, was moved by Mr Keegan:-

"That the Council consider generally the system of employment of men for road and quarry work and, if considered desirable, make any necessary changes to ensure that all unemployed men will get a fair share of the work."

In moving his motion, Mr Keegan said that numbers of men employed by the County Council worked nine months of the year and then went on the "dole", so that one might say they had regular employment all the year round while others were starving. Foremen had been recruited from men who had been employed in His Majesty's ships and His Majesty's army. He moved that, in future, a Committee of three County Councillors from Gorey County Electoral Area be responsible for the employment of road workers in the area. That they meet once a month or oftener as occasion required, and that they go into the matter with the Assistant Surveyor.

Mr Hall seconded.

Miss O'Ryan said they should bear in mind the large number of cases in which unemployed men had an acre or half an acre attached to their cottages and refused to put a spade into it to grow vegetables for their families.

After further discussion, a poll was taken on Mr Keegan's motion with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Cummins, D'Arcy, Hall, Keegan, Mayler, Smyth, and the Chairman. 11.

Against:- Messrs Gaul and O'Byrne. 2.

Declined Voting:- Messrs Corish, Culleton, Doran, Hayes, Jordan, Shannon, and Miss O'Ryan. 7.

The following were not present when poll was taken:-

Messrs Armstrong, Gibbon, Hickey, McCarthy, Roche, and Walsh. 6.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The following Committee was appointed on the motion of Mr Hall, seconded by Mr Brennan:-

Messrs D'Arcy, Keegan, and O'Byrne.

ANNUAL HOLIDAYS.

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

"That the usual annual summer holidays be granted to County Secretary and County Surveyor, and that these officers be empowered to fix dates of holidays of their staffs in conformity with the exigency of the work of the Council".

SANCTION OF RATE COLLECTOR - NO 14 DISTRICT.

Under date 7th July, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G 73534-1933, Loch Garman), sanctioning the part-time appointment of Mr Denis Kenny, Ballyconran, Craanford, for No 14 District, the appointment to be on probation for the current year.

REMOVAL FROM OFFICE OF RATE COLLECTOR O'BYRNE.

Under date 22nd June, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G 65968-1933, Loch Garman), that the Minister consented to the removal from office of Collector P O'Byrne (District No 9), pursuant to Article 98 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925.

SALE OF FOOD & DRUGS ACTS.

Under date 3rd July, 1933, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L 2422-33) that an officer of the Department had taken up eleven samples of butter in the County as follows:-

Enniscorthy, 4; New Ross, 4; Buncelody, 3; which were found by the County Analyst to be genuine.

CONVERSION OF WEST WING, COUNTY HALL, WEXFORD.

Under date 22nd June, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (S 56221-33), approving of the plans for proposed conversion of County Hall West Wing into offices for the Vocational Education Committee and for the accommodation of the County Library, and stating that the Minister had sanctioned the loan of £2,900 to meet the expenditure on the work, the loan to be obtained from the County Treasurer and to be repayable with interest at the usual rate over such period not exceeding 15 years as might be arranged with County Treasurer.

In a further letter (S 61,386-33, Loch Garman Pa), the Department of Local Government and Public Health pointed out that no application for an advance from the Local Loans Fund for this work could be entertained..

Under date 24th June, 1933, Mr M Coghlan, Manager to Wexford Branch, National Bank, County Council Treasurer, wrote that the Directors of the Bank could not agree to the loan being advanced for a period of 30 years.

Under date 4th July, 1933, Mr Coghlan wrote that the Directors of the Bank had sanctioned the loan of £2,900 for conversion of West Wing of County Hall, Wexford, into offices,

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loan to extend over a period of 10 years instead of fifteen as applied for.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cummins, seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That we agree to repay loan of £2,900 from National Bank, Ltd., for conversion of West Wing of County Hall, Wexford, into Offices, in a ten-year period as agreed to by Bank Directors".

In connection with this work, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (S 69294-33, Loch Garman Pg), wrote that there was no objection to the County Council acting on the advice of the County Surveyor in connection with the appointment of Mr George Sinnott as Foreman in charge of the work of reconstructing the West Wing of the County Hall.

MOUNTGARRETT BRIDGE GRANT.

Under date 26th June, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads (I.R.G.14)) stated that £109. 6. 0, balance of special grant of £1,090, for Mountgarrett Bridge, had been paid to the County Council's Treasurer.

CLERKS OF WORKS.

Circular letter (No 50/33, Ilgh.- 17th June, 1933) from Department of Local Government and Public Health as to the appointment of Clerks of Works by Architects and Engineers with the sanction of the Minister was read.

The Secretary stated he had furnished copy of this letter to the County Surveyor for his information.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1933.

Circular letter, under date 21st June, 1933, as to the provisions of the above Act, was read for the meeting.

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS.

The Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) forwarded Sealed Order (No IR/107/1/1933), under date 15th June, 1933, agreeing as to the closing of Link Road (L 30, No 39) from Enniscorthy Urban boundary to Clonhaston Cross from 30th June, 1933, to the 31st August, 1933, both days inclusive, and Link Road (L 33, No 47) from Ryland turn over Clohamon Bridge to Clohamon from 19th June, 1933, to 31st July, 1933, both days inclusive.

Under date 8th July, 1933, the County Surveyor wrote that, owing to unforeseen circumstances, it had been found impossible to commence work on these roads on the dates contemplated and, consequently, it would be necessary to apply for an extension of time for keeping them closed. It would be necessary to have the road, Enniscorthy - Clonhaston Cross, closed until 31st October, 1933 and Road (Ryland - Clohamon) closed to 30th September, 1933. He had had difficulty in arranging for the early attendance of the machinery in connection with both these jobs and, moreover, a more important point still, he had found that the sand from the River Slaney, which he contemplated using, was not now up to the standard on test, and he was having great trouble in obtaining a substitute.

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

"That application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an Order, extending the period of keeping closed the roads from Enniscorthy to Clonhaston and Ryland - Clohamon to 31st October, 1933, and 30th September, 1933, respectively, in accordance with letter from County Surveyor, under date 8th July, 1933."

GOVERNMENT GRANTS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion Mr Colfer, seconded by Mr Cooney:-

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"That the Government be requested to make available, as soon as possible, all Government Grants to help the Council, to relieve the great unemployment all over the County".

MAIN ROAD UP-KEEP GRANT.

Under date 6th July, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (RGM/201/33) that the grant for upkeep of main roads in County Wexford for current financial year had been fixed at £11,603 - being 40 per cent of the proposed expenditure. The same conditions attached to payment of grant as obtained in previous financial years.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES) ACT, 1926.

Under date 23rd June, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (S 43781-33, Ilgh. Sc) for payment of £138. 5. 4., amount assessed on Wexford County, being their share of £4,106. 8. 0, the total expenditure under above Act for financial year, 1932-33.

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

"That Pay Order for £138. 5. 4, amount assessed on Wexford County for expenditure under Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, issue at next meeting of Wexford County Council".

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - MR LYNCH, V.S.

Under date 1st July, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (F H 70218-1933-Loch Garman Sd) that the Minister had been informed that Mr J Lynch, Veterinary Inspector, New Ross, had leave of absence from duty from 7th to 14th June, 1933, but the Minister would raise no objection to the appointment of Mr F W Taylor as Veterinary Inspector under Diseases of Animals Acts in New Ross area during Mr Lynch's absence provided the Wexford County Council concurred.

A similar communication, under date 27th June, 1933, (L 2116-33), was received from the Department of Agriculture.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr

O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That this Council approves of Mr F W Taylor, Veterinary Inspector, New Ross, having acted as substitute for Mr J Lynch, Veterinary Inspector, New Ross, during the absence of the latter from duty under Diseases of Animals Acts from 7th to 14th June, 1933, both days inclusive".

GOREY HILL QUARRY.

The following, under date 30th June, 1933, was read from Messrs Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors, Gorey:-

"We are instructed by Miss Harriett E Palmer of Gorey Hill, Gorey, that on Saturday, the 3rd instant, there was terrific blasting in Gorey Hill quarry going on practically continuously from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., during which period our client and her sister had to abandon what they were doing and run for shelter to an out-office which was the first protection they could find.

"This particular out-office was struck by flying stones from the quarry and considerable damage was done to three fields belonging to our client, one of which is sown with oats, another being used for a meadow and the third a grass field.

Our Client instructs us to ask you in the first place for an Undertaking that this quarry will not be used for blasting purposes in future, as every time blasting is carried out there our client and her family, her workmen and stock run grave risks of injury, and her property always suffers damage, and in the second place for a promise of a satisfactory sum in compensation for the damage done to her property, and for the fright and shock which herself and her sister suffered on the occasion of the blasting on the 3rd instant.

Will you please let us hear as soon as possible with regard to these matters, as in default of a satisfactory settlement, our instructions are to institute proceedings for damages, and also for an injunction".

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The County Surveyor stated he had forwarded copy of this letter to the Insurance Brokers of the County Council to be dealt with.

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

"That we confirm the action of County Surveyor in forwarding claim, on behalf of Miss Palmer, for alleged injury to her premises by blasting from Gorey Hill Quarry, to Insurance Brokers for their attention".

PROPOSED BRIDGE OVER CLODY RIVER.

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

"That consideration of memorial as to erection of Bridge over Clody river be adjourned to meeting of County Council to be held on 14th August, 1933."

FLOODING AT MODUBEG, TAGHMON.

Memorial, signed by a large number of ratepayers in the district of Taghmon, was received from Taghmon Branch of the Irish Labour Party, asking that immediate steps should be taken to remove the increasing menace of flooding at Modubeg. This flooding caused great inconvenience and was a source of great danger to school going children, especially during the winter months.

The County Surveyor said this was a job he would carry out under a relief grant if one were available.

CUMMER QUARRY.

Six workers in Cumber Quarry wrote, appealing to the County Council to have stones in Cumber Quarry hand broken. They would be idle in about a week and could get no further work until the stonebreaking next year.

Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said this matter had been arranged satisfactorily.

STEAMROLLING KILLANNE-CAIM ROAD.

A number of ratepayers wrote, calling attention to the poor condition of the road between Killanne and Caim. If not seen to, it would soon be impassible.

The County Surveyor said what the memorial asked for was a continuance of the steamrolling on this particular road and the matter would be dealt with as soon as possible.

WATER SUPPLY AT ROSSLARE STRAND.

A complaint was received that 12 families on the Burrow at Rosslare Strand wished to know why they were not receiving the benefit of the public water supply the same as the other residents in Rosslare.

It was decided to forward the complaint to the County Board of Health.

MINE RIVER, ASKAMORE.

Memorial, signed by seven ratepayers of Munny, Killtilahane, and Askamore, was read, asking the Council to carry out some drainage and straightening on the Mine river between Askamore Bridge and Mine Bridge. This was necessary for the safety of the public.

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

"That the application as to drainage, etc., of Mine River be scheduled for repair under Relief grant when obtainable".

DAMAGE BY BUS.

The following report was read from Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, under date 1st July, 1933:-

"Some time on the night of 30th June, a passenger-carrying 'bus, No. E.O.4314, having the name of T Fitzpatrick, Local Services, 139 Stephen's Green, Dublin, on name plate, crashed through wall at Ballydaniel Bridge when travelling from Camolin towards Gorey. The repair would cost £28. 10. 0."

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

"That Mr Elgee be instructed to communicate with owner of 'Bus E.O.4314 and apply for £28. 10. 0, cost of repair of wall of Ballydaniel Bridge, injured by this vehicle on the night of 30th June, 1933. That, should owner refuse to pay, Mr Elgee be directed to institute legal proceedings for recovery of amount in question".

FORD OF LYN.

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

"That Mr Elgee, County Solicitor, be directed to continue the law proceedings in connection with Ford of L yng".

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr C Cline, seconded by Mr Culleton:-

"That, provided no objection be made by Garda Siochana authorities, licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, issue to the following:- John Murphy, Arhustown; Laurence Power, Campile, and Peter Smyth, 10 Rafter Street, Enniscorthy, (new licences); John Mythen (Buttle Bros & Co., Blackwater); Gerald Murphy, Tacumshane; Daniel Keating (P Tierney & Co), Quay Street, New Ross; Henry Hill, Ballycanew; and Laurence Harpur, Wexford, (renewals of licences)".

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WORKING OF CARRIGEEN QUARRY

Messrs Mark Kearns and Danl. McClean came before the Council in connection with the working of Carrigeen Quarry.

Kearns acted as spokesman and said that the unemployed men in the district were not getting a fair show. They had been given an assurance by the County Council some time ago that the local men would be employed and particularly that married men should get the preference. That assurance was not carried out as last winter two men who lived four miles outside the district were brought in and given employment.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said it was only three weeks back since blasting started, in this quarry. He had employed a Ganger and eight men all of the regular staff of the Council. Two of these men were living four miles away. One of them had been working with the Council since 1914 and the second since 1918. All the others lived within a distance of two and a half miles. The two men referred to were working last winter on the roads upon which their houses were situate. Kearns lived about a mile from the quarry. As regards the statement of Kearns that men were employed who had an accumulation of Insurance stamps the men he (Mr. Ennis) had re-employed had run out of stamps three weeks ago.

Mr. Hall said that one of the men who had been reemployed had a good deal of means. McClean, the second member of the deputation, lived "up against" the quarry and was a very good worker. He admitted that it was not very easy for Mr. Ennis to get rid of men who had worked for years in a satisfactory way but this did not lessen the grievance of men such as Kearns and McClean who were not able to find any employment.

Mr. Cooney said that the statements made by Kearns as to men with an accumulation of Insurance stamps being employed applied to the whole County - though there was a resolution of the Council that such men should be disemployed for a period to

allow of unemployed men securing some share of the work.

Mr. Ennis said he did not believe there were more than ten or twelve of the men employed in his whole district with an accumulation of stamps. And they had these stamps because they were the best workers.

The Chairman said if they made an order that no road or quarry worker with a certain number of stamps on his insurance card should be employed the Council should see that the order was carried out. He held there should be a change about in the employment of the men. In his district some men were able to get five or six years' constant work while others could not get employed for a day.

Mr. Cooney proposed and Mr. Cummins seconded the following resolution:- "That any County Council worker who has an accumulation of twelve months' stamps on his Insurance card should be disemployed and his place taken by an unemployed man until stamps have been exhausted."

The County Surveyor considered the resolution a great mistake. They were asked to get rid of good and tried workers and take on men who had never been engaged in road work. No ordinary employer would do this.

Kearns said there were 18 men unemployed in his district.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said he could not take on any more men than those he had.

Kearns again repeated the statement that men were working in Carrigeen quarry who had an accumulation of stamps for five or six years.

Mr. Ennis - That statement is not true. These men did not do any work from 11th February to a fortnight ago, when their stamps were exhausted.

Mr. Gaul said that a man should have three years' stamps before he would be entitled to six months benefit.

Mr. Corish said that Mr. Cooney's motion would involve a vicious principle and would only affect about 20 men. It would be far better if the Council would arrange to obtain a

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census of the unemployed in the Rural areas.

Mr. Colfer said that he was in close touch with the conditions of employment in his district and gave instances in which numbers of the men described as the regular staff of the Council had been employed for eight or ten weeks only, during the year.

Mr. Corish said the Government would soon allocate relief grants probably on the number of men registered at Unemployment Exchanges in each County. The Council knew that all the men in the Rural areas were not signing on at the Exchange now - in fact numbers of them had given up in despair. But if they could get a real census of the unemployed in Rural areas it would be a great help to secure the higher amount of relief grants and also a guide to the Council as to the localities which most needed the expenditure of the money. He proposed a resolution on these lines as an alternative to the motion of Mr. Cooney and which he regarded as a retrograde step.

The Chairman decided to take a poll on Mr. Cooney's motion:-

This resulted as follows:

For: Messrs Cooney, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Hickey, Keegan, O'Ryan, Smyth and the Chairman (10)

Against: Messrs Clince, Colfer, Corish, Gaul, Meyler, O'Byrne, Shannon and Walsh (8).

Messrs Brennan, Hall and Hayes (3) did not vote and Messrs Armstrong, Gibbon, Jordan, McCarthy and Roche (5) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared Mr. Cooney's motion carried.

CULLENSTOWN ROADS

The following applications for relief grant and maintenance of estate roads of Bannow district signed by a very large number of ratepayers was submitted:

"The Cullenstown Road serves an important area inasmuch as it leads to Cullenstown Sea-Side Resort, and is extensively

used by visitors during the summer season. There are two hotels, a motor garage, shop and several residential cottages served only by said road.

The County Council haulage averages over 1000 cubic yards per annum, and the transport of hundreds of tons of Concrete blocks for the Health Board Housing Scheme will entail heavy additional wear and tear on this sector.

Roads (b) and (c) are extensively used by local residents while roads of lesser importance are maintained at the Public expense.

All the aforementioned roads have up to the present been maintained by local voluntary labour, but the vastly increased motor and lorry traffic has placed such a strain on the road surfaces that it is no longer possible for the local residents to maintain them in anything approaching proper condition.

We the undersigned beg to apply for portion of Minor Relief Grant for maintenance of the above mentioned roads."

The following deputation attended in connection with the matter:- Messrs John Stafford, Jasper Hayes, John Maddock, and James Harpur.

Mr. Stafford, who acted as spokesman, stated that the roads in question were private roads of the Boyse Estate. The Cullenstown road served an important area as it led to Cullenstown seaside resort and was extensively used by visitors during the summer season. The County Council hauled 1000 cubic yards of gravel annually over it. Forty acres of beet crops had to be hauled over it. There was an appreciable amount of tourist traffic over these roads. The Board of Health were carrying out block making in Cullenstown Strand and it was stated that they were making 100,000 concrete blocks for cottages there and which would entail heavy haulage. There was further a Coast Life Saving service on the road and if a wreck occurred it was important to have a good road. The vastly increased motor and lorry traffic has placed such a strain on

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the road surfaces that they could no longer be maintained by voluntary labour in anything like proper condition.

The County Surveyor said that before any work could be undertaken on these roads they should be dedicated to the public. They were on the Boyse Estate and Major Boyse claimed he had manorial rights to the foreshore and that the gravel thereon was his property the people paying so much a year. This question of a payment of royalty for the gravel taken and a dedication of the roads to the public would have to be considered before action could be taken by the Council.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded the following resolution:- "That as regards application to the County Council for repair of Bannow Estate roads etc we direct our Co. Surveyor to communicate with Major Boyse and any others concerned and report to the Council if it be possible to secure a dedication of these roads to the public; also, to consult with Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, as to the responsibility (if any) of Major Boyse, for their repair and further to the sale of gravel from foreshore.

Passed.

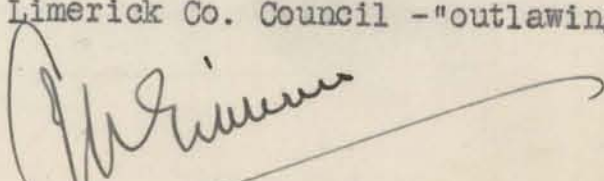
The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the application of Ratepayers in Bannow District for repair of Estate Roads etc be adjourned pending consideration of report of Co. Surveyor."

APPLICATIONS LANES ETC ADJOURNED

It was decided to adjourn to meeting of County Council in August consideration of the following:-

1. Larkins Lane.
2. Mount Misery Lane.
3. Dangerous Corners Horeswood District.

Also resolutions from Longford Co. Council - reduction in capitation grants to Industrial Schools. Kildare Co. Council - unemployment in Rural areas. Limerick Co. Council - "outlawing" Communist Party.



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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 14th AUGUST, 1933

M I N U T E S

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary, Wexford County Council.

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The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 14th August, 1933.

Present:- Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Clince, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, James Gaul, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Ml.T. Hickey, William P. Keegan, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, James Shannon.

The Co. Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor, Rates Inspector and five Assistant Surveyors were in attendance.

The Chair was taken by Col. Gibbon on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin.

The Minutes were then confirmed when Mr. Doyle, Chairman, attended and presided until luncheon hour after which in his absence Mr. Cummins was moved to the chair on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Hall.

Mr. Cummins presided for the remainder of the business.

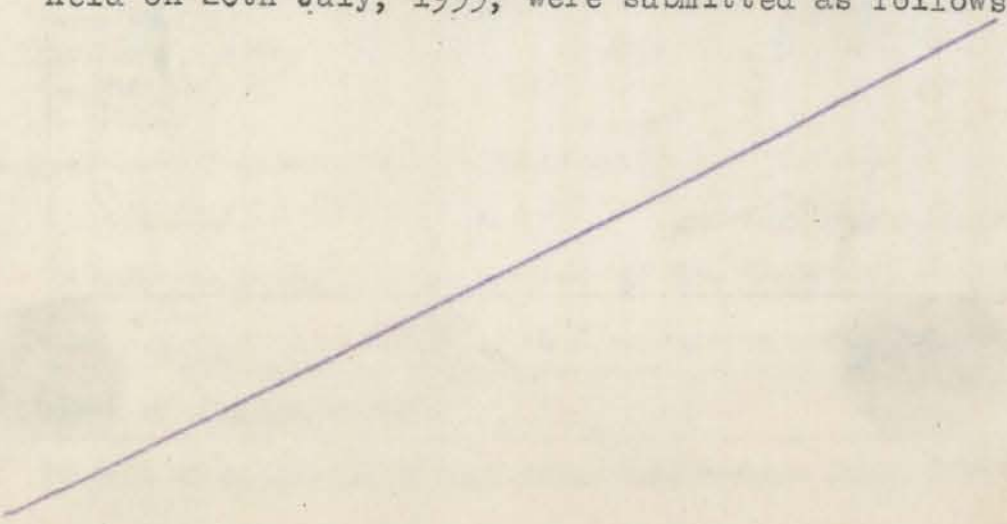
PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £14,324. 9. 11d was examined and signed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 20th July, 1933, were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 20th July, 1933.

Present:- Messrs. Sean O'Byrne, John Cummins, Thomas McCarthy, James Shannon and James Hall.

The Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and Rates Inspector were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne the chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6,004.9.10d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF:- The state of the Rate Collection was submitted as follows:-

	<u>Collector's Name</u>	<u>£.</u>		
1.	J. Quirke	132.	19	1
2.	W. Doyle	26	19	7
3.	P. Doyle	7	9	0
4.	M. McCarthy	277	19	4
5.	P. Nolan	101	12	9
6.	S. Gannon	-	-	-
7.	J. Deegan	-	-	-
8.	J. Cummins	65	9	5
9.	John Flood	-	-	-
10.	S. Gannon	-	-	-
11.	W. Cummins	242.	4	2
12.	M. Murphy	100	19	6
13.	J.J. O'Reilly	103	2	5
14.	Denis Kenny	-	-	-
15.	A. Dunne	212	19	2
16.	J.J. Sinnott	36	11	2
17.	E.J. Murphy	104	15	4
18.	Maurice Kehoe	-	-	-
19.	J. Curtis	-	-	-
20.	P. Carty	-	-	-
		<u>£1413</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11</u>

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Shannon, that the Rate Collectors be called upon to expedite the issue of demand notes.

It was also decided that Rate Collectors when serving demand notes, should make it clear to Ratepayers that first moiety rate and

arrears are payable immediately, as a number of Ratepayers appear to be under the erroneous impression that first moiety is not payable until 30th September.

COLLECTOR P. NOLAN:- Collector Nolan came before the meeting in reference to resolution adopted at last meeting of the County Council instructing him to reside in his district.

Mr. Nolan pointed out that Members were under the impression that he lived at Ballycoursey, Enniscorthy, during the period of the collection. This was incorrect. While the collection was in progress, he lived at North Main Street, Wexford, and only went to Ballycoursey for week-ends. The misunderstanding arose as the address he had printed on his bill-heads was Ballycoursey. He was now taking steps to have his Wexford address printed on his Account Forms. Although Wexford Town was not actually in his collection district it was only about a mile from the district and it was very central for ratepayers. In addition, it was very convenient for himself and it enabled him to lodge promptly, monies received by him as Rate Collector.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cummins, it was decided to request the County Council to agree to Collector Nolan residing in Wexford town.

PERSONAL BOND - COLLECTOR NOLAN:- Under date 19th July, 1933, Collector Nolan wrote, submitting the name of his father, Mr. Michael Nolan, Ballycoursey, Glenbrien, as Surety vice Mr. Joseph Kearney, Clonmore, Glenbrien, his former Surety, who had been decreed for rates.

On the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Cummins, Mr. Michael Nolan, Ballycoursey, Glenbrien, was accepted as Surety for Collector P. Nolan.

PAYMENT BALANCE OF POUNDAGE:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction payment of balance of poundage on 1932/33

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Warrants to Collectors in time for next meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on 3rd August, 1933."

DECREES FOR RATES

In reference to seizure of cattle on foot of a Decree for Rates obtained by Collector W. Cummins, the meeting considered the position created through the Sheriff having to return the seized Stock to the Ratepayer concerned as no offer was received for the Cattle at the Auction held by the Sheriff.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman in view of the likelihood of the same difficulty being experienced in other cases that subject to the approval of the Sheriff, two other Decrees in his hands be not executed for the present.

It was also decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon to ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for suggestions as to the steps the Council should take to overcome the difficulty in disposing locally of cattle seized on foot of Decrees for Rates.

A further resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne asking the Minister for approval to the Council paying the expenses of having seized stock forwarded to the Dublin Cattle Market for disposal; the expenditure incurred by the Council to be recouped from the proceeds of the Sale.

It was also decided on the motion of the Chairman to forward to the Secretary of the General Council of County Councils a report on the matter for discussion by the General Council at their next meeting.

COLLECTORS GANNON AND DEEGAN

Under date 14th July, 1933, (G.75440/1933, Loch Garman), 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 acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the

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"8th instant, and to state that he concurs in the continued employment of Messrs. Gannon and Deegan as collectors in Nos. 6 and 7 Districts respectively purely as a temporary measure for the current warrants.

"The Minister will expect the Council's proposals for the permanent filling of the vacancies in these areas to be submitted prior to March next."

MR. JOHN FLOOD, TEMPORARY COLLECTOR, No. 9 DISTRICT

The following letter, under date 15th July, 1933, (G.77025/1933 Loch Garman. Fa) was read from the Department 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 12th instant, and to state that he sanctions the temporary appointment of Mr. John Flood to complete the warrant for 1932/33 in Collection District No. 9 subject to the written consent of the former Collector's Sureties."

Under date 17th July, 1933, the following letter was read from Mr. H.J. Frizelle, Solicitor, Enniscorthy:-

"I have now heard from my Clients Messrs. John Caulfield and Patrick O'Brien and they are satisfied that Mr. John Flood collect the outstanding rates."

PART PAYMENTS OF RATES

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Cummins, the following resolution was adopted:- "That we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction the continuance in respect of Warrant for 1933/34^{of} the system of part payments in operation for last year's Warrant. In the opinion of this Committee, the Scheme has worked satisfactorily."

OVERDRAFT

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Cummins, it was decided that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to extend the period of present limit of overdraft

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accommodation of £40,000 for three months from 1st August, 1933, to 31st October, 1933.

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SOW DRAINAGE DISTRICT

The following letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health, under date 15th July, 1933, (S.66843/33 Loch Garman (Pd)) was read and approved:-

"With reference to your letter of the 19th ultimo in regard to loan instalment payable by the Wexford County Council in respect of sums advanced by the Commissioners of Public Works for improvement works in the Sow Drainage District, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he could not express any opinion on the matter or give any direction in regard thereto at this stage but it seems to him that if the arrangement for the discharge of outstanding instalments of the advance in connection with the restoration of Sow Drainage District is now agreed to by the Commissioners of Public Works and the County Council it is unlikely that any exception would be taken at audit to any payments made in accordance with that arrangement."

GOREY POUND - DISTRICT JUSTICE FAHY

The question of allocating sufficient money for the repair of Pound at Gorey having been considered, it was decided to await requisition from District Justice Fahy before making any allocation for the work.

GOREY HILL QUARRY

The following letter from the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Limited, under date 12th July, 1933, in reference to the claim of Miss H.E. Palmer was read:-

"We regret to inform you that we have not been able to settle this matter for £5 as suggested by your Finance Committee. The best we have been able to do is £10 and two Guineas costs and to avoid further correspondence and expense we have to-day sent the Solicitors a cheque for £12.2s. in full settlement. Without prejudice"

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICE, ENNISCORTHY

The following application from Sergeant F.J. Keenan, Enniscorthy, was submitted:-

"I beg that you will again bring to the notice of your Council the following requirement of the Weights and Measures Office here:-

Water Supply: Office Chairs:

Tripod (For testing large beams)

Counter (For testing weighing machines, measures, etc.)

Walls and Window casings repainted.

"Window casings and doors of Press, fitted some time ago, have not been painted.

"The counter and Tripod are urgently required as I experience considerable difficulty in carrying out my work in present circumstances."

On the motion of the Chairman, the application was referred to the County Surveyor with authority to provide such portion of Sergeant Keenan's requirements as he considered reasonable.

COMMITTAL OF CHILDREN TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS

The following circular letter under date 14th July, 1933, (Circ. P. 65/33, Ilghneitheach) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to the provisions of the Children Acts, 1908 and 1929, in regard to the committal of children to Industrial Schools, and I am to point out that by sub-section (6) of Section 74 of the Act of 1908 the local authority which by virtue of an order of the Court for the detention of a child become responsible for the reception and maintenance of the child in a school are entitled to be heard when the application for the Child's committal is before the Court.

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"The Minister considers that local authorities should avail themselves of this provision and arrange to be legally represented in every case in which they are concerned, so as to ensure that all the facts may be elicited. Otherwise there is danger that full information of the surrounding circumstances may not be placed before the Court.

"It appears to the Minister that the following cases require special attention:-

1. Children found wandering and dealt with under Section 58 (1) (b) of the Act of 1908.
2. Destitute Children dealt with under paragraph (h) inserted in Section 58 (1) of the Act of 1908 by the Act of 1929."

The Chairman pointed out that it was the custom of the Wexford County Council to be represented by their Solicitor at the hearing of applications for the committal of children to Industrial Schools.

It was decided that copy of the Department's circular be furnished to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

LOANS OF £2,000 and £8,000:- Under date 18th July, 1933, Mr. P. Coll, Treasury Solicitor, forwarded draft mortgages regarding proposed loans of £2,000 and £8,000 for the making of advances by County Council under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

It was decided that the expenses of £5.14.6d. and £14.5.6d. for the preparation of the mortgages, applied for by Treasury Solicitor, be paid to the Office of Public Works.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, was requested to expedite the completion of the mortgages by approved applicants so that portion of the advances approved could be made at the next meeting of the County Council, to be held on 14th August, 1933.

ADDITIONAL APPLICATION FOR LOAN:- The following letter, under date 18th July, 1933, was read from Miss Mary Duggan, Rocklands,

Wexford:-

"I beg to apply under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act for a loan to enable me to erect a house at the above address. I am anxious to build a four-roomed dwelling upon a plot of ground which I hold under lease subject to a small annual rent.

"I intend to build under an amended C.L. 21 plan and the cost of the house would be about £190. I would require a loan of £120 to £140. If your County Council would be so good as to consider my application favourably I would endeavour to satisfy you in the matter of title and plan.

My anxiety to build is born of the fact that one member of my family is suffering from incipient T.B., and I am anxious to segregate her from the remainder of the family, which consists of myself, my brother, his daughter and her three children."

It was decided that, in view of the fact that the County Council had already decided not to deal with applications received later than 31st March, 1933, to inform Miss Duggan that the Finance Committee regret that they cannot agree to her application for loan.

ADVANCES ALREADY APPROVED:- The amount of the advance approved for each applicant was reviewed in the light of the value placed on the house by the Assistant Surveyor.

The meeting approved of the advances already sanctioned in each case as follows:-

Name of Borrower	Surveyor's Value	Owner's Value	Situation of House.	Amount of Advance
Michael Codde	£200	£260	Ballyscarton, Gorey.	£100
Mrs. Elizabeth Phelan	200	400	Ballintra Lr., Courtown Harbour.	150
Denis Keane	150	200	Ballinakill, Courtown Harbour, Gorey	100
Nicholas Whelan	250	200	Dunbrody,, Campile.	125
William O'Leary	260	280	Summerhill, Enniscorthy.	130

Name of Borrower	Surveyor's Value	Owner's Value	Situation of House	Amount of Advance	nt nce
Michael Ryan	220	350	Clonattin, Gorey	100	5
John Morrissey	165	200	Killallyan Nth., Milehouse, Enniscorthy.	100	0
William Orr	120	170	Raheenmore, Killenagh.	50	0
John Whelan	200	200	Templeshannon, Enniscorthy.	180	0
Daniel Tomkins	175	230	Esmonde Street, Gorey.	115	0
Thomas Roche	335	400	Kilcloran, Camolin	£167.10	0
John Webster	200	200	Templeshannon, Enniscorthy	180	
John & Annie Redmond	200	200	do do	140	
William Roche	200	200	do do	180	
John T. Sutton	165	250	Whitemill Road, Wexford	125	
Patrick Grant	180	180	Basherstown, Ballymitt	50	
John Breen	200	200	Templeshannon, Enniscorthy.	180	
Michael McGrath	200	200	do do	180	
Daniel Bolger	200	200	do do	130	
Maurice Foley	130	200	Ballyhyland, Killanne	50	
James Nolan	190	200	Templeshannon, Enniscorthy	171	
Patrick Hayes	150	190	Spencerstown	75	
William Willoughby	190	170	Barnadown, Gorey	130	
Paul Hannon	140	200	Coolbrook, Wellingtonbridge.	25	
Martin Breen	135	200	Curraun	50	
John Lawlor	160	200	Ballyhyland, Killanne.	100	
John Power	160	200	Latimerstown, Wexford	100	
Richard Hendrick	170	200	Ballyeden, Clonroche	70	
John Hackett	350	200	Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge	175	
Myles Byrne	210	200	Ballynahillen, Gorey.	105	
James Molloy	200	200	Ballykerogue, Campile	130	
James Mythen	170	200	Mountalexander, Gorey.	100	
Joseph Darcy	190	300	Railway Road, Gorey.	150	

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Name of Borrower	Surveyor's Value	Owner's Value	Situation of House	Amount of Advance
James Murphy	£. 150	£. 200	New Road, Gorey	£. 135
Miss Johanna Fortune	110	150	Ballycoughna, Killena	60
Ellen Casey	200	250	Ballinamona, Foulksmills	50
Patrick Doyle	200	200	Templeshannon, Enniscorthy.	150
Matthew Hanlon	200	200	do do	180
James Doyle	190	200	St. Michael's Road, Gorey	170

CLAIMS OF OFFICIALS - SECTION 7

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1933

MR. DENIS RADFORD, CLERK IN CO. SURVEYOR'S OFFICE:→ The following letter, under date 17th July, 1933, (G.19629/1933, Loch Garman Se) 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 an inter-Departmental Committee was set up to inquire into the applications made to them by persons alleged to have been removed from refused office or to have sustained loss of remuneration in the service of local authorities for political reasons. The Committee have furnished a report in the case of Mr. Denis Radford affecting the Wexford County Council, a copy of which is attached.

"The Minister concurs in the report of the Committee and recommends Mr. Radford's case to the County Council for favourable consideration.

"It is requested that such action as may be taken by the Council be notified to this Department with the least possible delay."

The report of the inter-Departmental Committee is as follows:-

"Mr. Radford is at present employed in the County Surveyor's Office, according to information furnished by the Secretary of the

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"County Council Mr. Radford was absent without pay from 9th July, 1922 until 19th January, 1924, during which period his salary was at the rate of £2 per week. The Department of Defence state that he was arrested in July, 1922 on suspicion of complicity with the I.R.A. and was released on 24th December, 1923.

Recommendation

"The Committee agreed that Mr. Radford lost remuneration for Political reasons and expressed the view that his case seems to be a proper one for the application of Sections 5 and 7 of the Local Government Act, 1933."

It was pointed out that Mr. Radford's salary at rate of £2 per week for the period from 9th July, 1922 to 30th April, 1923, would amount to £84.6.9d.

MR. S. HAYES, CLERK IN CH. SECRETARY'S OFFICE :- Under date 17th July, 1933, the following letter (G.19629/1933, Loch Garman Se) 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 an inter-Departmental Committee was set up to inquire into the applications made to them by persons alleged to have been removed from or refused office or to have sustained loss of remuneration in the service of local authorities for political reasons. The Committee have furnished a report in the case of Mr. Stephen Hayes, affecting the Wexford County Council, a copy of which is attached.

"The Minister concurs in the report of the Committee, and recommends Mr. Hayes' case to the County Council for favourable consideration.

"It is requested that such action as may be taken by the Council be notified to this Department with the least possible delay."

The following is the report of the inter-Departmental Committee relating to the case of Mr. Hayes:-

"Mr. Hayes is at present employed in the Secretary's Office of the Wexford County Council. According to information furnished by the Secretary to the Wexford County Council Mr. Hayes was absent from 6th July, 1922 to 17th September, 1923, and forfeited £186 for the period in question. The Department of Defence Records indicate that Mr. Hayes was interned at Hare Camp, Curragh.

Recommendation

"The Committee agreed that Mr. Hayes suffered loss of remuneration for political reasons and expressed the view that his case seems to be a proper one for the application of Sections 5 and 7 of the Local Government Act, 1933."

It was pointed out that the salary of Mr. Hayes at the rate of £3 per week for the period from 6th July, 1922 to 30th April, 1923, would be £127.15.10d.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Shannon, that the letters from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, relative to claims of Messrs. D. Radford and S. Hayes, officials of County Council, under Local Government Act, 1933, be included in agenda for consideration at next meeting of the Finance Committee. The Secretary and County Surveyor to report to said meeting whether substitutes were employed during the absence of Messrs. Radford and Hayes, and if so, the remuneration paid to these substitutes.

RENEWAL OF SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS

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

"That Secondary Scholarships awarded to the following be renewed:-

Name	Address	Year.
Margaret D. O'Leary	Castleboro, Clonroche	2nd.
Dermot S. Fenelon	Ballycowan, Taghat	"
Bridget T. O'Donnell	The Fort, Duncannon	"
Kathleen Ennis	Drinagh, Broadway	"
James Meyler	Blackhall, Glynn	3rd.

Name	Address	Year.
Edward P. Rossiter	Rathmore, Broadway	3rd.
Ellen Sinnott	Broadway	"
Daniel F. Butler	Lambstown, Killurin	4th
James M. Druhan	Lady's Island	"
Richard R. O'Donnell	Duncannon	"
Margaret M. O'Neill	Bushville, Tagoat	"
Kathleen F. Donnelly	Hilltown, Ballymitt	"
Mary C. Daly	Coolerin, Campile	"
James A. Forde	Delta Cottage, Gorey	(Bursary) 3rd.

CONTINGENCIES FUND

The County Surveyor applied for transfers from Contingencies Fund for the executing of the following works:-

Gullet at Newtown, Cahore, Road No. 355. Amount £60.

Repair sea road Kilmichael, Road No. 105. Amount £50.

Both applications were approved on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cummins.

DISEMPLOYMENT OF WORKMEN

NOTICE OF MOTION

Mr. O'Byrne gave notice of motion to move at next meeting of County Council the rescinding of the resolution, adopted at the last meeting of the Council directing the disemployment of Road-workers whose unemployment Insurance Cards were fully stamped for twelve months.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 20th July, 1933, as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

DECREES FOR RATES:- The following letter under date 27th July, 1933, (G.81260/33-Loch Garman Fa) was read from the Department 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 24th instant forwarding an extract from the Minutes of the Finance Committee on the 20th instant in regard to Decrees for Rates and I am to state that the matter is receiving attention."

Mr. O'Byrne said that the matter was brought up at the meeting of the General Council of County Councils, and the Chairman of Wexford County Council said they should not give further powers to the sheriff than ^{those} he had. That was not the intention of the resolution which had reference to the payment of the expenses incurred. The General Council decided that each County Council should act on its own.

Chairman - I was not aware of this resolution, which never came before the Co. Council, and was the recommendation of the Finance Committee. It looked to me, from the way it appeared on the agenda, that we were seeking further powers for the Sheriff to harass the people who are harassed enough already. I proposed that the resolution be marked read and I may say now, even if the resolution did come before this Council, that it was not a matter for us to deal with, but the Minister who was in charge. I think the Sheriffs have very wide powers in this matter already owing to the Bill passed by the Cosgrave Government. They can send cattle to Australia to sell, if they chose.

Mr. McCarthy - I presided at the Finance meeting, and proposed the resolution. Mr. Cummins was also there and it was the unanimous wish of the Committee present, that the resolution

should be sent to the General Council of County Councils as there was no meeting of the general body of this Council called for in the meantime. The object of the resolution was not to request that the Sheriff be vested with further powers. We all know he has exhaustive powers in the matter at present and, if anybody took the trouble to read the resolution carefully, they would see that there was not a word mentioned in it, asking the Government to vest further powers in the Sheriff. Our object in sending the resolution to the General Council of County Councils was to call attention to the state of affairs likely to arise and which affected every county in general as well as this county, where stock were seized for rates on foot of civil bills. If stock seized for rates could not be sold, this Council and every other Council, would eventually find themselves in a serious position and would not be able to realise the rates by civil bill. It was to call attention to that state of affairs, and not vest further powers with the Sheriff, that the resolution was brought forward.

Chairman - You wrote to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health over the matter and I think it is a matter for the Government and not the County Councils.

Mr. McCarthy - It appears, at present, the whole responsibility rests with the rate collector, to put down the full amount of freight and other incidental expenses for the transference of stock to Dublin for disposal and which are seized by the Sheriff.

Chairman - We could not remedy that; you would want legislation.

Mr. McCarthy - You can guarantee the collector's costs.

Mr. D'Arcy - And supposing the sale failed in Dublin, what would be our position?

Mr. McCarthy - You would lose your costs.

Mr. Cummins - We wanted to bring the state of affairs existing down here under notice and that was the reason, as my friend Mr. McCarthy pointed out, for the adoption of the

resolution. There is a feeling created abroad to pay no rates and I have heard a certain man say "Where is the money to come from?" I replied to him "It will come from where it always came from," and he said "Didn't I know there would be no rates paid this year." It was for that reason you want to draw the attention of the people in power to the position we are in. There were several collectors who were called upon to collect rates, and had no use putting the matter in the sheriff's hands, and if that feeling is created, you are going to be in a very serious position. I hold we did what was perfectly right in drawing the attention of the General Council of County Councils and the Minister in charge, to remedy the matter. Everybody knows we can get in the rates and it is absolutely essential to do so in the interests of the institutions depending on their collection. I ask those people, who are trying to create a feeling of paying no rates, should we let out the people who are in the Co. Home? Will we go to the next meeting of the Health Board and tell them to get out? Should we go to the next meeting of the Mental Hospital and tell the five hundred or six hundred people there to clear out? That is the position, I have heard it said myself that there would be no rates paid. We know there is a bad state of affairs in the country, but, if there is itself, how can you get over reports as to the banks, and the report of the Dublin Horse Show last week? I am sorry to say the times are bad but, I do not want to get the feeling abroad that there should be no rates paid. We sent that resolution, not for further powers to the sheriff, but with powers to get the money in.

Mr. D'Arcy, who heard nothing about the No Rate propaganda referred to by Mr. Cummins said that if the Council had to depend on the sheriff to get in the necessary rates they would not carry on very long. There was similar talk last year about non-payment but the rates were got in. He looked on all these statements as injurious to the collection.

The Chairman said he had not heard anything about a No Rate Campaign in his part of the County.

Mr. Corish considered it was injudicious for the Finance Committee to have forwarded such a resolution to the General Council of Co. Councils until it was considered by the General meeting.

The Chairman agreed.

Col. Quin said if County Councillors knew of ratepayers who were able to pay and who were not making any attempt to do so their names and addresses should be forwarded to the Co. Council Office. He had been told by a Rate Collector that every time a Councillor stated at a meeting that ratepayers were unable to pay the difficulties of the Collector were increased.

The Chairman suggested that the discussion should drop.

Mr. Cummins - You may drop it, but supposing you give instructions to Rate Collectors to collect rates, and the same thing occurs, what is to be done?

Chairman - We cannot make new legislation.

Mr. D'Arcy - Hasn't the Sheriff power to do what he likes?

Chairman - He has.

Mr. D'Arcy - Then, I think we are out of order in discussing it.

Mr. McCarthy - Cattle were seized in the county in two cases and the sheriff could not sell them, and he had to return them to the owners.

Mr. Keegan - At the last fair day in Gorey, cattle could not be sold at any price, and what could the sheriff do more than that?

Chairman - The General Council of Co. Councils made rather light of it, in marking the resolution "read".

The matter ended.

GOREY HILL QUARRY:- Under date 4th August, 1933, Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, Gorey, acting for Miss H.J. Palmer, Gorey Hill, wrote that their Client had instructed them that on

2nd August, 1933, Council's workmen had cut down bushes from Miss Palmer's fences and which were needed for the protection of her lands. They asked the Council to state definitely what their attitude was, otherwise they would have no option but to commence proceedings for damages and to seek an injunction.

Under date 9th August, 1933, Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District, reported that he had been informed by the Road Ganger that the Engine Driver's assistant did cut a branch from a Furze bush to start the fire in the engine, but did not think it any harm as there is a heavy Furze fence over six feet high at the place where the single branch was cut. He (Mr. Treanor) regarded the whole thing as being so trifling as to be not worth referring to.

It was decided on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Col. Quin that as suggested by the Co. Surveyor the Co. Solicitor should consult with Solicitors for Miss Palmer with a view to arriving at payment through the Insurance Company of a fixed annual sum which would obviate the constantly recurring claims of Miss Palmer in connection with injury to her premises caused by blasting at Tara Hill Quarry.

COMMITTAL OF CHILDREN TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS:- In connection with this matter the Secretary stated that at last County Council meeting Mr. Keegan raised the question of the committal of the Fanning children, Fairview, Gorey, to an Industrial School. He had communicated with the District Superintendent, Garda Siochana, who replied that the children were practically destitute. The father was dead and the mother could only find employment without the children. She had intimated to the Garda that she would try and contribute something towards their support but the Superintendent considered it would be a hardship if she were asked to do this at the present stage. However, later on he was sure a small contribution could be collected.

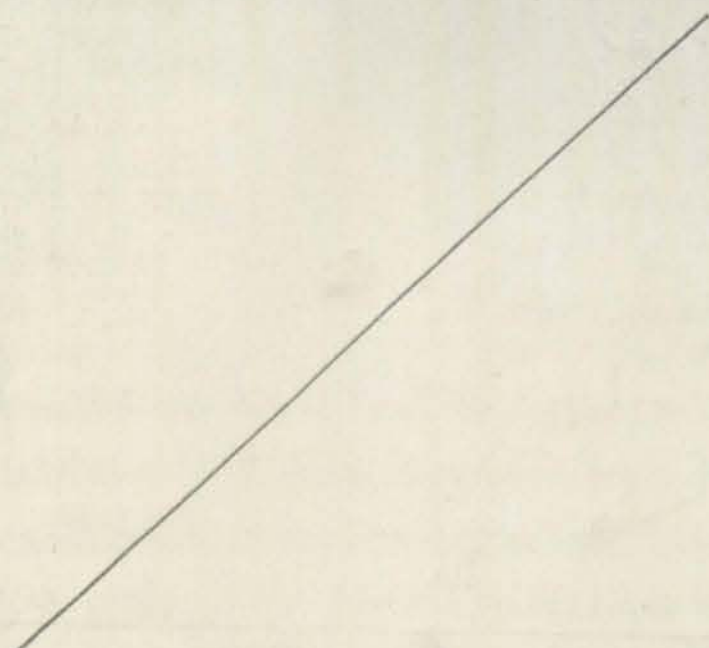
Mr. Keegan said that in November last this woman called on

him and stated that she would take her children home to her father in Co. Wicklow if she could get an extra 10/- to keep the children. She was then in receipt of 7/6d per week from the Co. Health Board. When she did not get the extra allowance she said she was going home and would have the children sent to an Industrial School. He considered that all the circumstances of this case should be inquired into more fully.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That the Co. Solicitor be instructed to take the necessary steps to secure a rehearing of application for the committal of the Fanning children, Fairview, Gorey, to an Industrial School."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Brennan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 20th July, 1933, as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby confirmed."

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 3rd August, 1933:- The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 3rd August, 1933, were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 3rd August, 1933.

Present: Messrs. John Cummins, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor and Rates Inspector were also in attendance.

The chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £7048.19.3d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF:- The state of the Rate Collection up to 3rd August, 1933, was submitted as follows:-

<u>Name of Collector</u>		<u>£</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>
1.	J. Quirke	272	10	0
2.	W. Doyle	153	3	8
3.	P. Doyle	167	17	10
4.	M. McCarthy	401	3	3
5.	P. Nolan	362	7	5
6.	S. Gannon	-	-	-
7.	J. Deegan	66	0	8
8.	J. Cummins	341	16	0
9.	John Flood	-	-	-
10.	S. Gannon	-	-	-
11.	W. Cummins	367	1	8
12.	M. Murphy	118	19	6
13.	J.J. O'Reilly	199	19	1
14.	D. Kenny	-	-	-
15.	A. Dunne	273	13	1
16.	J.J. Sinnott	72	6	8
17.	E.J. Murphy	164	16	10
18.	M. Kehoe	-	-	-
19.	J. Curtis	208	10	11
20.	P. Carty.	154	0	9
		<u>£3324</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>

The Secretary mentioned that in consequence of not having furnished receipt for Fidelity Guarantee Bond, Collector Gannon did not receive his Collecting Books for Collection Districts No. 6 and 10 until the 29th July, 1933. New Collectors had been appointed for Districts Nos. 9, 14 and 18, and of course the collection in these could not begin until Fidelity Guarantee and Personal Bonds had been entered into by the new Collectors.

At the corresponding period last year £8,000 had been collected. This included £1,500 received from the Health Board for Cottage Rates which would leave £6,500 from ordinary ratepayers and from which it could be seen that very little more than half had been collected in respect of current warrants.

It was decided to defer action in connection with the Rate Collection until meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on the 17th August, 1933.

RATE COLLECTOR RESIDING IN HIS DISTRICT:- P. Carty (No.20 District) wrote that with reference to the statement that he did not reside in his collecting district he wished to point out that he did reside there while collecting rates. He went there on Sunday evening or Monday morning and remained until the following Saturday. He called to every Ratepayer's house, in some cases several times, until he was paid. He had closed the 1933 warrant with a reduced amount of arrears, without a single seizure or prosecution and he always did his best to convenience ratepayers as to time and place of payment. He hoped the Council would consider the present method satisfactory. It would be very inconvenient and expensive for him to take up permanent residence in the district at present.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon and adopted:- "That further consideration of letter from Collector P. Carty as to residing in his district be adjourned for three months in order to ascertain if during that time he will discharge his duties to the satisfaction of the Finance Committee."

POUNDAGE TO COLLECTORS:- The following letter under date 26th July, 1933, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (G.80205/33 Loch Garman (Fa) was read:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of Form 61 showing the position of the 1932/33 warrants and to state that the proposal to pay full poundage to those Collectors who closed their collections subsequent to the end of May last has been examined. Special attention is

"drawn to the unsatisfactory manner in which Collector W. Doyle has carried out his duties. The percentage to be carried forward to the current year's collection in this case represents the highly excessive proportion of 22½% of his warrant. The position disclosed in the cases of Collectors P. Nolan, T. Bolger, S. Gannon, J. Quirke and M. Murphy also is not creditable, the amounts carried forward being also unduly large.

"After an examination of the collections in the several districts concerned, and having regard to the exceptional economic conditions prevailing during the year, the Minister sanctions payment of poundage to those collectors who closed their second moieties between the 1st June and 10th instant on the following basis:-

- (a) 90% of the poundage proposed when the Carried Forwards do not exceed one eighth of the warrant;
- (b) 85% of poundage proposed where the Carried Forwards are under 20% of the warrant;
- (c) 80% of poundage proposed when the Carried Forwards are over 20% of the warrant."

Under date 27th July, 1933, the Secretary wrote to the Department of Local Government and Public Health pointing out that the Collectors had been paid full poundage fees in respect of the sum equivalent to first moiety and arrears, and was it correct to assume that it was not the intention of the Minister to make any reduction in respect of such poundage.

Under date 31st July, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.83046/33 Loch Garman (Fa) that the reduced rates of poundage sanctioned in his previous letter applied only to the second moiety of the 1932/33 Warrants in each of the cases concerned.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Cummins:- "That payment of poundage in accordance with sanction of Minister for Local Government and

"Public Health (G.80205/33 Loch Garman Fa) be made to the Rate Collectors of the County."

RATES ON MOUNT ST. BENEDICT:- Under date 26th July, 1933, Collector Art Dunne, No. 15 District, wrote that all the buildings at Mount St. Benedict, Gorey, were at present used and had been, he believed, since about last August or September. Previous to that time, except portion of the main dwelling and three cottages, they were vacant and had not been occupied until last August or September also. The greater portion of the main buildings attached to the farm with a valuation of £257 were vacant, but as they were in the one rating he supposed no rebate would be applicable.

The Secretary stated that the amount of arrears due in respect of the holdings at Mount St. Benedict was £451.18.2d. The amount applicable to the vacant portion in accordance with Mr. Dunne's report would be £55.14.11d so that it appeared as if £396.3.3d was recoverable.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted:- "That Rate Collector Art Dunne (No. 15 District) be directed to exercise the powers of his Warrant to obtain payment of the amount of collectable rate due on the holdings of Mount St. Benedict which up to 31st March, 1933, would appear to be £396.3.3d."

FAILURE TO SELL SEIZED STOCK:- In connection with the failure of the Sheriff to dispose of cattle which had been seized for non-payment of rates and which were returned to the owner in consequence of no bid being received at the Auction, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote under date 27th July, 1933, (G.81260/33 Loch Garman (Fa) that the matter was receiving attention.

Mr. O'Byrne mentioned that the matter would also be discussed at the meeting of the General Council of County Councils on the 8th August, 1933.

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PERSONAL SURETIES OF COLLECTOR D. KENNY:- The Manager, National Bank, (Gorey Branch) wrote that the Council were reasonably safe in accepting as joint security for £400 the Personal Sureties proposed by Denis Kenny viz:- Mrs. Anastasia Kenny, Ballyconran, Craanford, Gorey, and Owen Sheridan, Askamore, Carnew.

It was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne and seconded by Mr. Shannon and adopted:- "That in view of communication received from the Manager, National Bank (Gorey Branch) we recommend the Council to accept as personal Sureties of Collector Denis Kenny, Mrs. Anastasia Kenny, Ballyconran, Craanford, Gorey, and Owen Sheridan, Askamore, Carnew."

* COLLECTOR JOHN FLOOD(No. 9 District) In connection with the appointment of Mr. J. Flood as Rate Collector, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote under date 23rd July, 1933, (G.78844/33 Loch Garman (Fa) that as Mr. Flood's wife was engaged in retail trade he was not, having regard to Article 96 (b) of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, eligible for appointment as Rate Collector and his permanent appointment as part-time Rate Collector could not be sanctioned while this disqualification persists.

In reference to this communication Mr. Flood wrote under date 26th July, 1933, that his wife had closed the shop and sold Petrol Pump and did not intend reopening the business.

The Secretary stated that copy of Mr. Flood's letter had been furnished the Department of Local Government and Public Health on the 28th July, 1933. X He further mentioned that up to the present he had not received either Covering Note or Fidelity Guarantee Policy from an approved Guarantee Society or Insurance Company from any of the three recently appointed Collectors and of course until these came to hand and Personal Bonds had been executed it would not be possible to hand over the collecting Books.

A resolution was adopted directing the Secretary to

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communicate with the three new Collectors and remind them that the question of Sureties (Personal and Fidelity Guarantee) should be satisfactorily dealt with without further delay.

SANCTION OF MR. MAURICE KEHOE:→ Under date 22nd July, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.79549/33 Loch Garman (Fa) sanctioning the appointment of Mr. Maurice Kehoe as part time Rate Collector for District No. 16.

LEGAL COSTS OF RATE COLLECTOR:- Under date 22nd July, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.79548/33 Loch Garman (Fa):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant and to state that having regard to the exceptional circumstances in the case of Joseph Harman who it is noted was committed to prison in default of paying his rates, the Minister raises no objection to the payment of a sum of £4.7.6d in respect of law costs incurred by Collector McCarthy in the case.

"I am to point out that the poundage fees payable to Rate Collectors should normally cover all expenses connected with the collection of the rates. If a collector incurs legal costs such costs are a personal matter. The Minister would only agree to a Collector being indemnified as regards costs in highly exceptional cases such for example as when undetermined points of law might be involved and the prior assent of the Council had been obtained to the proceedings.

"As regards the proposal to allow expenses to Collector McCarthy in attending Court proceedings in Dublin in the case of Daniel Cagney, if the position in this case is clear the Court will presumably charge the costs to the defaulting ratepayer, but in the event of an adverse decision due to causes outside the control of the Collector the question of the Collector's expenses might then receive further consideration."

It was decided that copy of letter from Local Government Department be furnished Mr. McCarthy, Rate Collector,

(No. 14 District) for his information.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 2nd August, 1933, the following letter was read from Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor:-

"With reference to the Mortgages in respect of Loans which are being made to Owners of lands which are registered under the Local Registration of Title Acts, I had some doubts in my mind as to the proper Form the Mortgage should take, so I took the matter up with the County Registrar, and he now writes, that the Plot on which the house is to be erected is to be marked on a Map to enable the Plot on which the Mortgage is, to be defined on the Official Maps at the Local Registration of Title Office.

"This will complicate matters as the Borrowers will have to furnish me with Ordnance Sheets with the Plot marked on them, and the marking I assume will have to be done by a Surveyor who will charge no doubt a Fee for doing so. I am writing to all the parties affected notifying them of this requirement."

Mr. Elgee stated that since writing this letter he had consulted with the County Secretary and they came to the conclusion that as it would obviate the procurement of Map if a mortgage was taken on the entire holding, he would arrange for this provided the Finance Committee were satisfied.

A resolution was adopted approving of the suggestion of Mr. Elgee in this matter as it would furnish additional security for the Council.

Under date 28th June, 1933, Mr. Elgee, reported that the Title of Robert Keegan for premises at Mucklow, Gorey, was in order.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, reported that the value of the house was £190 and as the holding contained about 20 acres statute the entire value including the house would be £400.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Co. Council be recommended to advance a loan of £150 to Robert Keegan for house

"at Mucklow, Gorey, under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for Gorey District, reported that the value of house which was being erected by Myles Byrne at Coolishall, Gorey, was £195 and the value of site £15. The loan required was £140 and on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cummins it was decided to recommend the Council to advance this amount to Mr. Myles Byrne and also to furnish Certificate of Value etc. to the Department of Local Government and Public Health. In this case the Finance Committee desire to point out that Mr. Treanor's first report setting out the value at £210 was taken as applicable to house alone and not to house and site. In the circumstances therefore, the Committee are of opinion that the Council should agree to the loan of £140 applied for.

SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER SECONDARY AND
VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

Under date 26th July, 1933, the Office of National Education furnished particulars of the results of examination of applicants for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools. The following passed the examination:-

1. Doyle, Patrick, Drimmagh, Rosslare, (683 Marks)
2. O'Neill, Eileen F., Bushville, Tagoat. (642 Marks)
3. Doran, Peter, Main Street, Gorey. (612 Marks)
4. Doran, James, Main Street, Gorey. (605 Marks)
5. Devereux, Alice M., Grange, Broadway. (577) Marks.
6. O'Regan, Catherine, Ballybro, Tagoat. (545 Marks)
7. Butler, Thomas, Mountainmuck, Glynn. (532 Marks)

Nine applicants failed and two candidates did not attend the examination.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That in accordance with report of results of examination received from Office of National Education, Scholarships tenable in Secondary and Vocational Schools be awarded:-

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Patrick Doyle; Eileen F. O'Neill; Alice M. Devereux;
Catherine O'Regan and Thomas Butler; and Bursaries to
Peter Doran and James Doran, Main Street, Gorey.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1933

Correspondence in connection with application for loss of remuneration for political reasons from Department of Local Government and Public Health as regards Mr. Stephen Hayes, assistant in Co. Secretary's office and Mr. Denis Radford, Co. Surveyor's Office, (as appearing on Minutes of Finance Committee of 20th July, 1933), was submitted.

The amounts involved in these cases were:-

Hayes Mr. Radford £127.15.10d; and *Radford* Mr. Hayes £84.6.9d.

After consideration the following resolution was adopted:-

"That correspondence from Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to remuneration of Messrs. S. Hayes and D. Radford, in connection with their absence from duty in 1922 and 1923 be referred to Co. Council for consideration."

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

Under date 2nd August, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (G.82395/33 Loch Garman (Fa) wrote sanctioning the continuance of Overdraft accommodation to the Co. Council not exceeding £40,000 to the 30th September, 1933, interest thereon to be paid at the agreed rate.

PAYMENT OF ROAD WORKERS

Under date 20th July, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) (RM/32) wrote as follows:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of 4th May last, with enclosures, and to state that the arrangements adopted by Wexford County Council on 10th April last for payment of their road workers cannot be sanctioned. The payments must be made in accordance with Article 61 (4) of the Public Bodies Order, 1925 i.e. by properly appointed Pay Clerks or issue of a Paying

"Order to each worker. The latter method has been generally adopted by County Councils."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That we protest against the action of the Department of Local Government and Public Health in refusing to recognise the system of payment to Road Workers which gave satisfaction to everyone and in respect of which no complaint has been made for years, and in imposing upon the Council a system which will be responsible for greatly increased cost of administration and of great inconvenience to the employees concerned."

After further consideration it was decided in view of the greatly increased amount of clerical work necessary to provide for the issue of Pay Orders to individual workers to recommend to the Council the appointment of a junior clerk, male or female, age limits 18 to 30 years, salary £90 to £150 by annual increments of £5. Qualifying examination in connection with the appointment to be held in Irish, English, Handwriting, Arithmetic and Typewriting.

GOREY POUND

In connection with repair of Gorey Pound report was received from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor of the District, that it would require a sum of £8 to rebuild, repair and re-cope walls.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That a sum of £8 be set aside for repair of walls etc. Gorey Pound, Co. Surveyor to arrange to have work carried out as soon as possible. That we recommend the Council to fix the rent to be paid by John Valentine, Pound Keeper, Gorey, at 1/- per year."

GOREY COURTHOUSE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the application of Gorey Agricultural Society for the use of Gorey Courthouse on the night of 14th September, 1933, for the purpose of holding a dance,

"proceeds to be in aid of funds of Gorey Agricultural Show, be acceded to, Show Committee to be responsible for the building while in their custody and to hand over the premises in a clean and satisfactory condition."

FORD OF LYNG

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 28th July, 1933, which he had received from the Office of Public Works:-

"Referring to the deputation which we received at this Office on 18th May last, we beg to state that an exhaustive examination of the legal position having been made with regard to the flooding from the Canal constructed by the Slob Company, we are advised that we have no jurisdiction to interfere with the Slob lands under the Wexford Harbour Embankment Act, 1852, and, as explained at the interview in question it is not practicable to deal with the situation under the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925."

It was decided that copy of this communication be sent to Mr. Doyle, Chairman of the County Council.

REQUISITION - FOOD AND DRUGS EQUIPMENT

Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, submitted requisition for Food and Drugs supplies for half year ending 31st December, 1933.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That requisition for Food and Drugs equipment from Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Wexford, as per schedule attached to his letter of 2nd August, 1933 be agreed to and that the various articles be procured in accordance with said schedule."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Notification was received from District Court Clerk, New Ross, as to the committal to an Industrial School of Patrick Joseph Meyler, son of Elizabeth Meyler, Old Barracks, Michael Street, New Ross, 4½ years old. The mother was destitute

and unable to support him and the father was dead.

Referred to Mr. Elgee.

CRIMINAL INJURY APPLICATION

Application for compensation for the driving of six heifers and one bull calf, and damage to machinery, fences, crops, etc., on the night of 22nd July or morning of 23rd July, 1933, on the lands of Corah, Ballycarney, was received from Patrick Fortune.

The usual direction given in such cases, viz., to oppose the application, was given to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Brennan seconded by Col. Quin:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on 3rd August, 1933, be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION:- The following state of the Rate Collection to 12th August, 1933, was submitted:-

Wexford District

	£.	s.	d.
1. J. Quirke	656.	2	8
2. W. Doyle	206	5	10
3. P. Doyle	253	3	5
4. M. McCarthy	442	11	3
5. P. Nolan	392	12	5

Enniscorthy District

6. S. Gannon	141	4	6
7. J. Deegan	123	0	8
8. J. Cummins	397	19	8
9. J. Flood	-	-	-
10. S. Gannon	35	18	0
11. W. Cummins	464	1	3
12. M. Murphy	136	6	0

Gorey District

13. J.J. O'Reilly	287	3	11
14. D. Kenny	-	-	-
15. A. Dunne	365	9	2
16. J.J. Sinnott	123	7	5

New Ross District

17. E.J. Murphy	300	14	3
18. M. Kehoe	-	-	-
19. J. Curtis	346	7	8
20. P. Carty	156	-	-

Total..... £4828 8 1

It was decided to refer the question of the collection to the meeting of Finance Committee to be held on 17th August, 1933.

POUNDAGE TO RATE COLLECTORS:- Mr. Gaul argued that it was through no fault of certain collectors that they had not been able to close their warrants in due time and gave notice of motion for next Co. Council meeting to move that the Minister be requested to reconsider his decision as to penalisation of Rate Collectors who through no fault of their own were unable to close their warrants in due time.

X COLLECTOR JOHN FLOOD No.9 DISTRICT:- The following under date 4th August, 1933, (G.83598/33 Loch Garman Fa.) was read from Department 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 28th ultimo and to state that since the disqualification of Mr. J. Flood no longer exists, the Minister sanctions his appointment in a part-time capacity on the terms set out in the replies to queries furnished. One set of the queries is returned, herewith." X

LEGAL COSTS OF RATE COLLECTOR:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That the Co. Council approve of Collector M. McCarthy instituting proceedings in Dublin against Daniel Cagney, Prussia Street, Dublin, in respect of rates due on farms held by ^{him} at Ballycorboys, Little Tacumshane."

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1933 -

CLAIMS OF OFFICIALS:- Miss O'Ryan said other Boards were compensating officials who were in a similar position and Wexford should fall into line. It was no wish of the officials they were absent from duty, and she proposed they should be paid the amounts to which they were entitled.

Mr. Hayes seconded.

Mr. Keegan said as no substitutes had been appointed the Council would not be at any loss by making the payments and the work had been done. It was not for any neglect of duty the officials in question were taken away.

Col. Quin said that the two officials had been taken away by the Government and the latter should be responsible for their payment.

Mr. Gaul said the Secretary had informed the Chairman that it was optional on the Co. Council to pay. While he agreed they should be paid, as they were away through no fault of their

own , he did not think it was playing the game to shift the responsibility on the County Council. He would say that, though he was in favour they should be paid.

Mr. D'Arcy - They should be paid from Dublin and not from the County Council.

Mr. O'Byrne - They recommend payment. They make out they were penalised by this Council. This Council never penalised them and their positions were left available for them at any time. When the Government of the moment is in power they certainly ought to compensate these people, but not at the expense of the rates. The County Council paid approximately £70,000 for damage done in this County and I propose that the Government be asked to make any compensation required in these cases.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded.

Miss O'Ryan said that Mr. O'Byrne's resolution was not in accordance with the letter received from the Department and was confusing the issue. They should decide fairly and squarely whether they would or would not pay the money. If the amendment - which she held was not in order - was adopted it was an admission of the justice of the claim.

Mr. Elgee held that in view of the letter from the Department the amendment of Mr. O'Byrne was in order.

Chairman - I will put the amendment, as it is in order, that the Government pay it.

Mr. Cummins - It is not an amendment. I do not agree with that if you had the opinion of the biggest counsel in Dublin. It is not an amendment to the resolution proposed.

Mr. Keegan - It will not make any difference anyway.

The Chairman put the amendment to the meeting, the result of poll being as follows:-

FOR THE AMENDMENT:- Messrs. Brennan, Colleton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Hickey, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Shannon and the Chairman. (11)

AGAINST:- Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan and Miss O'Ryan. (9)

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

Mr. Keegan asked if this finished the matter.

The Chairman said he was open to receive further amendments but as none were moved he put Mr. O'Byrne's as the substantive motion and declared it carried nem con

PAYMENT OF ROAD WORKERS:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Col. Quin:- "That the recommendation of the Finance Committee protesting against the change of system of payment of road workers now advocated by Department of Local Government and Public Health be adopted, and that the proposal of the Finance Committee recommending the appointment of a junior Clerk to meet the conditions set out by Department be adjourned for the present."

FORD OF LYNG:- The Chairman said that the contents of the letter were as much as they expected judging by the interview. He did not think from the interview that the Board of Works were very much interested in the matter at all.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, said that nothing could be done as regards law proceedings until October, and he would remind the Council that he considered they had very small chance of success in view of the opinion of Counsel who recommended a settlement. The Council would be up against a large sum for law costs.

Col. Gibbon said that on that very day the whole of the Canal was full up of rushes and there was definite proof that the action of the Slob Company was obstructing the whole waterway down to where it gets into Wexford Harbour. He believed that photographs should be taken of the present position.

The Chairman said that unless Mr. Elgee had, from the Slob Company, a more favourable offer than the one that had been made they should go on with the legal proceedings.

Mr. Corish was in favour of continuing the proceedings. Even if unsuccessful the Council would be able to expose the injustice of the matter.

Col. Gibbon said they should try and get Counsel down and convince him that the County Council's case was right. They would not have much difficulty in convincing him of this on the state of affairs existing to-day. He thought the County Surveyor should go down to the Ford of Lyng and have a look at the drain right down to its outlet.

Col. Gibbon proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Col. Quin:- "That the Co. Surveyor inspect the drain at the Ford of Lyng and if he considers the statements made by Col. Gibbon at this meeting are borne out he should inform the Co. Solicitor and County Secretary, who should arrange for the attendance of Counsel to meet a Committee as soon as possible, Mr. Elgee to procure photographs of the position of the Canal at this date."

Passed.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Brennan seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 3rd August, 1933, be and are hereby confirmed except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

VACANCY ON OLD AGE PENSION

SUB-COMMITTEE No. 5

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon, the following resolution was adopted:- "That Mr. T. McCarthy, Rafter Street, Enniscorthy, be appointed member of Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No. 5, in room of Rev. P. Cummins, a permanent invalid unable to attend."

EMPLOYMENT OF ROAD WORKERS

The following notice of motion given by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, and which was signed by four other Members of the Council, in accordance with Standing Orders was submitted:-

"I hereby give Notice of my intention to move, at meeting of above County Council to be held on 14th August, 1933, that the resolution adopted by the Council at their meeting on 10th July, 1933, to dispense with the services of Road Workers who hold fully stamped Insurance Cards for twelve months be rescinded."

Mr. O'Byrne pointed out that the effect of the resolution which it was proposed to rescind would not mean the employment of more than one dozen men to replace the present workers while it would make the latter lose interest in their work and give the impression outside that general unemployment could be relieved by the County Council. It would certainly injure applications for grants for the relief of unemployment and no constant employee would consider himself in permanent employment.

Mr. Gaul, who seconded the motion, did not believe in throwing men out of employment and the Council should remember that if they did dispense with men who had fully stamped insurance cards for twelve months, the amount of benefit would be fifty-two days only, at the expiration of which the man who had previously regarded himself as a permanent employee would have to look for relief somewhere else.

Mr. Hayes stated a wrong interpretation had been put upon the resolution, namely that the services of men were to be permanently dispensed with. That was not the case. Time and again they had under consideration the question of more equitable and fairer distribution of work, a principle to which all members subscribed. In his opinion the resolution of the last day went no further than that.

Col. Gibbon said he was under the impression that the permanent workers were to be put upon the dole and temporary men

selected for their positions. He believed that some of the men employed on the roads were the hardest workers in the County and kept the neatest cottages, and he considered it demoralising to take them out of their jobs and oblige them to go on the dole.

Col. Quin - I think no greater injustice could be done to the workers than the resolution passed at the last meeting. We all employ the best workers, and it is the best workers who are employed. He agreed with Col. Gibbon that the resolution created an alarming atmosphere for the workers, and tended towards their degradation.

Mr. Hall said when the resolution was adopted those in favour of it believed they were going to dispense for a time with the services of men with a lot of stamps to their credit to give a chance for the employment of probably better men, in their places. They should adhere to this decision.

In reply to Mr. Hall the Co. Surveyor said there were nine ordinary labourers and thirty-seven gangers affected by the resolution.

Mr. Hall asked if it was not a fact that men were employed as gangers who had fairly good farms. They were now in constant work though they had no experience of road work when they were first employed. They had probably years of stamps to their credit and yet were kept on.

Mr. Keegan said there was nothing in the resolution as to sacking the men but they were merely asked to come out and draw from the dole, the value of their stamps and nobody objected to their return to their employment when benefit was exhausted. People who moved in this matter only wanted a fair distribution of the work and have it confined to recognised road workers. It seemed as if the Co. Surveyor or his deputies had no say in the matter of employment, because if a man wanted work he went to the ganger and not to the Surveyors.

Mr. McCarthy stated he was not present when the last County Council meeting discussed the resolution, but he was convinced

that anyone who voted for it did so in good faith. In his opinion it was a resolution that would be unwise to pursue and would lead to inefficiency. At present it was confined to those who had fully stamped cards but ultimately it would lead to dispensing with the services of everybody who was entitled to benefit at the moment and in the end the Council would have people working for stamps instead for the good of the Council. A year's contribution would provide less than three weeks' benefit and they should remember that the men in permanent employment all over the country created the unemployment fund. If a system was to be set up whereby a man entitled to unemployment benefit, had his employment terminated the fund would soon become bankrupt, and it might be necessary for the Government to look to the tax-payer to make it solvent.

Miss O'Ryan asked if it was not understood that in all this discussion they were dealing with road workers only. They should make that perfectly clear so as not to raise false hopes that the Council would employ other men who wanted a day's work. If the resolution stood and men with twelve months' fully stamped cards were drawing benefit for a few weeks they should be replaced only by men who worked previously on the roads. It was better for those in agricultural work to continue on at their employment even at low wages, than to take two or three weeks' work on the roads.

The Chairman said if they were confining the resolution to road workers, he believed it was only nonsense to discuss the matter at all. He understood it was meant for people all over to get work.

Mr. Corish said he opposed the adoption of the resolution at the last meeting as he believed it was setting up a vicious principle. It would not do good to the Council or to the men concerned. The Co. Surveyor had a certain list of men who had worked on the roads from time to time and there would be no

objection to these men getting their turn when extra labour was required. There was an objection to permanent men being displaced. These men were skilled workers, and it was absolutely essential that key-men should be on any job. They should not be discharged, but, at certain times in the year, extra men were taken on, and they should be road workers, and the work should be divided amongst them. To throw out a permanent man was no incentive for him to work hard or become skilled at the particular work he was at. It was not fair to the Council or the people concerned. The passing of the resolution at the last meeting, raised false hopes in the people's minds. It was now proved, even if the Council were to dispose of the permanent men, that it would only relieve eight or nine people and it had created an altogether false impression. As far as the gangers were concerned, Mr. Hall had mentioned an important matter. There should be an investigation into the matter of the gangers and a man employed as a ganger who could make a living any other way, such as on his land, should be displaced by a person who had nothing else. There should be an investigation in that way and a committee set up. Mr. McCarthy, he continued, had pointed out an important thing when he said that the unemployment fund would become insolvent, if the principle of the resolution was carried out to its logical conclusion. The Government had not unlimited resources and there were not sufficient people contributing to the fund to make it solvent and meet the demands of unemployment. He did not know what was going to happen, if it was going to be worse than the state of affairs that existed now. It was a problem, and though they all wished and wanted to see the workers employed, he did not think the principle of the resolution would do anything, good, bad, or indifferent, to solve the unemployment problem in County Wexford. They were not going to have efficiency through it, or relieve the unemployment question, but would create confusion which they would find it

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very hard to get away from.

The Co. Surveyor welcomed the proposal to appoint a Committee to go into the efficiency and employment of road gangers, as he believed this would be as much in the interest of himself and his staff as to the advantage of the Council.

Mr. Cummins said when the matter was previously under discussion he was of opinion there were a larger number of men concerned. He thought the discussion on the resolution the last day would be an instruction to a man who had fully stamped insurance cards to come out of work and see that his fellow man would be put on in his place. Then the moment benefit was exhausted the permanent man would return to his job.

After further discussion a poll was taken on Mr. O'Byrne's proposal with the following result:-

FOR:- Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Gaul, Gibbon, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin and Shannon. (12)

AGAINST:- Messrs. Hall, Keegan and the Chairman. (3)

Declined voting - Messrs. Brennan, Cummins, D'Arcy, Hickey, Hayes. (5)

The Chairman declared Mr. O'Byrne's resolution carried.

On the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Col. Quin the following resolution was adopted:- "That the following Committee be appointed to consider the conditions of appointment of Gangers and their efficiency in each case and report to the Council:-

Enniscorthy District:- Messrs. McCarthy and Shannon.

Gorey District:- Messrs. Hall and Keegan.

New Ross District:- Messrs. Cummins and Cooney.

Wexford District:- Messrs. Doyle and Corish.

The following business was disposed of after adjournment for lunch.

DISTRICTS OF ASSISTANT SURVEYORS

The following under date 3rd August, 1933 (R/RS/32) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health Roads:-

"Referring to your letter of 21st ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the proposal of Wexford County Council to divide the district of Mr. J. Kehoe, former Assistant County Surveyor, between Messrs. Birthistle, Ennis, Cullen and O'Neill, Assistant County Surveyors each of those officers to be remunerated at rate of £45 per annum for the additional work."

ROAD GRANTS

Under date 9th August, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (R.G.M./32) that a payment of £2370 in respect of road maintenance grant for 1933/34 had been made.

AUDIT ACCOUNTS

COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Under date 11th August, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (82702/33 Loch Garman) enclosing copy of Auditor's report on his Audit of Accounts of Co. Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance for two half years ended 30th September, 1932.

Referred to Co. Board of Health.

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS

Under date 3rd August, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health, Roads, forwarded sealed Order (No. I.R./107/1/1933) extending the period for temporary closing of the following roads:-

Link Road L.30-39 from Enniscorthy Urban Boundary to Clonhaston Cross to the 31st day of October, 1933, and Link Road L.33-47 from Ryland Turn over Clohamon Bridge to Clohamon to the 30th September, 1933.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS LOANS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of eight thousand Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts etc. That inasmuch as this Co. Council does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this County Council, but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require, It is resolved that the requisition for each advance shall be intimated to said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Co. Council for time being countersigned by the Secretary of said Council and that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners and that all such advances shall be lodged to our Account in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank. That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Two Thousand Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. That inasmuch as this Co. Council does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this County Council but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require, it is resolved that the requisition for each advance shall be intimated to said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Co. Council for time being, countersigned by the Secretary of said Council and that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners and that all such advances shall be lodged to our Account in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank."

On the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Hall a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Corish, County Councillor and T.D. for the trouble taken by him to expedite preparation of Mortgages etc. to cover the advances of £10,000 loans from the Board of Works for the purpose of Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The Chairman desired to express his own congratulations to Mr. Corish as well as those of the County Council not alone for the manner in which he helped the Council in this particular matter but for the assistance he was always willing to give the people of the County at large.

Mr. Corish expressed his acknowledgments but said he did not require any thanks for carrying out work which he regarded as a duty.

LOAN FOR CONVERSION OF WEST WING CO. HALL

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That pursuant to the letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister dated 22nd June, 1933, (S.56, 221/33 Loch Garman Pg) the sum of ^{2,900}~~£25,000~~ be borrowed from The National Bank Limited Wexford for the purpose of the proposed conversion of portion of the County Hall, Wexford into Offices for the Vocational Education Committee and for the accommodation of the County Library, to be repaid within ten years with interest at the rate of one half per cent under the Irish Banks' rate from time to time with a minimum of £4 per cent per annum as in said Letter of sanction provided. And it is further resolved that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary Mortgage over the rates to secure said loan."

FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE CONTRACT

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Brennan seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the reports of Ferrycarrig Bridge Committee in respect of meetings held on 15th July, 1933, 29th July, 1933 and 12th August, 1933, as

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presented to this meeting be received and approved.

The following are the reports:-

"The first meeting of newly formed Ferrycarrig Bridge Committee was held at the bridge on 15th July, 1933.

"Present:- Mr. J.E. Walsh, Vice Chairman, County Council, presiding; also Col. Gibbon, Messrs. R. Corish, T. McCarthy, J.J. Culleton, Sean O'Byrne and M.T. Hickey.

The Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor, Captain Harvey, (Resident Engineer) and Mr. Waller (of Delap and Waller, Consulting Engineers) were also in attendance.

The Chairman invited Mr. Waller to make a statement as to the present position in regard to the Contract.

Mr. Waller said that as regards fixing a date for the re-opening of the bridge, it was useless for anybody to mention a definite date for the completion of work when the extent of this work was unknown. One cylinder of the bridge had been satisfactorily put into position but there were two others to be dealt with and without knowing what obstructions were to be met with, it was impossible to state how long it would take to get them into position and have them concreted. Using his best judgment he anticipated these three cylinders would be completed in a fortnight's time and after that, with plain sailing, the only work that remained was the pulling back of the piles in which the opening span sits and placing them in their new position. It was not possible to be absolutely definite as to how long this would take. He (Mr. Waller) did not believe they would meet with any difficulty on this point and with reasonable luck, and by the Contractor making every effort to push on the work, the bridge should be re-opened for traffic by the end of September. He did not think it would be safe to bank on anything earlier. The date mentioned for opening was contingent on the Contractor agreeing to adopt the suggestion of Mr. Corish to put on two shifts of workmen. He (Mr. Waller) had spoken

"to the Contractor relative to this suggestion and he favoured it as it was in his own interest and would cut down his overhead expenses. The Contractor, for his own sake, was most anxious to get on with the work. He had now employed Mr. Linehan who he (Mr. Waller) knew for the past twenty years as a very capable engineer. It would be wronging the Contractor if they believed he did not put himself out over the job, but it should be realised he had met with considerable unforeseen difficulties. In the first place the borings had been made at each side of the bridge only; it would not have been possible to have taken them in the centre unless the structure was closed and it was felt such a step would cause too much inconvenience to the public. The result was that where borings had not been taken and where it was expected there was only normal depth, a pile fifteen feet longer than normal length had to be driven; in fact this was about the longest bridge pile of its kind in Ireland. They could not blame the Contractor for this and he would be legally entitled to extra time for it and for any other unforeseen matters. If the Consulting Engineers advised the contrary to the Council it would be misleading and would probably result in law proceedings in which the Council would be beaten. The employment of the second shift of workers would probably reduce the time by thirty per cent.

"Mr. O'Byrne said the Committee were not satisfied that the Contractor had done his best from the beginning to carry out the work with due diligence and he wished to know if that was the view of the Consulting Engineers?

"The Chairman said it was manifest that if the Contractor had employed a properly qualified engineer and had proper plant from the beginning, more progress would have been shown, and the Council would have been saved expense and the public saved inconvenience.

"In reply to Col. Gibbon, Mr. Waller said it was provided by the Specification that the Contractor should get extra money for extra piling.

"The Contractor (Mr. O'Rourke) said that subject to getting the three cylinders fixed without meeting unforeseen difficulties he would let traffic cross the bridge between the 16th September and 1st October. If he was in a position to say he would have these three cylinders definitely sunk he could give a guarantee he would have the bridge re-opened by the 1st October next. He was satisfied to put on the double shift of men. Up to the present the job was to find work for all the men on the bridge, but it was now opening up and he would be able to place men for two shifts. He would employ a second diver and hoped he would be able to come to terms with the diver who had been recently employed by Wexford Harbour Board.

"The Committee having discussed the various points mentioned in the conference with Mr. Waller and the Contractor desire to report as follows:-

1. The Contractor estimates that, provided unforeseen difficulties do not arise, the bridge will be re-opened by the end of September next.

2. Having discussed the position with Mr. Waller the Committee while believing the work has been slow, there have been so many difficulties of an unforeseen character met with by the Contractor, that the Council would be unable to sustain a legal claim against the Contractor for delay.

3. The Contractor has agreed to the employment of a second diver and to put on two shifts of workers. The laying of the three cylinders is the real difficulty in the completion of the contract and in order to hasten this as much as possible the Committee attach great importance to the employment of the second diver.

4. As regards the erection of a temporary bridge it

"would, in the opinion of Mr. Waller, be almost six weeks before such a structure would be erected. In view of this, coupled with the fact that the bridge will probably be re-opened by 1st October next the Committee consider they would not be justified in directing the erection of the temporary bridge.

5. That the Contractor in future "set out" the work, Captain Harvey, Clerk of Works, giving what help he finds possible. If Captain Harvey considers later he will require assistance the Committee will be prepared to consider any reasonable application in that regard.

6. The Committee further direct that application for the closing of the bridge to the first of November next should be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

The Committee then adjourned to Saturday, 29th July, 1933, to meet at Ferrycarrig Bridge at 10.15 a.m., Mr. Waller, Captain Harvey and Co. Surveyor to be in attendance."

"The Second meeting of Ferrycarrig Bridge Committee was held at the Bridge on 29th July, 1933.

"Present:- Messrs. Corish, T.F. D'Arcy, Col. Gibbon and S. O'Byrne.

"The Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor, Mr. Waller (Delap and Waller, Consulting Engineers) and Captain Harvey, Clerk of Works, were also in attendance.

"Mr. Waller reported he was satisfied with the progress the Contractor had made during the fortnight since last meeting. As he then stated he had estimated that the three cylinders would have been in position that day if the Contractor secured the services of a second diver. This had not been found possible through no fault of the Contractor. Two of the cylinders were in place and the third was in course of being laid. In the circumstances he (Mr. Waller) was satisfied that since last meeting the Contractor had made substantial progress.

"The Committee then called in the Contractor, and Mr. Corish (who presided) pointed out to him that the Committee were satisfied he had made fairly decent progress during the fortnight, but they asked the Contractor to do his very best to have the work finished by the date he had given to them at their first meeting. It would be a very serious matter if the bridge was not finished by the time the farmers would be carting their corn into town.

"Mr. O'Rourke (Contractor) said it was evidently to his advantage to finish the work as soon as possible. He was taking every available opportunity to put on extra men, and he would spare no effort to have the work completed by the date agreed to at the first meeting of the Committee. He had tried at Rosslare and at Arklow to secure the services of a second diver but without success.

"Col. Gibbon asked what steps the Contractor had taken to put on a second shift of workmen.

"The Contractor said he had discussed this with his own Engineer and with Captain Harvey. He had a second ganger and all the machinery for two shifts but he had come to the conclusion it would be more efficient to put on extra men where they could be used and work only the one shift. It was not practicable to use two shifts on the concreting work. If it were found to be of advantage to work two shifts it would be easy to utilise the arrangements he had made for the purpose.

"After further discussion the Committee agreed to submit the following:-

1. The Committee having consulted with Mr. Waller find that two of the cylinders had been put in place while work on the third was proceeding in an expeditious manner.

2. We are satisfied that the Contractor used every endeavour to procure the services of a second diver but was not successful. We do not consider (and Mr. Waller agrees)

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"that a second diver is now necessary.

3. The Contractor has promised to put on a second shift of workmen as soon as and whenever practicable during the remainder of the work.

4. Having regard to the manner in which work has been carried out during the past fortnight we have no reason to revise our estimate as to the completion of the work and the opening of the Bridge by the end of September.

"It was decided that a further meeting of the Committee be held on 12th August, 1933, at 10.30 a.m."

"The third meeting of the above Committee was held on 12th August, 1933. Present:- Messrs. T. D'Arcy, M.T. Hickey and Sean O'Byrne.

"The Co. Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor and Captain Harvey, Resident Engineer, were also in attendance.

"It was reported that since last meeting the third cylinder which was the most difficult to handle had been put into place. The South leaf of bascule had been relowered on to its bearings and the trestles put in under North leaf ready to lift to-day. Good head-way has been made with the casings for the beams.

"No extra men have been employed, but overtime has been worked up to 9 o'clock p.m. where necessary.

"Captain Harvey is satisfied that all possible progress has been made with the work since the last meeting of the Committee.

"The Committee then adjourned to Saturday, 9th September, 1933, unless in the meantime some unforeseen circumstances requires the summoning of a special meeting."

PROPOSED PERMANENT APPOINTMENT

OF RATE COLLECTORS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction the employment as ordinary Rate Collectors of P. Nolan No. 5, M. McCarthy, No. 4, and M. Murphy, No. 12, as these officers have

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been for some time on a probationary basis. "

PROPOSED DISPENSARY RESIDENCE

AT BUNCLODY

The following under date 3rd August, 1933, was received from the Secretary, Co. Board of Health:-

"The Board of Health propose to erect a Dispensary Residence at Bunclody for the Medical Officer, and have selected as a site for this residence, plots of land which were purchased by the abolished Enniscorthy Rural District Council.

"Under the Act of 1925 these plots became vested in the County Council, and we have been advised by the Ministry for Local Government and Public Health that before the Board of Health can proceed further with the project of the Dispensary Residence, it will be necessary for the County Council to transfer their interest in these plots to the Board of Health, in accordance with Section 10 (3) of the Local Government Act 1925.

"I am directed by my Board to request the County Council to make the necessary transfer."

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. D'Arcy and adopted:- "That plots of land at Bunclody purchased by late Enniscorthy Rural District Council and which are now required in connection with the erection of a dispensary residence for local medical officer be and are hereby transferred to the Co. Wexford Board of Health.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That a meeting of Scholarships Committee be held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, at 10.30 a.m. on 26th August, 1933, to consider what amendments (if any) should be included in the Council's Scholarship Schemes."

Under date 12th July, 1933, the Secretary, University College, Dublin, forwarded report of the results of the Summer

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Examination of eight students holding Scholarships from Wexford County Council in Session 1932/33.

This was regarded by the meeting as very satisfactory.

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

"That continuing University Scholarships be awarded the following:-

Michael Tobin, Bohreen Hill, Enniscorthy;

Barbara Lowe, Maudlintown, Wexford;

Elizabeth Hogan, 69 South Street, New Ross;

Mary F. Kelly, 18, North Main Street, Wexford;

John J. Murphy, 4, Main Street, Enniscorthy;

Patrick Doyle, Quay Road, Duncannon;

James Kenny, 14, George Street, Gorey;

William Meyler, Blackhall, Glynn. "

COURTOWN HARBOUR

Under date 27th July, 1933, (No.9764/33) the following was received from Office of Public Works:-

"A report has been received by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance that there are no arrangements in operation at Courtown Harbour for the regular opening of the sluices. If this report is correct the result of lack of such arrangements will be that the Harbour will not be kept clear of silt, and that the Grant allocated for the cleaning of the Harbour will be wasted.

"We shall be glad to receive a report from you in this matter, and to know what arrangements are being made for necessary sluicing."

To this communication the Co. Surveyor submitted the following in reply under date 1st August, 1933:-

"With reference to letter from the Office of Public Works in regard to sluicing at Courtown Harbour I beg to state that at the present time the Contractor for the dredging is bound

"to maintain channel below sluices until his work is complete. There is no occasion, therefore, to provide for the regular opening of the sluices. I am arranging with the Harbour Master that he shall, on completion of the dredging work in the basin, take over the responsibility for having proper and sufficient sluicing carried out."

Mr. Keegan said the Co. Surveyor had stated that Mr. Donovan, Contractor for the clearing of the basin at Courtown, was doing good work, but he had carried out no work there for the last ten days and the local impression was that this contract might finish in October but not of this year. The local people considered that the result of Mr. Donovan's efforts would not make a good job of the place and also that the sluice gates were working as ineffectively as previous to reconstruction. He suggested the following Committee should inspect and report as to the work of clearing the basin, and also the efficiency of the gates:-

Messrs. Gibbon, Cummins, Roche, Walsh and D'Arcy with the Co. Surveyor, to meet at Courtown at 11 a.m. (official time) on the 22nd August, 1933.

Under date 11th August, 1933, the Chairman of the Courtown Harbour Committee and the Harbour Master of Courtown wrote asking the County Council to appoint a deputation to attend a meeting at Courtown on Thursday, 17th August, 1933, at 4 p.m. to meet Earl Fitzwilliam, in conjunction with the members of the Harbour Committee, the Co. Surveyor and Harbour Master, to discuss the feasibility of opening up trade in Courtown. The signatories were of opinion that for a small sum the Harbour Mouth could be deepened to a sufficient depth to admit the type of craft required for Earl Fitzwilliam's trade.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Brennan seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the following County Councillors represent the Council at meeting to be held at

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"Courtown Harbour on 17th August, 1933, to consult with Earl Fitzwilliam as to opening up Courtown Harbour for trade in Slate dust etc., Chairman (Mr. M. Doyle) Messrs. Corish, D'Arcy, Keegan, Hall, O'Byrne, Quin and Smyth with the Co. Surveyor."

ROAD MATTERS

ROAD CONTRACTORS PAYMENTS:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Brennan:-
"That the several payments to Road Contractors in respect of quarter ended 30th June, 1933, as appearing on Form 22 and as certified by Co. Surveyor be and are hereby approved subject to the modifications and other orders entered thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

WATER BOUND MACADAM ROADS:- Mr. Culleton said that portions of the road at Curracloe and Kilmore districts done in water bound macadam were ravelling fast and unless attended to at once the money spent there as a relief grant would be entirely wasted.

In reply to Mr. Culleton the Co. Surveyor said it would cost about £170 per mile to surface dress the water bound macadam portions of roads referred to by Mr. Culleton with chips and bitumen.

Mr. O'Byrne said the same observation applied to portions of roads in Gorey district done in water bound macadam. Unless something was done to hold the material in these roads the money spent would have been wasted.

Mr. Hall said that horses were sinking in tarred roads and in some instances leaving their shoes behind them.

Mr. Culleton proposed:- "That a sum of £120 be withdrawn from the appropriate Contingency Fund to surface dress with chips and bitumen the portion of Wexford Curracloe road which had been repaired under Relief Grant in water bound macadam."

Mr. Culleton pointed out that the water bound work had cost £750 and should not be allowed to go to pieces for the sake of a small expenditure.

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of a small expenditure.

The Chairman asked where was the money to come from and the Co. Surveyor pointed out that the Contingency Funds were never intended for works of this description. There was at present in the Main Road Contingency Fund £504. and in the County Contingency Fund £544. Claims would be dealt with later in the meeting which would take nearly £100 out of County Contingency Fund and £30 from Main Road Contingency Fund, and other claims would be coming in during the Autumn and Winter.

After discussion a poll was taken on Mr. Culleton's motion with the following result:-

For:- Messrs. Armstrong, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Hickey, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Shannon and the Chairman. (14)

Against:- Messrs. Brennan, Clinee, Colfer, Gibbon, O'Ryan and Quin. (6)

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Shannon and adopted:- "That in order to save roads which were done in water bound macadam in various parts of the County under Relief Grants we request the Government to provide by way of grant from Road Fund a sufficient amount to surface dress such roads with chips and bitumen."

HOARDING AT GOREY RAILWAY BRIDGE:- Col. Quin complained that an unsightly hoarding erected by the Railway Company at Gorey Bridge obstructed the view and should be removed or altered. He proposed that the Co. Solicitor call the attention of the Railway Company to this complaint.

Mr. Hall seconded the motion which was passed.

DANGEROUS BRIDGES:- The County Surveyor submitted report from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, stating that the foundations of all three arches in Goff's Bridge were defective, and needed immediate repair. This would be a

suitable time as the water in the river was low. The cost would be about £25.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That as recommended by the Co. Surveyor a sum not exceeding £25 be provided for repair of Goff's Bridge, amount to be withdrawn from County Contingency Fund."

MULLINDERRY BRIDGE:- Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, reported that the foundation of the centre wall of Mullinderry Bridge was very defective and the breakwater was liable to collapse at any moment. The repairs should be put in hands at once. The cost would be about £15.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Brennan and adopted:- "That a sum of £15 be set aside for repairs to Mullinderry Bridge as recommended by the Co. Surveyor, said amount to be withdrawn from County Contingency Fund."

ROAD - FERNS TO BALLYCARNEY:- Report was read from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, that the above road No. 286 was getting greatly increased traffic on account of the closing of the road at Clohamon and was becoming badly cut and it would be necessary to have some extra work done on it. He suggested an expenditure of £30.

Proposed by Mr. Armstrong and seconded by Mr. Hall the following resolution was adopted:- "That as recommended by the County Surveyor a sum of £30 be spent on repair of Road No. 286 (Ferns to Ballycarney)."

PROPOSED BRIDGE OVER CLODY RIVER:- The following Memorial signed by Clergy, Doctors and a very large number of Ratepayers in the Bunclody District was read, its consideration having been adjourned from last meeting:-

"We the Ratepayers of the Counties of Carlow and Wexford in the districts of Barnahask and Newtownbarry desire to bring before the respective County Councils the great need for a

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"Bridge over the Clody River between the townlands of Barnahask and Ballyprecus, as there is only a foot bridge in it at present, consequently all carting must be through the river and many times during the Winter Months, owing to the floods it is impossible to get across, and it means the ratepayers have to travel $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of lane to the road leading to Kilbranish, while it is only 200 yards from the River to the Quarry Road. The Clergy and Doctors find it very inconvenient as Motors have to be left and journey made on foot, no matter how urgent the case, or inclement the weather. The farmers are at a great disadvantage as they can only bring over such small loads in their carts.

If the County Councils will take up the matter and bring pressure on the Land Commission, the work we believe would be speedily accomplished, as it is a very necessary expenditure."

Mr. Armstrong said the Bridge was badly required. The Landlord had put up a sort of foot bridge about thirty years ago, but this was now rotten and dangerous. The Land Commission had taken the place of the landlord and he (Mr. Armstrong) considered it was the business of the Commission to facilitate the tenants. He proposed that representations be made by the County Councils of Wexford and Carlow to the Land Commission to provide a suitable bridge over the Clody river between the townlands of Barnahask and Ballyprecus. Mr. Hall seconded.

The Co. Surveyor stated if the work was to be done out of County Funds, the expenditure should be provided in equal moieties by the two Counties concerned.

In reply to Mr. Corish, the Co. Surveyor stated that the proposed bridge would cost about £400.

The resolution was adopted and it was further agreed that the Co. Surveyor and Mr. Armstrong should go into the matter and prepare all possible data for submission to the

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Land Commission and also that copy of resolution be furnished Carlow County Council.

ROAD No.13:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That in view of report of Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, a sum of £30 be withdrawn from appropriate Contingency Fund for repair of retaining wall opposite Breen's factory at Enniscorthy Urban Boundary, the river having cut away foundation in several places and underpinning must be carried out during present low water."

ROADS ETC. AT HORESWOOD:- The following received from Horeswood Branch of Irish Labour Party had been adjourned from last meeting of the County Council:-

"That we the members of the Horeswood Branch of the I.L.P. beg to call the attention of the County Council to memorial which was sent from this Branch in November, 1932, with regard to road from Portobello to Horeswood Church with two dangerous corners and also road from turn at Ballyvelig to Grange Cross. And also corner at Railway station where two serious accidents occurred during the past two weeks.

"We also beg to call the attention of the County Council to the appalling distress in the Shelburne district, as employers, through no fault of their own, have to dispense with their employees or otherwise lower their wages to starvation standard.

"We also beg to remind the Council of the promise of Mr. Barry, Co. Surveyor, to tar-spray the village of Campile."

Mr. Colfer said that some of the road had been repaired but nothing more could be done with it until the Council received a Government Grant.

The Co. Surveyor said that the two bad corners should be done when money was available.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution:- "That the two dangerous corners referred to in resolution from Horeswood Branch of Irish Labour Party be

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"removed at a cost not exceeding £40, amount to be withdrawn from the County Contingency Fund. " Passed.

The Co. Surveyor said there were hundreds of worse corners in the County.

Mr. Colfer - We want fair play for New Ross District which is not getting its just share of road expenditure.

MOUNT MISERY LANE:- An extensively signed Memorial was received from local ratepayers calling attention to the necessity of repairing Mount Misery Lane (Clongeen District) which led to their land. They were not able to make it passable without some assistance.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That Mount Misery Lane be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Grant."

LARKIN'S LANE:- A number of ratepayers furnished requisition for repair of Larkin's Lane, near Rathimney. It was seventy perches long and connected main road from New Ross to Fethard with road to Gusserane. It led to the Church and School and was at present in a shocking condition and was flooded all Winter.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Brennan seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That Larkin's Lane, Rathimney be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Scheme."

The Co. Surveyor said he expected that some money would be provided shortly under Minor Relief Schemes Vote and so far as he had been able to ascertain the Co. Council had agreed to applications, the repair in connection with which would cost about ten times more than the amount of the anticipated grant.

It was decided that the Co. Surveyor should re-submit all applications for repair under this grant with a view that the Council make a selection to cover the amount of grant.

FLOODING AT BROWNSTOWN:- Mr. Hayes in bringing this matter forward said that the road was flooded owing to the adjacent stream being choked with weeds. The land-owner would not clear away the weeds

and he considered the Council should carry out the work in order to save the road.

Mr. Elgee said the Co. Council had no power to interfere with a natural stream and could not compel the land-owner to clean it so that beyond raising the road nothing could be done.

DANGEROUS CORNER:- Mr. Hayes brought forward the necessity of the Council to take steps to have removed dangerous corner on road leading to Bridgetown.

After discussion it was decided that a consultation in the matter should take place between Mr. Hayes, the Co. Surveyor and Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district.

SLADE QUAY:- Under date 20th July, 1933, Mr. Ml. J. Fortune, Slade, wrote that he understood the Council were about getting Slade Quay pointed, which he considered a waste of money. The platform should be taken up and filled with concrete.

The Co. Surveyor said that they were only replacing a few loose stones.

THE COUNTY BUILDINGS

Mr. Cummins said there was a matter which had been on his mind for a long time and which he wanted to bring forward now. They had a lot of valuable property in the County Buildings, a fair amount of land and the finest slates and stone that could be found. They were looking at the Board of Health for slates to cover their cottages and found great difficulty in procuring them. It was a great pity no advantage was taken of the site at the County Buildings here to build houses or of the building materials which were fast deteriorating. He had been informed that the Co. Council had no legal power to erect houses but the Urban Council had and he proposed that they should endeavour to arrange with Urban District of Wexford to dispose of site materials for the erection of new houses.

It was decided after discussion that a conference should take place between the County and Urban Surveyors to ascertain if any

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feasible proposal could be presented to the Councils concerned.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That renewals of licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, issue to the following provided that no objection to same be received from Garda Siochana Authorities:-

J. Crangle (J. Bolger & Co.) Ferns;

F. Daly, (Co-operative Agricultural Society) Enniscorthy;

John Roche, Camolin; Edward Redmond, The Harrow, Ferns, and

Michael Lacey, Monamolin."

MAINTENANCE OF APPROACHES TO

RAILWAY BRIDGES

Letter under date 11th August, 1933, was received from General Council of Co. Councils that the Committee which for sometime past had been negotiating with the Great Southern Railways relative to the basis of agreements between County Councils and the Company for the maintenance of overline bridge road approaches had reported and recommended that in the case of Wexford County the Company were prepared to agree to a period of five years of a payment calculated at .46d. per square yard, which the General Council recommended should be accepted by the County Council.

The Co. Surveyor said that Wexford County was one of the few which had existing agreements with the Railway Company for maintenance of overline bridges. The General Council wanted now to arrange agreements for Counties which had no previous arrangement with the Company. The existing agreement for Co. Wexford provided for a recoupment of .76d. per square yard while the General Council's offer was only .46d. per square yard.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Brennan seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That we adhere to our

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"existing agreement with the Great Southern Railways for maintenance of overline road bridges under which the Railways contribute .76d. per square yard towards cost of maintenance of same."

LOAN COMMITMENTS

The following resolution from General Council of County Councils was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That this Council is definitely of opinion that the present state of the money market and the economic condition of the Country do not warrant County Councils further mortgaging the local rates for Government loans at the present high rate of interest viz., 5½% and that the time has arrived when all existing County loan commitments should be funded on a long term basis and that we request the Minister for Finance to take steps to provide money for this purpose at low interest rates."

ARREARS LAND ANNUITIES

The following resolutions from General Council of County Councils were adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan:-

(1) "That this Council claims that the Government should make good to the County Councils the amount of arrears of Land Annuities which the Government now proposes to wipe out, but which have been already deducted from grants to the County Councils."

(2) "That we request the Government to include in the Land Bill now before the Oireachtas provision that the proceeds of the funding of arrears of Annuities which have been already deducted from grants to County Councils be repaid to County Councils annually as the same are received through the Funding Annuities created under the Land Bill, 1933."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACT - COST OF

The following resolution from General Council of County Councils was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton;—

"That inasmuch as difficulties in making title in compliance with the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act and the altogether disproportionate cost and expense of so doing have for all practical purposes rendered the operation of this Act in small cases impossible we request the Minister for Local Government in view of the urgency of this matter to introduce legislation simplifying the procedure and reducing the cost and we suggest that a charging declaration similar to that in use in case of Board of Works loans and creating a first charge on the lands by its registration would be sufficient and further that the requirement of separate registration of the plot on which the house stands is unnecessary and should be removed as also the requirement of redemption of land commission annuities; this altered procedure to affect only the case of loans for houses of a maximum value of £400; the Councils being desirous of helping labourers and small Holders to avail of these facilities."

UNITED FARMERS' PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

Consideration of a series of resolutions which were adopted at meeting of above Association held on 29th June, 1933, was again adjourned.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CAPITATION GRANTS

No order was made On a resolution from Longford County Council asking for views of Wexford County Council on a recommendation of Finance Committee of Longford County Council recommending a reduction of 1/- per week per child for maintenance in Industrial Schools.

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UNEMPLOYMENT IN RURAL AREAS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Hayes:-

"That we wish to specially draw the attention of the Government to the necessity of giving immediate consideration to unemployment in Rural, as distinct from Urban areas. Through no fault of their own, Rural employers are unable to meet the customary burden of wages and therefore they are reluctantly obliged to dispense with employees in many cases and to lower the rates of wages in others. We see ample evidence of the effect of the lowered purchasing power of the rural community and its unfortunate effects on Trade and business generally. We put forward this motion because we feel sufficient emphasis has not been laid on rural unemployment and that the situation is such as to warrant the setting up of a special Committee of Inquiry to find ways and means of tiding over the rural depression and thus stem the tide of emigration from rural areas to Towns and Villages. The resources of this Board are not equal to the financial strain and we cannot see how we can go to the Ratepayers for further funds. We appeal for immediate action and offer our whole-hearted co-operation."

The above resolution was received from Kildare County Council.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY

The following resolution from Limerick County Council was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Brennan:-

"That we, the members of the Finance Committee of the Limerick Co. Council, call on the Executive Council to outlaw the Communistic Party in the Saorstat as being detrimental to the spiritual and material welfare of the people and a menace to ordered Government."

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING HELD 11th SEPTEMBER, 1933

M I N U T E S

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary, Wexford County Council.

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 11th September, 1933.

Present:- Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Clince, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, James Gaul, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Hickey, Michael Jordan, William P. Keegan, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, James Shannon, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, County Solicitor, Rates Inspector and the six Assistant Surveyors were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Brennan the chair was taken by Col. Gibbon.

After confirmation of Minutes Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman of the Council, attended and presided for the rest of the business.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £11,838. 8. 4d. were examined and signed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 17th August, 1933, were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 17th August, 1933.

Present:- Messrs. John Culleton, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

The Secretary, Co. Solicitor and Rates Inspector were also in attendance.

The Co. Surveyor was absent owing to attendance with deputation at Courtown Harbour to interview Earl Fitzwilliam re trade of port.

On the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5312.7.8d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF:- The state of Rate Collection to date was submitted as follows, the percentage of Warrant collected being set out in each case:-

		<u>Percentage of Warrant collected</u>
1.	P. Nolan	10.0
2.	W. Cummins	9.2
3.	J. Cummins	8.1
4.	E.J. Murphy	8.0
5.	M. McCarthy	7.7
6.	J. Quirke	6.9
7.	S. Gannon (6)	6.3
8.	J. Curtis	5.4
9.	J.J. O'Reilly	5.2
10.	A. Dunne	4.5
11.	P. Doyle	4.4
12.	P. Carty	4.2
13.	W. Doyle	3.5
14.	M. Murphy	3.4
15.	J.J. Sinnott	2.1
16.	J. Deegan	2.1
17.	S. Gannon (10)	1.0
18.	J. Flood	Nil
19.	D. Kenny	Nil
20.	M. Kehoe.	Nil

The following resolution was adopted:- "That our Secretary communicate with Rate Collectors who have less than 5% of

"Warrant collected and inform them that they must display more energy in carrying out their duties, otherwise it will not be possible for the Council to carry on. At the moment the Council are paying Interest on a large overdraft, which, with some exertion on the part of Rate Collectors could be substantially reduced. Special consideration will be given at next meeting of the Committee to the cases of Rate Collectors who are not giving active attention in their work."

MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE AND POOR RATES:- Under date 10th August, 1933, Dr. Lyons, Resident Medical Superintendent, District Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, forwarded Demand Notes in respect of Rates on holdings recently purchased from Miss Forrestal by the Committee of Management. The Committee held as these holdings were now the property of the County Council they should be exempt from Rates.

It was decided to recommend the County Council to strike out the rates in question as non-recoverable and that the Resident Medical Superintendent be requested to make application for the revision of the valuation of the holdings in question, so as to have them placed on exempted list in future.

PART PAYMENT OF RATES:- Under date 15th August, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.83947/33, Loch Garman):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo in regard to the continuance for 1933/34 of the arrangement for the acceptance of part payment of Poor Rate in certain cases. I am to state that it is observed from the Schedule appended to your letter that the amounts collected in most districts are trivial. The Minister, however, agrees to the continuance of the arrangement for the current financial year."

RATE COLLECTORS FIDELITY GUARANTEE BONDS:- The following resolution was adopted:- "That Rate Collectors Denis Kenny, Maurice Kehoe and John Flood recently appointed, be directed to furnish Cover Note for Fidelity Guarantee Policy or the Policy within a week from 17th August, 1933."

CRIMINAL INJURY APPLICATION

Instructions were given to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, to defend the application of John Dunne, Ballybrennan, Bree, for £8 for alleged malicious burning of rick of hay and £2 for the alleged malicious destruction of a common cart.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That advances for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be made to the following, in accordance with Certificate from the County Solicitor:-

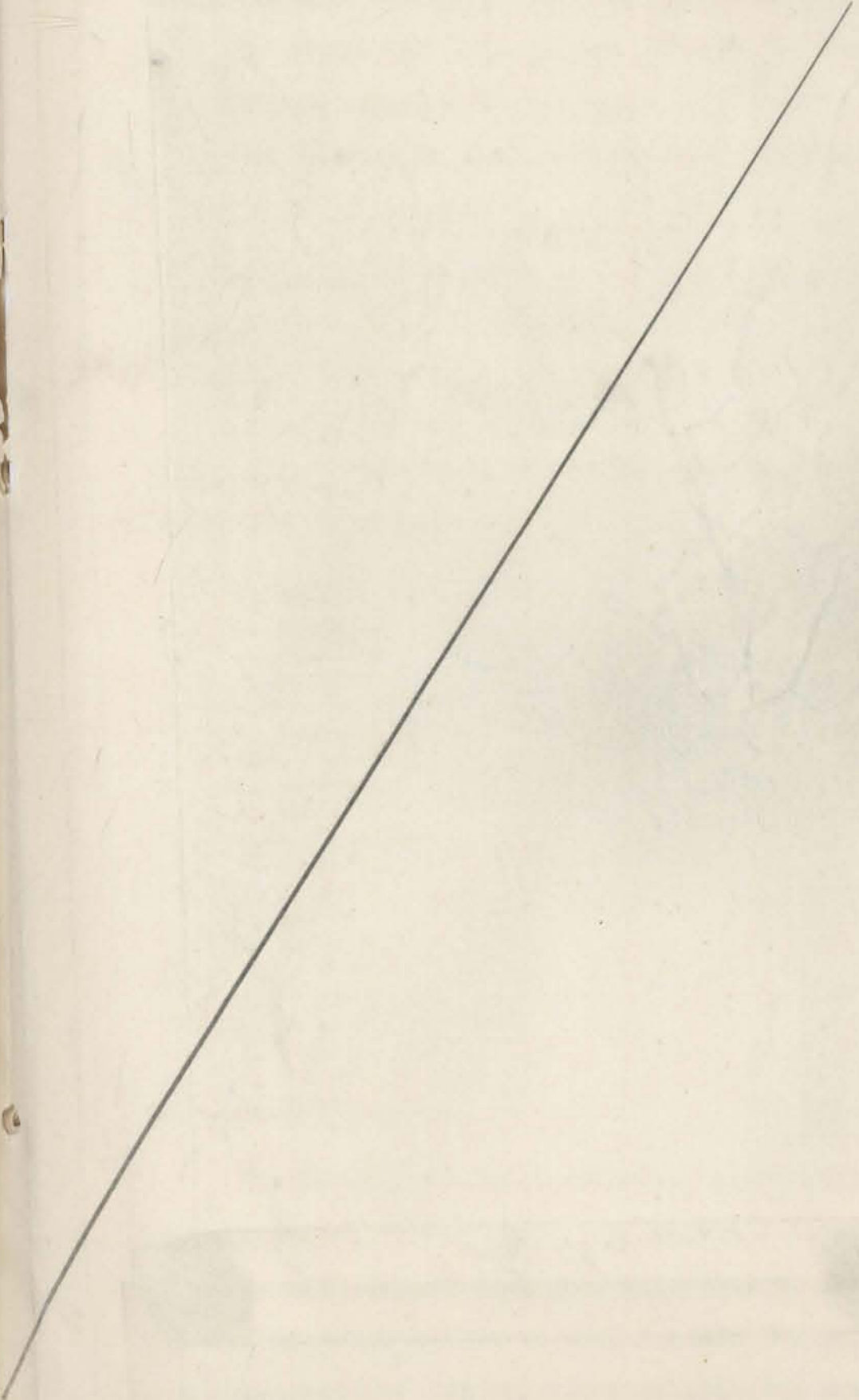
William O'Leary, Summer Hill, Enniscorthy.	£97.10
Martin Breen, Gurrawn, Blackwater.	£37.10
John Lawlor, Ballyhyland, Caim.	£75.
Daniel Tomkins, Esmonde Street, Gorey.	£86. 5
Michael Ryan, Clonattin, Gorey.	£75.
William Willoughby, Barnadown, Gorey.	£97.10.

This amount represents three-fourths of the actual amount of work done as per Certificate of Assistant Surveyors."

Under date 15th August, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health, (Housing Section), wrote that the Minister's sanction to an advance of £105 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mr. Myles Byrne, Coolishal, Gorey, had been cancelled, and in lieu thereof the Minister sanctioned an advance of £140.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 17th August, 1933, be and are hereby confirmed.

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 31st August, 1933, were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 31st August, 1933.

Present:- Messrs. John Cummins, James Hall, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor and Rates Inspector were also in attendance.

The chair was taken by Mr. Cummins on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Hall.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5077.12.2d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF:- The state of the Rate Collection to date was submitted as follows:-

		<u>Percentage of Current Rates Collected.</u>
1.	P. Nolan	15.3
2.	W. Cummins	13.5
3.	J. Cummins	13.4
4.	J. Quirke	12.5
5.	P. Carty	12.4
6.	M. McCarthy	11.5
7.	E.J. Murphy	11.2
8.	J. Curtis	10.6
9.	A. Dunne	10.5
10.	J.J. O'Reilly	10.0
11.	S. Gannon (6)	9.5
12.	P. Doyle	8.6
13.	W. Doyle	7.5
14.	M. Murphy	6.3
15.	J.J. Sinnott	5.1
16.	S. Gannon (10)	4.6
17.	J. Deegan	3.8
18.	J. Flood	1.8
19.	D. Kenny	1.5
20.	M. Kehoe	1.2
		<u>9.0</u>

The Return, compared with the amount collected at corresponding period last year, showed a drop of 2%.

It was decided that the Collectors be informed that they should spare no effort to push forward the collection in view of the necessity for (1) reducing existing overdraft,

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(2) financing the various public bodies, (3) ensuring that the fullest possible employment on roads and works will be given by the Council.

SEIZURES FOR RATES:- The following report was submitted by the County Solicitor:-

"With reference to the Levying of Decrees for Rates which are at present in the Hands of the County Registrar, I have seen Mr. Dwyer, County Registrar, and discussed the matter with him, and the position appears to be as follows:-

"The County Registrar has, on one occasion at least, seized Cattle under a Decree for Poor Rates, and after giving the necessary Notices, he put same up for sale, but no one attended the Auction, and the stock seized had to be returned to the person from whom they were taken.

"The Poor Rate Collector would be responsible for the expenses of this abortive sale.

"The only other alternative which is open to the County Registrar is, to send the stock to Dublin, for sale in the Cattle Market there, but the County Registrar will not accept any responsibility for the expenses of so doing, but would require that either the Rate Collector or the County Council should pay him the expenses before the cattle were put on Rail or else that a formal indemnity should be given to him, preferably by the Council, that his expenses of sending the cattle to Dublin, and their keep there, for the necessary forty-eight hours should be paid to him in the event of an abortive sale. If the cattle were not sold in Dublin, they would have to be brought back here, which would entail additional expense; he would have to be indemnified against this also.

"I pointed out to the County Registrar that the Council were not in a position to give any indemnity to him in the matter but that he should look to the Rate Collector.

"A further difficulty arises as to giving the party whose cattle have been seized, due notice of the time, and place, at which they will be offered for sale, on the Dublin market, but when the Registrar knows what proposition, if any, which the Council have to make on the subject, he will then take the matter up with his Department."

The Committee are of opinion that the report of Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, raises a most important point as regards Collection of Rates.

After discussion it was decided that copy of report of Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, be furnished Department of Local Government and Public Health and Department of Justice, and they be requested to state if they can offer suggestions in this matter which would be helpful to the Council.

SANCTION TO APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTORS:- The following under date 28th August, 1933, (G.92771/33 Loch Garman Fa) was read from Department 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 21st instant and to state that he sanctions the appointments of Collectors Nolan, McCarthy and Murphy at present on probation, as permanent Collectors on a non-pensionable basis."

NEW COLLECTORS:- The Secretary reported that Cover Notes in respect of their Fidelity Guarantee Bonds had been received from Rate Collectors Dennis Kenny and John Flood, and who had received their books.

Collector Maurice Kehoe furnished letter from Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. that cover note would issue as soon as the Insurance Company had completed their enquiries. The Public Bodies Insurances Ltd. hoped to be able to forward this Note in the course of the next few days.

GOREY POUND

The following under date 22nd August, 1933, was received from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors, Gorey:-

"Mr. John Valentine has been with us to-day, and has pointed out to us that it appears in the "Echo" Newspaper that the Finance Committee of your County Council recommended an expenditure of £8 for the repairs of the wall of the Gorey Pound.

"This Pound is the property of Mr. Valentine, and we would be glad to know under what terms the County Council proposes building this wall."

The following resolution was adopted:- "That Messrs. Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors, be requested to furnish Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, with Mr. Valentine's Title to Gorey Pound."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, reported that the Title of John Ryan (Loan £70) in premises situated at Aughnaclappa and that of James Murphy (Loan £130) for premises at Greenville, Enniscorthy, and on which they proposed erecting dwellings under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts were in order.

It was decided to recommend the granting of Loans amounting to £70 and £130 respectively to Messrs. John Ryan and James Murphy.

Under date 23rd August, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.82230/1933 Loch Garman) that the Minister was not prepared to approve of the proposal relative to the payment of extra remuneration to the Assistant Secretary in respect of work under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That in view of the fact that the Assistant Secretary has been obliged to carry out considerable extra work in connection with the Small Dwellings

"Acquisition Acts we request the Minister to reconsider his decision refusing to sanction the Small amount of remuneration proposed by the Council."

Under date 23rd August, 1933, Daniel Bolger, 6, Shannon, Enniscorthy, wrote asking that amount of loan in his case should be increased from £130 to £180 as was agreed to in regard to houses of similar design.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That we recommend the County Council to increase amount of loan in the case of Daniel Bolger, 6, The Shannon, Enniscorthy, from £130 to £180 the latter figure being 90% of the value of house."

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

The following under date 15th August, 1933, (L.2412-33) was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"I have to refer to your letter of the 17th July informing the Department that your Council had decided not to institute proceedings under the above-mentioned Acts against Mr. Gregory J. Lancaster, Newtownbarry, in respect of a sample of butter which was purchased on the 9th June by an Officer of the Department and which was found to contain 17.25 per cent of water.

"The Minister for Agriculture cannot accept the view that the amount by which the water content of the sample exceeded the maximum amount - 16 per cent - allowable under the Sale of Butter (Ireland) Regulations, 1902, was not sufficient to warrant the institution of proceedings.

"I have to invite attention to the Department's letter (L.1179/29) of the 17th May, 1929, and your reply of the 12th June, 1929, relative to a sample of butter taken in the half year ended 31st March, 1929, and to express the hope that in future cases of the kind proceedings will be instituted by your Local Authority."

The following resolution was adopted:- "That in connection with alleged breaches of the provisions of the Food and Drugs Acts we recommend that prosecutions be taken in future in all cases in

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"respect of which the Co. Analyst certifies that the article submitted is not genuine."

MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES

The following under date 26th August, 1933, was read from Office of Public Works:-

"We have received a letter from Mr. Barry, the Co. Surveyor of Wexford, stating that he cannot see his way to approve of or reject any of the works submitted to him by the County Council as suitable for Minor Relief Schemes; that the cost of such works would be far in excess of the figure mentioned in our letter to him of the 27th ultimo; and that he is therefore unable to suggest a programme of works to fit in with the amount stated.

"It has not yet been definitely determined how much money will be available for County Wexford, but we consider, having regard to the limited sum available for the whole country, that suggestions to the amount set out in our letter of the 27th ultimo (copy enclosed) will suffice. We should be greatly obliged, therefore, if you would indicate to the Co. Surveyor the more important proposals for Minor Relief Schemes so that he can forward to us the information we require."

Under date 23rd August, 1933, the following is the letter from the Co. Surveyor referred to in communication from Office of Public Works:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of 19th instant, and in reply beg to state that I delayed forwarding you reply to your letter of 27th ultimo as under existing conditions here it was absolutely impossible to make selection of suitable works. The Co. Council during the past few months passed resolutions approving of various improvement works as suitable for being carried out under Minor Relief Schemes. The amount of money necessary to deal with all these would be fully ten times the sum indicated in your letter of 27th ult., and I could not see my way to approve of, or reject any of them. At meeting of the Co. Council on 14th instant I informed the Council that there would shortly be

"an allocation under Minor Relief Schemes, but that the amount available would fall far short of the ^emoney required for works already approved of by the Council. Accordingly the Co. Council directed me to re-submit all the applications for repair under this Minor Relief Grant with a view to the Council making selection to cover the amount of the Grant. The next Co. Council meeting will take place on 11th prox., and in the meantime I shall be obliged if you can give the Secretary of County Council an indication of the amount of money to be allocated to this County for such works. With this information the Council will be in a position to suggest suitable works; having in view the cost of same, and the necessity for relief in the Area, as well as the advantage of having such works carried out."

The meeting considered it would not be possible to select works which would meet with the general approval of the Co. Council and directed accordingly to refer the matter to next meeting of the County Council. They recommend, However, that so far as feasible £1,050 be spent in each of the four districts of the County and that as regards repairs of lanes preference should be given to those which connect through-roads.

It was arranged that next meeting of the Committee be held at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 13th September.

PAYMENTS SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon the following payments were agreed to:-

John & Annie Redmond,	House at Templeshannon,	£90
John Breen,	House at do	£60
James Nolan,	House at do	£128.5s.
John T. Sutton,	House at Newtown, Wexford.	£93. 15s.
John Power,	House at Latimerstown.	£75
Michael Codde,	House at Ballyscarton,	
	Gorey.	£37. 10s
John Morrissey,	House at Killalaghan,	£75.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Armstrong seconded by Mr. Brennan:-

"That the Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on 31st August, 1933, and as submitted to this meeting be received and considered".

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF:- The Secretary reported that the amount collected to date was £12,300 and at corresponding period last year £13,863. The three new Collectors had only taken up their Warrants very recently.

SEIZURES FOR RATES:- Col. Gibbon said this particular matter was causing a good deal of trouble. They had seen what happened in Co. Waterford and he thought it would be better to adjourn consideration until they saw what happened the Waterford Farmers who had been arrested. He then proposed: "That consideration of report of Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, as to seizures for rates be adjourned to next meeting of the Council."

Mr. D'Arcy seconded.

Mr. Cummins proposed:- "That report of Mr. Elgee, be, as recommended by the Finance Committee, forwarded to Department of Local Government and Public Health and Department of Justice and that they be asked to submit to this Council, in connection with this report, any suggestions which they may consider helpful."

Col. Quin seconded.

Mr. Hall asked if there was no responsibility on the County Registrar as regards seizures beyond putting the stock in the Pound.

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, replied in the negative and said that once the Co. Registrar had had the cattle impounded and auction advertised he was clear of responsibility as regards expenditure.

Col. Gibbon said one reason why he suggested the matter should be adjourned was because from the report of the

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Rate Collection they were very much better off than in many other Counties. When this was the case to go and raise real trouble at the moment would be injudicious.

Mr. Cummins said his proposal would not cause any trouble it was only seeking information.

A poll was taken on Mr. Cummins' motion with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Keegan, O'Byrne, O'Ryan and Quin. (9)

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Hickey, Meyler, McCarthy, Smyth and the Chairman. (10)

Mr. Gaul did not vote and Messrs. Cooney, Hayes, Jordan, Shannon and Walsh, (5) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

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

NEW COLLECTORS:- The Secretary reported that Cover Note had been received from Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. on 9th September, 1933, for Mr. Maurice Kehoe, Rate Collector, to whom collecting Books had been issued on that date.

GOREY POUND: In reply to the Chairman Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, stated he had not been furnished with Mr. Valentine's Title. When he received this he would report to the Council in the matter.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS: Under date 29th August, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.92773/1933 - Loch Garman) approving of loan of £180 to John Fortune, Castle Street, Gorey.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That in view of report of Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, that title of John and Mary Ellen Fortune to premises on west side of Wexford Street, Gorey and on Railway Road, Gorey, is in order, we approve of loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts of £180 in this case.

"That as recommended by Finance Committee meeting of 17th August, 1933, payments on account of loans in respect of which Mortgage Deeds have been completed by applicants amounting to £468.15s. be approved as follows:-

William O'Leary, Summer Hill, Enniscorthy.	£97.10s.
Martin Breen, Currawn, Blackwater.	£37.10s.
John Lawlor, Ballyhyland, Caim.	£75.
Daniel Tomkins, Esmonde Street, Gorey.	£86.5s.
Michael Ryan, Clonattin, Gorey.	£75.
William Willoughby, Barnadown, Gorey.	£97.10s.

"That the following payments in which Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, reported that Mortgages to County Council has been signed be also sanctioned as recommended by Finance Committee on 31st August, 1933:-

John & Annie Redmond, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy.	£90
John Breen, do do	£60
James Nolan, do do	£128.5s.
John T. Sutton, Newtown, Wexford.	£93.15s.
John Power, Latimerstown, Wexford.	£75
John Morrissey, Killalaghan.	£75
Michael Codde, Ballyscarton, Gorey.	£37.10s.
Total.....	£ 559.10s.

"That as recommended by Finance Committee loans be approved to John Ryan, Aughnaclappa, Caim, £70, and James Murphy, Greenville, Gorey, £130.

"That as recommended by Finance Committee loans be increased as follows:- Myles Byrne, Coolishal, Gorey, from £105 to £140, and Daniel Bolger, 6, The Shannon, Enniscorthy, from £130 to £180."

With regard to refusal of Department to agree to remuneration to Assistant Secretary under these Acts of 7/6d per £100, Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Armstrong seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem. con.: - "That in view of the increased work thrown on Assistant Secretary in connection

"with administration of Small Dwellings Acts we request the Minister to reconsider his decision and sanction payment to Assistant Secretary of the small amount of remuneration proposed."

MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES:- In addition to the correspondence submitted from Finance Committee the following letter under date 4th September, 1933, to the County Surveyor from Office of Public Works was read:-

"With reference to our conversation on the telephone this morning I now send you as promised a list of certain Electoral Divisions in County Wexford together with particulars of the population and the valuation per head in each.

"Judging by the valuation per head these Electoral Divisions appear to be the poorest in the County. While the valuation per head is not altogether a reliable basis, at the same time it gives a fairly good idea as to where we are most likely to find poverty and distress amongst the smaller farmers. In addition to these, however, you are probably aware of other districts where there is considerable unemployment amongst agricultural labourers and I shall be glad if you will bear such districts in mind when you are preparing the list which you have so kindly promised to furnish to us."

List setting out District Electoral Divisions where
Valuation per head of Rural Population is less than
£4.

P.L. Union or C.D.	District El. Division	Population	Valuation Per Head.
<u>Enniscorthy</u>	Ballindaggin	746	£2. 17. 0d
	Bolaboy	681	£3. 16. 0d
	Enniscorthy Rl.	2559	£3. 18. 0d
		(Tn 210)	
	Ferns	871	£3. 2. 0d.
		(Tn 502)	
	Killanne	1112	£3. 11. 0d.
<u>Gorey</u>	Kiltealy	556	£2. 15. 0d.
	Newtownbarry	1761	£2. 12. 0d.
		(Tn 856)	
	St. Mary's	562	£2. 18. 0d.
	Kilcomb	814	£3. 14. 0d.
		(Tn 281)	

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Poor Law Union or C.D.	District El. Division	Population	Valuation Per Head.
<u>New Ross</u>	Ballyhack	1118 (Tn. 496)	£3. 14. Od.
	Barrack Village	154	£3. 12. Od.
	Fethard	807 (Tn. 145)	£3. 10. Od.
	Kilgarvan	377	£3. 5. Od.
	Killesk	783	£3. 18. Od.
	Rathroe	842	£3. 18. Od.
<u>Wexford</u>	Ardcolm	614	£3. 16. Od.
	Bridgetown	628 (Tn. 52)	£3. 17. Od.
	Killurin	536	£3. 16. Od.
	Kilmore	1442 (Tn. 277)	£3. 17. Od.
	Newcastle	263	£3. 13. Od.
	St. Helens	1141 (Tn. 247)	£3. 13. Od.
	Rosslare	804 (Tn. 166)	£3. 16. Od.
	Whitechurch	470	£2. 13. Od.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That the amount to be received under Minor Relief Schemes Vote be equally divided for Works in the four Rural Districts of the County and that the County Councillors for each area make a selection of the various works bearing especially in mind the incidence of unemployment in each."

After consideration by the four groups of the different works already approved by the County Council the following works were selected:-

<u>Enniscorthy District:-</u>	Marshalstown Lane.....	£125
	Bunclody Ballypreas Lane.....	£350
	Rathduff No. 1.....	£150
	Garrynisk Lane.....	£200
	Ballinadrishogue.....	£175
	Ballinroosun Lane.....	£50
	Total.....	£1050

<u>Wexford District:-</u>	Ballyduskar Lane.....	£100
	The Green Road.....	£ 40
	The "Boker" Lane.....	£ 80
	Dranagh at Ballygrangins.....	£150
	Road at Neamstown.....	£ 50
	Tracystown Lane.....	£ 30
	Total	£450

Gorey District:-

Millquarter Lane.....	£160
Riverchapel River.....	£ 60
Moneygarrow Lane.....	£180
Clologachapel Lane.....	£ 50
Dundrum Lane.....	£350
Aughnamaulmeen Lane.....	<u>£250</u>
Total.....	£1050

New Ross District:-

Crea son Lane.....	£100
Clean River at Aughboy.....	£100
Repair and widen Connolly's lane	£200
Repair Larkin's Lane.....	£ 70
Repair Garrycullen Lane.....	£200
Repair Yoletown Lane.....	£100
Repair Gortins Lane.....	£100
Repair road at Ballyhack.....	<u>£130</u>
Total	£1000

(The remaining £50 to be spent
on work recommended by the Surveyor).

It was decided that Wexford Councillors should meet at County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 2nd October, 1933, at 4 p.m. to allocate the balance of allocation, viz. £600.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee held on 31st August, 1933, be and are hereby confirmed unless in instances in which recommendations of Committee have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

RATE COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE

The following motion of which he had given previous notice stood in the name of Mr. Gaul:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction full poundage to all Rate Collectors in respect of last year's Warrant."

Mr. Gaul in moving his motion said it was very unfair to the Collectors to "cut" their poundage when they had such a difficult task in collecting rates last year.

Mr. Hall seconded.

In reply to query the Secretary stated that the deductions were as follows:-

J. Quirke...£7. 5. 11d	Wm. Doyle...£2. 19 2d.
P. Doyle....£5.18. 3d	M. McCarthy...£3. 16 6d.
P. Nolan....£6. 5. 6d.	S. Gannon ..£3. 17 5d. (No.6)
J. Deegan...£9. 7. 2d.	S. Gannon ..£3. 10 2d. (No.10)
M. Murphy...£2.11. 11d.	A. Dunne....£5. 5 3d.
P. Carty....£3.16. 5d.	
Total....£54.13.8d.	

On a show of hands nineteen voted in favour of the motion and the chairman declared it carried.

Col. Quin asked to be taken as dissenting.

MESSRS. HAYES & RADFORD
COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICIALS

The following motion of which she had given previous notice was moved by Miss O'Ryan:- "That, in the event of the Government declining to provide the remuneration outstanding in the cases of Stephen Hayes and Denis Radford, Officers of the Co. Council in connection with their absence from duty in 1922 and 1923 the County Council agree to pay same as they have already recognised that the amounts in question are lawfully due."

Under date 29th August, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.92772/33 Loch Garman)(Se) that there were no funds at the disposal of the Government available for providing compensation to Messrs. Hayes and Radford, and the Minister trusted that the Council will dispose of the matter with the least possible delay.

Miss O'Ryan in moving her motion said the Co. Council admitted the right of the two officials when they asked that they should be paid. When the Rate for financial year in question was being struck the full amount of the salaries of all officers had been brought to account. There was such a lot of talk now of unity and the necessity for burying the past that it would be a graceful act on the part of the Council to pay these officials.

Mr. Cummins seconded.

Col. Quin opposed and denied that the Council ever admitted it was lawful to pay. They told the Government which recommended it that they could pay it themselves. The officials must have done something wrong or they would not have been interned by the Government. People say it was all politics and lots of people say robbing banks, smashing up houses, blowing up bridges was politics, but it was not. It was absolute nonsense to say these men were interned without some good reason.

Mr. Keegan said the motion would not have his support if the men had been convicted of any offence. But they were thrown into Jail and no charge was ever made against them.

Mr. Hickey said the real question to be decided was, did the two men earn the money and, if not were they going to make the ratepayers pay men for not working. They were told they were to get full derating of land but the rates were going up and up. To propose to pay men for doing nothing was a curious form of derating. This was a most scandalous and dishonest motion and the mover should be ashamed of it.

Miss O'Ryan said as she knew the source of these remarks she would treat them with the contempt they deserved.

Mr. Shannon proposed the following:- "That the question of paying Messrs. Hayes and Radford for portion of the period during which they were interned in 1922-23 be handed over as a liability to the new County Council."

Mr. Hall seconded.

Mr. Cummins said that what the two men had done was as soldiers of the Irish Republic and he believed the new Council would be prepared to pay.

Col. Gibbon said he had received reports that both men were excellent servants of the Co. Council but as they were not working for the Council during the period under review the Government should pay them.

A poll was taken on Mr. Shannon's amendment with the following result:-

Hall

FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Hickey, Meyler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Smyth and the Chairman (10)

AGAINST: Messrs. Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Gibbon, Hayes, Jordan, Keegan, O'Ryan and Quin. (12)

Mr. Walsh (1) did not vote and Messrs. Cooney and Shannon (2) were not present when poll was taken.

A vote was then taken on Miss O'Ryan's original motion and which resulted as follows:-

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, O'Ryan. (11)

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Hickey, Jordan, Meyler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Shannon, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman. (14)

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The following under date 4th September, 1933, (Cir.No.32/33) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 2 of the Local Elections and Meetings (Postponement) Act, 1931, he has, by order dated 30th August, 1933, appointed the 14th day of November, 1933, for the holding of elections of members of local authorities. The order does not apply to the Councils of County Boroughs. Copies of the order will issue in due course.

"Every election which is held on the 14th November by virtue of the order is to be deemed to be a triennial election of the local authority thereby elected.

"The election will be held in accordance with the Local Elections Order, 1928, and the amending Order of 1929. The persons entitled to vote at the election will be those persons whose names appear in the 1933/34 register of electors which came into force in June, 1933, as local Government electors.

"The principal dates affecting county council elections are:-

Notice of Election	Not later than 24th October, 1933
Receipt of Nomination Papers.	" " " 3 p.m. 31st October, 1933.
Withdrawal of candidates	" " " 3 p.m. 3rd November, 1933.
Notice of Poll	" " " 6th November, 1933.

"The dates affecting other elections are:-

Notice of Election	Not later than 26th October, 1933
Receipt of Nomination Papers	" " " 3 p.m. 1st November, 1933.
Withdrawal of Candidates	" " " 3 p.m. 3rd November, 1933.
Notice of Poll	" " " 7th November, 1933.

"With regard to the appointment of persons to assist in the conduct of election, I have to point out that while it is desirable that a person acting as Presiding Officer should have acted satisfactorily, at a previous election, especially where a county and urban election is being held at the same time, the duties of a poll clerk are within the competence of any person of ordinary intelligence. The Minister accordingly requires that no person in regular employment be appointed as Poll Clerk so long as a competent unemployed person is available and in the appointment of Presiding Officers preference must be given to unemployed persons.

"The existing scheme of Polling Districts and Places should be compared with the register of electors, and any alterations which may appear necessary should be submitted without delay."

Mr. Cooney moved:- "That no public Official be employed in connection with the Co. Council elections."

There were, he said, plenty of unemployed persons competent to fill the posts and their claims should be considered.

The Chairman said they should leave the matter in the hands of the Secretary.

The Sec. said that so far as was feasible he would appoint unemployed persons to the various positions, but he would have to satisfy himself in every instance that those concerned were capable of discharging the duties.

The matter dropped.

METHOD OF PAYING ROAD WORKERS

The Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote under date 31st of August, 1933, (R/RM/32) that the Minister regretted it is not practicable to vary the ruling conveyed in the Department's letter of the 10th July last relative to arrangement for payment by Wexford County Council of their road-workers, viz., by sending Pay Orders to each individual worker.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed:- "That we again ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to re-consider his decision as to allowing the present system of payment of road workers by Wexford County Council to continue in operation as it has given satisfaction to all concerned, and in connection with its working the Council never lost one penny. The proposed system will cause inconvenience to the workers, cost hundreds of pounds in administration, and will be more open to abuse than the existing system."

Mr. Cooney seconded the motion.

Mr. Keegan said that under the present system the Road Gangers lost two days every fortnight in paying the men. It would be a saving to the Council to appoint a junior clerk, and for that reason he proposed the confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance Committee of 3rd August, 1933, which is as follows:-

"That in view of the greatly increased amount of clerical work, necessary to provide for the issue of Pay Orders to individual workers to recommend to the Council the appointment of a junior clerk (male or female) age limits 18-30 years, salary £90 per annum rising to £150 by annual increments of £5, qualifying examination in connection with the appointment to be held in Irish, English, Handwriting, Arithmetic and Typewriting.

Mr. Gaul seconded.

The Co. Surveyor said that the meeting could get individual information from each of the Assistant Surveyors present, but so far as he could make out Pay Orders were received by the Gangers on the Friday, when they were cashed and the men paid. But if the men were scattered it would not be possible for the ganger to reach on them all on the Friday.

A poll was then taken on Mr. Keegan's motion with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan and Shannon. (7)

AGAINST: Messrs. Armstrong, Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Culleton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Hickey, Jordan, Meyler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman (18)

The chairman declared the motion lost.

Mr. O'Byrne's resolution was then put and passed nem con

FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE

Sealed Order from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health extending the time for closing Ferrycarrig Bridge from 13th August, 1933, to 1st November, 1933, (both dates inclusive) was read.

The following report of Ferrycarrig Bridge Committee was submitted:-

"A meeting of above Committee was held on 9th September, 1933,

"Present:- Mr. Sean O'Byrne, Co. Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Mr. A.D. Delap (Delap and Waller, Consulting Engineers), Captain Harvey (Resident Engineer) and Mr. O'Rourke, Contractor.

"The work is proceeding in a most satisfactory manner - the last stage - the roadway decking being well under way. It is confidently expected the bridge will be open for light motors and vehicular traffic by 1st October next and in a further fortnight it will be capable of taking buses and lorries also.

"The question of responsibility for the payment of Captain Harvey's salary beyond the stipulated period of the contract should be considered by the Council.

"Col. Gibbon and Mr. Hickey, wrote apologising for their absence from the meeting of the Committee."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the report of Ferrycarrig Bridge Committee in respect of meeting of 9th September 1933, be received and approved.

Passed.

Col. Gibbon said that the Committee had been informed by Mr. Waller (of Messrs. Waller and Delap, consulting Engineers) that as the Contractor had met with the most unforeseen difficulties in the length of some of the piles and in sinking them he would be entitled to have the time for the completion of the contract extended to the 1st October, and, in view of that he (Col. Gibbon) considered the Council should pay ~~for~~ the salary of the Clerk of Works (Captain Harvey) until that date. At the first inspection the Committee found that the work was not properly organised, but since then no one could find fault with the manner in which the contractor was dealing with the work.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That in connection with the reconstruction work at Ferrycarrig Bridge, this Council will be responsible for the payment of salary of Captain Harvey, Clerk of works, up to the 1st October, 1933."

ROAD GRANTS

The Secretary reported that since last meeting the Department of Local Government and Public Health had paid £3,897. on foot of Road Improvement Grant and £263 for special grant.

The following letter under date 28th August, 1933, (R/RFU/32) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"With reference to your letter of 21st instant, I am directed by the Acting Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state it is not practicable to make a grant to Wexford County Council for the surface dressing of roads improved under the Relief Grants."

Mr. O'Byrne said it was a great pity that the Department would not help in this matter as valuable work done last year would be wasted and could be saved for a very small

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expenditure.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded the following resolution which was passed without dissent:- "That as this County Council has already requested and, in view of the extraordinary amount of unemployment in the County we expect the Department of Local Government and Public Health to furnish portion of the Grant under Relief Schemes as soon as possible.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mr. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S

Under date 15th August, 1933, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.2997-33) that they had no objection to the temporary employment of Mr. D'Eathe V.S. as Inspector under the County Council during the absence of Mr. Ringwood, V.S. from the 7th to the 11th August, 1933.

A similar communication was received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 22nd August, 1933, (No. P.H. 90,832/1933 Loch Garman)(Sd).

RECONSTRUCTION OF ROAD THROUGH CAMOLIN PARK

The following letter under date 4th September, 1933, (A. & R. 23991/33) was read from the Land Commission:-

"With reference to your letter of the 17th June last forwarding copy of a resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council in connection with a road at Camolin Park, I am desired by the Land Commission to say they are not prepared to make any further contribution towards the cost of the road than that set out in their letter of the 11th April last."

The Secretary stated that the Co. Surveyor estimated it would cost £1,000 to reconstruct the road in question. The Land Commission had offered to provide £500, half the cost, if the Co. Council would furnish the other moiety. The Council did not agree but offered to be responsible for the future maintenance of the road if the Land Commission would find the full amount for the reconstruction.

Mr. Keegan said that on the Camolin road there were some very big ratepayers and they would think it strange if the Council turned them down without some explanation. There were two miles of road concerned and he believed there was considerable unemployment in the district. He could say without fear of contradiction that the road served a big lot of people and some of the very largest farmers in North Wexford. He thought they should facilitate them.

Chairman - Where are we going to get the £500.

Mr. Keegan - I do not know.

Mr. Hall remarked that if the road were put in repair there would be a lot of traffic on it.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed that they ask the Land Commission to grant them the £500 to spend on the road this year, the Council to deal with the balance later on, as they had no money available this year.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded, and the proposition was passed.

CAMOLIN STREET AND LAND COMMISSION

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, said that he had received from the Land Commission two agreements in regard to Camolin and the Foster Estate. It appeared that Camolin street and another small piece of land on this estate had been vested in the Land Commission under the 1923 Land Act and that they should be vested in the Co. Council. He asked that a resolution should be adopted agreeing to the Council signing these agreements to have the street and the other small portion transferred to them.

Chairman - I do not think the Council should relieve them of these.

Mr. D'Arcy - If there was anything to be got out of it they would not ask us to take them over.

It was decided to make no order in the matter.

WEXFORD BRIDGE

In reply to Mr. Culleton the Co. Surveyor said he had inspected the approach from Wexford town side of the Wexford Bridge and could not see anything wrong with it.

Mr. Culleton said that the tar chippings at the place were so slippery that a person driving a horse had to keep to his wrong side.

The Co. Surveyor said he would meet Mr. Culleton at the place and go into the matter with him.

BALLYMORRIS CORNER

Miss O'Ryan called attention to dangerous corner at Ballymorris and said that trimming would improve it.

The County Surveyor said that he would do something in the way of cutting the hedges which was all that could be done at present.

LOCAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION

Under date 15th August, 1933, the Local Appointments Commission wrote (L.A.1/28/32) that the Commissioners had decided that in the case of Statutory Requests received by them after the 5th July, 1933, to recommend for appointment one person and one person only for each vacancy under a Local Authority reported to the Commissioners.

Col. Quin - That is the best thing I have heard for ages.

Mr. D'Arcy - It is the worst I have heard.

Chairman - There is no reason whatever given, I think, like Mussolini, they are dictating to you.

Mr. Hall - I propose we call on the Government to abolish the Appointments Commissioners altogether, because I do not see that they are doing any good, and they are a terrible cost to the rates of the County and other Counties as well, while they are also a cost to the candidates applying for a position. Every time they apply they have to pay £1 to enter, and if they are not

successful they never hear anything more about it, and do not know how they get on in their examination. When the Commissioners send down one name you do not know whether you are getting the best candidate or the worst. They send down the qualifications all right, but you do not know if you are getting the best, the second best or the third best.

Mr. Keegan seconded Mr. Hall's proposition and said he could speak of twenty-six years' experience on public bodies, and he defied anyone to say that corruption was carried out. He never yet saw that they made a mistake when appointing a man and whatever might happen in any other part of the country, surely no one could say that anyone sold the pass for a "bob" or 2/- or 3/- or 10/- in County Wexford, or any other county he knew. When in opposition the present Government was against the practice of the Commissioners, and he quite disagreed with them now.

Mr. Cooney said he did not think that the Appointments Commissioners were a bad lot at all. For instance in the case of a medical appointment, if a poor man's son had the qualifications of Sir Arthur Chance and did not belong to the majority on public boards, he would not have a chance of the position. There was no use in saying that the best man had a chance; it was the man with the biggest pull. The man elected was not going to be the poor man's son, but the son of a man with the pull. That was the reason why a working man's son would never get a position.

Mr. Keegan said that Mr. Cooney's remarks might be all very well in ways, but surely from time to time they had the best of qualified men in Co. Wexford and other counties sent to other places, while jobs were filled at home by people they did not know at all. He thought they should have the right to decide, and although they were only lay men he hoped they were sensible men and men of ordinary intelligence, and surely if they

had the right to pay the piper they should have the right to call the tune. It was very unfair - the people elected them to do public business, and no matter what Government was in power it meant absolutely disfranchising them - making little boys of them - so that they had no opinion of their own. He did not admit that they were all duds, or that anything had happened in the county during his long experience that anyone could point a finger at.

Col. Quin said he thought the finest thing ever done by the previous Government was the setting up of the Appointments Commissioners, and he was very sorry to see the present Government upsetting the system, and he congratulated them on restoring it. It had stopped nepotism, and he had seen lots of it.

Chairman - In this County?

Col. Quin - Oh everywhere.

Mr. Hall - I never saw any of it. I do not believe it happened in County Wexford, and I do not agree with Mr. Cooney. He says a poor man's son has not any chance, but if he had the experience of public boards that I have he would not say that.

Mr. Hayes said he had in his mind an occasion when the Council did not give a position to the best qualified person and he would name the person if necessary. There were applications for a rate collectorship, and Col. Quin was ^{the} a man who on former occasions supported the person with the highest marks, but on that occasion he did not.

Mr. D'Arcy said he supposed "those gentlemen" in Dublin were non-get-atables. They could not be touched at all. He supposed they were superhuman, and all that sort of thing. He certainly would not stand for such a system and he could not understand the action of the present Government.

Proceeding, Mr. D'Arcy quoted from what purported to be a speech made by the Minister for Local Government in which he was reported to have stated:- "I believe you do not get the best type of official by having them nominated by a select secret clique

"in Dublin, because that is what is done."

The Chairman said he certainly held the system was an imposition on the County. In the first place it was an imposition on the rates, costing the County annually, surely up to £1,000, and he did not see why they should spend that money when the work could be done just as well by the County Council. He was longer in the County Council than Col. Quin, and he never saw the nepotism that Col. Quin referred to. They understood the meaning of the word, and Col. Quin should remember that he was only a newcomer to the Council. The poor ratepayers of Wexford should not be asked to supply £500 or £600 a year at least in respect of losses sustained by the delays of the Commissioners and other things. He held that the County Council was just as honest as the Appointments Commissioners. He supported Mr. Hall's proposition to have them abolished.

A poll on Mr. Hall's proposition to have them abolished resulted as follows:-

FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Cline, Colfer, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Hickey, Keegan, Meyler, Shannon, Smyth and the Chairman(14)

AGAINST: Messrs. Armstrong, Cooney, Corish, Culleton, Gibbon, Jordan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin and Walsh. (11)

The proposition was declared carried.

Mr. Cummins proposed that, in addition to being sent to the Local Government Department a copy of the resolution be sent to the T.D.'s for the county.

It was pointed out that one of the T.D.'s Mr. Corish was present.

Mr. Cummins - Let him vote against the wishes of the people of the County.

Mr. Corish - I would not look upon the wishes of this Council as the wishes of the people of the County.

DEFAULTING ANNUITANTS - LAND ACTS

Under date 31st August, 1933, letter and enclosure were read from County Councils General Council stating that with respect to deductions from Government Grants owing to arrears of Land Annuity payments the Government proposed to wipe out the £250,000 which Co. Councils were already at the loss of, as a bad debt. Of the three years' annuities to be funded one year had been repaid in full to the Co. Councils and the £664,000 representing the other two years would be funded for fifty years. According to the Government this amount will be paid by the Department of Finance in a lump sum within a reasonable time.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

The following report of Scholarships Committee was received and approved on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Gibbon:-

"A meeting of the Scholarship Committee to consider Scholarship Schemes for Secondary and Vocational and also University Scholarships for 1934/35 was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 26th August, 1933.

"Present - Very Rev. J. Doran, President, St. Peter's College, Wexford, (presiding) also Rev. Brother Foran, Wexford, Messrs. R. Corish, T.D., Sean O'Byrne, J.J. Kelly and Hugh O'Byrne.

"The Secretary was also in attendance.

"Secondary and Vocational Scholarships Scheme"

"Considerable discussion took place as to the small number of pupils presented for the above Scholarships, and it was again recognised it was very difficult for teachers with an overloaded programme to provide special tuition for pupils who wish to compete.

"The possibility of utilising results of the preliminary Leaving Certificate to furnish a roll of pupils for County Council Scholarship Examinations was discussed at some length but, it was recognised in present circumstances, it would not be feasible to

"secure such supervision as would meet the approval of the Commissioners of National Education owing to the number of centres which would be involved. Taking into account the present position the Committee recommend that the best method of securing increased competition would be by making the examination standard, the average standard of the ordinary work done in Sixth Standard in the elementary schools - viz., somewhat similar to that for present School Leaving Certificate.

"The Committee are pleased to recognise that the number of failures this year in History and Geography are not above the average. They would be glad to consider, when available, the report of the General Council of County Councils as to the working of the existing Scheme in the various Counties in An Saorstát and submit recommendations thereon to the Co. Council.

"It is the considered opinion of the Committee that Scholarships under this Scheme should not apply to candidates holding pupil teacherships or places in Preparatory Colleges.

"They desire to point out that by holding the examination for these scholarships at Easter the pupils have only a portion of the School year - little more than three fourths of the School year - for the necessary preparation, and suggest that, as obtained in previous years, the examination should be held in the middle of July.

"As these Scholarships are competed for by candidates whose parents have limited means the Committee suggest that candidates who obtain not less than 30% of the gross marks allotted to the six subjects in which they are examined should be refunded the necessary expenses in attending the examination.

"The believe it would be advisable if copies of the Scheme were furnished the Clergy in Rural Districts.

"University Scholarship Scheme"

"The University Scholarship Scheme was adopted with any necessary changes as to dates."

Mr. Gaul moved and Mr. Shannon seconded the following resolution which was adopted unanimously:- "That as recommended by President of University College, Dublin, University Scholarships be awarded the following:-

1. Rita McDonald, Kilmuckridge, Gorey. (1201 Marks)
2. George Whitmore, Bishopswater, Wexford. (1198 Marks)
3. James J. Donnelly, Hilltown, Ballymitt. (1151 Marks)
- X 4. Thomas Walsh, Piercestown, Drinagh. (1128 Marks)

"That in the event of any of these students failing to avail of scholarship it be awarded to the next candidate in order of merit."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Brennan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That this Council approves of the selection of the following Schools by students awarded Scholarships this year under Secondary and Vocational Scheme:-

St. Peter's College, Wexford:- Patrick Doyle and
Thomas Butler.

Loreto Convent, Wexford:- Eileen O'Neill, Alice M. Devereux,
Catherine O'Regan.

Christian Brothers, Gorey:- Peter and James Doran (Bursaries).

COURTOWN HARBOUR

The following report of Committee appointed by the Co. Council to meet the Earl of Fitzwilliam as to the development of the trade of Courtown Harbour was read:-

"The Committee appointed by the County Council to meet Lord Fitzwilliam met at Courtown on 17th August, at 4 o'clock, p.m., The County Council representatives present were Colonel Quin, Messrs. W.P. Keegan, James Hall, R. Corish, (Mayor), and W.F. Barry, County Surveyor. There were present also:- Mr. Dudley Butler in the chair and Messrs. R. Garland, K. McNeill, T.M. Garvey, M. Fitzpatrick, and the Harbour Master, D. Murphy, representing the Harbour Commissioners. Captains H. Kearon, Arklow, and William Kearon, Courtown, were also present.

"Lord Fitzwilliam informed the meeting he was exporting slates and slate dust via Arklow to the extent of 1,200 tons annually, and that owing to tariff and competition he was at a loss. If Courtown Harbour could be improved giving a depth in channel at High Water of at least eight feet he would export via that port, and hoped to save 2/- per ton thereby. He had in his employment at the slate quarries, Coolattin, thirty-nine men, and was anxious to continue this employment.

"Col. Quin asked if Lord Fitzwilliam would contribute towards the cost of a grab dredger, and Lord Fitzwilliam replied that he would submit the request for favourable consideration by his Company. In reply to a further question Lord Fitzwilliam said he had come into the Harbour with his yacht last year and this year, and that there was twice as much water now.

"Some of those present stated that the Brick Works Company had to refuse orders for the South of Ireland owing to traffic cost, and that if a fair waterway was available at Courtown they could undertake such orders, and export through the local Harbour. It was also mentioned that coal would be imported and gravel exported to an extent that would materially reduce the cost of maintenance of the channel.

"After considerable discussion it was decided to recommend the County Council to purchase a crane and grab dredger to keep the entrance channel clear. The jib of crane should be of sufficient length to allow of working at a forty to fifty feet radius, the crane should run on rails on the South Pier and be available for loading and unloading vessels.

"Captain Kearon, Arklow, informed the meeting that a suitable second hand outfit could be obtained for about £350, but, generally, it was the opinion of the meeting that, if possible, to obtain at a reasonable figure, a new outfit should be purchased, and it would prove more economical in the long run. Captain Kearon promised to supply the Co. Surveyor with

"particulars. It was pointed out that in the worst circumstances a grab would keep a good channel at all times for any future development of the fishing industry."

Col. Gibbon suggested that the report of the Committee of the Council to consider the efficacy of the sluice gates at Courtown Harbour and the contract work of dredging the inner basin should be read so that both reports could be considered together.

The meeting approved and the following report of this Committee was read:-

"The Committee appointed by the County Council met at Courtown at 11 a.m. on 22nd August last. There were present:- Col. Gibbon and Mr. J. Cummins, also the Co. Surveyor, Assistant Surveyor Treanor and the Harbour Master, D. Murphy. Mr. Keegan, M.C.C., was in Courtown at the time, and assisted in the discussion.

"In regard to the dredging work the Committee reports as follows:-

- (1) A large number of the workmen employed by the Contractor have stated that their Cards, both National Health and Unemployment have not been stamped. The Co. Surveyor was directed to notify him that he must satisfy the County Surveyor that all these Cards have been stamped, or, as an alternative, he should authorise the Co. Surveyor to stamp Cards. Contractor states all cards are now stamped.
- (2) The Committee noted that the date for completion of the work, 30th June, 1933, has long passed by and the Contractor has made no application to the Co. Council for an extension of time. The Contractor notified the Co. Surveyor on 1st July, 1933, asking for extension. In connection with this delay it was pointed out that the Contractor until dredging is completed has to

"maintain the channel, and the delay has proved an advantage rather than otherwise.

- (3) There is a dump of sand on the bank of the basin at a place which is required for use by the fishermen and this must be cleared away without delay.
- (4) In regard to the dredging itself, the work is proceeding very erratically, and, moreover, too slowly. Also in the lower part of the basin, which apparently has been dredged, there are a number of shallows between deeper soundings. The Contractor should, at once dredge out these so as to leave the required depth over the whole of the lower basin before proceeding with the dredging of the upper part.
- (5) The Committee was disappointed that the work was not in progress during their visit, and it was reported to them that there was very little work done during the past ten days or fortnight. The Contractor has since informed the County Surveyor that the delay previous to 22nd August was due to difficulty in working hand winch in hot weather; that he went to Arklow and arranged to purchase a 5 H.P. motor winch but delivery of same is still delayed waiting for a replacement of a damaged pinion from England. Since 25th August work has been again in progress with hand labour. Great difficulty is met with owing to foul moorings in the bottom mud.

(6) The County Surveyor was specifically directed to carefully consider cost of completing the work, and to be sure to hold in hands sufficient of the contract money to carry out the work still to be done. Under these circumstances, and until the lower part of the basin "all over" is to its specified depth no further Certificate should be given.

In regard to the gates the Committee noted that there was

"leakage at the paddles, and this should be much reduced. It was allowed that complete water-tightness could not be obtained between the joints of these movable parts, and the Assistant Surveyor was directed to obtain exact measurements of the leakage. The floor of the gate chamber now appears to be water-tight, and the County Surveyor explained the difficulty in staunching this, and the method adopted of cement grouting. There is still a balance of the contract money retained to cover making good the sluice paddles.

"The Pier Heads - both North and South - have now been made good and under-pinned."

The following further report was read from Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"I beg to report that on last Spring tides at High Water Gates were closed and tide water trapped at 8.30 a.m., when water level in Basin marked. At 3.45 p.m., same day water level checked when it was found level in Basin had fallen two inches. There was no freshet to Basin as feed rivers in parts completely dry.

"Spring tides show a rise of about 3'.6" and Neap tides a rise of 2'. 0".

"I made a very thorough inspection of Courtown Harbour dredging with Harbour Master to-day. There was a very low tide and conditions favourable for my inspection. I was able to measure with a fair degree of accuracy the work remaining to be done.

"Beginning at West side of Basin at a point in line with North side of Island and measuring Northwards I found for a length of sixty yards a patch averaging five yards wide. At the sixty yard mark and for a further length of forty-three yards, or to a place in line with North side of Weighbridge there is a patch averaging twenty yards wide. From this mark for a length of sixteen yards there is a patch averaging

"twenty-five yards. This latter area comprises about half of the deposit near Footbridge and Road Bridge over Riverchapel River, and, therefore, must be doubled to include whole of this deposit which is all practically over low water level, and will, therefore, require to be dredged for a depth of 4' 6". The first two measurements are for sections that will require an average depth of dredging of three feet. Therefore total cubic yards in this area to be dredged calculated on measurements as above, amount to 2360.

"The remaining section is from a line drawn through West end of Island running past slip to a point ten yards out from White Line marked on Wall, and the area S.W. of this line and contained between it and overflow is about 1410 square yards which will require an average depth of dredging of about 2' 6" or a total cubic yardage of 1175.

"Therefore total cubic yards still to be dredged may be taken as 3500 and this would include levelling off of high spots where dredging already done.

"I am taking it that there must be a depth of 4' 6" in basin over low water when Contract complete.

"I may point out that no dredging work was done to-day or yesterday."

Mr. Keegan proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That all reports submitted to this meeting relative to Courtown Harbour be received and considered."

Col. Gibbon said that the report submitted by himself and Mr. Cummins had nothing to say to the scheme discussed with Lord Fitzwilliam. The Contractor for clearing the basin was keeping the harbour clear so that every boat using Courtown Harbour could get in and out. So long as the Contractor was doing that he (Col. Gibbon) did not think it mattered when he

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finished the dredging. At one point the leakage at the gates was more than it should be and this should be staunched. The Committee also considered that the spillway should be increased in height by another step if so raising it did not involve any injurious flooding in the river. Before this work could be undertaken the Co. Surveyor should make a further survey to ascertain its feasibility. If it could be done it would provide for a much greater scouring effect in the Channel. As regards the proposals for improving the harbour he and Mr. Cummins came to the conclusion that the minimum depth that could be guaranteed even with a grab dredger would be eight feet six inches. This was considered by the Messrs. Kearon as an absolute minimum; they wanted up to ten feet. The Council should in the first instance ascertain the minimum requirements as to depth in the dredged channel required by shippers who proposed to utilise the harbour. If they went to great expense and put in a grab which would give only eight feet six inches when the shippers required nine feet six inches or ten feet the expense would be wasted. Mr. Cummins and he (Col. Gibbon) considered that if they could guarantee a depth which would satisfy shippers the Council would be justified in laying down a steam crane to be worked on rails, but if they could maintain only the depth necessary for fishing boats the steam crane would not be justified and a hand grab worked at intervals would be quite sufficient. The Contractor during a period of seven months had only to remove material from the channel twice.

The Co. Surveyor said that the water at the concrete dam on the Courtown Estate was controlled by the water of the spillway. If the latter was raised the dam should also be raised. The crane referred to by Captain Kearon cost £1000 in Lancashire. He (Co. Surveyor) had interviewed in Dublin a Representative of Messrs. Ruston and Hornsby who

suggested the purchase of a drag-line dredger on caterpullar wheels at a cost of £1457. This would be available for work at other harbours and for loading and unloading vessels.

Col. Quin considered that with the improvement of the harbour a good deal of trade would be available, but the Council should move slowly and have all information as to depths and trade before purchasing a dredger.

Mr. Keegan gave the names of several merchants who would guarantee to utilise Courtown provided the harbour was improved.

Mr. Corish said that Lord Fitzwilliam was employing thirty-nine men at his quarries and unless Courtown Harbour was improved these men would be out of employment and goodness knows they had enough of unemployment at the moment.

They had the assurance of the Messrs. Kearon that the use of a grab and crane dredger there would keep sufficient depth of water for any traffic. He (Mr. Corish) did not think the Council would be going out of its way to put down £1000 to develop Courtown, and if the money could be found it would be excellently spent on the project.

Mr. Hall agreed with Mr. Corish. He believed the money expended on the development of Courtown would be well spent. The development of this harbour would be a benefit to the whole north of the County.

Mr. Culleton asked if Gorey area would be prepared to foot the bill, but the chairman pointed out that money spent on piers and harbours had been always treated as a County-at-large charge.

After further discussion Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the adoption of the reports of both Committees.

Col. Gibbon considered they should communicate with Earl Fitzwilliam and the two Kearons inform them that the Council would be able to maintain a depth of eight feet six inches, and were prepared to put money into the development of the Harbour provided this was a sufficient depth for the requirements and if not, what was the minimum depths they would expect.

The Co. Surveyor said that unfortunately there were no plans of the harbour in existence and he would be afraid to guarantee a particular depth at the start. In dredging out the channel they would have to avoid undermining the piers.

Mr. Corish then added to his motion for the adoption of the reports of the two Committees the following:- "That a steam crane on rail⁴ with grab be provided for the development of Courtown Harbour at a cost not exceeding £1000 the Co. Secretary to ascertain if this amount can be borrowed from the Treasurer of the Council and for what period and at what rate. "

Mr. Hall seconded.

Col. Gibbon proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following amendment:- "That further consideration of reports of Committees re Courtown Harbour be adjourned and in the meantime that a carefully detailed survey of the harbour be carried out by the Co. and Assistant Surveyor and that requirements of shippers as to depth of water be ascertained. Also that the Earl of Fitzwilliam be asked what subscription would he be prepared to make to the Council towards cost of grab etc."

Mr. Walsh said that Courtown was an open sea harbour and to maintain a depth of eight feet six inches might be greatly in excess of any money they would get out of the place by way of dues or sale of gravel. Harbours much better developed were not paying their way at present. They would have to calculate on the removal of a large amount of siltage from the outer bar every year and at uncertain times. This proposal was really to help private enterprise and he thought if the Council desired to spend £1000 they should do it for the benefit of the County and not for private trade. The people benefiting should be prepared to put down some money. If they were not satisfied that they could make a proper harbour at Courtown they would be only throwing money away and they would not be justified in doing so. Some years ago he had tried to enter Courtown in a small boat drawing about two feet and she grounded on the outer bar.

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Mr. Keegan said that the Council could arrange for the Harbour Master and Night Watchman to work the grab for a very small additional remuneration.

Mr. Smyth said that he remembered Courtown Harbour all his life. In former years vessels that traded there discharged into boats. Sailing vessels had to keep well off. To-day, with motor vessels, it would be different and they could get in some in bad weather. If the harbour could be made a success it would be a great advantage to the North of the county, but he was inclined to the opinion of Mr. Walsh as to the danger of difficulties arising from sandbanks outside the harbour entrance.

A poll was then taken on the amalgamated motion of Mr. Corish with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Clinee, Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Jordan, Keegan, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Shannon and Smyth. (16)

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Cooney, Gibbon and Walsh. (4)

Messrs. Hickey and the Chairman (2) did not vote.

Messrs. McCarthy, Meyler and Quin (3) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That as recommended by Courtown Harbour Committee the Earl of Courtown be appointed a member of said Committee."

DANGEROUS ROAD CROSSINGS

BALLYCOMCLONE AND COURTTOWN HARBOUR

The following under date 7th September, 1933, (1849/33 Wexford) was read from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana:-
"I respectfully wish to bring to the notice of your Council that a few accidents of a serious nature have occurred recently at Ballycomclone and Courtown Harbour cross roads. The corners approaching both cross roads are "blind" and I am of the opinion that this is a contributing factor in accident cases.

"I would, therefore, recommend that your Council be pleased to consider the rectification of the corners in question, and to have usual warning signals erected.

"I might add that in the past various accidents have occurred at both points."

The following report was submitted from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District:-

"Courtown Corner 44M:- Recently an accident occurred at this corner, resulting in two motor cars being badly damaged. Some years ago I approached the late Lord Courtown to allow County Council to lower this corner and erect a concrete post and wire fence. As Lord Courtown would not give consent County Council did nothing except to cause a high hedge at place to be cut.

"Ballycomclone Cross Road:- In this case an accident similar to that above reported on also occurred, and it would be well to have four corners lowered, and concrete post and wire fencing erected."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That the Co. Surveyor communicate with the Earl of Courtown with a view to securing his consent to lower the corner at Courtown and allow the Council to erect a concrete post and wire fence."

In reference to Ballycomclone corner Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said there were really four corners at the place and it would cost £45 to ease them.

Mr. D'Arcy asked if it would be possible to deal with two corners and leave the two others for later.

Mr. Treanor said it should be the four corners or none.

Mr. D'Arcy - The dangerous season at Courtown has passed. He proposed that the matter be adjourned for the present.

This was seconded by Mr. Brennan and adopted.

BUILDING WITHIN THIRTY FEET OF ROAD CENTRE

Under date 7th September, 1933, Mr. Wm. Whelan, Bannpark, Craanford, Gorey, wrote asking permission to erect a small house on a site which is not the required distance from public road. The site had been inspected by the Assistant Surveyor.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That no order be made on application of Wm. Whelan, Bannpark, Craanford, for permission to erect a house within thirty feet of the road centre."

TRANSFER OF ROAD MONEY

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That as requisitioned by Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, a sum of £150 be transferred from Road No. 32 to Road No. 33."

REPAIR OF ROAD NO. 52

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor wrote under date 10th August, 1933, that it would be necessary to allocate at least £100 from the Contingencies Fund to Road 52, as the amount of original proposal is now all spent. Very heavy work had to be done on roads No. 32 and 52 as they provided alternative route for traffic on account of Ferrycarrig Bridge being closed.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That a sum of £100 be withdrawn from appropriate Contingency Fund for repair of road No. 52."

UNITED FARMERS PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

A long series of resolutions adopted at a convention of the United Farmers' Protection Association, and which were adjourned from last meeting were read.

Mr. Cummins proposed the adoption of the resolutions.

Chairman - I rule this is politics from start to finish and I rule it out.

Mr. Cummins - They are an intelligent body of men and what

they propose is in keeping with my own ideas.

Chairman - Allow me, I am to rule and I rule this out as politics.

Mr. Cummins - The whole thing is true.

GOREY OLD WORKHOUSE

In reply to a query as to the use of Gorey old Workhouse to be used as a tobacco curing station it was pointed out that the premises were vested in the State.

The Chairman proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:- "This Council will have no objection to the use of old Gorey Workhouse by any person who can obtain the permission of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for its use.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held on 9th October, 1933, in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle, (Chairman) presiding; also:- Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Clince, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, John Doran, James Gaul, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Hickey, William P. Keegan, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, James Shannon, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Rates Inspector and the five Assistant Surveyors were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for the following were examined and signed - Ordinary payments £3816; Transfers to Subsidiary Account £11311.0.3d; Transfers Public Bodies £32728.10s; Transfers Loan Accounts £2656.15s.

NEXT MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL

Col. Quin proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following resolution:- "That next meeting of Wexford County Council be held on Monday 6th November, 1933."

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following amendment:- "That next meeting of Wexford County Council be held on Monday, 30th October, 1933,"

A poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR 6th NOVEMBER: Messrs. Brennan, Doran, Hall, Hickey, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman. (7)

FOR 30th OCTOBER: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Corish, Cummins, Gibbon, O'Byrne and Shannon. (7)

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of 6th November, 1933.

The following were not present when poll was taken:- Messrs. Colfer, Culleton, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, Meyler,

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McCarthy, O'Ryan and Walsh (10) were not present when Poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion to have next meeting of the Council on 6th November, 1933, carried.

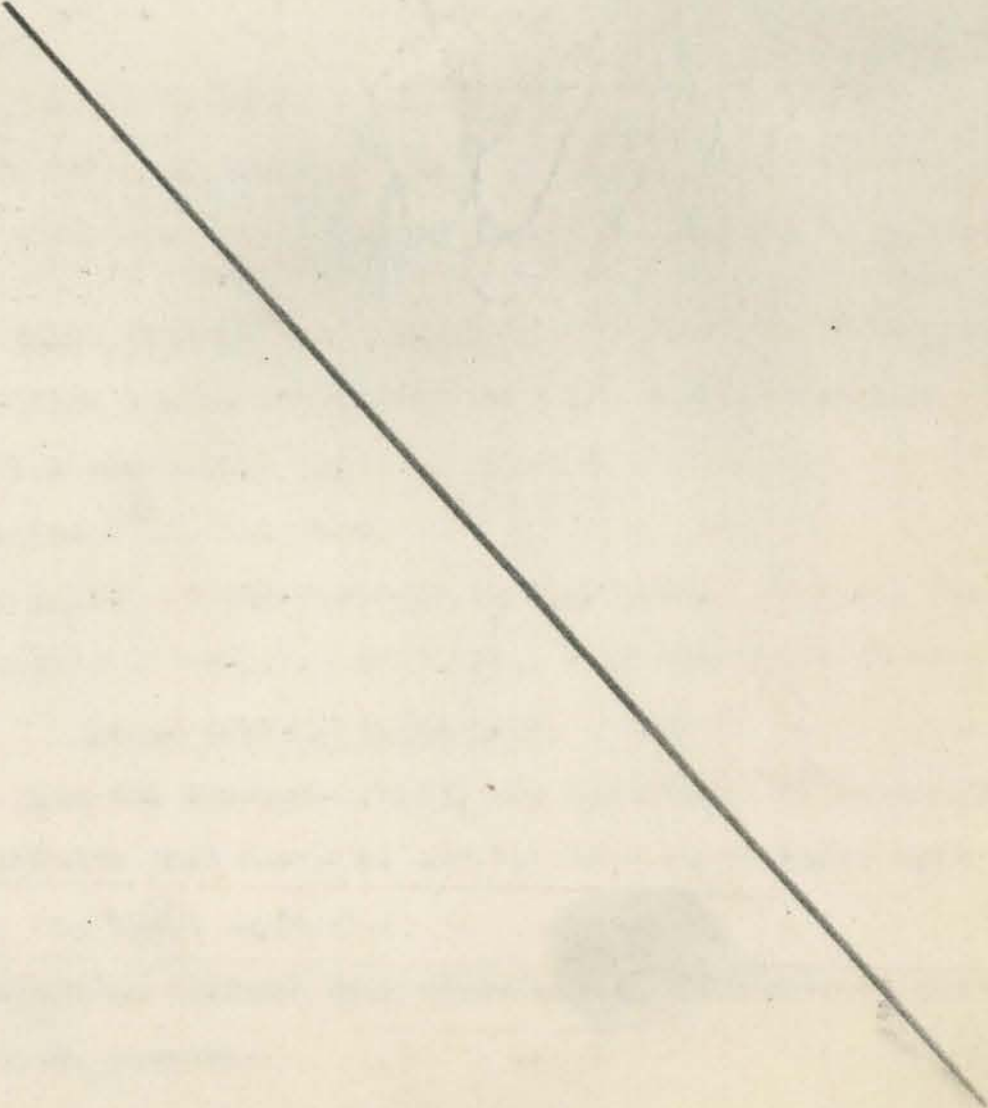
COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Hall, and, on a show of hands carried by ten votes to four:-

"That Circuit Judge Devitt and the Ministry for Justice be requested to postpone the opening of Circuit Court in Wexford from 14th November to 15th November, 1933, as the Co. Council Elections are being held on the first mentioned date."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meeting 13th September, 1933:- The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 13th September, 1933, were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 13th September, 1933.

Present, Messrs John Cummins, James Hall, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor and Rates Inspector, were in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cummins the chair was taken by Mr. Hall.

The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £5594.0.6d. were examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

Under date 7th September, 1933, letter was read from Collector John Curtis, stating he was travelling every day for rates and getting none as the ratepayers who are in a position to pay are not doing so.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That Rate Collector J. Curtis be informed that he should proceed against Ratepayers who are in a position to pay and who fail or decline to do so."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Certificate was received from Mr. R.J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, that the market value of house erected by Wm. Sheill at Clovass, Enniscorthy, was £235.

On the motion of the Chairman it was decided that Mr. Sheill be recommended for a loan of £117.10s., half the value of house.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1915

Under date 6th September, 1933, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.3288-33) that Forms E. and F. under above Order were provided by the Local Authority.

The Committee decided that there was no necessity to provide these Forms at present.

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SHORTHAND TYPIST CO. COUNCIL OFFICES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction on a permanent basis Miss Dorothy B. Killeen, Shorthand Typist in Co. Council Offices as she has given satisfaction in the performance of her duties."

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COMBINED PURCHASING)

ACT 1925

Under date 9th September, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (S.60681/1933 Ilgh) (Trachtala) forwarding copy of Order under Section 10 of above Act in regard to expenses incurred in its administration during the year ended 31st March, 1933; the amount due by Wexford County was £153.10s.

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

COMPLAINT BY GANGER

Under date 9th September, 1933, Mr. P. Byrne, Tara Hill, Ingh, Gorey, wrote complaining that although he was working for the County Council for the past twenty-seven years he was the only ganger in Gorey District who is idle or who has been out in their wages. He considered he was very unfairly treated, to have gangers brought into his area while he was idle. He had a wife and five small children dependant on him. He had worked at road and quarry work all his life and he did not consider he should be so badly treated after working for such a number of years without a complaint having been made against him.

The Co. Surveyor said that a ganger in charge of the spraying work on Gorey-Arklow road had been brought in from outside as this ganger had supervised the first portion of spray work on this particular road. Mr. Byrne had no experience of spraying. The quantity of material now taken from Tara Hill Quarry was not one-tenth of what it was some years ago.

It was also stated that Mr. Byrne had a farm.

The Committee considered that in the circumstances Mr. Byrne had no grievance particularly in view of the fact that he would be re-employed within a short time.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee held on 13th September, 1933, as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing Act):- Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following resolution which was adopted without dissent:-

"That consideration of Demand from Department of Local Government and Public Health for payment of £153.10s. assessed on Wexford County under Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act 1925 be adjourned for two months to enable the matter to be dealt with by the new County Council."

The following resolution ~~was~~ proposed by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. O'Byrne was passed:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee of the 13th September, 1933, as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby confirmed."

Minutes Finance Committee - 28th September, 1933:- The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 28th September, 1933, were submitted:-

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 28th September, 1933.

Present:- Messrs. J. Colloton, John Cummins, James Hall, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor and Rates Inspector were in attendance.

The chair was taken by Mr. Hall on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cummins.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5716.19.9d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following state of Rate Collection up to 27th September, 1933, was submitted:-

	<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage of current year's Rate</u>
1.	E.J. Murphy	25.4
2.	P. Carty	22.8
3.	S. Gannon (6)	20.6
4.	W. Cummins	20.2
5.	P. Nolan	19.7
6.	J. Curtis	18.3
7.	J. Cummins	17.8
8.	J. Quirke	16.6
9.	A. Dunne	16.4
10.	J.J. O'Reilly	16.0
11.	M. McCarthy	14.2
12.	W. Doyle	13.0
13.	J. Deegan	12.5
14.	P. Doyle	11.6
15.	M. Kehoe	11.1
16.	S. Gannon (10)	10.1
17.	J.J. Sinnott	9.7
18.	M. Murphy	8.8
19.	D. Kenny	8.6
20.	J. Flood	7.0

The Secretary stated as compared with corresponding period last year there was a drop of 4% in the collection.

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PERSONAL SURETIES OF RATE COLLECTOR: On the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Messrs. James O'Neill, Lacken, New Ross, and Edward Colfer, 46, South Street, New Ross, be accepted as Personal Sureties for Rate Collector Maurice Kehoe, (No. 18 District)."

REDUCTION IN POUNDAGE: Under date 20th September, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.104521/1933 Loch Garman.Fa.):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to advert to your letter of the 16th instant and to inform you that the lengthy delay of the Collectors in closing their warrants for last year has been met by reductions in their poundage fees of amounts which in the Minister's view represent very moderate penalties.

"The Minister is not prepared to reconsider the decision already conveyed."

APPLICATION FOR GRATUITY OR SUPERANNUATION

BY RATE COLLECTOR: Under date 9th September, 1933, the following was read from Thomas Rowe, late Rate Collector, No. 18 District:-

"I was appointed Rate Collector for District No. 18 New Ross Rural in the month of June 1922, and resigned the appointment last June owing to the fact that I have to look after the farm.

"During the period of my office I think I gave the Council satisfaction and accordingly feel that I am entitled to some gratuity for a faithful service of over eleven years. I shall therefore feel much obliged if you will kindly bring the matter forward at your next meeting and let me know result.

"Trusting the Council will sympathetically consider the matter."

It was decided to inform Mr. Rowe that the Committee regretted his application could not be entertained as his resignation was not brought about by ill health or physical incapacity.

DISCOUNT ON SMALL DWELLINGS RATES: Collector J.M. Curtis, No. 19 District and J.J. Sinnott, No. 16 District, wrote that they were not allowed sufficient sums in connection with discount on Small Dwellings Rates, Mr. Curtis claiming £1.5.5d. and Mr. Sinnott 17/11d.

The Rate Inspector stated that in making up the amounts of discounts he inadvertently omitted the sums claimed. The errors were discovered at the close of collections. The Collectors in question were entitled to the refunds which they claimed.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. O'Byrne that refund of £1.5.5d. be made to Collector Curtis and 17/11d to Collector J.J. Sinnott.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following applications for loans under Small Dwelling Acquisition Acts were agreed to:-

<u>James Doyle, Norrismount, Camolin.</u>	£70
<u>Michael Wickham, Tomnalossett, Enniscorthy.</u>	£125
<u>Michael Redmond, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy.</u>	£180
<u>Thomas Foley, Kiltrea, Enniscorthy.</u>	£70
<u>Patrick Fanning, Clough, Gorey.</u>	£100

An application was received from Mr. Joseph Darcy, Railway Road, Gorey, for increase in loan from £150 to £180.

The following was read from Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, under date 15th September, 1933:-

"Since sending you valuation of £190 in above case I find that water and sewage system has been added - latter including a small septic tank - also a scullery has been built for which extras Mr. Darcy claims an increase of £10 should be added to valuation already sent in this case.

"I am prepared to certify that extras above set out have increased original value by £10."

It was unanimously decided that subject to the sanction of Minister for Local Government and Public Health the amount of the

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advance for Mr. Joseph Darcy be increased to £180.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Wm. Sheil had attended ^{at} his office regarding loan of £117.10s. approved for him at last meeting of Finance Committee.

Mr. Sheil stated he could not complete house with the money allocated. A certificate was received from Mr. R.J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, that the value of the house was £200 and value of site £35. Total £235.

It was decided to recommend County Council to agree to advance of £150 for Mr. Sheil.

EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR OVERDRAFT

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the extension of period of £40,000 overdraft from 30th September, 1933, to 31st December, 1933."

GOREY POUND

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, submitted the following letter from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors for John Valentine:-

"Referring to yours of the 8th instant our client tells us that the Pound was built by Mr. Kirk 59 years ago. The key was handed to our client's Father then by Mr. Kirk and from that time up to the year 1900 our client's father looked after the pound and was in receipt of the profits thereof.

"In the year 1900 our client's father handed him the key and for the past 33 years our client has been in receipt of the profits of the Pound.

"It is therefore quite clear that our client has established a perfectly good Title."

Mr. Elgee in forwarding this letter stated that if the statement was correct and no claim had been made against the premises during the period named viz. 59 years, Mr. Valentine had a good title to the premises. It might, however, be that the place was handed over to old

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Valentine as Pound Keeper only and if so the Title claimed would not be in order.

Mr. O'Byrne stated that old Valentine had been Pound keeper for a considerable time and after his day two Magistrates of Gorey District Mr. Claude Ellis and the Earl of Courtown, appointed Mr. Thomas O'Neill, who was then Town Clerk of Gorey, the Pound Keeper and he held the office for a considerable time. After Mr. O'Neill's death, Mr. John Valentine acted as Pound Keeper.

It was decided to request Mr. Elgee, to communicate with Mr. Claude Ellis, and ascertain from him the circumstances under which Mr. O'Neill had been appointed Pound Keeper of Gorey Pound.

FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cummins:- "That as no explanation is forthcoming from Contractor for repair of Ferrycarrig Bridge as to his failure to carry out his promise to have the bridge open for traffic by 1st October 1933 we recommend the Co. Council to hold him responsible for any expenditure incurred between the 1st October and 1st November, 1933, in connection with this matter."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Mr. W.J. McDonald, Kilmuckridge, Gorey, wrote that his daughter, Rita, had gone to Limerick Training College for Teachers, and was not availing of the award of University Scholarship.

Under date 23rd September, 1933, George Whitmore, Bishopswater, Wexford, to whom University Scholarship had been awarded, wrote that he was unable to avail of Scholarship at present as he was undergoing a two years' course of training as Teacher at the De La Salle College, Waterford. If the Council would hold the award over for two years he could then take up his Scholarship.

It was decided to point out to Mr. Whitmore that according to the University Scholarships Scheme for 1933/34 students obtaining scholarships must take said scholarships in year in

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which awarded and in the circumstances there was no power to
comply with his request.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of
Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That in conformity with
the resolution adopted at meeting of Council on 11th September, 1933,
"That in the event of any candidate failing to avail of University
Scholarship, it be awarded to the next candidate in order of merit,"
we recommend the Council to award Scholarships to the following:-

William F. Redmond, Glenview, Enniscorthy. 1111 Marks;

Patrick Sheehan, Clonattin Road, Gorey. 1086 Marks;

these candidates being next in order of merit."

PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Applications for refunds of expenses for attending examination
of above were made by Denis Cullen, Allenstown, Broadway, and
Margaret Ronan, Drinagh, Broadway, the amount in the first instance
being £1 and in the next £1.0.3d.

It was decided to allow 10/- to Denis Cullen and 14/3d to
Margaret Ronan, and to point out to these candidates that expenses
for obtaining Baptismal and Medical Certificates and also materials
for examination could not be allowed.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 28th September, 1933, submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION: The state of Rate Collection to 8th October, 1933, was submitted as follows:-

	<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage of current Rates</u>
1.	Sean Gannon (6)	34.2
2.	E.J. Murphy	33.5
3.	P. Nolan	26.2
4.	J. Curtis	25.0
5.	P. Garty	24.5
6.	W. Cummins	23.6
7.	J. Quirke	22.2
8.	A. Dunne	22.2
9.	J.J. O'Reilly	20.5
10.	M. McCarthy	20.1
11.	W. Doyle	20.0
12.	J. Cummins	20.0
13.	S. Gannon (10)	20.0
14.	M. Kehoe	18.7
15.	D. Kenny	18.0
16.	P. Doyle	17.3
17.	J. Deegan	14.4
18.	J. Flood	13.8
19.	M. Murphy	13.1
20.	<u>J.J. Sinnott</u>	<u>12.1</u>

The Secretary stated that the percentage of current rate collected was 20.5% compared with 22% at the corresponding period last year.

The meeting did not consider the position of the Rate Collection as unsatisfactory.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS:- Under date 7th October, 1933, Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, submitted copy of letter he had received from Messrs. M.J. O'Connor and Co. Solicitors, Gorey, on behalf of Edward Dwyer who proposed erecting a house at Ballyoughna, Killena. This man applied in the first instance for loan of £50. As the house which was now practically finished cost £220, he requested the loan should be increased to £100.

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On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan, it was decided that amount of loan in the case of Edward Dwyer, Ballyoughna, Killena, be fixed at £100.

Under date 22nd September, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.99271/33 (Pc) Loch Garman) stating that proposal of the County Council to increase to £180 the amount of loan to be made to Daniel Bolger, under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, in respect of house at Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, had been approved.

Under date 22nd September 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.103916/33 Loch Garman) that the Commissioners of Public Works had been recommended to issue to Co. Council the loan of £2,000 and also a sum of £2,000 as the first instalment of loan of £8,000 both under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The Secretary stated these amounts had come to hand.

EXTENSION OF OVERDRAFT:- Under date 4th October, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.110337/1933 Loch Garman) that the Minister sanctioned overdraft accommodation not exceeding £40,000 up to 31st October, 1933, Interest to be paid thereon at the agreed rate.

FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE: Mr. O'Byrne in proposing the adoption of the recommendation of the Finance Committee said that the Contractor had been most definite in his statement to the Ferrycarrig Bridge Committee that the structure would be open for public traffic by the 1st of October and as the delay to the 1st November had been caused by the Contractor's neglect he considered the Contractor should be held responsible for any extra expenditure which might be incurred owing to the postponement of the opening of the bridge.

Mr. Corish seconded the resolution.

The Co. Surveyor in reply to Mr. O'Byrne said that the Contractor did give a definite promise that light traffic would

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be allowed to pass over the Bridge by the 1st October. He (Co. Surveyor) having found that portion of the structure might be in danger of collapse if opened by the 1st October as the concrete slab would not have cured sufficiently in the meantime could not agree to the opening on that date. If the Contractor had obtained the decking in good time his promise could have been fulfilled. As regards the observation of Col. Gibbon at a previous meeting of the Council that if rapid hardening cement had been utilised, the bridge could have been opened earlier, there was no doubt that the statement of Col. Gibbon was correct provided a guarantee was forthcoming that the rapid hardening cement would set within the stipulated period. In County Council works he found the setting most uncertain, in some cases no better than the setting of ordinary cement and in view of this uncertainty he would seriously object to using it in works such as the Ferrycarrig Bridge, where any failure might mean loss of life.

After further discussion the resolution was put and passed Mr. D'Arcy dissenting.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME:- In moving the adoption of the recommendation of the Finance Committee Mr. O'Byrne added the following:- "That in the event of Messrs. Redmond or Sheehan not availing of University Scholarships the said Scholarships be awarded to candidates next in order of merit and who in the opinion of the University Authorities are qualified to receive University Instruction."

The recommendation as amplified by Mr. O'Byrne was seconded by Mr. Corish and adopted.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 28th September, 1933, be and are hereby confirmed."

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COLLECTION OF RATES

The following resolution from Tagoat Branch of United Ireland Party was referred to Finance Committee:-

"That the Council abstain from drastic action in the collection of Rates until at least the New Year. By that time people will have a chance of getting Beet returns and a better market open for Oats."

SEIZURES FOR RATES

At the meeting of the County Council on 11th September, 1933 a recommendation from the Finance Committee had been submitted deciding that copy of report of Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, as to seizure of stock etc. for rates should be furnished Department of Local Government and Public Health and Department of Justice, requesting them to state if they could offer any suggestions which might be helpful to the Council.

Mr. Brennan proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the recommendation of the Finance Committee relative to submission of report of Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, as to seizures of stock for non-payment of rates, being submitted to Departments of Local Government and Public Health, and Justice, be adjourned generally."

COUNTY SCHEME

The following under date 16th September, 1933, (P.55960/33 Ilghneiteach) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"In pursuance of the provisions of Section 5 of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to give one month's notice to the Wexford County Council of his intention to amend and modify the County Scheme relating to the said

"County in such manner as to provide:-

- (1) that notwithstanding anything contained in the County Scheme the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance shall, in addition to any institution authorised by the County Scheme, provide and maintain for the reception and maintenance of persons within their functional area eligible for relief such additional institution or institutions as the Minister may by order direct at such place or places within their functional area as may be specified in such Order;
- (2) that notwithstanding anything contained in the County Scheme the said Board shall, if so required by Order of the Minister remove any institution provided by them under the County Scheme from the place and premises at and in which such institution is provided to such other place within their functional area as shall be specified in such Order;
- (3) That the said Board shall not erect or provide any institution under the County Scheme save upon a site and in premises approved of by the Minister;
- (4) that the said Board shall when so required by Order of the Minister restore, alter, enlarge or improve any institution provided by them under the County Scheme in such manner as the Minister may by such Order direct;
- (5) that the said Board shall not erect, restore, alter, enlarge or improve any institution provided by them under the County Scheme save in accordance with plans and specifications approved of by the Minister.

"Any representations which the County Council may desire to make in reference to the proposed amendments and modifications of the County Scheme should be made to the Minister within one month."

The Chairman said he looked on this communication as issued generally to Councils and it did not, so far as he could see, concern their Co. Council to any great extent.

REPORT OF AUDITOR

ACCOUNTS CO. COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE

Under date 14th September, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (98829/33) forwarding copy of the report of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture for the half years ended, 31st March, 1932, 30th September, 1932, and 31st March, 1933, with the relative Abstracts of Accounts and Secretary's

Statements for each half year.

The Auditor stated the Accounts were well prepared and well presented for audit.

ROAD GRANTS

Under date 23rd August, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (S.G.L.32) that payment of £720 for road L.56 representing 80% of the Grant in this case had been made to the County Treasurer on the 21st September, 1933.

SUPERANNUATION OF MR. JOHN KEHOE,

LATE ASSISTANT SURVEYOR

Under date 27th September, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote as follows (R/RS/32):

"Adverting to previous relative correspondence I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to enclose an Order consenting to payment to Mr. John Kehoe, former Assistant County Surveyor of superannuation allowance at the rate of £122 per annum."

REPORT COMMITTEE ON

EMPLOYMENT OF GANGERS

The following report was submitted:-

"At the meeting of the County Council on 14th August, 1933, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the following Committee be appointed to consider the conditions of the appointment of Gangers and their efficiency in each case:-

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT: Messrs. T. McCarthy and James Shannon.

GOREY DISTRICT: Messrs. James Hall and W. P. Keegan.

NEW ROSS DISTRICT: Messrs. J. Cummins and T. Cooney.

WEXFORD DISTRICT: Messrs. M. Doyle and R. Corish.

The Committee met in County Council Chamber, County Hall,

"Wexford, on Thursday, 28th September, 1933, when there were present:- Mr. James Hall (Presiding), Messrs. McCarthy, Shannon and Cummins.

"The Chairman stated that Mr. Keegan was unable to attend owing to the death of a near relative, while Mr. Cummins explained that Mr. Cooney was unable to be present. Mr. Corish was engaged at the Dail and Mr. Doyle had also another engagement.

"It appeared there are forty-five road and quarry gangers in the County, the distribution in Assistant Surveyor's Districts being as follows:-

T. Treanor - 8; R.J. Ennis - 9; T. Cullen - 9;
P. O'Neill - 9, and J.F. Birthistle - 10.

"The five Assistant Surveyors submitted particulars of the circumstances of each ganger in reply to a questionnaire addressed to them by the County Surveyor.

"It was decided that the County Council investigate further the position of three gangers; viz.

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Patrick Byrne, Tara Hill, Inch, - do
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an Army pension.

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"That this Committee (except in the three cases of Messrs. Ryan, Byrne and Dooley) accept the statements of the Assistant Surveyors relative to employment of gangers as satisfactory, and believe that the appointments have been made with every desire on the part of the Assistant Surveyors to secure the most highly efficient road and quarry work."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the report of Committee as to employment of Gangers be received and considered.

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Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey District, in reply to the Chairman said that Ryan held about twenty-four acres of land the valuation being £20.15s. and rent £31.17s. He was an ex-British Soldier and obtained the land on a division of the estate of Major Richards, Ardamine by the Land Commission. Five Acres was "cut-out" wood. Ryan had any grazing that was of any utility set as he was unable, owing to lack of capital to work the land himself.

P. Byrne held eighteen acres Irish, which he purchased in 1924 the valuation being £19. He borrowed the money from the bank and a very substantial amount was not repaid to the present. He had five or six children. He did a good deal of smith work at Tara Hill and saved the cost of a Smith in sharpening quarry tools. He was a very decent man and it was his (Mr. Treanor's) opinion that Byrne would not be able to live if he had not the job on the roads

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, Wexford District, said that Dooley had been in receipt of a British Army pension of 21/- per week but this had been reduced to 6/- per week.

Col. Quin said he understood Byrne's land was very poor, and he was a very efficient worker. He proposed that the Council retain his services.

Mr. Gaul seconded.

Mr. Keegan proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following:-
"That the three gangers - (Ryan, Byrne and Dooley) be suspended from work while their insurance stamps are effective."

The Chairman pointed out that a similar motion as regards workers generally had been defeated at a recent County Council meeting and it would be necessary for Mr. Keegan to wait for six months before his present motion would be in order.

The following was moved by Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That in view of the fact that three only out of forty-five gangers are in the position of having other resources this Council take no action, but it be an instruction to the Surveyors for the future that no man be employed as Ganger or as Road or Quarry worker (excluding Hauliers) who has other means of livelihood.

After further discussion Col. Quin and Mr. Gaul withdrew their resolution and a Poll was taken on Mr. Corish's motion which resulted as follows:-

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin and Shannon. (12)

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Hickey, Keegan, Meyler, Smyth and Walsh. (10)

The Chairman (1) did not vote and Mr. Colloton (1) was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

GOREY OLD WORKHOUSE PREMISES

The following under date 6th October, 1933, was received from the Secretary, Co. Board of Health:-

"At a special meeting of the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance on the 2nd instant it was reported to the Board that tobacco was being cured and stored in the former Union Buildings at Gorey, and it was alleged that Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, had given authority to a Mr. O'Callaghan to enter and handle tobacco in the buildings. The following resolution was passed by the Board and I was directed to transmit a copy to you:-

"That the Wexford Co. Council be asked to give the Board an explanation as to what authority existed for the putting of the Gorey Union Buildings at the disposal of an outside person by Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, whilst the Board of Health were arranging for the demolition of the buildings by direction

"of the Co. Council."

"I would be glad if you could let me have a reply for the meeting of my Board on the 16th instant."

Mr. D'Arcy - I think Mr. Treanor acted in the best interests of the people.

Miss O'Ryan - I might explain that the majority of the Board seemed to be pleased that old buildings of that kind should be turned to useful purpose.

Mr. D'Arcy - Quite right.

Mr. Gaul said he resented Mr. Treanor's action in the matter. Mr. O'Callaghan the tobacco re-handler had applied to the Board of Health to use the buildings for the storage of tobacco and had been refused. What he (Mr. Gaul) resented very much was that a servant of the Council should over-ride the ruling of the Board of Health, and wished to know what authority Mr. Treanor had for his action.

In reply to Mr. D'Arcy the Chairman said that the buildings were owned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Mr. Treanor said he was under the impression that the Council were favourable to the matter and had been speaking to some of them, and acting under that belief he gave authority to enter the buildings certainly a week or ten days before the matter came before the Board of Health.

Mr. Cummins - That was not the question before the Health Board. What the Health Board considered was what authority you had in giving permission without getting authority from this Council or the Health Board.

Mr. D'Arcy - Hadn't we this discussion on before?

Mr. Treanor - I was under the impression that the Co. Council were favourably disposed to give the use of the building to this man to save the tobacco crop and, being under that impression, I thought it would be my duty to give him permission to go there. He had his tobacco ready and when he came there with a man and

lorry he said to me that he was going up to the workhouse buildings and was told it was all right with the Co. Council. I was under ^that impression myself. He said if he did not go there he would lose his crop.

Col. Quin - Even supposing the Co. Council were favourably disposed I would like to know for what reason Mr. Treanor took it upon himself to give leave to a man to enter buildings of which he had got no control. The Secretary of the Board of Health told us that he went around and found the building had been wired and left orders that no one was to be allowed into the buildings without his written order.

Mr. O'Byrne - At the last meeting of the Co. Council permission was asked to use these buildings. There was nothing permanent in the taking of it and the man was prepared to ^{go} out in a week if necessary. The decision at the meeting was that we had not power to give the building, but at the same time we had no objection if the Minister was prepared to approve of it. That was conveyed to Mr. O'Callaghan and he applied to the Minister. Mr. Treanor's part in the matter was simply to give permission to the caretaker to let him in.

Mr. D'Arcy - The Public Health Board approved of it too.

Mr. Gaul - They did not. It is going to upset the whole building of the new hospital in Gorey.

Miss O'Ryan - That is not so. I made very sure at the meeting of the Health Board in asking the architect if it would make any difference whatever to the building of the hospital on a different site, and he replied "None whatever" that it was only a question of getting a suitable site and the hospital would go up as quickly if not much quicker.

Chairman - The Co. Board of Health decided not to give the building at that meeting to Mr. O'Callaghan who was in communication with the Minister. Although I voted for the man to get in the majority of the meeting was against it.

Is not the matter still before the Health Board?

Miss O'Ryan - Yes.

Mr. Hall - There is no harm in it at all. The man's property was in danger, and if lost through the want of accommodation it would be bad for us if we would not allow him to enter the building. Nearly everybody in Gorey and district are in favour of this and would be "down" on the Health Board if they refused permission.

Col. Quin said the whole thing was a wangle of the worst description.

Miss O'Ryan said that at the meeting of the Co. Health Board on 2nd October, 1933, it was decided to allow the matter to hold over until next meeting.

Mr. Smyth said the people of Gorey did not agree with pulling down the union buildings when it was likely good use could be made of them. What influenced Mr. O'Callaghan was that a good number of growers in the area were not able to dry out the tobacco and were going to him to re-handle it. He had taken out-offices in a place and they got full up and found he had not room for all the tobacco unless he got some other place. It was a great acquisition to have Mr. O'Callaghan in the district, who understands the matter and to rehandle the tobacco for the people who were not in a position to do it.

Chairman - The matter was done more or less out of order, but I agree with Mr. Smyth that it was an extraordinary great benefit to the men who were allowed to put their tobacco there and get it re-handled. I do not condone Mr. Treanor's action at all, but still a benefit was conferred on the district. I know people around my district who have tobacco to be cured and do not know what to do with it would be much obliged if a man like Mr. O'Callaghan was available to re-handle it for them.

The matter dropped.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1933

The following letter under date 22nd September, 1933, (E.104909-1933)(Loch Garman) was read from the Department 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 18th instant, regarding payments to Messrs. Radford and Hayes, Officers of the Wexford County Council, and to state that the Minister would ask the Council to reconsider their decision bearing in mind that any compensation proposed need not necessarily be the full amount of remuneration withheld prior to 30th April, 1923, and that any payment, if to be made, must be paid within six months from the passing of the Act i.e. 13th proximo."

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Cummins seconded the following resolution:- "That Standing Orders of the Council be suspended to allow of consideration of letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. G.104909 - Loch Garman)."

A poll was taken with the following result.

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan and O'Ryan. (9)

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Hickey, Meyler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Shannon, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman (14)

Mr. Colloton (1) was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

The following under date 6th October, 1933, was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that an Inter-departmental Committee set up to inquire into applications under the Local Government Act, 1933, has reported on a claim submitted by Mr. T. Cullen in

"respect of his detention January-March, 1923, as follows, viz:-

"The Committee agreed that Mr. Cullen suffered loss of remuneration for political reasons and recommended that he be given the benefits of Section 7 of the Local Government Act, 1933, in respect of any sums withheld from him between 30th January, 1923 and 15th March, 1923."

"The Minister concurs in the report and recommends the case for the favourable consideration of the Wexford County Council.

"The action taken by the Council in the matter should be notified to this Department in due course."

Mr. Colfer moved and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following resolution:- "That Mr. Thomas Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, be paid £25.3s. amount to which he is entitled by Section 7 of Local Government Act 1933."

A poll was taken on the motion with the following result:-
FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan and O'Ryan. (9)
AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Hickey, Meyler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Shannon, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman. (14)

Mr. Culleton (1) was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

MEN LEAVING FARMERS TO WORK ON ROADS

The Co. Surveyor submitted for consideration the following letter from the Manager, Employment Exchange, Wexford, under date 5th October, 1933:-

"With reference to our conversation of even date I beg to inform you that the undermentioned workers who were submitted to you for employment at Palace Quarry by the Branch Manager, New Ross, have been found to have left employment with farmers in order to take up employment with the County Council. In the circumstances I would request that you take such action as you consider necessary in the matter as their

"names would not have been supplied to you by the Department had the facts been known."

The Co. Surveyor stated he had received an anonymous letter in relation to the men concerned and had forwarded it to the Manager of the Exchange. He had obtained a report from the Garda Siochana, in consequence of which the Manager had written the letter now submitted to the meeting. In view of the facts he (Co. Surveyor) had directed ^{of} the discharge of the men at once and this had been done.

Mr. Colfer said that men might obtain only a few days employment on the land and they should not be precluded from taking road work when available.

COURTOWN HARBOUR

The following report under date 7th October, 1933, from Co. Surveyor, was submitted:-

"As directed by the County Council I made inspection and survey, taking soundings, of the entrance channel at Courtown.

"At my inspection the depth of water on sill of gates was 7'.2½" at half Spring Tide. The maximum depth obtainable on the sill at High Water Spring Tide cannot be greater than say 9 feet without a freshet in the river. At this time there was no doubt abnormally low water owing to the continued drought, but at no time can more than 10 feet be calculated upon. This will only be for top of High Water Spring Tide, and, therefore, there is no use in dredging a greater depth in channel.

"I am of opinion that a depth of 8 feet at high water could be maintained in the channel, but without a full survey and borings, and thorough underwater inspection of the pier foundations I could not recommend any greater depth. I have figures showing result of one boring taken 50 feet off South Pier Head in 1913. This shows a depth at Low Water Spring Tide of 5'.6" with 18'.4" of sand, gravel and boulder clay overlying the rock.

"Possibly, there may be rock nearer the surface under the pier head, and up the channel, but unless the piers are substantially founded it would be unsafe to dredge between the piers to a depth of 10 feet High Water Spring Tide.

"I have quotations from a number of makers for supply of crane, and grab. These prices vary considerably, but I am satisfied that a suitable plant can be erected at the figure proposed by County Council viz. £1,000."

Letters were read from Messrs. R. Connors, Gorey, (Coal Merchant); Captain H. Kearon, Wave Crest, Arklow; Stephen Doyle & Co., Gorey; John O'Connor & Co., Gorey; and John Bolger & Co., that they were prepared to use Courtown Harbour for their business provided facilities were available there for suitable tonnage.

The following deputation attended:- Captain Kearon, Tomsilla, Courtown Harbour; Captain Kearon, Arklow and Mr. Dudley Butler, Courtown Harbour.

Captain Kearon, Tomsilla, said that if the Co. Council would put the crane on the quay they would be finished with Courtown Harbour. There was in his opinion no necessity to dredge close to the piers. Years ago they had to depend on sail but now with motor boats of draft of 8 feet 6in. and 9 feet it was not necessary to have such a wide channel. With a southerly wind they could obtain an additional one foot or eighteen inches of water so they would have over eight feet on the cill.

The Co. Surveyor said that if they had to depend on a certain wind for a sufficient depth of water it would limit the use of the port. There were two factors to be considered:- (1) The depth of water on the cill (2) the dredging close to the pier. He was afraid if they went too far with the dredging they would push out the toe of the pier. They should have some experiments carried out to ascertain how far they could dredge with safety. The Department would not approve of the matter of

unless it was proved to them there would be no danger of collapse. He suggested they should "draw" one of the piles and see what was the depth; He should be taken as thoroughly in favour of the improvement at Courtown Harbour if it could be carried out without danger to the structure.

Col. Gibbon suggested they should try and obtain plans of the Harbour through their Solicitor, but the Co. Surveyor stated that the late Lord Courtown had gone most carefully through all his papers but had failed to find any plan.

Captain Kearon, Tomsilla, said that when the Harbour was built there was 11 feet of water in the channel and in consequence the foundations should be ample to allow for the necessary dredging.

Captain Kearon, Arklow, explained what he would be able to do as agent for Lord Fitzwilliam in shipping slate dust etc. from Courtown Harbour if the present suggested improvements were carried out. From his knowledge of other small harbours he felt that if the crane was erected the County Council would have solved the problem of Courtown Harbour.

Captain Kearon, Tomsilla, said that the channel was 42 feet across and if dredged to a width of 25 feet in the centre there was no necessity to go near the piers at all.

Mr. Keegan said that irrespective of the question of shipping the crane would be the means of keeping the harbour open for the fishermen.

The Co. Surveyor held that if he were asked to provide a channel of 10 feet he would like to have some borings carried out and one at least of the piles at each side drawn.

The Chairman said the Council should not pledge themselves to the expenditure of £1,000 for the proposed crane until they had a further report from the Co. Surveyor.

Mr. Hall held that the expenditure of £1,000 would be justified in providing proper facilities for the fishermen of

Courtown if there was no other interest at stake.

Col. Gibbon said they must provide facilities for the fishermen. On the other hand he did not agree it would require £1,000 to do it. Owing to Mr. Donovan's work, and the flushing from the river the channel there was better than it ^{ever} was. Mr. Donovan was working with manual labour and a boat and equipped with a make-shift apparatus and he had been called upon only a couple of times since his contract began to clear the channel.

After further discussion Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem con:- "That £100 be set aside to be employed by Co. Surveyor to draw a pile at each side of piers at Courtown Harbour and also in carrying out sufficient borings to enable him to ascertain how near to the piers dredging can be carried out with safety."

The deputation having thanked the meeting withdrew.

MONAMOLIN ROADS

The following under date 21st September, 1933, was read from Rev. M.P. Rossiter, C.C., Monamolin:-

"I would ask you to bring this letter before the notice of the Council.

"I have been asked by many people to bring before the Council the scandalous state of the roads around Monamolin. To begin with, the road through Ballyedmond is really dangerous to any kind of traffic. Secondly the road from Ballinastraw to Clasheen is even worse. Thirdly all roads leading to the village itself are a disgrace to any Council. Now there is much traffic coming into Monamolin where a market is held every fortnight. Various travellers come into it every day and large lorries enter it constantly. The people of the parish come to Mass and Divine Service every Sunday and little children pass over it every day going to and coming from School and I may add

"many of these in bare feet.

"Lastly, I must again bring under your notice the many very dangerous corners. I have spoken on different occasions to Members of the County Council about those corners, yet nothing was done. I would ask the members of the Council to kindly examine their conscience and see if they are doing their duty to this part of the County, where there are many very good ratepayers."

The following extensively signed Memorial was also submitted:-

"We respectfully beg to draw your attention to the very bad state of the road (portion of the Main Road from Wexford to Gorey) from Ballyedmond to the Depot at Brady's Cross, Monamolin.

"We do so with the hope that after consideration of the facts you may see your way to have this portion of the said road steam-rolled at as early a date as possible.

"Here are the facts:-

- (1) This is an important main road and the traffic on it is considerable - cars, motors and lorries continually passing to and ~~from~~ from Wexford to Monamolin and Gorey, and from Enniscorthy to Monamolin and Gorey.
- (2) The particular portion of the road needing attention passes through the village of Ballyedmond where a large number of families reside. The houses are built beside the roadway on both sides. At the present time, and for some time past, the road surface is very poor. When in a dry state loose stones fly in all directions when motors and heavy lorries pass over it and constitute a grave source of danger to pedestrians and children of all ages who are constantly there.
- (3) The position is equally bad in wet weather. Mud is thrown in all directions and constantly disfigures the houses.
- (4) The short distance of road concerned would not entail much

"outlay.

- (5) The continuation of this road on both sides ~~is~~ in good repair and has been repeatedly attended to. This portion of the road has received no proper attention for a number of years and it is no exaggeration to say it is the worst in the district.
- (6) An important grinding mill is situated in the village which greatly increases the traffic.
- (7) The people of a wide district use this road when attending Divine Service and in the dark Winter nights the road is a positive source of danger.
- (8) Some of the largest and best ratepayers in the County (whose names are appended hereto) use this road and will verify the foregoing if necessary.
- (9) In addition to removing an eye-sore from the district much needed employment would be given on the approach of winter.

"We confidently hope that, after you have considered the above facts you may deem it feasible to have our request sanctioned."

A deputation consisting of Rev. M.P. Rossiter, C.C., and Thomas Boardman and James Murphy, both of Ballyedmond came before the meeting.

Mr. Hall, who introduced the deputation, said that Monamolin did not receive much financial assistance from the Council and it might be suggested that members of the Council were to blame in not looking for it. Father Rossiter and the other members of the deputation attended to ventilate some of their grievances.

Father Rossiter said that the Memorial gave fairly fully the grievances of the people living in Monamolin. They knew that both ends of the road were fairly attended to. A statement had been made that some of it which passed

gentlemen's demesnes received three times the attention that was given to the sections in the neighbourhood of Ballyedmond and Monamolin. It was also stated that because poor people resided there nothing had been done to the roads except the laying down of a few big stones and sods on top. Members of the Co. Council passed over the Ballyedmond portion of the road and should be familiar with the condition.

Mr. Hall said it was certainly in very bad condition.

Messrs. Boardman and Murphy stated the memorial and the statement of Fr. Rossiter covered any views which they desired to offer.

Mr. Keegan pointed out that the road from Ballycanew to Tomagaddy had been very much improved.

The chairman inquired as to why the particular portion complained of by Fr. Rossiter and the other members of the deputation had been neglected.

The Co. Surveyor said that the question that arose was not the doing of a selected piece of road but of applying the maintenance money to the whole road to the best advantage. The portion complained of had a marly bottom and was beyond the reach of the ordinary maintenance money to maintain. It would be necessary to have it repaired under a Government Grant. The other sections of the road had good bottoms and could be fairly maintained out of the maintenancesproposals. Two-thirds of the Wexford to Gorey road was in fairly good condition but the $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Kyle to Cuthatublin - one section $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile North of Ballycanew and another $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of Cuthatubbin - were in fairly poor condition and could not be properly reconstructed without a grant.

In reply to the Chairman the Co. Surveyor stated that it would cost about £3,500 to lay a proper foundation, steam roll etc. the $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles referred to.

Mr. Ennis bore out the Co. Surveyor's statement and said

that he was anxious to do the road, but the money was not available. In the famine days cuttings were made in the course of the relief works which had marly bottoms. The rest of the road was quite sound. Explaining the good condition of portions of the road he said he had no doubt that in years gone by portions running by big places got three times as much material as others. He was anxious to have the other portions of the road steam-rolled but the money was not available. He had put in estimates for the repair of the bad portion of the road. There was no negligence whatever in dealing with the roads in this district, but ^{he} was unable to get the estimates for repair passed. It would not be possible to make a good surface on these bad sections with a layer of tarred stones.

Col. Gibbon considered the Co. Council through Mr. Corish, T.D., should apply to the Government for a grant for repair of the main road at Ballyedmond owing to the extra heavy traffic passing over it in consequence of the closing of Ferrycarrig Bridge.

The Co. Surveyor said he proposed to put on the road for repair under the next available grant.

Col. Quin said he travelled that road that morning and had been over it six or seven times lately and it was not by any means the worse bit of road in the County. The worst section of that road was in the Castlebridge area.

Mr. D'Arcy said he was as often over the road as Col. Quin and he would say that the portions complained of were very bad, and he could not understand why it was being left in that condition.

Mr. Corish said he was in Monamolin last winter and his attention was drawn to the condition of the road. It was then bad enough, so that it must now be very bad.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the road was scheduled for improvement years ago, but it was held back because it was not a trunk road as they could not get any grant for it. As all that class of roads was now done, money would be allocated for link main

roads, and he would suggest that it be done out of the Grant which they received.

Mr. O'Byrne - When do you expect a Grant?

Co. Surveyor - You will be notified at the beginning of the year.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That a sum of £50 be withdrawn from the appropriate Contingency Fund to carry out repairs on the $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles referred to by Co. Surveyor and more particularly on the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile section."

Father Rossiter then referred to three dangerous corners, one at Brady's Turn, another adjacent to Monamolin School and the third an "S" hook at Ballinastraw, where a motor accident happened recently.

Chairman (to Co. Surveyor) - Have you any money to attend to those?

Co. Surveyor - None at present. We will bring it forward at the Road Works meeting.

Mr. O'Byrne - Two of the corners should not cost very much.

Co. Surveyor - The S hook turn would mean a diversion of the road.

Mr. Ennis stated in regard to two of the corners referred to he had for several years included proposals for them, but they were not done, as the money was cut down. The S hook turn would be an expensive job.

Father Rossiter also referred to the state of the four roads leading to the village to which there was a constant stream of traffic, including lorries. People attending the Catholic and Protestant Churches had to travel along those roads. Most of his population were poor people, and their children had to walk in their bare feet over sharp stones. Some of the children had their feet cut by the stones, and they had to

remain in school all day. After a short time there would be a good deal of unemployment when the work on the cottages was ended, and it was suggested that the people could then be better employed on the roads than drawing the dole. He promised when he came as a member of the deputation he would refer to employment being provided. At the present time stones were rolling down the streets of the village, the sewers and traps were broken and stopped and water was running around every place.

Mr. Ennis said it would require a couple of hundred pounds to put them in order, and that amount of money was not available at present. The stones from Ballyregan quarry were of a flinty nature like glass and were torn from the surface by motor traffic.

Mr. Keegan contended that lorry traffic through the village had broken down the sewers and believed if metalling was taken from Carrigeen quarry, there was a prospect that it would bond into the road.

The Chairman said he could not understand how the village and the roads around it were in such a bad condition, as the Council had allocated as much money for it as for any other village in the County. In his barony there were several villages but there were no complaints as to what was being done and the money allocated for those places was no greater than for similar places in the North of the County.

The Co. and Assistant Surveyors with the means at their disposal should endeavour to deal with the complaints which had been made.

The Co. Surveyor said that there was only £204 in the County Road Contingency Fund, and about £400 in the Main Road Contingency Fund, and of course these amounts had to deal with any unforeseen works between now and 31st March next. He ~~was~~ ^{would} include the corners referred to by Fr. Rossiter in next Road Grant Scheme and the Council could then decide if they were prepared to put up the money to bring about their improvement.

If not it might be possible to bring them in under Minor Relief Schemes Vote next year though at present the Council had no intimation that any money would be available under that head beyond what they had recently allocated.

Father Rossiter thanked the Members of the Council on behalf of the people of the district for having gone so fully into the complaints which had been laid before the meeting.

MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES -

WEXFORD DISTRICT

The County Councillors for Wexford recommended the following works under Minor Relief Schemes:-

Cleaning River at Brownstown -	£30
Cleaning River at Old Boley -	£30
Surfacing etc. lane at Ballygeary -	£50
Cleaning stream at Ballygillane -	£100
Surfacing and draining Neemestown Lane -	£70
Draining Lane etc. at Ballygrangans -	£60
Surfacing and draining Ballydusker Lane, Killinick.	£100
Surfacing etc. lane at Killinick -	£80
Surfacing and draining Milltown Lane -	£40
Surfacing etc. Traceystown Lane -	£70
Surfacing and draining lane at Clonerane, Taghmon.	£70
Surfacing and drainage Green road at Bannow.	£30
Surfacing and drainage Picket's Cross Roads to Coast Guard Station. -	£20
Surfacing and drainage "loop" from Picket's Cross Roads. -	£80
Surfacing and Drainage of Gurteenminogue and Fardystown Lane. -	£100
Surfacing and drainage of half mile of Beggan Lane, Mount Cross, Bridgetown -	£40

Total amount allocated £970 leaving a balance of £80 to be dealt with later.

REPAIR OF LANES

Memorials for repair of lanes under Minor Relief Schemes were received from various ratepayers.

(1) To connect Tinnock Road with Coole and Boderan, (Campile District).

(2) Repair of Kilcorkey Lane (Gorey District).

The Chairman said these applications could be scheduled for consideration when money under Minor Relief Schemes was received, next year.

WEXFORD BRIDGE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Col. Quin:-

"That a sum of £90 be withdrawn from Main Road Contingency Fund and allocated towards cost of new beams on Wexford Bridge."

BALLYCANEW ROAD - 27M

In connection with the application of Mr. H.T. Furney, Ballycanew, to enclose a piece of waste ground passing his premises on Road 27M, Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, for the District, wrote recommending that permission be given to Mr. Furney to enclose the place referred to, as it was an unsightly nuisance at present. The wall to be built would not cause any obstruction.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Wexford County Council take no action as regards the recommendation of Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for Gorey District, to allow Mr. H.T. Furney, Ballycanew, to enclose portion of the highway in front of his premises."

RELIEF UNEMPLOYMENT -

BANNOW DISTRICT

Andrew Stafford, The Moor, Bannow, Secretary, Bannow Branch of the Irish Labour Party, wrote that owing to the large amount of unemployment in the County, he asked the Council to allocate some money from Relief Grants for relief of unemployment as soon as money was available. He recommended the road from Cullenstown to Wellingtonbridge for improvement as it was in a bad state.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Colfer and adopted:-

"That the application from Bannow Labour Party as to repair of road from Cullenstown to Wellingtonbridge, be considered when first Relief Grants are received from Department of Local Government and Public Health."

SUPERANNUATION OF MANUAL INSTRUCTOR

Under date 21st September, 1933, the following was read from Chief Executive Officer, County Wexford Vocational Education Committee:-

"I desire to report, for the information of your Council that my Committee, at its meeting held on the 4th September, 1933, granted to Mr. James McNally, Manual Instructor in Woodwork, a superannuation allowance of £115.18.8d with appropriate cost of Living Bonus, to which amount the State Central Fund will contribute half."

POISONS & PHARMACY ACT LICENCE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That renewal of Licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to A.S. O'Donnell, Merchant, Taghmon."

KILCAVAN UNITED IRELAND PARTY

The following resolution was received from
Mr. T. Canavan, Hon. Sec., Tara Hill and Kilcavan Branch of
the National Farmers and Ratepayers League:-

"We the Members of the above Branch desire to strongly
protest against the unnecessary expenditure of Public money
by the Wexford Co. Council.

"Any waste of Public money on unnecessary schemes or in
any other directions are absolutely uncalled for at this
hour of our national crisis."

Chairman - If they had specified any expenditure it
would have been all right. In its present form I do not
see how we can deal with this resolution.

No order.

Michael Doyle

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 6th NOVEMBER, 1933

M I N U T E S

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary, Wexford County Council

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 6th November, 1933.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman (presiding); also Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Michael Hickey, Michael Jordan, William P. Keegan, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin and Myles Smyth.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor, Rates Inspector and five Assistant Surveyors were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

DEATH OF MR. SHANNON.-

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Mr. Corish said that since their last meeting, their colleague, Mr. James Shannon had passed away. Everyone would agree that Mr. Shannon was a very popular member and would be a great loss to the Council and a loss to the people, not alone those whom he directly represented - the working class - but also the general body of the ratepayers in the County. It would be admitted that Mr. Shannon always did his best for those he represented and for the Council as a whole, and he was always in constant attendance at the meetings of the Council and of every other Board of which he had the honour to be a member. He (Mr. Corish) felt certain that everyone sympathised with Mr. Shannon's wife and child in their bereavement that came so suddenly, and he thought it only fitting that the meeting stand adjourned to do honour to his memory. He, therefore, moved that they extend their sympathy to Mrs. and Miss Shannon in the bereavement caused by Mr. Shannon's untimely death, and that the meeting adjourn as a mark of respect to his memory.

Mr. Cummins seconded and endorsed every word that

Mr. Corish had said. He thought an adjournment was the least mark of respect they could pay to the memory of Mr. Shannon, who was a great loss to his family and to the Council.

Col. Quin said he was in Scotland when he heard of Mr. Shannon's death, and was very shocked and surprised. He was very proud to call Mr. Shannon his friend. Mr. Shannon was one of the finest men he knew and he was as straight as a die as far as he (Col. Quin) knew him, and was honest with everyone. He thought Mr. Shannon was a man whom they could be proud to call an Irishman.

Mr. O'Byrne said that Mr. Shannon and himself had spent a lifetime working together. It was a shock to see one of their comrades pass away, especially as Mr. Shannon seemed to be the healthiest of the Councillors and one who would be the last to go. His death was certainly a sad blow for his wife and daughter.

Miss O'Ryan said she had always admired Mr. Shannon's tremendous loyalty to duty and the interest he took in the welfare of the people he represented. She regarded his death as a great loss to the country.

Mr. Jordan said that the more he saw and knew of Mr. Shannon the more he respected him. He found him very straightforward and honourable - a man whose word one could always trust. Not only was he a great representative of labour but he represented all the people in his district - it did not make any difference who they were or what their politics. When he had a chance of doing a good turn to people opposed to him in politics, if they were deserving cases he was just as anxious to help them as he was to help those who agreed with him. He thought that that was a grand feature in the character of a public man, and no matter how hard the Labour party might try they would find

it very difficult to get a man to replace him.

Col. Gibbon expressed his deep sympathy with the relatives of Mr. Shannon. He felt Mr. Shannon's loss to the Council very greatly. He was one of the members with them for a very long time, and he was a man they would miss.

The Secretary said that on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff, he had, at the meeting of the Co. Committee of Agriculture, expressed his appreciation of Mr. Shannon in his dealings with the County staff in all matters in which they were concerned. They recognised to the full the kind and courteous manner in which he treated officials at all times. They deeply regretted his death, and sympathised most sincerely with his relatives.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, said he had a great regard for Mr. Shannon, and the news of his death came as a shock to him.

The Co. Surveyor said he came in contact with Mr. Shannon over and over again in connection with works in his department, and he certainly found him most keen in getting improvement works carried out, and, as Mr. Jordan had mentioned, Mr. Shannon brought forward all cases regardless of political or other differences.

The following was read from Mr. T. McCarthy, Co. Councillor:-

"I regret I cannot be at County Council meeting on Monday as I would like to have associated myself with resolution of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. Shannon. Mr. Shannon was a particularly good type of public representative and whilst the interests of the party which elected him were his first consideration, he actually worked for all the people. He possessed plenty of commonsense and his chief object as a Councillor was to

"treat everybody fairly and be tolerant towards others who differed from his point of view. He was indefatigable in his efforts to promote necessary works in his own district and his loss there will be keenly felt. Being unable to be present I would ask you to convey to the Council my appreciation of Mr. Shannon's worth as a public representative and his loyalty as a friend."

The Chairman, in putting the motion, said he had known Mr. Shannon on all the public Boards probably as long as anyone else in the room. He endorsed all that had been said about Mr. Shannon by the different speakers. Mr. Shannon and himself were wonderfully fast friends during the time they spent together in the Dail. He always knew Mr. Shannon as a generous, honest man, well-meaning in every way.

The resolution was then adopted in silence.

It was decided that adjourned meeting should be held on 27th November, 1933.

*Michael Doyle*

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING HELD ON 27th NOVEMBER, 1933.

M I N U T E S

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary, Wexford County Council

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 27th November, 1933.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman, presiding; also Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, James Gaul, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Michael Hickey, Michael Jordan, William P. Keegan, Thomas Maylor, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col.R.P.W. Quin and James E. Walsh, and Patrick Hayes.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor and the five Assistant Surveyors were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £26989:3:8d were examined and signed.

#### ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr. Cummins proposed and Col. Gibbon seconded the following resolution:-

"That Mr. M. Doyle, be re-elected Chairman of this County Council to hold this position until his successor has been appointed and has taken office."

There being no other proposal Mr. Doyle was declared re-elected.

He thanked the Members very heartily for the honour conferred upon him and for the confidence reposed in him by his colleagues. He would carry on the business in the future as in the past.

#### ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Hickey:- "That Mr. J.E. Walsh, be re-elected Vice Chairman of this Council to hold the position

"until his successor has been appointed and has taken office."

Mr. Walsh returned thanks for his re-election. He congratulated Mr. Doyle on his re-election and for his very careful attention to the business of the Council. The Chairman was ably assisted by his fellow-members and in his (Mr. Walsh's) opinion the business of the Wexford County Council was transacted as well as that of any other Council in Ireland.

#### THE LATE MRS. QUIRKE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colloton seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That we offer our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. James Quirke, Rate Collector, in the death of his young wife. We deeply condole with him in his bereavement."

The vote was supported by several Councillors and by the Secretary.

#### PROPOSED CO-OPTION OF CO. COUNCILLOR

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Cline:- "That co-option of Member of this Council vice Mr. James Shannon, deceased, be adjourned to next meeting of Co. Council to be held on 11th December, 1933."

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF

##### FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 12th October, 1933, were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 12th October, 1933.

Mr. James E. Walsh, (Vice Chairman Wexford Co. Council) presided and there were also present:- Messrs. T. McCarthy, John J. Culleton, James Hall, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6298.9.1d was examined and signed.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 7th October, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (H.109875/33 Loch Garman (Pc) wrote agreeing to increase to £180 from £150 the amount of loan to be made to Mr. Joseph Darcy, in respect of a house at Railway Road, Gorey.

Under date 10th October, 1933, (H.111437/33 Loch Garman) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote agreeing to loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to John Ryan, Aughnaclappa, Caim, £70, and Thomas Foley, Kiltrea Bridge, Enniscorthy, £70.

Under date 10th October, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (H.111039/33 Loch Garman) wrote agreeing to loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to the following:-

|                                                              |             |
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| <u>Michael <del>Admond</del> Templeshannon, Enniscorthy.</u> | <u>£180</u> |
| <u>James Doyle, Whitewell Cross Roads.</u>                   | <u>£ 70</u> |
| <u>Wm. Sheil, Scarawalsh, Clovass Road.</u>                  | <u>£150</u> |
| <u>Michael Wickham, Tomnalossett, Enniscorthy.</u>           | <u>£125</u> |

The Secretary stated that when Mortgages in these cases

had been signed, instalments of the Loan, certified for payment by the Assistant Surveyors, would issue in each case.

The following payments were made to applicants for loans and to Valuers:-

|                                                               | £.  | s. | d. |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|----|
| (Applicant) William O'Leary, Summerhill, Enniscorthy.         | 31  | 9  | 0  |
| (Valuer) R.J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor. (Fee)                | 1   | 1  | 0  |
| (Applicant) Martin Breen, Gurrawn.                            | 11  | 9  | 0  |
| (Valuer) Thomas Cullen, Assistant Surveyor. (Fee)             | 1   | 1  | 0  |
| (Applicant) John Lawlor, Ballyhyland.                         | 23  | 19 | 0  |
| (Valuer) Thomas Cullen, Assistant Surveyor. (Fee)             | 1   | 1  | 0  |
| (Applicant) Daniel Tomkins, Esmonde St., Gorey.               | 27  | 14 | 0  |
| (Valuer) Thomas Treanor, Assistant Surveyor. (Fee)            | 1   | 1  | 0  |
| (Applicant) Michael Ryan, Clonattin, Gorey.                   | 23  | 19 | 0  |
| (Valuer) Thomas Treanor, Assistant Surveyor. (Fee)            | 1   | 1  | 0  |
| (Applicant) Wm. Willoughby, Barnadown, Gorey.                 | 31  | 9  | 0  |
| (Valuer) T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor. (Fee)                | 1   | 1  | 0  |
| (Applicant) John & Annie Redmond, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy. | 48  | 19 | 0  |
| (Valuer) Thomas Cullen, Assistant Surveyor. (Fee)             | 1   | 1  | 0  |
| (Applicant) James Nolan, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy.          | 41  | 14 | 0  |
| (Valuer) Thomas Cullen, Assistant Surveyor. (Fee)             | 1   | 1  | 0  |
| (Applicant) John & M.E. Fortune, Esmonde St., Gorey.          | 88  | 19 | 0  |
| (Valuer) T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor. (Fee)                | 1   | 1  | 0  |
| (Applicant) Elizabeth Phelan, Courtown Harbour, Gorey.        | 148 | 19 | 0  |
| (Valuer) T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor. (Fee)                | 1   | 1  | 0  |
| (Applicant) Thomas Roche, Kilcloran, Camolin.                 | 125 | 12 | 6  |
| (Applicant) Maurice Foley, Ballyhyland, Killanne.             | 48  | 19 | 0  |
| (Valuer) Thomas Cullen, Assistant Surveyor. (Fee)             | 1   | 1  | 0  |
| (Applicant) James Molloy, Ballykerogue, Campile.              | 90  | 0  | 0  |
| (Applicant) Nicholas Whelan, Dunbrody, Campile.               | 90  | 0  | 0  |
| (Applicant) Robert Keegan, Prospect, Gorey.                   | 47  | 10 | 0  |

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: Under date 9th October, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote as follows (Circ. No. 104/33):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to express his grave concern at the lamentable state of the rate collection apparent from returns showing the position at the close of the half-year ended 30th ultimo. At this period, granted efficient collection, the proportion of the entire year's

"collection lodged should have amounted to one-half, but in no County has one-third been reached and the general position is that less than one-eighth of the rates have been collected. This position is discreditable alike to County Councils, their collectors, and the ratepayers themselves. Economic conditions were difficult last year when the proportion collected at this stage amounted to one-fifth. In the preceding year the proportion was one-fourth while the year before showed a collection of over one-third. The retrogression disclosed cannot but reflect on all parties concerned.

"County Councils are not merely spending bodies, the main source of their income is from rates and their most important duty is to see that the rates necessarily levied are promptly collected. The published reports of the proceedings at meetings of many county councils show that many Councillors appear from their public utterances more disposed to excuse ratepayers in default than to stress their obligations to meet their civic debts. Utterances of this character are quite inconsistent with the functions for which Councillors are elected. They discourage ratepayers and rate collectors. The Minister wishes to emphasise that it is the duty of each and every County Councillor both by personal example in prompt payment and by direct encouragement to ratepayers to assist in the early collection of rates.

"The position of County Secretaries in this matter is that they are the responsible executive officers of the various Councils and as such are responsible to see that the rates are properly collected and that the Rate Collectors properly perform their duties. In this portion of their duties neither County Secretaries nor Rate Collectors can be lawfully interfered with by Councils. Should Councils or Councillors purport to instruct their officers to refrain from taking all due steps to secure prompt payment of rates County Secretaries are obliged under Section 61 of the Local Government Act, 1925, to warn the meeting

"that the Councillors in question may be held responsible at audit for any subsequent loss.

"Each County Council should thoroughly examine the rating position and take all steps necessary to bring about an improvement. On the one hand they should issue public notices to ratepayers calling for the immediate payment of rates and pointing out the serious consequences that would be entailed by curtailment of civic services should this become necessary by lack of financial accommodation. On the other hand they should examine scrupulously the manner in which their officers are attending to the collection. The Collectors should be required to show when all demand notes were issued, how long after they received their warrants and what subsequent steps they have taken to collect the rates. Delay in the issue of demand notes should be dealt with by disciplinary action. The Rate Inspectors should be called upon to exercise the utmost energy in their supervision and to bring to light forthwith any cases of slackness on the part of Collectors. The Inspectors should report at frequent intervals as to the manner in which the Collectors are proceeding and showing what supervision they themselves are exercising. Particulars of the number of inquiries made by the Rate Inspectors from ratepayers appearing in arrear should be given and whether as the result of such inquiries the Inspectors are satisfied or not with the work of the Collectors."

The Chairman said that from published statements of rates collected in Counties appearing in the Daily Press, Wexford was high up and he believed that the Circular letter of the Department did not apply to them.

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

"That the attention of the Department of Local Government

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"and Public Health be drawn to the fact that as regards their Circular letter of the 9th October, 1933, No. 104/33, the Finance Committee desire to point out that the amount of rates lodged to date is in advance of the sum lodged at the corresponding period last year. Considering the state of the Country we believe that the Ratepayers have made a surprisingly good response to the demands of the Rate Collectors. The Finance Committee and the County Council are doing everything in their power to keep the rate collection on a businesslike basis."

PERSONAL BOND OF RATE COLLECTOR: Mr. John Flood, Clonroche, Collector (No. 9 District) wrote offering as his Personal Sureties, James Flood and John Cullen, both of Tominearly, Clonroche. Although they could not produce Banker's references they were both substantial farmers.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded the following recommendation:- "That the County Council be recommended to accept James Flood and John Cullen, Tominearly, Clonroche as personal securities for Rate Collector John Flood (No. 9 District)"

RESOLUTION FROM UNITED IRELAND PARTY: The following resolution forwarded from Tagoat Branch of the United Ireland Party had been referred from Co. Council meeting of 9th October, 1933, to the Finance Committee:-

"That the Co. Council abstain from drastic action in the collection of Rates until at least the New Year. By that time people will have a chance of getting Beet Returns and a better market open for oats." No order.

DISCOUNT ON SMALL DWELLINGS: Mr. Joseph Cummins wrote asking for refund of £1.18.9d overlodged amount in connection with discount on Small Dwellings. This had occurred through a clerical error on the part of the Rate Inspector.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That amount of £1.18.9d overlodged by J. Cummins, No. 8 District, in respect of Discount

"for Small Dwellings be refunded to him."

APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE: Mr. James Quirke, (No.1 District) wrote that acting as Hon. Secretary to the County Rate Collectors Association, he had been instructed to apply for poundage on rates collected to date, as the Collectors found it very difficult to carry on owing to lack of funds.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That application for payment of poundage by Rate Collectors be considered at first Finance Committee meeting to be held after close of present month."

#### COMPENSATION FOR ALLEGED

#### CRIMINAL INJURIES

Application for compensation for Criminal Injury was read from Jeanie King, Coolamurry, Davidstown, for wearing apparel and furniture - £80; and from John Dunne, Ballybrennan, Bree, - burning of hay £6.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor obtain all evidence possible in connection with these applications and appear to oppose the claims at the circuit Court.

#### APPLICATION INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

Mr. Leacy, N.S.P.C.C., wrote he intended to apply at Wexford Children's Court on 18th instant, for the committal of Catherine Kelly, Kiltra, Bannow, to St. Michael's Industrial School, Wexford. This child born on 7th April, 1923, was illegitimate. The father who subsequently married the mother died in June last. The mother was destitute and unable to support the child and in addition the child was at present living in immoral surroundings. Application would be made under Section 58 (1) (H) Children's Act 1929.

Mr. O'Byrne stated that if the facts were as represented he considered the application should not be opposed and the meeting fell in with this suggestion.

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL  
SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION

Mr. Noel Anglim, Riverview, Arthurstown, who sat at the recent examination and who secured over 40% of marks, wrote for a refund of his expenses incurred in attending the examination amount £1.11.6d.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That in accordance with the provisions of Scheme for Secondary and Vocational Scholarships, a refund of £1.11.6d expenses incurred in attending the examination under this Scheme by Master Noel Anglim, Riverview, Arthurstown, be refunded to him."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 10th October, 1933, Mr. John Dunphy, University Scholar, wrote applying for extension of his University Scholarship for a further year in order to obtain the Higher Diploma of Education. This Degree was essential for those desiring to enter the teaching profession. He had passed the B. Comm. Examination with Second Class Honours.

The Secretary stated the following was an extract from the University Scholarship Scheme:- "Students for the Higher Diploma of Education will hold Scholarships for four, instead of three years, to enable them to secure this Diploma."

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall, the following resolution was adopted:- "That in conformity with the provisions of University Scholarship Scheme, the Scholarship awarded to John Dunphy, 21 Convent Hill, New Ross, be available for the forthcoming Academic year to enable him to secure the Higher Diploma of Education."

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 12th October, 1933, be received and considered."

THE MINISTER AND RATE COLLECTION: The Secretary stated that he had furnished each Councillor with copy of the Circular letter of the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No.104/33 - 9th October, 1933) as to Rate Collection.

In reply to query he said that the amount of Rate lodged represented 39.19 per cent of the year's Warrant. At the corresponding period last year the percentage of Warrant collected was 42.84 showing a decrease of 3.65 per cent.

The Chairman said that although the percentage was lower they had more money in.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That this Council inform the Ministry for Local Government and Public Health that in their opinion the Rate Collection is doing very well in view of economic conditions."

Mr. Hickey thought the circular a most insulting one. Instead of putting the blame on the Rate Collectors and the Council, the ~~blame~~ blame should have been put on the people responsible. They all knew the state of the country and the difficulty to pay rates seeing that the ratepayers could not get one half of what they got twelve months or two years ago for what they had to sell. When the ratepayers could not get their markets restored they could not obtain money to pay annuities or anything else. There were men telling the people that there had been conspiracies in the country, and when challenged about them they were not able to prove anything.

The Chairman said he did not think they should introduce politics. He had no objection to any comments on the circular but they should not wander away from the terms of the circular.

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The County was doing well. As Mr. Hickey stated it was not the fault of the people if some of them were not paying their rates which, he regretted to say, was due to the fact that they had not the money.

Miss O'Ryan said that as the Chairman had accepted the remarks of Mr. Hickey they should not let them go unchallenged. The circular under discussion was sent to all Councils and no blame was being attached to any Council that was doing its duty fearlessly and honestly. She submitted that in the cases where rate collections were not better the right people to blame were the Co. Councillors. Fortunately, in Wexford County the rate collection was better than last year. If Councils were not able to get in the rates and to see that the public services were carried out they should resign office and let people take their place who were prepared to do the work. They had an excellent body of collectors in Wexford and they were very glad to see that some of the inducements being held out were not being yielded to. A lot of the blame had to be placed on the people themselves. She had instances in her mind of people who said that they could pay rates but would not do it. Those who were not in a position to pay the rates were to blame themselves, as they were not breaking up their soil and trying to make money. They wanted to stick to a policy which was dead and gone for ever.

Col. Gibbon referred to a report in a daily newspaper of that day in which it was stated that the Minister for Local Government had decided to obtain special reports from Counties where the collection of rates had fallen below normal. The article also stated that in Meath where the collection was held to be not satisfactory all collectors were submitted to a searching examination last week. The inquiry revealed no evidence of a "no rates campaign" but went to show that the farmers of Meath were very hard hit by the economic war and

that money was very scarce. Miss O'Ryan stated that the farmers were not doing their job and not taking advantage of the times, He would like Miss O'Ryan to tell them what the people were to do with their black oats. There were hundreds of tons of black oats in the hands of the people, and if they could not sell their corn how could they pay rates? A very large number had the best intentions in the world, but they had not the money. The prices of cattle were also very poor and they were being sold at a loss of £4:5s. a head. It was not due to the English demand, though they were told that the English market was gone. The British Government was stopping £6 a head and the sellers were getting a subsidy of 35/-. That meant that the English farmer was buying Irish cattle, the sellers of which were losing at the rate of £4:5s. a head. Next year Wexford County which had done so well with beet would be worse off as there would be a loss of £5 a statute acre on the crop when this year's price was compared with the figure fixed for next year.

Col. Quin said he understood Miss O'Ryan to state that people told her that they had the money but would not pay rates. If there were such people it was the duty of the members to make known the names of such people to the Council and have them prosecuted. It was very easy to make vague statements which had very little foundation.

Miss O'Ryan said that Col. Ginnon had made a terribly dishonest statement when he suggested that the farmers could not grow black oats at present prices. What about wheat, white oats and beet? If Col. Gibbon and others gave up the growing of beet there would be twenty-five applicants for every acre. Butter and eggs were selling to-day at prices that were better than had been prevailing for many years. Sheep and pigs were also realising steady prices and farmers were getting feeding stuffs at lower prices than heretofore. She denied that she ever made vague statements, and the Council could rest assured that

if she obtained any information about non-payment of rates she would pass it on to the Council.

Mr. W.P. Keegan said the debate would tend to hamper the rate collection and provide excuses for people not to pay the rates.

The Chairman said he certainly disagreed with Miss O'Ryan's statement. Every member of the Council was aware that the receipts of the farming community, no matter what phase of agriculture they engaged in, were <sup>not</sup> anything like what they had been.

Mr. Hall said that to-day anyone who employed labour was unable to make agriculture pay the expenses. At the last fair in Enniscorthy he sold sheep at a loss of 10/- a head. He received no bounty, and if he did he had to pay it back.

The Chairman said that the statements from all the Rate Collectors made to the Finance Committee went to show that there was not a "no-rates Campaign" in this County.

The matter dropped.

PERSONAL BOND OF RATE COLLECTOR: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Brennan:-  
"That, as recommended by Finance Committee Messrs. James Flood and John Cullen, both of Tominearly, Clonroche, be accepted as Personal Securities for John Flood, Rate Collector (No. 9 District)."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 12th October, 1933, and as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby approved."

The Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 26th October, 1933, were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, on 26th October, 1933.

Present: Messrs. James Hall, Thomas McCarthy and Sean O'Byrne.

Mr. McCarthy was moved to the chair on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5490.1.3d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

The state of the Rate Collection up to 25th October, 1933, was submitted as follows:-

| <u>Collector</u> |                 | <u>Percentage of</u><br><u>Current Rate collected</u> |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.               | E.J. Murphy     | 40.0                                                  |
| 2.               | Sean Gannon (6) | 40.0                                                  |
| 3.               | John Curtis     | 35.0                                                  |
| 4.               | Patrick Carty   | 33.3                                                  |
| 5.               | P. Nolan        | 32.1                                                  |
| 6.               | S. Gannon (10)  | 32.0                                                  |
| 7.               | W. Cummins      | 31.1                                                  |
| 8.               | Maurice Kehoe   | 30.8                                                  |
| 9.               | J. Cummins      | 28.1                                                  |
| 10.              | W. Doyle        | 26.8                                                  |
| 11.              | A. Dunne        | 25.8                                                  |
| 12.              | J. Quirke       | 25.5                                                  |
| 13.              | M. McCarthy     | 25.5                                                  |
| 14.              | D. Kenny        | 25.4                                                  |
| 15.              | J. Deegan       | 24.7                                                  |
| 16.              | J.J. O'Reilly   | 24.3                                                  |
| 17.              | J. Flood        | 22.0                                                  |
| 18.              | P. Doyle        | 20.3                                                  |
| 19.              | J.J. Sinnott    | 18.0                                                  |
| 20.              | M. Murphy.      | 16.1                                                  |
|                  |                 | <u>28.0</u>                                           |

As compared with 3rd November, 1932, there was a drop in the collection of 7.5 per cent.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Rate Collectors be directed to inform this Committee of the steps taken by them in the cases of ratepayers who are able to pay the first moiety of current year's rates but who failed or neglected to

"do so. That reports from Collectors on this point be considered at next meeting of this Committee."

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction an extension of period of present overdraft accommodation of £40,000 to 31st March, 1934."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 16th October, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Housing Department) wrote (H.112016/1933 - Wexford Co. Council) approving of loan of £100 to Patrick Fanning, Moneycross Upper, Gorey.

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, wrote that the titles of Denis Brennan, Springmount, Killanne and of William Sheridan, Lucas Park, Enniscorthy, to the plots on which they proposed erecting houses under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts were in order.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That Co. Council be recommended to agree to issue of loan of £145 to Denis Brennan, Springmount, Killanne, and of loan of £140 to William Sheridan, Lucas Park, Enniscorthy, under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

MOTOR HIRE - MACHINERY OVERSEER

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That payment of eleven Guineas for Motor hire from 8th September, 1933 to 27th September, 1933, be made to W. Murphy, Machinery Overseer, covering portion of period during which body of new lorry was under construction.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on 26th October, 1933, and as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby approved."

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 9th November, 1933, were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 9th November, 1933.

Present:- Messrs. James Hall, Thomas McCarthy and Sean O'Byrne.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor and Rates Inspector were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3616:14:11d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF:- The following state of the Rate Collection to 8th November, 1933, was submitted:-

| <u>Name of Collector</u> |                     | <u>Percentage of<br/>current Rate<br/>excluding arrears.</u> |  |
|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--|
|                          | <u>£. s. d.</u>     |                                                              |  |
| 1. E.J. Murphy           | 2734: 3: 4          | 47.2                                                         |  |
| 2. S. Gannon (6)         | 1513:17:11          | 44.5                                                         |  |
| 3. J. Curtis             | 2606: 6: 7          | 42.1                                                         |  |
| 4. M. Kehoe              | 1958: 4: 5          | 41.1                                                         |  |
| 5. P. Carty              | 2077: 4: 4          | 30.3                                                         |  |
| 6. W. Cummins            | 1784: 1: 1          | 35.8                                                         |  |
| 7. P. Nolan              | 2674:10: 7          | 35.6                                                         |  |
| 8. J. Cummins            | 2063: 9: 7          | 35.4                                                         |  |
| 9. S. Gannon (10)        | 1378: 5: 2          | 35.3                                                         |  |
| 10. W. Doyle             | 1732: 5: 3          | 35.0                                                         |  |
| 11. J. Deegan            | 2609:12: 8          | 31.3                                                         |  |
| 12. M. McCarthy          | 1881: 1: 9          | 31.2                                                         |  |
| 13. D. Kenny             | 1635: 9: 5          | 31.0                                                         |  |
| 14. A. Dunne             | 2577:18: 6          | 30.7                                                         |  |
| 15. J.J. O'Reilly        | 1869: 2:11          | 30.1                                                         |  |
| 16. J. Flood             | 1298:11: 4          | 30.0                                                         |  |
| 17. J. Quirke            | 2547:10: 7          | 29.7                                                         |  |
| 18. P. Doyle             | 1668: 1: 2          | 26.2                                                         |  |
| 19. J.J. Sinnott         | 1568:18: 3          | 24.7                                                         |  |
| 20. M. Murphy.           | 987:13: 9           | 24.3                                                         |  |
|                          | <u>£39166: 8: 7</u> | <u>33.7</u>                                                  |  |

These figures showed a drop of 5.3 per cent as compared with corresponding period in 1932.

EXPLANATIONS FROM RATE COLLECTORS:- At the meeting of Finance Committee on 26th October, 1933, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Rate Collectors be directed to inform this Committee of the steps taken by them

"in the cases of Ratepayers who are able to pay the first moiety of current year's rates but who failed or neglected to do so."

All Rate Collectors with the exception of Patrick Carty had replied to this resolution.

The following is a summary of reply from Collector in each case:-

J. CUMMINS: No one refused to pay; had served forty-nine Six Day Notices.

W. CUMMINS: Served Six Day Notices; only about six or seven Ratepayers concerned.

J. CURTIS: Handed to Solicitor names of ratepayers who are in a position to pay and have not done so.

JOHN DEEGAN: No refusal from anybody able to pay. Serving Six Day Notices on those who he considered able to pay.

P. DOYLE: Same explanation as M. Kehoe.

W. DOYLE: No refusal from Ratepayers except one - Richard Richards, Artramont. Had served him with Six Day Notice. Handed the matter to Solicitor. Other ratepayers were doing their best to pay.

ART DUNNE: No attempt to evade or defer payment. Ratepayers were anxious to pay. Farmers depend on sale of cattle or oats; cattle were unsaleable and there was only a limited market for oats. All able to pay had paid except Earl of Courtown and Reps. Lady Errington and payment would be made in these cases when Estates had been administered.

J. FLOOD: Had called a second time on practically all ratepayers and had received definite promises to pay in most cases. Where promises would not be carried out he would take legal proceedings.

SEAN GANNON: Had served Six Day Notices on nearly all defaulting ratepayers. Very hard to say who was able to pay. (Read letter from Col. Bryan.)

M. KEHOE: Had served Six Day Notices on all considered able to pay. After that would communicate with Solicitors.

D. KENNY: Six Day Notices on all he considered able to pay. But people were not able to sell their cattle or corn. Men at Gorey Fair on the previous day were prepared to sell their cattle at sacrifice prices but could not get a buyer. Thought Ratepayers were doing their best.

M. MCCARTHY: Doing his best not easy to decide who was really able to pay. People had promised to pay when they received their beet cheques, and there was no use in taking them by the neck. If he got Decrees he would be no better off as decrees obtained last year had not been executed and he had been obliged to lodge £35 of his own money to close his warrant and had not seen a penny of it yet. He did not see what redress Collectors had. He suggested the Finance Committee or Co. Council would appeal to ratepayers to pay up as had been done in Clare and other Counties. This might help the Collectors.

E.J. MURPHY: Where he failed to collect he had served Six Day notices. He had only £193:3:2d outstanding on first moiety.

M. MURPHY: In the case of anyone able to pay he had served Six Day Notices. He had lodged decrees with the Sheriff for last year's rates and wished to know what about them?

P. NOLAN: Very hard to judge "who's who" in the matter of payment. He had served Six Day Notices on defaulters and would proceed further by summons to Court if they did not pay. He had decrees for something like £500 and could not get a shilling of it. He wished to know where he stood as regards these decrees. He had been forced to lodge money out of his own pocket last year to close his warrant. A number of ratepayers believed no one would buy stock which had been seized for rates and they would have to be returned to the owners as happened in previous cases.

J.J. O'REILLY: It was very difficult to be certain that a particular person was in a position to pay. Cattle could not be sold even at a sacrifice and oats which in the past had paid the September rate would not make money at from 5/- to 5/6d per barrel. He had served twenty-five Six Day Notices, which he would follow up.

J. QUIRKE: Had served Six Day Notices on Ratepayers considered able to pay. Had decrees against several others since last March and who were able to pay but could not get them executed. If this were done it would help the collection very much.

J.J. SINNOTT: Believed every ratepayer was doing his best to pay, in fact they had their cattle in every fair. Farmers lived out of cattle in this district. He enclosed letter from Major Bryan, Upton. He had placed the collection of this item in the hands of his Solicitors.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That Collectors be instructed to take the necessary steps to have decrees

"which they have obtained for Rates executed."

POUNDAGE: Application from Mr. J. Quirke, Hon. Secretary, Co. Rate Collectors' Association, for payment of Poundage to Collectors on amounts collected submitted to meeting of Finance Committee on 12th October, 1933, and adjourned to present meeting was considered.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That Department for Local Government and Public Health be requested to approve of payment of full poundage for Collectors' lodgments to 30th November, 1933, to all Rate Collectors who lodge 50 per cent of current warrant by 7th December, 1933, (excluding arrears).

RATE COLLECTOR RESIDING IN HIS DISTRICT: Letter from Rate Collector P. Carty (No. 20 District) as to permanently residing in his district which was considered at meeting of Finance Committee on 3rd August, 1933, and adjourned for three months was considered.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That consideration of letter from Collector P. Carty as to residing in his district be adjourned until the close of Warrant for current year

#### OVERDRAFT

The Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote under date 2nd November, 1933, (G.125244/1933 - Loch Garman Fa) asking in connection with the sanction of overdraft what steps had been taken to recover from the Urban District Councils the sums due on their Demands in respect of the financial year ended March, 1933, The Co. Council should not allow these Demands to get into further arrear.

The Secretary stated that Enniscorthy Urban Council owed £1440:7:2d (half year) and Wexford Urban Council £1533:4:6d (one Quarter). In respect of Demands for year ended

31st March, 1933, New Ross Urban Council had paid Demand for that year in full.

None of the Urban District Councils had made any payment on current year's Demands.

It was decided that Urban District Councils be requested to lodge the outstanding instalments of Demands as soon as possible.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 3rd November, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.117695-33 Loch Garman) sanctioning the proposal of the Council to advance £100 on loan to Edward Dwyer, Ballyoughna, Killena, under above Acts.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That the Co. Council be recommended to approve of the following loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

£150 to Michael Fox, Ballyorrlil, Marshalstown.

£120 to Maurice O'Neill, Cherryorchard, Enniscorthy, and

£150 to John Murphy, Bellefield, Enniscorthy.

#### ANNUAL MEETING OF CO. COUNCIL

Under date 6th November, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circ. No.F.109/33) forwarding copy of Order dated 17th October, 1933, and made in pursuance of the Local Elections and Meetings (Postponement) Act, 1931, revoking the previous Order of 30th August, 1933, and appointing the 15th July, 1934, the last day mentioned in the Statute for the holding of local Elections. In consequence of the provisions of this new Order the year 1933 is now a year in which a triennial election is not held and the duty devolved on the County Secretary to convene the annual meeting of the County Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the Local Elections Act, 1927.

The Secretary read the last mentioned section for the meeting.

It was decided that the date fixed for next meeting of the Council viz. 27th November, 1933, at 10.30 a.m. was the earliest convenient date for holding the annual meeting of the Council.

#### FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, brought before the meeting Report of Co. Analyst showing that a sample of whiskey taken by the Gardai at the shop of Mrs. Elizabeth W. Reid, Duncannon, contained 7.8 per cent of excess water and that a sample of whiskey taken by the Gardai at the premises of Mrs. Susan Heery, Duncannon, contained 3.6 per cent excess water.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, take Court proceedings in each case.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Clince seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 9th November, 1933, be received and considered."

EXPLANATIONS FROM RATE COLLECTOR:

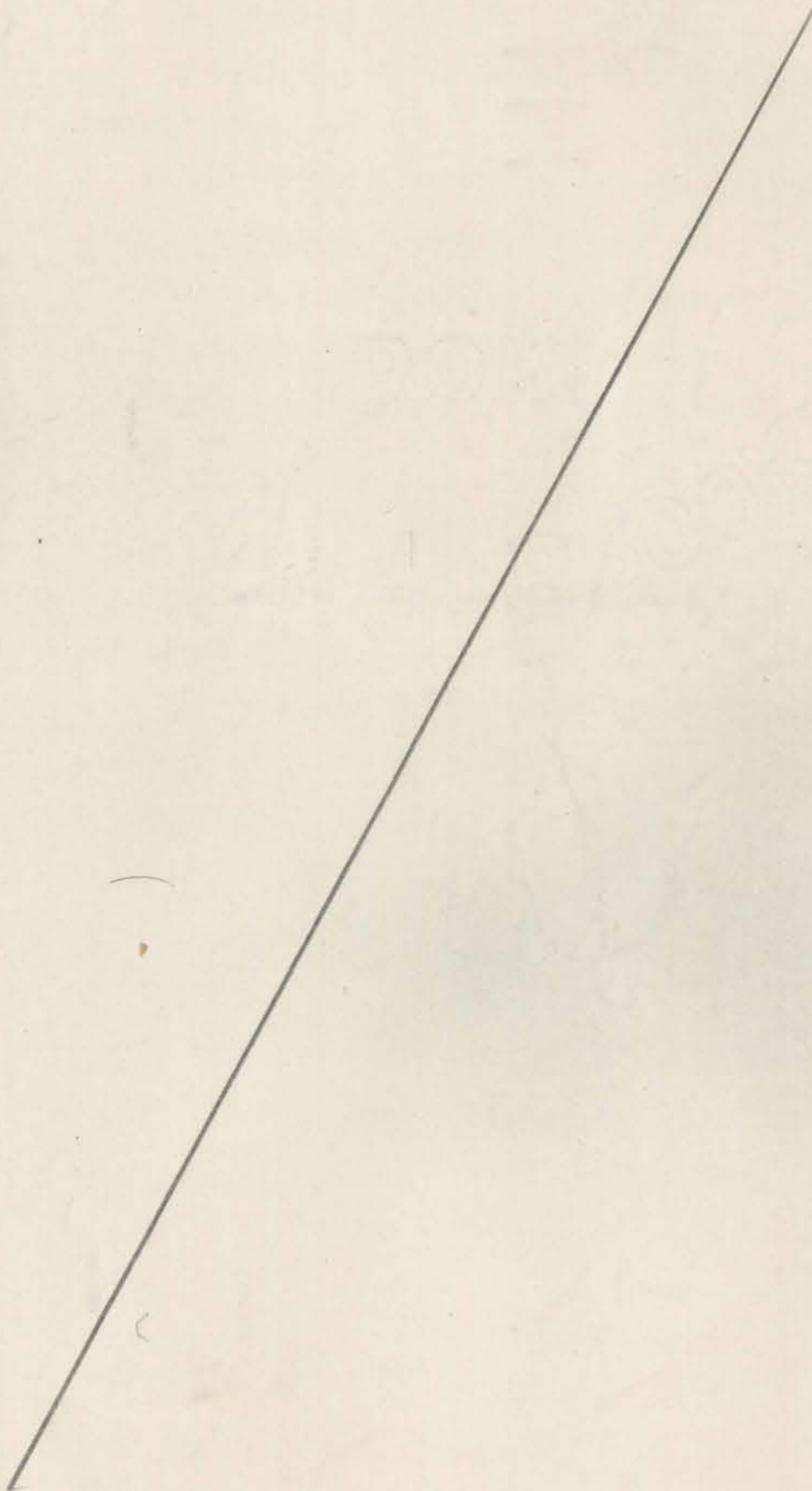
Collector P. Carty, District No. 20, wrote that ratepayers in his district who were able to pay had ~~not~~ paid up very well lately. In cases where rate was not paid he had served Six Day Notices and would take legal proceedings thereon immediately.

POUNDAGE: Letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, under date 15th November, 1933, (G.131482/1933, Loch Garman, Fa) pointing out that interim poundage was not payable to Rate Collectors until the requirements of Article 101 (1) (a) had been complied with.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Gaul:- "That Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction payment of Poundage fees to Rate Collectors on their lodgments up to 30th November, 1933, provided they lodge a sum equivalent to 50% of their Warrants (excluding arrears) by 31st December, 1933. The Minister agreed to a similar proposal as a special concession last year, and unfortunately the position of rate payers generally has not improved since then. A number of Collectors have no other source of income and it would entail hardship in certain cases if remuneration were not paid before Christmas."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on 9th November, 1933, and as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby confirmed, except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

Finance Committee Minutes in respect of meeting held on  
23rd November, 1933, were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 23rd November, 1933.

Present: Messrs. J.J. Culleton, J. Cummins and Sean O'Byrne.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and Rates Inspector were also in attendance.

The chair was taken by Mr. O'Byrne on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Culleton.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3902:19:2d was examined and signed.

The remainder of the business was adjourned to next meeting.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Clince seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 23rd November, 1933, and as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby confirmed."

#### SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS:- The following letter under date 18th November, 1933, (F.34927) was read from the Department of Education:-

"I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28th August last, with which you enclosed a copy of a report of a meeting of the Scholarship Committee held on the 26th idem. The various suggestions put forward in that report have now received the consideration of the Department, and in reply I am to say that the examination papers set for the scholarship examination are not too difficult and are not beyond what should be expected from a well taught boy or girl of the sixth standard, who would be likely to benefit by a secondary education.

"In connection with the award of scholarships to Pupil Teachers and to Preparatory College Students, I am to refer you to this Department's correspondence on the subject with your Council on 23rd July, 1932, 14th December, 1932, and 23rd December, 1932, and to say again that should any such case arise it will be open to full consideration by the Department.

"With reference to the date for holding the scholarship examination it has been found that Easter week is generally regarded as the most convenient time for the examination.

"I am to add that no objection will be offered by the Department to the proposal to refund the expenses incurred in attending the scholarship examination to those candidates

"who though unsuccessful in winning a scholarship, secure not less than 30 per cent of the gross marks allotted to the six subjects in which they are examined, provided that the County Council has sufficient funds at its disposal for the purpose. In accordance with the terms of the regulations governing the award of scholarships a Council may be permitted to make provision for the payment, out of the Council's funds, of some or all of the necessary expenses of candidates who attend the examination and secure not less than 40 per cent of the gross marks allotted to the six subjects in which they were examined. The reduction to 30 per cent sought by your Council is being allowed as an experiment this year in order to see whether the competition will be thereby improved.

"The syllabus for 1934 is the same as that approved for 1933, and a copy of it is enclosed for your information.

"A draft copy of the scholarship scheme which your Council proposes to have for 1934 is awaited."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That Scheme for year 1934 for Scholarships tenable in Secondary and Vocational Schools in conformity with letter from Department of Education (18th November, 1933 - F.34927) be approved by this Council and submitted to that Department for sanction."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME:- Patrick Sheehan to whom a University Scholarship had been awarded wrote under date 12th October, 1933, that as he had accepted a call to St. Patrick's Training College for Teachers, Drumcondra, Dublin, it would be inconvenient for him to accept University Scholarship. He asked that the Scholarship should be held over for two years when he would have completed his training.

The Secretary stated he had pointed out to Mr. Sheehan that the resolution of the Council awarding him scholarship provided that if he were unable to avail of it in the current

Academic year the scholarship should go to the next candidate in order of merit and who, in the opinion of the University Authorities was qualified to receive University instruction.

The next candidate on the list was Johanna Cooney, Ballykelly, New Ross. When the University Authorities were communicated with as regards her eligibility a letter was received from the Secretary, University College, Dublin, under date 16th October, 1933, stating that Miss Cooney's total marks at the Leaving Certificate Examination (1083) were sufficient to qualify her for award of Scholarship but that as she failed in Mathematics at the same exam, with 212 pass marks out of 600 she should apply to the Registrar, National University, to know whether this mark (35%) would be accepted as an equivalent to a Pass in Mathematics for the purposes of Matriculation.

Miss Cooney had applied and had been informed that the 35% mark was accepted as an equivalent to a Pass in Mathematics for the purposes of Matriculation.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That University Scholarship be awarded Miss Johanna Cooney, Ballykelly, New Ross."

Under date 12th October, 1933, Rev. J. Burke, 18, Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin, Dean of Residence, University College, Dublin, wrote recommending that Ml.F. O'Keefe, a Co. Wexford University Scholar, who had failed the B.A. (Hons.) Examination should on his work and conduct be given another chance.

The following under date 15th October, 1933, was read from Mr. O'Keefe:- "

"Since my Dean of Residence informed me that you are willing to place an application for the renewal of my scholarship before your Committee, I venture to make that application.

"The examination was a distinct departure from those of previous years and although I did my utmost I failed by a very small margin to reach the Pass standard.

I intend to do the B.A. again next year in addition to the Higher Diploma, but, not having the private means to remain in Dublin to attend lectures, I would beg of the Co. Council to gravely consider my application."

The following under date 25th November, 1933, was read from Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor:-

"I have now looked into the application of Mr. O'Keefe, for a further extension of the Term of his Scholarship.

"The position is, that Mr. O'Keefe failed in one of his Arts Examinations last year, and then applied for an extension of his Term which application was granted by the Council on the undertaking given by Mr. O'Keefe that he would complete his Course and take his Degree this year.

"He has again failed to pass his Examination, and has now applied for a further extension to enable him to obtain his Degree and higher Diploma of Education.

"In my opinion, the Council has no power to grant this further extension inasmuch as Mr. O'Keefe has failed to complete his Arts Course and, it is only in cases where such Arts Course has been completed, that the Council are, under the Scholarship Scheme, entitled to extend the Course for a further year to enable the Student to take out his higher Diploma for Education."

Mr. Gaul said he would propose that Mr. O'Keefe be given a further year's extension of his scholarship if the proposal could be considered in order but the chairman pointed out that in view of Mr. Elgee's opinion there was the risk of surcharge in the event of the Council acceding to Mr. O'Keefe's request.

It was decided to inform Mr. O'Keefe that the Council

could not, in view of the opinion of their legal adviser, agree to the extension of his scholarship.

COMMITTAL OF CHILDREN  
TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS

Mr. Keegan stated that in June last two children - John Fanning and Thomas Fanning, aged 4½ and 7 years respectively, who resided at Fairview, Gorey, had been committed to Rathdrum Industrial School. Since then the mother re-married and in view of that he proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:- "That the Co. Solicitor be instructed to re-open the case of the Fanning children recently committed to Rathdrum Industrial School in view of the altered circumstances of their mother."

COURTOWN HARBOUR

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne and seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That, as recommended by Courtown Harbour Committee, the name of Captain Kearon, Tomsilla, be added to this Committee vice that of Mr. John O'Byrne who has resigned."

The Courtown Harbour Committee wrote recommending that four Standards and lamps be erected at quay-side at Courtown Harbour, cost not to exceed £4.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following resolution:- "That as recommended by Courtown Harbour Committee the Co. Surveyor procure four lamps and Standards for the lighting of Courtown Harbour Quay side, cost not to exceed £4."

Passed.

APPOINTMENT OF FOOD & DRUGS INSPECTOR

GOREY DISTRICT

The following resolution was proposed by Col. Quin ~~and~~ seconded by Mr. Corish and adopted:- "That Garda Thomas Lynch, Gorey, (7822) be appointed ex-Officio Inspector under Food and Drugs Acts etc. vice Garda Hugh Doherty, (1445) transferred to Camolin."

COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Under date 12th October, 1933, letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Circ.105/33) that the Minister had given directions for the issue of Order appointing 15th July, 1934, as the date for the holding of Elections for Members of Local Authorities. The Minister also intended as soon as possible to introduce legislation which *inter alia* will alter the basis of local representation.

PAYMENT OF ROAD WORKERS

The following under date 11th October, 1933, (R/RM/32) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With further reference to your letter of 18th ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is unable to accede to the request of Wexford County Council for reconsideration of the decision regarding the Council's proposed arrangements for payment of road workers. The Minister would be glad if you would, if necessary, explain the whole position to the Council."

The following under date 4th November, 1933, was read from Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor:-

"Referring to our interview as to this matter, (payment of Road Workers), this morning I have now looked into same

"and I find, that under the Public Bodies Order there are two methods open for payment of the Road Workers by the County Council, viz:-

(1) By individual Pay Orders

(2) By Pay Clerks.

"The County Council had appointed the Road Gangers as Pay Clerks, but the Local Government Department will not recognise them as Pay Clerks under the Order, and the County Council then appointed the Assistant Surveyors as such Pay Clerks, and this proposal was also turned down by the Local Government Department, so that the only course now open to the Council is, to issue individual Pay Orders, or to appoint some definite persons as Pay Clerks under the Order.

"In my opinion, the latter proposal would be very expensive, as I think it would be necessary to appoint at least three such Clerks in order to deal with the matter efficiently, and this being so, the only course open to the Council is, to issue Pay Orders to each individual Worker, as if this course is not adopted the Auditors will probably have something to say on the matter when auditing the Accounts."

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy, seconded by Mr. Brennan:-

"That in order to provide the necessary temporary clerical assistance to allow of individual Pay Orders being transmitted to Road and Quarry workers, we hereby set aside a sum of £50 for one year, the Co. Secretary to employ the necessary assistance at 1/- per hour as occasion arises. This arrangement is to remain in force for the year as an experiment."

MARRIAGE GRATUITY

MRS. MURPHY, LATE POULTRY INSTRUCTRESS

The Secretary, Co. Committee of Agriculture, reported that on the 6th September, 1933, a resolution was adopted granting Mrs. Murphy, late Instructor in Poultry Keeping, £100 as a marriage gratuity.

Notice of motion from Mr. D'Arcy to annul this award was considered at the meeting of Co. Committee of Agriculture on 23rd October, 1933, and defeated.

The following under date 27th October, 1933, (G.122214/1933 Loch Garman) was read from the Department 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 24th instant, forwarding the decision of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture to grant a marriage gratuity to Mrs. Murphy and to state that the proposal should be submitted for approval to the Wexford County Council as that body will be liable for payment and the Minister would wish to learn that the County Council are in agreement before giving his decision. I am to state that the sums set out in sub-Section 4 of Section 44 of the Local Government Act 1925, are over-riding maxima and that it is consequently open to the Committee as in this case to fix any lesser sum as gratuity that they may consider adequate."

In reply to Mr. O'Byrne the Secretary said that according to her service Mrs. Murphy could be granted a gratuity of £221:10s.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution:- "That we hereby confirm the award of £100 as marriage gratuity to Mrs. Murphy, late Poultry Instructor to Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture, and

"agreed to by said Committee at their meeting on 6th September, 1933."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR:- Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, O'Byrne and O'Ryan. (11)

AGAINST:- Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hickey, Jordan, Meyler, Quin, Walsh and the Chairman. (10)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

#### SEEDS AND FERTILISERS SUPPLY ACT, 1933

The following under date 11th November, 1933, (Circ.No.89A/33) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to my circular letter of the 31st March last and to transmit for the information of the County Council the accompanying copy of the above-mentioned Act (Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Act 1933) which has validated the schemes for the supply of seeds and fertilisers undertaken by County Councils in the early part of this year in accordance with the instructions issued by the Department.

"Special attention is directed to the terms of Section 4 of the Act. It will be noted that recoupment of loss incurred in connection with the scheme can only be entertained after certification by the Minister that such loss is irrecoverable. No such claim can arise before the year 1935/36 in view of the provision made for the levy of sums unpaid at the expiry of the time originally fixed with the poor rate for 1934/35. It will then moreover be necessary to prove that such sums cannot be recovered from the recipients' sureties."

PERMANENT APPOINTMENTSHORTHAND TYPIST

The following under date 18th October, 1933, (G.116800-1933 Loch Garman Se) was read from the Department 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 13th instant, and to state that he sanctions Miss Killeen's appointment as Shorthand-Typist on a permanent basis."

COMBINED PURCHASING ACT 1925

Under dates 19th October, 1933 (S.116801/33 Loch Garman) and 18th November, 1933, (S.87932/33 Ilgh-Trachtala) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote asking for payment of £153:10s. amount assessed on Wexford County Council under the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act 1925, for financial year ended 31st March, 1933.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That Pay Order for £153:10s. amount assessed on Wexford County Council under Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act 1925, for year ended 31st March, 1933, issue in favour of Department of Local Government and Public Health, this payment being made under protest, as we consider the transactions under the Act are not value for the cost which it entails."

USE OF SAORSTAT COAL

Under date 15th November, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health, (Trade Department) wrote as follows:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government

"and Public Health to draw your attention to the terms of contract for the supply of Saorstat Coal which appears on page 115 of the Official List of Contractors.

"From representations made to this Department by some of the Contractors concerned it would appear that sales of this commodity to Local Authorities are not as satisfactory as they might be, more particularly in the areas within easy reach of the Collieries.

The Minister would be glad to know that every possible effort is being made by the Local Authorities to utilise Saorstat Coal with a view to co-operating with the Government in its endeavour to create a demand for employment.

"Any suggestions by your Committee to promote this object will be much appreciated by the Minister."

The Co. Surveyor stated as far as his Department was concerned they used Kilkenny Anthracite Coal in the furnace of the County Hall for heating and also in the stoves of the other three Court Houses, as he believed this was an economic proposition speaking as a user of Kilkenny coal for the past forty years. This was as much as they could utilise of it up to the present. Lately he saw some reference to the use of steam coal and he had arranged with the Machinery Overseer to have a trial lot. He doubted if it would be satisfactory for engines because many years ago he had tried Anthracite coal in a roller and found, although he could get up steam in the yard when the roller was stationery, as soon as he moved out the coal dropped through the fire bars. However he would report later on, as to the result of the trial.

The Chairman said they could inform the Department that they were meeting the wishes of the Ministry as far as possible in the matter.

### AUDIT OF CO. COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

The Secretary read notification from Mr. Healy, Auditor, Department of Local Government and Public Health, of his intention to open the Audit of the Accounts of the Council to the 31st March, last, at 11 o'clock a.m. on 12th December, 1933. Advertisement as to the Audit had appeared in the three local papers.

### ROAD GRANTS

The Secretary reported that under date 10th October, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) had forwarded (S.G.L/32) to the Treasurer £1632, instalment of the allocation of £14,062 Road Improvement Grant.

### MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES

Under date 7th November, 1933, the office of Public Works wrote forwarding copy of the first list of Minor Relief Works approved for County Wexford. Acting on the general consent which the Council gave last year that the Co. Surveyor should undertake the supervision of these works he had now been asked to arrange to put in hands as early a date as possible the works in the list now furnished.

The Co. Surveyor stated that in practically all cases reductions of the amounts suggested by the Council had been made by the Office of Public Works. The following are the particulars:-

#### ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT:

Garrynisk Lane, reduced from £200 to £100.

Knocktober Lane, reduced from £150 to £120.

Marshalstown Lane, reduced from £125 to £100

Ballyprecus and Ryland Upper, reduced from £350 to £150

#### GOREY DISTRICT:

Clologue, reduced from £50 to £40.

In this district £100 had been set aside on the application of the Land Commission for repair of Tomcoyle, Tinnabaun and Rathpierce Lane.

Knockbrandon Upper and Millquarter, reduced from £160 to £100.

NEW ROSS DISTRICT:

Ballyhack, reduced from £130 to £100.

Gorteens, reduced from £100 to £60.

Rathumney, reduced from £70 to £50.

Yoletown, reduced from £100 to £80.

Garrycullen, reduced from £200 to £70.

WEXFORD DISTRICT:

Ballinruan, £50; agreed to.

Bannow, reduced from £80 to £60.

Mountcross and Bridgetown, £40; agreed to.

Nemestown, reduced from £70 to £50.

Ballygrangans, reduced from £60 to £50.

Milltown, £40; agreed to.

Gurteenminogue and Fardystown, reduced from £100 to £80.

Ballygerry, £50; agreed to.

The total amount included in this list represented £1,490.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Co. Surveyor add to his present list for repair under Minor Relief Scheme, the road from Cahill's Corner at Cullenstown to the Street."

The Co. Surveyor said that in the case of Ballyprecus (Enniscorthy) one man had refused to sign to allow of the necessary land being taken.

Mr. Armstrong said he believed this difficulty would be got over.

The Co. Surveyor said that one man had also refused as regards Clologue.

Mr. Hayes said that the branch to Ablintown in connection with Fardystown Lane had not been included.

The Co. Surveyor said he believed he would have sufficient money left after doing the other portions to deal with the Ablintown Branch.

Mr. Corish said that they should see that the £300 which the County Surveyor had been informed was set aside for the Boira Drainage did not come out of the Relief Grant; otherwise there would be very little left for the rest of Gorey District. He proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:- "That the Office of Public Works be requested to provide the £300 set aside for improvement of Boira Drainage as a special grant. Special representations had been made by the County T.D's. to the Minister in this connection and it was always understood that this Grant would not be set against amount of usual Minor Relief Scheme Grants for repairs of lanes etc."

Miss O'Ryan said that in the list submitted from the Board of Works there was no work for Taghmon district in which the incidence of unemployment was acute.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Office of Public Works be requested to furnish as soon as possible the full list of works to cover the entire amount allocated under Minor Relief Schemes Vote in view of the large number of unemployed in the rural districts of the County."

Mr. Cummins said that some attempt should be made to get a grant to have the docks of their Southern Harbours cleared out. In Ballyhack the fishermen were idle as they could not get in or out of the harbour. The late Mr. Shannon, when a T.D., believed he would have secured a Grant for the purpose indicated. The Minister for Agriculture was now the Minister for Fisheries and they should call his attention to the necessity of having the Southern Harbours cleared out. He proposed a resolution to that effect which was seconded by

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Mr. Colfer and adopted.

Mr. Armstrong proposed and Mr. Clince seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem con:-

"That in case it be found impossible to proceed with Bunclody lane, representations be made to the Board of Works to allow <sup>of</sup> the amount to be spent on the repair of Corah Lane."

Mr. Colfer said that the grant for Garrycullen Lane had been cut down from £200 to £70. The latter sum would not "do the ditches".

The Co. Surveyor said he would spend the amount allocated to the best advantage.

In connection with repair of Ballymotey Lane, Rev. J. Furlong, C.C., Ballagh, and Rev. R. Browne, C.C., Glenbrien, wrote that if this lane were put in repair it would be a decided advantage to the general public as well as to the local people. It was impossible to even walk the lane in Winter or in wet weather in Summer. It connected two important roads - from Enniscorthy to Oulart, and from Enniscorthy to The Ballagh.

The Co. Surveyor said that an allocation for repair of this lane had been made some time ago, but as one of the men concerned refused to assign the necessary land to the Council the work could not be carried out.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the Ballymotey Lane be scheduled for repair under next Grant from Minor Relief Schemes Vote and that Fathers Browne and Furlong be informed that unless the necessary land is assigned to the County Council to allow of the lane being widened etc. it will not be possible to carry out any repairs."

On the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Brennan the following applications for repair of lanes were scheduled for repair ~~from~~ next allocation under Minor Relief Schemes:-

Three Roads in Bannow (Cullenstown portion).

Old Road from Tubberneering to Ballygullen.

Owenstown lane, opposite Rathmacknee Churchyard to Owenstown.

Clonmines Lane, Wellingtonbridge.

Lane from Furlong's, Yoletown, Ballycullane, to the main  
Road from Yoletown to Taylorstown.

Kilbride Lane, Ramsgrange.

Wm. Butler, Ballyellis Corner, wrote asking the Council to repair Ballyellis Lanes as there were twelve men in the district unemployed.

Referred to Co. Surveyor for report.

SOW DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Under date 13th November, 1933, the following letter (11986/33) was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"Further to our letter of the 16th July, 1932, and subsequent correspondence we beg to inform you that the approved works in the above-named district have now been completed at a cost of approximately £5,000, which has been borne by the Vote for the Relief of unemployment. The district was inspected on the 11th ultimo by Mr. Barry, County Surveyor and Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, in company with our Engineer, Mr. Phillips.

"In order that the advantages which have been gained by this expenditure may be preserved it will be necessary for your Council to make adequate arrangements for the future maintenance of the district."

Col. Gibbon pointed out that as the Co. Council would be responsible for the collection of the rate necessary to repay the old loan, he proposed they should invite a deputation from the Trustees of the Sow Drainage Area to attend the Co. Council or that the Co. Council ~~to~~ appoint a Committee to meet the Drainage Ratepayers and ascertain if they were satisfied with the work which had been carried out. It would

be too late later on when they were striking the rate to deal with any difficulty which might arise.

Mr. Brennan seconded.

The Co. Surveyor said he wrote to Mr. Mernagh who had taken a very prominent part in having the new work carried out and asked him to notify any other of the drainage ratepayers of his visit to the area. He met two Mr. Mernaghs at his inspection and they were perfectly satisfied with the work. Mr. Cullen, who was much annoyed at the manner in which his drains had been left under the previous work was now also perfectly satisfied. There was, in fact, only one criticism about the work, that of Mrs. Stafford, who complained that the drain on her land did not receive attention, but, as a matter of fact this drain was not included in the original scheme. As regards the actual work generally there was no complaint whatever and he (Co. Surveyor) was satisfied it was a first rate job. During the first year there would be a good deal of maintenance. The banks had slipped in places and had been repaired but it was natural to expect that there would be further slipping which was inevitable. This would cause a heavier expenditure for maintenance than would be incurred in a normal year.

The resolution of Col. Gibbon was then put and passed.

The Chairman proposed that the following Committee meet the Drainage Ratepayers in Glenbrien School, day and hour to be arranged by Co. Surveyor and Co. Secretary:-

Messrs. James Clince, John Colloton, John Doran, M. Jordan, Thomas McCarthy, James Hall, M. Smyth, R. Corish and Col. Gibbon.

Mr. Brennan seconded the resolution which was passed.

In connection with the collection of Drainage Rate the following letter was read from Collector W. Cummins, (No. 11 District):-

"In reply to your letter of the 18th instant I beg to report that I have served all Demand Notes in connection with the River Sow Drainage Rate, but so far I have received no payment.

"I fear there will be much difficulty in collecting this rate as the majority of the people rated told me that they had no intention of paying, the rate being too high in these hard times, and besides they consider they are not getting sufficient benefit for the sums demanded. In fact many of them maintain that the work carried out on this river is no benefit whatever to them.

"I would be glad to be informed of my position as regards this collection. If I am obliged to close inside a specified time I am not prepared to undertake the collection because I believe it would be an impossibility. Many of the people rated are unable to pay their Poor Rates and consequently there will be little chance of getting another rate. So far I do not know the amount of the warrant or any other particulars, and as I have been concentrating on the Poor Rate Collection for some months past I have been giving little attention to the Drainage Rate."

CAMOLIN PARK ROAD

Under date 7th October, 1933, the Irish Land Commission wrote (A.&R. 34436/33 Estate of I.L.C. (W.H. Foster) Co. Wexford Rec. No. E.C.4198) regretting they could not grant the £500 requested for the construction of Camolin Park Road, unless this road was maintained by the Co.Council and a sum of not less than £1000 spent on its construction.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That on the understanding that £500 is provided by the Office of Public Works towards the cost of laying down new road in Camolin Park, the Co. Council are prepared to guarantee to build up

"this road year by year to meet with the wishes of the County Surveyor and will also agree to be responsible for its future maintenance."

#### ROAD MATTERS

Mr. Hickey said that the road from Old Ross to New Ross was in a scandalous condition, and positively a danger to the public.

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, for the District, said that the workmen were engaged spreading material on this road from 21st November.

Mr. Hayes called attention to Mill Race from Mr. Furlong's to the Cross of Sleadagh. The gullet was broken down and the road would be flooded later on.

Col. Gibbon said the present gullet was blocked and in any case it was not big enough to carry off the water.

Referred to Co. Surveyor.

Mr. Corish pointed out that the Tourist Development Association had written some time ago asking for recommendations of the Council as to what roads in connection with Tourist Traffic could be brought to the attention of the Government for a Grant towards repair. It was up to the Council to take some action in the matter.

Mr. Gaul suggested that the road from Curracloe to Fahy's Cross should be brought to the attention of the Tourist Development Association and his suggestion was accepted.

John Cheevers, Horeswood, Campile, forwarded the following resolution from Horeswood Branch Irish Labour Party:-

"That we the Members regret the delay on the part of the Co. Council not taking any action with regard to memorial of twelve months ago relative to the deplorable condition of Road 701 - Contract County Road - from Horeswood Church to the Main road at Dunbrody, with branch to Campile in Ballykerogue

and also Road 789 (Direct Labour County Road) from the Main road in Grange to the turn at Campile Bridge and branch; We strongly appeal to the Co. Council apart from the condition of the roads to give grant in aid of un-employment.

The Co. Surveyor said that there was no money available at the moment to improve the condition of these two roads.

Mr. P.J. Gleeson, Roseville, New Ross, wrote under date 19th November, 1933, as to the condition of road from Nash turn to Arnestown Cross. It had been recently patched with a few load of dressing mainly the scrapings from the dykes. Outside his door was a sea of mud and some of this had been splashed over his entrance door to a height of four feet. He could not leave his yard if a motor was passing without having his clothes destroyed. The County Council need not be surprised if they had a claim for damage to clothing. He paid all rates and taxes and claimed that he was entitled to the road outside his door in proper condition without having to try and undo the mess made by the workers of the Co. Council.

Mr. Walsh said that this road from Nash turn to the Cross of Knockmullen and from that to Arnestown was in a bad condition. The centre of the road was four inches below the sides. A few loads of stones would make a good job.

Referred to Co. Surveyor.

#### TELEGRAPHIC LINE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That this Co. Council have no objection to the erection of overground telegraphic line from Clonmore Railway Bridge to Bree Post Office as proposed by Department of Posts and Telegraphs."

TENDERS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ROADS AND WORKS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Col. Quin:- "That Tenders Committee meetings be held as follows:-

Gorey Courthouse, Saturday, 17th February, 1934, 12 o'clock.

Enniscorthy Courthouse, Tuesday, 20th February, 1934, 12 o'clock.

New Ross Courthouse, Thursday, 22nd February, 1934, at 12.30.

Wexford County Hall, Saturday, 24th February, 1934, at 11 o'clock.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Col. Quin:- "That Messrs. Armstrong and Hall be appointed extra members of the Enniscorthy Tenders Committee as a number of Roads for which Contracts for maintenance are to be considered lie close to the residences of these Councillors."

GOREY COURTHOUSE

Sean Connolly, Hon. Secretary, Gorey Branch Gaelic League, wrote applying on behalf of his branch for the use of Gorey Courthouse for Concert and Feis on St. Stephen's night. There was no other hall in Gorey and the branch had no other means of raising funds for the upkeep of the Gaelic Hall in which Irish classes were held.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Gorey Branch of the Gaelic League be afforded the use of Gorey Courthouse for St. Stephen's night for Concert and Feis on condition that they be responsible for the premises while in their possession and that these are given up in a clean and tidy condition."

Col. Quin proposed:- "That the Gorey Branch of Gaelic League be afforded the use of Gorey Courthouse for 26th December, 1933, provided they pay £1 for same."

This was not seconded and the resolution of Mr. O'Byrne was passed, Col. Quin dissenting.

HOLIDAYS OF COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

The following under date 25th November, 1933, was read from Secretary, County Board of Health:-

"I am directed by the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance to inform you that at their meeting on Monday, 20th instant, annual leave of four weeks was granted, subject to the approval of the Wexford Co. Council, to Dr. C. Bastible, Co. Medical Officer of Health. Dr. J.W. Roche, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H., will act as substitute and the leave will date as from the 19th prox. Please bring the matter before the Co. Council for their approval. The remuneration of the substitute will be at the usual rate of £10:10s. per week and vouched travelling expenses."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That Dr. C. Bastible, Co. Medical Officer of Health, be granted his annual leave of four weeks as from the 19th prox., Dr. J.W. Roche, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H., to act as locum tenens at ten Guineas per week with vouched travelling expenses. This proposal is to be subject to the approval of the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

NO. 7 RATE DISTRICT

APPLICATION FROM COLLECTOR DEEGAN

John Deegan, Temporary Collector for No.7 District, wrote under date 7th October, 1933, applying for permanent appointment. He pointed out that he had acted as temporary Collector for the past four years and also from 1922 to 1924. He had, during his tenure of office, carried out his duties to the best of his ability and to the satisfaction of the Council. If appointed permanently he would endeavour to give the same satisfaction as heretofore.

Mr. Cline proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution:- "That John Deegan, Temporary Rate Collector, be appointed permanent Rate Collector."

"for No. 7 Rate District, subject to the sanction of Department of Local Government and Public Health."

Col. Quin proposed:- "That permanent Collector for No. 7 District be appointed through advertisement and examination."

This proposal was not seconded and the resolution was put and passed, Col. Quin dissenting.

FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE

In connection with Bus Traffic over above, correspondence was read between the County Surveyor and I.O.C. in view of the re-opening of Ferrycarrig Bridge.

The Co. Surveyor warned the Bus Company they could not continue using road via Killurin, Deeps Bridge and Kyle Cross unless they were prepared to pay for the strengthening of the surface etc.

The Bus Company wrote they had been petitioned by the people to continue via Killurin and asked if they could continue to use this route if not daily, at least on three days per week.

On the 15th November, 1933, they wrote that as permission was not forthcoming for such use they were reverting to the main road between Oylegate and Wexford.

In connection with the contract for repair of Ferrycarrig Bridge the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed at the meeting of Co. Council on 9th October, 1933:-

"That as no explanation is forthcoming from the Contractor for repair of Ferrycarrig Bridge as to his failure to carry out his promise to have the bridge open for traffic by 1st October, 1933, we recommend the County Council to hold him responsible for any expenditure incurred between the 1st October and 1st November, 1933, in connection with this matter."

Letter was read from the Contractor under date 19th October, 1933, declining to accept any responsibility in the matter of expenses incurred between 1st October and 1st November, 1933. In accordance with the terms of his Contract he was responsible to the Council's Engineers and the matter raised by the Council should be dealt with by these Engineers.

The Consulting Engineers wrote under date 3rd November, 1933, that the six months provided as the period during which the Contract should run expired on 16th August, but owing to extra work and delay which were occasioned to the Contractor by the peculiar formation of the rock he was entitled to a further three months for official completion.

The Chairman said it was evident from the decision of the Consulting Engineers that the Contractor could count on having up to the 16th November, 1933, to finish the work.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Clince seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the County Council assume responsibility for the payment of salary to Captain Harvey, Clerk of Works, Ferrycarrig Bridge, up to 25th November, 1933, in view of the decision of Consulting Engineers as to date when Contract for repair of the structure should be regarded as terminated."

#### COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

##### NEW MEMBER

Under date 17th November, 1933, the Secretary, County Board of Health, wrote that in accordance with Article 7 of the Second Schedule of Local Government Act 1925, Mr. M. M. Roche having been absent from the meetings of the Board for not more than three months was disqualified from Membership.

The Secretary said he had written to Mr. Roche about the matter, and Mr. Roche had replied stating that owing to

pressure of business, and also as attending Enniscorthy meetings involved a journey of sixty miles each time, he was reluctantly compelled to resign from the Board.

Col. Quin proposed the appointment of Mr. O'Byrne to fill the vacancy as there was only one member representing Gorey District.

Mr. Armstrong seconded.

Mr. Jordan said the representation of the districts on the Board was:- one from Enniscorthy, two from Gorey, three from New Ross and four from Wexford. As the people of the town of Enniscorthy had been complaining for a long time that they had no representation on the Board he proposed the appointment of Mr. McCarthy.

Mr. Clince seconded.

Col. Quin withdrew his proposition as he considered it only fair that the vacancy should go to Enniscorthy district.

Mr. Mayler proposed and Mr. Hickey seconded the appointment of Col. Gibbon as he was the nearest member to Mr. Roche's area.

Mr. O'Byrne said there were seven members on the Board from South Wexford and only three from the North of the County.

A poll as between Mr. McCarthy and Col. Gibbon was taken with the following result:-

FOR Mr. MCCARTHY:- Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Gaul, Hall, Jordan, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin and Walsh. (13)

FOR COL. GIBBON:- Messrs. Brennan, D'Arcy, Hayes, Hickey and Meyler. (5)

Col. Gibbon, the Chairman and Mr. Keegan (3) did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr. McCarthy elected.

DEDUCTIONS FROM GRANTS IN RESPECT OF  
LAND ANNUITY ARREARS

Circular letter was read from the County Councils General Council reiterating previous statements that the Grants which had been withheld for the past ten years would be repaid to Co. Councils from time to time by the Minister for Finance, who would announce the method of repayment when introducing the Budget. In the ordinary course this money would be paid in instalments over a period of fifty years, but Mr. Aiken, (Minister for Defence) promised in the last Dail debate that it would be made available in a much shorter time.

The Chairman stated that there was great dissatisfaction about this matter, and he asked the press to specifically publish the synopsis of the circular.

Col. Gibbon said that at the present time the annuities were being paid three times. By that he did not mean that the amounts of the annuities were multiplied by three, but the farmer was paying his annuity in three different ways; firstly the annuity, and indirectly twice in British duties on stock and agricultural produce, and on extra rates which he had to meet by reason of the default of other ratepayers.

Mr. O'Byrne said the General Council of County Councils asked for information from the whole Saorstát and he wished to compliment their Secretary on the elaborate and correct details which he furnished, in relation to Co. Council loans with a view to formulating a scheme for the funding of same in cases in which Interest was payable at more than 4%.

ANNUAL MEETING  
GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS

Notification was received from the County Councils' General Council that the annual meeting would take place on the 12th December, 1933.

### BUNCLODY DISPENSARY LANDS

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

"That all that and those that part of the Lands of Newtownbarry, known as "Hospital Lands" containing 17a.2r.3lp. Statute Measure or thereabouts situate in the Barony of Scarawalsh and County of Wexford, at present vested in the Wexford County Council as Successors in Title of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council be transferred to and vested in The Board of Health, and Public Assistance for the County Health District of Wexford."

### REPORT OF CO. ANALYST

It appeared from the Report of the County Analyst that the total number of samples analysed during the quarter to 30th September, 1933, were:-

Foods 103

Drugs 45

Waters 6

Total..... 154

One drug and three waters were condemned.

### PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT

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

"That the several proposals for payment for Roads and Works as appearing on Form 22 and certified by the Co. Surveyor and ordinary payments, be, and are hereby, approved, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman of this Meeting."

### NEW COUNCIL CHAMBER

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

"That this Council hereby approves of the large room in West Wing now under reconstruction being used in future as a Council Chamber when the necessary repairs have been carried out."

### KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE AREA

Under date 9th October, 1933, a memorial signed by all Kilmannock Drainage Ratepayers was read asking that in view of the present depression and their inability to pay their drainage rates, the Council should allow them to clean their own drains in the future to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

The Co. Surveyor pointed out that practically the full amount of the drainage rate was applied to the repayment of the loan. As for maintenance, this year he had spent £10:19s. He considered it more advisable, in view of the small amount of expenditure for maintenance, that this should be carried out by one man, and not have a number of men doing little patches here and there.

It was decided to call the attention of the drainage ratepayers to the observations of the Co. Surveyor.

### DEFAULTING ROAD CONTRACTORS

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall the following resolution was adopted:- "That Co. Surveyor be empowered to proceed against the following Road Contractors should they fail to carry out work under their Contracts to his satisfaction:-

Myles Sunderland, Kilcorral, Castlebridge, Roads Nos. 440, 443, 448, 561.

Wm. Rochford, Templenacrow, Palace. Road No. 601.



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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 11th DECEMBER, 1933

M I N U T E S

County Hall,  
WEXFORD

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary, Wexford Co. Council

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 11th December, 1933.

Present:- Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Clince, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, John Doran, James Gaul, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Hickey, William P. Keegan, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, M.M. Roche, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Solicitor, Rates Inspector and the five Assistant Surveyors were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton, the chair was taken by Mr. Corish.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

Mr. Doyle (Chairman) then attended and presided for the remainder of the business.

#### ILLNESS OF CO. SURVEYOR

The following Certificate was received from Dr.S.A. Furlong, Infirmary House, Wexford:-

"W.F. Barry, Esq., is unable to work owing to influenza."

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £4961:3:1d were examined and signed.

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 7th December, 1933, were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held on 7th December, 1933, in Co. Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.

Present:- Messrs. John Culleton, James Hall, Thomas McCarthy and Sean O'Byrne.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Solicitor and Rate Inspector were in attendance.

The Co. Surveyor was absent through illness.

Mr. McCarthy was moved to the chair on the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3182:10:4d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF:- The state of the Rate Collection was submitted as follows:-

|     | <u>Name of Collector</u> | <u>Percentage of<br/>current Rate</u> |
|-----|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1.  | E.J. Murphy              | 51.7                                  |
| 2.  | S. Gannon (6)            | 51.5                                  |
| 3.  | M. Kehoe                 | 50.0                                  |
| 4.  | J. Curtis                | 48.7                                  |
| 5.  | S. Gannon (10)           | 47.3                                  |
| 6.  | W. Doyle                 | 46.5                                  |
| 7.  | P. Carty                 | 46.4                                  |
| 8.  | J. Cummins               | 44.5                                  |
| 9.  | J.J. O'Reilly            | 43.3                                  |
| 10. | W. Cummins               | 42.0                                  |
| 11. | J. Flood                 | 40.6                                  |
| 12. | D. Kenny                 | 40.6                                  |
| 13. | J. Deegan                | 40.5                                  |
| 14. | P. Nolan                 | 40.4                                  |
| 15. | A. Dunne                 | 40.0                                  |
| 16. | M. McCarthy              | 38.3                                  |
| 17. | M. Murphy                | 38.1                                  |
| 18. | J. Quirke                | 37.4                                  |
| 19. | J.J. Sinnott             | 36.4                                  |
| 20. | P. Doyle.                | 35.6                                  |

The following resolution was adopted:- "That Collector Art Dunne be informed the Finance Committee are not satisfied with the Collection in his area which shows a reduction of 13 per cent as compared with last year. The Committee will expect a substantial improvement by date of next meeting - 21st December, 1933, - when special Report on the Collection in this area will be considered."

PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE:- The following letter under date 6th December, 1933, (G.140352/1933 Loch Garman Fa) was read from the Department 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 1st instant, and to state that in deference to the request of the Council he again sanctions the concessions granted to the Rate Collectors last year in the matter of allowing full poundage to those Collectors who have accounted for 50% of their current warrants (excluding arrears) by the 30th ultimo or who account for this proportion of their warrants by the end of the present month."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded: the following resolution:- "That payment of poundage fees, in conformity with letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health (G.140352/1933 Loch Garman Fa - 6th December, 1933) be made as soon as possible from Subsidiary Account."

Passed.

DRAINAGE RATES: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the following Collectors be appointed to collect Drainage Rate for Sow Drainage Area:-

W. Doyle (No. 2 District); Walter Cummins (No. 11 District); M. Murphy (No. 12 District) and Collector M. Kehoe (No. 18 District) for Kilmannock Drainage Area."

ARREARS OF RATE IN NO.9 DISTRICT:- The following letter under date 6th December, 1933, was read from Collector John Flood, No. 9 District:-

"In reply to yours re Ex Collector O'Byrne. Rate outstanding to 31st March, 1933. The amount outstanding at present would be about £86. almost half of that amount is due by Mr. Edward Brown, Rathturtin, whose land is being subdivided. He is waiting to have the matter settled before paying. In the remainder of cases I expect to be in a position to close O'Byrne's Warrant about the middle of January, 1934, from promises those people have made me."

COLLECTION DISTRICT NO.7:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That, in connection with permanent appointment of John Deegan to this Collection District, we recommend the County Council to fix poundage fee at 5d in the £. as obtained in the cases of recent appointments of Rate Collectors.

#### GOREY COURTHOUSE

Applications were received for the use of Gorey Courthouse for (1) Meeting on 12th December, 1933, for the purpose of establishing a branch of the Industrial Development Association, and (2) Annual Ploughing Match Dance to be held about the middle of January.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the use of Gorey Courthouse be given for the meeting in connection with the establishment of a branch of the Industrial Development Association and also to Ploughing Match Committee for the purpose of their dance. It is to be understood that the promoters of the functions will be responsible for any damage that may be caused to the premises while in their occupation and that the Courthouse will be delivered up in a clean and tidy condition."

### SHEEP DIPPING ORDER

Report was received from Garda Siochana that Patrick Furlong, Kilsoran, and Thomas Hayes, Lough, Tagoat, had not dipped their sheep in accordance with Sheep Dipping Order.

It was decided to recommend the County Council to approve of prosecutions in these cases.

### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That the Co. Council be recommended to approve of advance of £60 to Philip Rochford, Ballygalvert, Ballywilliam, under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts!"

Under date 30th November, 1933, (H.133079/1933 Loch Garman(pc) letter was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Housing Department), approving of the following advances being made under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

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| Michael Fox, Ballyorrill, Enniscorthy..... | £150 |
| John Murphy, The Moyne, do .....           | £150 |
| Maurice O'Neill, The Moyne, do .....       | £120 |

In reply to Mr. O'Byrne, Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, stated that the six months' period in which house is to be completed dates from first advance and not from date of approval of loan.

### SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL

#### SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME

Applications were received for payment of expenses of candidates in connection with attendance at examination under above Scheme:-

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| Anne Duggan, The Leap, Enniscorthy.....            | £2: 3: 0 |
| Catherine A. Roche, Ballygilliestown, Enniscorthy. | £2:17: 6 |

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That in connection with applications for expenses under Secondary and Vocational Scholarships Scheme it be pointed out to Misses Anne Duggan and Catherine A. Roche that the Scheme provides for payment only of

"their own actual necessary expenses in attending examination and amount claimed for the attendance of their parents cannot be allowed; also that bills showing the amounts paid for board and lodging should be furnished to the Finance Committee. That further consideration of these claims be adjourned pending receipt of desired information."

#### CRIMINAL INJURY APPLICATION

Instructions were given to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, to defend application of John J. Whelan, Ross Road, Enniscorthy, for payment of £5 compensation for injury to his motor car on 22nd November, 1933.

#### CREATION OF COUNTY STOCK

The following resolution was received from the County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance:-

"That a Committee be created from amongst the spending Bodies under the control of the Wexford County Council for the purpose of examining into the possibility and feasibility of floating County Stock to redeem Loans borrowed at high rates of Interest during recent years and to provide funds for the carrying out of necessary sanitary and social works within the County."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That the County Council be recommended to adjourn consideration of the proposal from Co. Board of Health and Public Assistance for the creation of County Stock for the redemption of Loans and provision of funds for various works. In view of the fact that the General Council of County Councils are presenting a scheme on 13th December, 1933, to the Government to provide for the funding of loans of public authorities borrowed at over 4 per cent, we consider it inadvisable that any steps, which might in any way interfere with the movement of the General Council should be taken, and urge on the County Council that nothing should be done regarding

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"the resolution of the Co. Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance until report from General Council as to their funding proposals has been received."

#### RELIEF SCHEMES VOTE

Under date 5th December, 1933, (RM/32), letter was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), stating that sanction had been received from the Minister for Finance to the grant of £150 from Relief Schemes Vote to the County Council for the carrying out of road works for the relief of unemployment in or in the immediate neighbourhood of Castlebridge and Taghmon. As the Minister was anxious that the work be put in hands with the least possible delay, he asked that the proposals for the expenditure of the grant be submitted by return of post.

The following works were approved:-

WEXFORD-TAGHMON ROAD - Quarry land and handbreak 200 C.Y., B.S. from Carrigfoyle and ~~Drom~~ Upton Quarries to be rolled in under subsequent grant or ordinary road proposal.

WEXFORD-CURRACLOE ROAD - Quarry, land and handbreak 200 C.Y., B.S. from Edenvale Quarry. To be rolled in under subsequent grant or ordinary road proposal.

#### SEEDS AND FERTILISERS

##### SUPPLIED BY COUNCIL

It was decided that the Co. Solicitor take steps to proceed against persons who owe sums to the Council in respect of seeds and fertilisers supplied on their applications.

#### REQUISITION FOR STATIONERY

##### WEIGHTS AND MEASURES INSPECTORS

Requisition was received from Chief Superintendent, Garda, Siochana, for Stationery supplies for use of Weights and Measures Inspectors.

It was decided to approve of the requisition, portion of

which is to be supplied from County Council Office and portion to be purchased locally as the cost involved is trifling.

#### VALUATION OF GRAVEYARDS

Correspondence was submitted from Rev. Thomas O'Byrne, P.P., Piercestown, and the Valuation Department, Dublin, as to rates in connection with Graveyards in Rathjarney (Killinick), and Eardownes Great, (Lady's Island). Father O'Byrne contends that neither was liable for assessment while the Valuation Department held that the Graveyard at Eardownes Great was not liable but the one at Rathjarney was liable.

It was decided to obtain the advice of the Co. Solicitor, the correspondence in the matter to be submitted to him for his information.

#### VALUATION OF GOLF HOTEL, ROSSLARE

Letter was read from Messrs. M.J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, asking for refund of rates paid by Mr. Sinnott, in view of the reduction of his valuation on appeal to Circuit Court from £60:15s. to £52.

A resolution was adopted that the appropriate amount of refund be made to Mr. Sinnott when official notification of the actual reduction in his valuation has been received.

#### MOTOR TAXATION OFFICE

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:→ "That two temporary clerical Assistants be employed in Local Taxation Office from 1st January, 1934 to 3rd February, 1934, at a remuneration of 1/- per hour each in order to allow of the prompt despatch of Motor Taxation Licences from the beginning of the year."

#### GOREY POUND

Under date 6th December, 1933, the Town Clerk, Gorey, wrote asking for the information of his Commissioners, what was the position at the moment regarding the provision of a Pound

for Gorey.

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, stated he had written to Messrs. Stopford & Turner, asking for a statement as to any part taken by Mr. Claude Ellis in the appointment of a caretaker for Gorey Pound, but had received no reply.

A resolution was adopted asking Mr. Elgee to communicate with Mr. Ellis direct in this matter.

TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING  
BILL 1933

In connection with the above Bill, the following letter, under date 1st December, 1933, was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"Having regard to the responsibility and expense which will possibly be thrown upon the County Council if the Town and Regional Planning Bill 1933 is passed, and to the great uncertainty of many of the Provisions of the Bill, I think, it would be well, if copies of same were obtained and posted to each Member of the Council along with a copy of the letter which you have received from the General Council of County Councils on the matter."

It was decided that each Member of the Council be supplied with a copy of the Bill and also copy of the explanatory letter from the General Council of County Councils.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 7th December, 1933, be received and considered."

PROPOSED PERMANENT APPOINTMENT OF  
TEMPORARY COLLECTOR DEEGAN:-

Mr. Cline proposed and Mr. Armstrong seconded the following amendment to Finance Committee's recommendation:-

"That consideration of the amount of Poundage to be paid to John Deegan, Rate Collector, be adjourned until it be ascertained if the Department of Local Government and Public Health are prepared to appoint him as permanent Collector."

Mr. Culleton proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

This last motion was put to the meeting and declared carried by the Chairman.

ADMINISTRATION OF MOTOR TAX OFFICE:- The Chairman said it was understood when remuneration of Mr. Richards', Local Taxation Officer, was fixed by the Department of Local Government and Public Health, he would be able to assist in the General work of the County Council Offices at periods when there was but little work to be done in Local Taxation Office.

Mr. Richards came before the meeting and stated he had now no spare time at any period of the year. Under the new Road Traffic Act, Third Party Insurance came into force in January next and there was also the question of Rebates on Pre 1926 Engines, transfers to other Counties and writing up books. All these accounted for his full time.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Cline with the following addition:-

"Messrs. Joseph Fennell, George Street, Wexford, and

"James Devereux, South Main Street, Wexford, <sup>A</sup> temporary clerical assistants for the period recommended by the Finance Committee, remuneration to be at the rate of 1/- per hour. "

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 7th December, 1933, be and are hereby confirmed."

## CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That Mr. John P. Kelly, ~~Kil~~ Kerpierce, Enniscorthy, be co-opted a member of this County Council and be also appointed a member of Finance Committee and of Mental Hospital Committee vice Mr. James Shannon deceased."

Mr. Corish said that Mr. Kelly had been selected by the various branches of the Labour Party at their meeting on 10th December, 1933.

In connection with vacancy on Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture vice Mr. Shannon deceased the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That the Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture be requested to recommend for appointment on their Committee a representative in succession to Mr. James Shannon deceased."

OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE NO.1

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That Rev. Matthew Keating, P.P., Bannow, be appointed a member of Old Age Pension No. 1 Sub-Committee as recommended by said Committee."

FORD OF LYN

The Chairman said he had asked that this matter should be mentioned specially on the Agenda paper as it was hanging on for over twenty-five years and nothing really had been done. If flood occurred there now the whole barony would suffer grave

damage. The offer made by the Slob Committee to the County Council was entirely inadequate.

The following under date 28th November, 1933, was read from Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, to the Co. Surveyor:-

"I am in receipt of yours of yesterday, and note what you say as to the inspection of the Drains herein.

"I am now sending instructions to Counsel to advise on the proofs for the hearing of the action, and I think, it will be advisable to wait until we receive his directions before we proceed with the inspection and the photographs mentioned by Colonel Gibbon."

The following under date 27th November, 1933, is copy of the letter of Co. Surveyor to which Mr. Elgee's was a reply:-

"I have looked up the Minutes and find the following resolution was passed at the meeting of the Council on 14th August last:-

"That the County Surveyor inspect the drain at the Ford of Lyng, and if he considers the statements made by Colonel Gibbon at this meeting are borne out he should inform the County Solicitor and County Secretary, who should arrange for the attendance of Counsel to meet a Committee as soon as possible, Mr. Elgee to procure photographs of the position of the Canal at this date."

"I have a distinct recollection that I agreed with Col. Gibbon's statement that the lower channel was not entirely satisfactory, but stated that the main obstruction was near the County Road. It would be well if you got the photographs at once, and if you think well of it I could go out with you and the photographer, and we could select where photographs could be taken."

Mr. Elgee said he did not expect to receive directions from Counsel before January. However, he would report in the matter to the Co. Council at the earliest possible moment.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That the County Council accept four or five applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts which through inadvertence were not lodged by the stipulated time, viz. 31st March, 1933."

In moving his motion Mr. O'Byrne said that in Urban areas such as Gorey Town the Government Grant for erection of houses would be reduced in April next and as there were several very deserving men who wished to erect houses in Gorey Urban area and who had not made application by the stipulated time viz. 31st March last he urged that their applications would now be considered. If adjourned until the Co. Council considered a new scheme the Government Grant would be lost. This did not affect applicants in rural districts as for these the Government Grant would be available up to 1935.

Mr. Hayes seconded.

The Chairman said that a great many in the rural districts were disappointed when it was decided to close the list of applicants at March 1933, and if the matter was re-opened there would be many rural applicants. He did not see why their claims should not be considered as well as those from Gorey town.

Col. Quin agreed with the Chairman and said that as money was very "tight" with the Co. Council they should be very careful before embarking on another Scheme.

The Chairman said that if the Council were prepared to include applicants from the rural districts - and they had as good a claim for consideration as those mentioned by Mr. O'Byrne - they would have a large number. He believed as regards this particular matter, Gorey district had been dealt with in a more favourable way than any other area. There were seven or

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eight persons in his (Chairman's) district who were prepared to apply if the list was re-opened and they were as well entitled to the concession as those from Gorey.

Mr. McCarthy said a large number of applicants had been in with him and if the Council was prepared to extend this concession to Gorey district he did not see how applicants in the rest of the County could be debarred.

After further discussion Mr. O'Byrne said he would withdraw his motion.

SUPERANNUATION MR. McNALLY,

MANUAL INSTRUCTOR.

Mr. S. Wilmot, Chief Executive Officer, Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee forwarded in connection with proposed superannuation of Mr. James McNally, Manual Instructor, the following under date 12th October, 1933, (G.113397/1933 Loch Garman) from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 18th ultimo relative to the proposed superannuation of Mr. James McNally, former Manual Instructor under the County Wexford Vocational Education Committee, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to transmit, enclosed copy of this Department's circular letter of the 4th April, 1925, and to point out that the pension in this case should be calculated on a basis not exceeding the number of years approved service given by Mr. McNally. Having regard to the general principles relating to the superannuation of local officials, the maximum amount to which the Minister could consent would be £87:16:3 per annum (plus bonus from time to time applicable) being at the rate of 1/60th for each completed year of service. A fresh resolution from the Committee will be necessary.

"As any pension to be awarded will be payable by the

"Wexford County Council it is usual to obtain their views beforehand and this course should be followed."

Mr. Wilmot also submitted Minute of Vocational Education Committee meeting of 4th December, 1933, from which it appeared that by seven votes to five the Committee had accepted the terms of the letter of the Department.

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

"That the Wexford County Council agree with the fixing of superannuation of Mr. James McNally, Manual Instructor, in accordance with communication from Department of Local Government and Public Health - G1113397/1933 Loch Garman, 12th October, 1933."

#### ROAD WORKS SCHEME

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

"That consideration of Provisional Road Works Scheme for financial year 1934/35 be adjourned to next meeting in consequence of illness of Co. Surveyor."

#### GRANT FOR RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT

The following under date 1st December, 1933, (R/RU/32) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is prepared to consider the question of making a grant of £2,000 to the Wexford County Council for a Scheme of road works for the relief of unemployment on condition that the Council contribute a like amount out of their own funds towards the cost of the works.

"A scheme for the expenditure of £4,000 should accordingly be submitted without delay.

"On receipt of Council's reply, with scheme, a further communication will be addressed to you in the matter."

In reply to the Chairman the Secretary stated that the money was not available out of this year's receipts but it could be included in the Road Works Contingencies for next financial year.

Mr. Corish - It would be a very serious matter to turn the offer down in view of the number of unemployed, and especially in view of the approach of Christmas. I propose that we accept the Government's offer. I notice that Wicklow - a smaller county than ours - agreed to put up £3,000 and that Meath agreed to put up £2,000.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded and remarked that there was a lot of hardship in the country.

Col. Quin - We are all sympathetic but where is the money to come from?

Mr. Corish - You have a chance of proving your sympathy now.

Miss O'Ryan said that they might as well pay men for working on the roads as pay men who were idle through no fault of their own. The amount spent on relief every week for the unemployed would not be long running up to £2,000. She suggested that a committee be appointed to select men out of work and actually in receipt of money out of the rates.

Mr. Corish - Another thing, owing to the passage of the Unemployment Assistance Act the ratepayers are going to be relieved in the rural areas at any rate during the coming year.

The Chairman said that £2000 towards the Scheme would have to be provided by the ratepayers.

Mr. Corish said that under the Unemployment Assistance Act, which came into force next February, men will be taken off Home Help, and the rural areas are not being asked to pay anything for that. Wexford Urban area will have to pay 9d in the £. but even with that it will mean a relief to the rates.

Chairman - Is there such a necessity for the £2,000 then?

Mr. Corish - I think there is. I was told that the object was to try and get as many men as possible to work before Christmas and during the Christmas period.

Miss O'Ryan said that they all admitted that £2,000 would have to be found out of the rates, but along with that another £2,000 would be spent. There was a lot of talk about unemployment and distress, and £4,000 spent on the roads would relieve them of doing £4,000 worth of work on the roads next year, and if they went into the matter carefully she could guarantee that 50 per cent of the men employed would be men already getting money out of the rates. The provision of £2,000 would not mean £2,000 on the rates if they substituted work done for it for work that would have to be done afterwards.

Mr. Keegan said that in the Gorey area there were no people getting Home Help through unemployment. Gorey was very hard hit through unemployment. They had no work of any sort. He was speaking for the town and, he thought, for five miles around it.

Col. Quin said that if they could get the £2,000 and apply it to County roads and not to private relief schemes it would mean a saving. If it was to be spent on public roads he was for it, but if on private relief schemes he certainly would not be for it.

The Secretary said they had no power to spend money from the Local Government Department, except on the council's own roads.

Mr. O'Byrne said that at present there were 350 men in Gorey on the unemployment list. He certainly would not agree with Miss O'Ryan's recommendation that work under the Grant be given only to people receiving Home Help. People in Gorey had failed to get Home Help through unemployment.

Miss O'Ryan said she did not say that all the men employed should be in receipt of Home Help. She said that preference

should be given to those.

Col. Quin - Would it mean £1,000 to each district?

Chairman - I suppose that would be the fairest way to do it, but you want to decide whether you will pass it or not first.

Mr. Hall - I believe we should pass it, but at the same time I am not satisfied that it will reduce Home Help. It is going up month after month.

Mr. Keegan said that it might reduce Home help if they did the by-roads with this Grant and kept off the main roads. If they spent money on buying foreign tar and that sort of thing and making fine chippings, the poor man was not going to get anything out of it. If they wanted to improve tillage in the county it was necessary to give people a chance of carting over the by-roads.

Col. Gibbon - Could not it be put in the resolution that the work to be done on the roads shall definitely be such as can be used as a saving to the road scheme next year?

Mr. Corish - I think you will be making the mistake of your life in doing that. If you do that, and send it up to the Local Government Department it is going to be turned down. You can have all those things in mind.

Chairman - You can, and next year when it comes to the estimate I would like to see the man that will get £2,000 off it. However, I am not going to oppose the wish of the Council.

Col. Quin said that they would have to spend money on the road from Gorey to Wells sooner or later, and if some of the work could be done on that road he would be in favour of it. On the road from Gorey to Castlebridge there were a couple of bad patches. It was a very good road except for these.

Chairman - I think a lot of the roads are too good.

Mr. Roche asked if some of the money could be applied to doing something with the road between Kilmore village and Kilmore Quay.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said they were making provision for having that road finally disposed of with- in the next two years. Of course, it was a question for the Council as to how the money would be distributed, but as far as doing useful work for the Council was concerned the surveyors would be in favour of using it for cutting bad corners and cleaning up back roads.

The following resolution was then proposed by Mr. Corish and seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That the Council, in accordance with letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health (R/RU/32 - 1st December, 1933) provide a sum of £2,000 (towards £4,000 proposed for relief work on roads) full amount to be applied to easing dangerous corners and clearing up back roads, the £2,000 in question to be added to the Contingency Fund of Road Works Scheme for 1934/35."

This resolution, after some further discussion, was adopted.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution:- "That the Government Grant of £4,000 be divided in four portions of £1,000 each to be spent in the four old Rural District areas. That the Councillors for the four Co. Electoral areas be appointed Committees with plenary powers for their appropriate areas to select in conjunction with the Assistant Surveyors the various works to be included in the Scheme."

Passed.

Mr. Hall said that with regard to employing men in receipt of Home Help, according to ~~what~~ Messrs. Keegan and O'Byrne there was a lot of men unemployed in Gorey not getting Home Help, while men like them in the other three towns were getting Home Help.

Secretary - Of course you will have to employ the men

through the Labour Exchange.

Miss O'Ryan said she had nothing to say against the Labour Exchange - she was sure the officials were carrying out their duties as far as they had the knowledge - but taking men in turn did not always mean getting the people most in need. If able-bodied men getting Home Assistance got preference it would mean relieving the rates in another direction. She thought an assistant surveyor should ask for the names of more men than he really wanted, and pick out those most deserving, getting advice from the relieving officer or someone else.

Mr. Birthistle said the Assistant Surveyors asked for a larger number of men than they wanted so that they would be in a position to make a selection.

The Councillors representing the four areas of the County having considered the needs of their districts in conjunction with the Assistant Surveyors submitted the following Scheme:-

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT:

Road No. 45:- Roll in 350 cubic yards four inch material and 150 cubic yards broken stone. Position:- At Corragh and Coolmelea. Amount to be spent £275.

Road No. 48:- Roll in 220 cubic yards broken stone and 100 cubic yards four inch rough water bound macadam, 60 perches of eighteen feet road with necessary bottoming. Position:- From junction with 286 towards Tombrack. Amount to be spent £275.

Road No. 381:- Roll in 80 cubic yards broken stone at Aughtnacappa (centre patch). Amount to be spent £50.

Road No. 531 (Section 23):- Prepare, break and roll in 500 cubic yards Brownswood Quarry. Amount to be spent £400.

Total £1000.

GOREY DISTRICT:

Road No. 27M:- To quarry, Hand-break and roll (water bound) 350 cubic yards of stone on road between Gorey and Ballycanew. Amount to be spent - £190.

Road No. 1200:- To lower bad corner and widen road at Hollyfort. Expenditure £20.

Road No. 1900:- Same work in Coolishall as for Road 1200. Expenditure £30.

Widening and Drainage work as follows:-

Sections: 10 - £90; 20 - £95; 30 - £85; 40 - £45; 60 - £92; 70 - £45; 80 - £90 and 150 - £98.

Road No. 29:- Improve eight corners at Court and Ballyedmond. Expenditure £120.

Total £1000.

NEW ROSS DISTRICT:

Road No. 596:- Prepare and break 130 cubic yards Tomgarrow (Section 26) Quarry and lightly roll in, in patches. Amount to be spent £100.

Duncannon Road 835:- Roll in 250 yards (cubic) Haggard Quarry. Proposed expenditure £200.

The Hook. Road No. 859:- Roll in 140 cubic yards broken sea gravel. Expenditure £100.

Campile - Road No. 790:- Roll in 250 cubic yards broken stone Campile Quarry. Expenditure £200.

Aclamon - Road No. 656:- Roll in 120 cubic yards broken stone or repair with tarred stones and chippings. Proposed expenditure £100.

Arnestown - Road No. 653:- Roll in 250 cubic yards broken stone. Proposed expenditure £200.

Road No. 7280:- Ballinaboola to Foulksmills. Roll in 140 cubic yards broken stone near Ballinaboola. Expenditure £100.

Total £1000.

WEXFORD DISTRICT:

Road No.640 (Section 28):- Prepare, Break and roll in 200 cubic yards Eden Vale Quarry. To expend £190.

Road No.69M. - Clonard Cross to Bishopswater:- Roll in 300 cubic yards broken stone. Proposed expenditure £250.

Road No. 72M. - Knockeen to Taghmon:- Roll in 120 cubic yards broken stone. Allocation £100.

Road No. 16M. - Wexford to Rosslare:- Lower fences and erect paling on two bad bends, Kerlogue and Kellystown. To expend £60.

Road No.18M. - Wexford to Rosslare:- Lower fences and erect palings on four bends Kilsoran and Hayesland. To expend £60.

Road No. 34M - Wexford to Kilmore:- Lower fences on four corners and two bends and erect palings, Lightwater, Rathmacknee and Ringaheen. Allocation £80.

Road No.35M - Wexford to Kilmore:- Lower fences and erect palings on six corners at Tenacre, Moortown and Kilmore. Expenditure £90.

Road No.8980 - Duncormick to Carrig:- Improve double bend and one corner at Duncormick. Allocation £80.

Road No.9270 - Newcastle to Bridgetown:- Improve double bend and erect palings at Newcastle. Allocation £40.

Road No.57M - Waddingtown to Baldwinstown:- Improve four corners at Edgworthstown Crossroads. Expenditure £50.

Total £1000.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That the Co. Council Representatives for Gorey County Electoral area deal with the selection of men in the area to be employed in connection with relief of Unemployment Grant from Department of Local Government and Public Health.

SOW DRAINAGE DISTRICT

The following report of Sow Drainage Committee was submitted:

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCILSOW DRAINAGE AREA IMPROVEMENTREPORT OF CO. COUNCIL COMMITTEE

The Committee appointed by the Co. Council for the purpose met the Sow Drainage Ratepayers in Glenbrien School on 5th December, 1933.

Present Col. Gibbon (who presided) Messrs. James Hall and John J. Culleton.

The Co. Secretary and Co. Surveyor were also in attendance.

It would appear from various statements made by Drainage Ratepayers that the work carried out under the £5000 State Grant was incomplete and inefficient inasmuch, as, according to them, some of the drains should not have been deepened but widened, and the spoil taken from the stream should have been removed and not dumped on the banks causing the loss of a considerable amount of land, small holders being particularly affected. Then the banks were made too steep, and in some instances the stakes keeping the banks in place had fallen and there was no protection for stock. Men who had only small holdings were badly hit by the amount of land lost.

Side drains had not been cleaned up, but this complaint would not refer to drains which were included in the original Scheme. Trees had been uprooted without compensation for their loss as shelter. Their roots had been covered up rendering the place dangerous. One ratepayer said it could be taken for granted that the whole townland of Killisk was not satisfied with the work.

In connection with drainage rate there was concensus of opinion that the present levy to recoup Co. Council for amount paid Board of Works should not be paid.

In view of this attitude it is advisable to call attention to the actual position.

The Drainage Maintenance Act 1924 Section 2 (2) empowered the Commissioners of Public Works to carry out any works which they considered essential at any drainage area and after this by Section 3 the Commissioners by a Charging Order could unload on the Co. Councils for future maintenance any schemes on which any money had been spent by the Commissioners after the passing of the Act.

The Co. Councils have no option but to take over such Schemes and are compelled by Section 8 to raise off ratepayers whose names are supplied by the Board of Works any sums necessary to pay for the upkeep of the drainage area and for the repayment of instalments of any loans borrowed from the Board for improvement.

A Charging Order giving the names of drainage ratepayers and amounts of each assessment obliging the Council to take over the Sow system was issued by the Board of Works on 16th January, 1932. This set out that the Trustees of the Drainage Area had bound the ratepayers to repay loan of £2663:4:4d being 75% of the sum spent by the Board of Works in agreement with the Trustees.

The Co. Council consulted the drainage ratepayers as to the work which had been carried out for the £3170:13:8d and found it ineffective and costly. They declined to take over the system and a long correspondence ensued with the Board of Works. Finally, letter of the Board of Works of 16th July, 1932 pointed out that a Scheme for the further improvement of the drainage conditions in the area had been prepared by them, and that the Minister for Finance had sanctioned the expenditure of £5000 from the Vote for the Relief of Unemployment on condition that the Wexford Co. Council pay the amount due to us under our Charging Order, and the Co. Council accepted the offer of the Board of Works; there was no way out.

Recognising, however, the hardship it would be on the

Ratepayers to pay the instalment of loan and arrears in one lump sum the Council asked that amount of arrears should be spread over as long a period as possible.

The following is an extract from letter of Board of Works of 17th January, 1933, to the Council:-

"We have laid before the Minister for Finance your Council's request that the repayment of arrears should be spread over as long a period as possible and he has agreed that the payment of arrears due to us may be extended over a period of four years. This is the maximum concession he is prepared to make."

And now a number of Sow Drainage Ratepayers say they will not pay, while the Council are compelled to collect the amount or be surcharged by Auditor.

And it is well to reiterate the fact that the loan was arranged not by the Co. Council but by the Trustees of the Drainage Ratepayers.

It was decided as a result of the meeting to adjourn the proceedings, the Co. Council, in the meantime, to ask the Board of Works to send a Representative to the next meeting when further consideration will be given to the manner in which the work was carried out.

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Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That report of Sow Drainage Committee be received and considered."

Col. Gibbon said he had seen the point of the main drain and intended making a further inspection of the work later. He was taken aback at the attitude of the drainage ratepayers who had been provided with a wonderful channel and a wonderful drainage system. There were, as was bound to happen, some slight slips in the banks, but these were not of great account. As it would have taken the Committee several days in which to hear and sift all the complaints they came to the conclusion it was best to adjourn the proceedings and make a report to the Co. Council containing a request that the Council should ask the Board of Works to send down a Representative to inspect the drains and try to arrange matters. The main Drain was deep and in all such cases there was bound to be slipping and the stuff removed would not be of such use until after the lapse of a few years when grass would grow over it. The maintenance rate, until a real settlement had taken place, would be high for the next three or four years. There was no doubt that the payment of the rate and the arrears in four years meant a heavy charge on the ratepayers but the County Council asked to have this payment spread over as long a period as possible and were informed that the maximum period to which the Minister for Finance would consent was four years. He recommended, in view of the serious economic position of the ratepayers that a further attempt should be made to have the arrears and the instalments of loan due to date spread over a much greater period than four years.

Mr. Hall said he never was more surprised in his life than to find that after the expenditure of over £8000 no one was satisfied.

Mr. Culleton said that for three miles of the river with

with which he was acquainted he had been informed that only twenty yards of bank had slipped. In general it was admitted that the job was a splendid one and the Board of Works could not have had a better official in charge than Mr. Phillips.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That the report of Sow Drainage Committee be adopted. That the Office of Public Works be requested to send a Representative to next meeting between the Committee of the County Council and the Drainage Ratepayers. That the Board of Works and Department of Finance be requested, in view of the inability of the drainage ratepayers to make money, to arrange that the further payment of instalment of loan and arrears should be spread over ten years. And that if this arrangement cannot be made applicable to the present Rate in course of collection we consider the "spread over" should be applied to the balance due until the arrears have been paid by the drainage ratepayers."

#### PARAPETS OF ROAD BRIDGES

##### DELIBERATE DESTRUCTION

Col. Gibbon said that on Sunday when coming along the road from New Ross, through Foulksmills, he saw that the parapet of a bridge about a mile outside Ballinaboola on the Foulksmills side, was being deliberately thrown ~~down~~ into the river. He would like to know why some steps had not been taken to either stop the damage or have the parapet repaired.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said that he was not aware of the parapet referred to being damaged, but he was not a bit surprised. He knew of a bridge between Wexford and Ferry-carrig being stripped in a morning. That bridge had a proper parapet and it was thrown down, so far as they could find out, between the hours of eight o'clock and eleven o'clock. The occurrence was reported to the Guards. That sort of blackguardism was common. It was rampant, and was every day

becoming more so. As far as repairing the parapet was concerned, money was scarce.

Mr. Keegan - The damage should be stopped.

Mr. Birthistle - I quite agree, but we cannot stop it.

Col. Gibbon said he thought the Council should write to the Superintendent of the Civic Guards and let the surveyors draw up a report and give examples of the destruction that was going on - thoughtless and ignorant in some cases, and wilful in others - and that was costing the ratepayers money. It should be stopped, and someone should be had up for it.

Chairman - I think that is a very good suggestion.

Mr. Cummins - Will the Civic Guards act in this matter?

Chairman - Is it not their job.

Mr. Cummins said that there was a mile of a wall between Ballyhack and Arthurstown, and thousands of the ratepayers' money had been spent in the last forty years on it. There was not a week that there was not a breach put in this wall.

Chairman - I think you should put a cement coping on it.

Mr. Cummins - It was put on and was knocked off.

In reply to a query as to whether it was the Civic Guards' duty to act in the matter, Mr. D'Arcy said it was; it was public property.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the attention of the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, be called to the wanton destruction of road and bridge parapet walls and that reports in connection with this matter be furnished by Assistant Surveyors for the information of the Garda Superintendent."

SOUTH WEXFORD HARBOURS

Under date 2nd December, 1933 (No.4011/33) the following was read from the Private Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries:-

"The Minister for Agriculture wishes me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st instant on the above subject, and to inform you that it is having attention."

Mr. Cummins who handed in a list of thirty-two unemployed men in Duncannon moved the following which was seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:- "That the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries be reminded of his promise in letter of 2nd December, 1933 (No.4011/33) that the subject of securing a grant to carry out much needed work at South Wexford Harbours in order to relieve unemployment would receive attention and that he be requested to move in this matter as soon as possible.

SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND

VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, 1934

The following under date 8th December, 1933 (F.34927) was read from the Office of National Education:-

"With reference to your communication of the 21st ult. submitting for approval the draft scheme of scholarships to be awarded by the Wexford County Council in 1934, I am to say that the matter has received the consideration of the Department, and that the scheme may be approved.

"It is suggested that the words "or Vocational" be inserted after "Secondary" in line 2, paragraph 4 of Scheme.

"In connection with paragraph 1, page 11, of Scheme I am to say that, as previously notified to your Council, should any case arise in connection with the award of a scholarship to a pupil teacher or preparatory college student it will be open to full consideration by the Department.

"I am to add that the syllabus for 1934 is the same as

"that approved for 1933, a copy of which is enclosed, and I am to request that your Council will forward, for the information of this Department, six copies of the amended scheme when printed for circulation."

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

"That Scheme of Scholarships tenable in Secondary and Vocational Schools for 1934 be printed and circulated in conformity with letter of 8th December, 1933 (F.34927) from Office of National Education."

The following relative to renewal of Primary to Secondary School Scholarships 1933/34 under date 5th December, 1933, was read from Office of National Education (Secondary Education Branch):-

"I have to inform you that the Department is prepared to sanction the renewal, for the school year 1933/34, of the Primary to Secondary School Scholarships awarded by the Wexford County Council to the undermentioned pupils:-

Loreto Convent, Wexford

Margaret D. O'Leary  
Bridget T. O'Donnell  
Kathleen Ennis  
Ellen Sinnott  
Margaret M. O'Neill (Inter. Cert. Hons. 1933)

St. Peter's College, Wexford

Dermot S. Fenelon  
James Meyler  
Edward P. Rossiter  
James M. Druhan (Inter. Cert. Hons. 1933)

Loreto Convent Gorey

Mary C. Daly (Inter. Cert. Hons. 1933)  
Kathleen F. Donnelly ( " " Pass " )

Christian Brothers, Gorey

James A. Forde (Inter. Cert. Pass 1933)

"In the cases of Daniel F. Butler, and Richard R. O'Donnell of St. Peter's College, Wexford, it is noted that they failed to pass in the Intermediate Certificate Examination 1933

"after three years' tenure of their scholarships. Normally, the Department would not be prepared to give favourable consideration to the renewal of a scholarship in such circumstances, but, having regard to the fact that the terms of your Council's scheme do not require the attendance of the holder at any examination subsequent to the award of the scholarship I am to say that the Department will not withhold approval of the renewal for 1933/34 in either case."

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

"That Scholarship Committee be asked to consider the advisability of adding a Clause to the provisions of Scheme for Secondary and Vocational Scholarships that renewal of Scholarship for fourth year be conditional on pupil passing the Intermediate Certificate Examination."

#### FOURTH NATIONAL LOAN

Circular letter under date 2nd December, 1933, as to above was read from Department of Finance.

No order.

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR

Mr. Treanor reported that Mr. P. Donovan, Contractor for dredging basin at Courtown Harbour was unable (owing to lack of capital) to finish the work and the County Surveyor proposed taking it up and securing another Contractor.

Mr. Corish said that Donovan's Sureties should be consulted in the matter.

In reply to Mr. Corish, Mr. Treanor said that £460 was still unspent.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Gaul:- "That consideration of the proposal to put the Contract for dredging balance of Courtown Harbour Basin into the charge of County Surveyor be adjourned for the attendance of that officer."

The following deputation from Courtown Harbour attended in connection with the following resolution of the County Council adopted at meeting of 11th September, 1933:-

"That a steam crane on rails with grab be provided for the development of Courtown Harbour at a cost not exceeding £1000 the Co.Secretary to ascertain if this amount can be borrowed from the Treasurer of the Council and for what period and at what rate."

Captain Kearon, Tomsilla, Courtown Harbour,  
Captain Kearon, Arklow, Messrs. K. McNeill, Dudley Butler  
and M. Fitzpatrick.

Mr. Butler said that the deputation and those interested in the project were in favour of a steam crane on rails and grab. They believed a caterpillar crane would not be suitable. They had a promise of 19,200 tons of shipping and of the employment of fifty men in the fishing industry if there was a constant depth of water provided in the channel. The proposal for the crane would solve the question of unemployment for Courtown.

Col. Gibbon asked why did they want a crane to unload cargo.

Captain Kearon said it was necessary that some machinery should be provided for the rapid unloading of vessels. The crane would be much faster than the ordinary steam winch.

Col. Quin said that Lord Fitzwilliam who had considerable experience in shipping cargoes was in favour of the caterpillar crane.

Captain Kearon, Arklow, said no engine run on oil would stand at places such as Courtown where there was always a considerable amount of sand blowing about. This would get into the bearings. The steam crane could be driven easier and would support a much longer jib.

Mr. Keegan held that the upkeep of the motor engine would be costly. They would want a driver at £3 per week and a mechanic at the same figure whereas if they paid 15/- a week to the present Harbour Master and a similar sum to the Night Watchman as an addition to their wages the steam crane could be worked by them. Then the motor driven crane could not be worked on the North side of the Pier across the bar.

Mr. Butler said that the Co. Surveyor was in favour of the steam crane and had also satisfied himself that the pier head was strong enough to bear the crane when working and would not be in danger of collapse by the necessary dredging to deepen the channel.

Captain Kearon, Arklow, said the Co. Council would have Sixpence per ton for harbour dues and 1/- per ton for use of crane which could be provided for in ship's charter.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said that the crane and grab would be of great benefit to the harbour.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That in view of the opinion of deputation from Courtown Harbour we confirm our resolution to provide for Courtown Harbour a steam crane on rails with grab at a cost not exceeding £1000 subject to the sanction of Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) money to be borrowed from County Council Treasurer."

On the suggestion of Col. Gibbon it was decided to request the Co. Surveyor to furnish report in writing that the working of the crane and grab would not cause injury to the pier and that no undermining of the structure was apprehended if the channel was dredged to the depth already decided upon.

MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES VOTE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the following applications for repair of lanes be scheduled for consideration under Minor Relief Schemes Vote when money under this Vote becomes available viz:- Annagh Lane, Killena, Gorey; "Priests" Lane, Boley, Ballycullane; lane leading from residences of Matthew Larkin and Patrick Keating of Nuke, Arthurstown.

ADVERTISING

Quotations were received from "The Wexford People", "Free Press" and "Echo" for the County Advertising as obtained in 1933 from 1st January, 1934 to 31st December, 1934, at £110 each.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That quotations from "The Wexford People", "Free Press" and "Echo" newspapers for insertion of County Council advertisements as obtained for year 1933 at £110 each be accepted for period from 1st January, 1934, to 31st December, 1934."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That we hereby agree to the following advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:

Andrew Doyle, Rectory Road, Enniscorthy, £130 loan  
on £200 house; Government Grant £70;  
Christopher Doyle, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy £130 loan  
on £200 house; Government Grant £70.

TOWN AND REGIONAL

PLANNING BILL

Under date 30th November, 1933, the Secretary, County Councils General Council, forwarded report relative to above Bill prepared by their Emergency Committee and which had been approved by the Executive Committee. The Bill was far

reaching in its effect and it was most desirable that its provisions should be carefully examined by all local authorities and their considered views submitted to the Minister.

Letter was read from Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, recommending the purchase of copies of the Bill for the use of Members of the Council.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That each County Councillor be supplied with copy of Regional and Town Planning Bill and also with copy of report prepared by the Emergency Committee of the County Councils' General Council dealing with this matter and that further consideration of this Bill be adjourned to next meeting of the Council."

#### LAND ACT 1933 and

#### DEDUCTIONS FROM GRANTS

The Secretary, General Council of County Councils wrote under date 30th November, 1933, that he had been informed by the Land Commission that as the work in connection with the Revision of Annuities and the funding of arrears had not yet been completed it was not possible to furnish statement showing for each County the amount of arrears of Land Purchase Annuities in respect of which deductions had been made from Government Grants in aid of Local Taxation and which were to be (a) remitted and (b) funded under the Land Act for 1933.

#### AMENDMENT OF SMALL DWELLINGS

#### ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 30th November, 1933, the Secretary, General Council of County Councils, wrote that as regards resolution of the General Council advocating the simplification of the procedure in making title in compliance with the above named Act and the reduction of the legal expenses involved, the Chairman and Secretary of the General Council had an interview

recently with the Secretary of the Department of Local Government and Public Health. The latter stated that his Department was fully alive to the difficulties of the position and was engaged in considering the matter. He hoped shortly to be in a position to place before the Minister a Scheme by which the procedure under the Act would be simplified and the costs reduced.

#### RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT

The following resolution from Wicklow Co. Council was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"That we, the Wicklow County Council, desire to urge in the strongest possible manner on the Government to draft and put into operation a Scheme for the relief of unemployment, at present so prevalent in this and other Counties, based on the following lines:

(1) That the names of farmers willing to re-employ discharged men, or to add to the number of men hitherto employed, be embodied in a Register.

(2) That men accustomed to and suitable for agricultural work, at present unemployed and living in the immediate neighbourhood of such farmer, should be allocated to work for the aforementioned farmers, and a proportion - not less than half - of the wages of these re-employed or newly employed men be guaranteed and paid by the Government to these farmers under a National Scheme, so long as the farmers benefiting under the Scheme do not reduce the wages or the number of men employed by them normally prior to registration, and such men are employed on useful and productive work."

#### SUITABLE SCHOOLS AND PLAY-GROUNDS

The following resolution from Mayo County Council was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"That in the interests of the health of Irish children

"we request the Minister for Education to replace the dilapidated, insanitary and unsuitable National Schools to be found in several districts in the Saorstát by new structures. That we also request the Irish Land Commission when distributing land in the vicinity of National Schools to make provision for commodious play-grounds for the youngsters and thus prevent many of the fatal accidents which frequently occur on our public roads as a result of the children having no other place for recreation."

PROPOSED CONTRIBUTORY PENSION SCHEME

The following resolution from Westmeath Co. Council was marked "read" on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Corish:

"That the Government be requested to pass legislation to establish a Pension Fund under which Officials employed by the Co. Council and its Subsidiary Bodies do contribute to a Pension Fund in collaboration with County Councils, and thereby relieve the Ratepayers of the full pecuniary responsibility under law as it now stands of paying retiring Officials, who are legally entitled to pensions all put on the County Rates."

The following addendum was added:- "That joint contributions be paid to a reliable Insurance Company, who will be responsible for payment of Superannuations."

CRIMINAL INJURY ACTS

The following resolution from Killarney Urban District Council was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That we call on the Government to introduce legislation repealing the Criminal Injury Acts which were enacted by an alien Government in an endeavour to assist the Landlords in the Land war struggle, as we consider that the Acts are now serving no useful purpose save to shelter Insurance Companies from observing their lawful obligations to their insured."

A similar resolution was forwarded by Wexford Co. Council to the General Council of Co. Councils but was not adopted by the latter.

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