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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL  
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MEETING HELD ON 8th JANUARY, 1934.

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 8th January, 1934.

Present: Mr. M. Doyle, (Chairman) presiding, also Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, T.F. D'Arcy, John Doran, James Gaul, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, T. McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, and Myles Smyth.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £30882:7:1d were examined and signed.

#### REPLY TO VOTE OF CONDOLENCE

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

"That reply to vote of condolence to Mr. James Quirke, Rate Collector, in the death of his wife, be inserted on Minutes of this day's meeting."

The following is the reply:-

"I beg gratefully to acknowledge the kind expression of sympathy "passed" with me by the Wexford Co. Council in my recent sad bereavement.

"I desire also to thank you and staff for your kind sympathy."



### ROAD WORKS SCHEME

#### Consideration of Provisional Road Works Scheme

(adjourned from meeting of the Council on 11th December, 1933), which was the special business of the meeting, was then taken up.

The Co. Surveyor stated that it was up to the Council to see what money they could afford to give him for maintenance etc. of roads, and it was up to him to state what was advisable to be spent on roads and works irrespective of the Council's financial position. He had prepared an estimate which would enable him to put all the roads of the County in a good condition. If the Council could not afford the amount of his estimate, they could let him know what figure they were prepared to spend on the provisional Road Works Scheme for the coming financial year.

Col. Gibbon said the Council would have to cut their coat according to their cloth. He could not imagine they could do more work on the roads than what would be allowed by the money available in view of the serious financial position of the ratepayers. To his mind, the farmers of the County were at least 40% worse off than at this time last year. He (Col. Gibbon) suggested that the Co. Surveyor should be told to take back his estimate and prepare it with a limit of expenditure. It would be simply waste of time to consider the present proposals submitted by the Co. Surveyor. To adopt them would be a counsel of perfection if they were all millionaires. They should discuss the limit they would be prepared to put on this head of service, and agree to have the allocation of the amount dealt with at special meeting.

The Co. Surveyor in reply to Mr. D'Arcy, said there was a considerable reduction in the Trunk Road estimated ~~estimated~~ expenditure last year, but there was not such a big



reduction in link Roads. His estimate for Trunk Roads had been £9,514 and the Council had allowed £4,954, little more than half. For the Link Roads an Estimate of £24,919 had been reduced to £19,770. The better class and more important of the County roads were deteriorating. Taking this as represented by third class Roads the Estimate of £34,007 last year had been reduced to £15,255 less than half. This year he was asking for these County Roads £34,499 a very slight increase on his estimate of last year under this head.

Mr. Keegan said that the Co. Roads were in a bad state and all possible grants should be spent on them, not alone on account of their condition but on account of the fact that they would provide much needed employment.

Miss O'Ryan held that the roads in her district were very good when the money spent on them was taken into consideration.

Col. Quin argued that within the last ten years the roads of Co. Wexford were from 50% to 60% improved.

Miss O'Ryan suggested that if possible some of the more important County roads should be moved into the Main Road Class, in view of their importance.

In reply to Miss O'Ryan the Co. Surveyor said some of the Co. Roads were certainly as important if not more important than some of those in the Main Roads Class.

The Chairman said the Agricultural Grant would probably be the same as last year or may be it would show a reduced figure. There was a vast improvement in the condition of the roads and they should now be saving ~~the~~ money in their maintenance. Some of the Trunk Roads should not require any attention for four or five years.

Col. Gibbon proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Col. Quin:- "That the figure to be



"included in Provisional Road Works Scheme for all roads and works for financial year 1934/35 by Wexford County Council be fixed at £40,000."

In moving the motion Col. Gibbon said that if the Government would not give the Grant on the amount the Council should explain to them that they were not in a position to afford a bigger sum. They should cut out tar spraying as it gave no employment and should be prepared to recognise the dire distress that existed all over the County.

Col. Quin observed that the demand of the Board of Health on the score of home assistance would show an increase of from £5,000 to £10,000 over last year.

Mr. Corish was surprised at this statement and pointed out that at the end of February next all able-bodied men would be taken off the County Board of Health Home Assistance.

The Co. Surveyor in reply to Mr. D'Arcy stated that the cost of tar for surface dressing for the coming year would be round about £2,000. It might even be a few hundred pounds less. This would be about one-third of the total cost of maintenance of tar roads.

The Chairman pointed out that the £2,000 voted at last meeting as Relief Grant would have to come out of whatever figure that would be agreed to by the Council for inclusion in the Road Works Scheme.

Mr. Kelly said that the Co. Board of Health were spending £25,000 a year for Home Assistance and he had calculated that under the new Act this figure should be reduced to £5,000 leaving a saving of £20,000.

The Chairman said he could not - even for a moment - accept the figures given by Mr. Kelly in this matter.

Mr. Corish considered there should be no difficulty in obtaining the consent of the Minister to adjourn the present meeting in order to ascertain the amount of the Demand of the



Board of Health but the Chairman held that this Demand had no relation to the maintenance of roads and some figure should be agreed to at the present meeting.

Mr. Gaul proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following:- "That the Council agree to provide for road maintenance the same figure as last year, viz. £55755:3:8d."

In reply to Mr. Culleton the Secretary stated that the actual amount raised from the ratepayers on the figure for last year was £44,152, as the 40% maintenance Grant from the State was £11,603.

After some further discussion a poll was taken on Mr. Gaul's motion which resulted as follows:-

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Kelly, Gaul, Keegan, O'Byrne and O'Ryan - 10

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman. - 9

Mr. McCarthy (1) was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the Amendment carried, but decided he would take a poll upon it as the substantive motion.

This poll resulted as follows:-

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Kelly, Gaul, Keegan, O'Byrne and O'Ryan. - 10

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, McCarthy, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman. - 10

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

A vote was then taken on the original proposal viz. to allow £40,000 for Provisional Road Works Scheme. The following was the result:-

FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, McCarthy, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman. - 10

AGAINST: Messrs. Cummins, Gaul, O'Byrne and O'Ryan. - 4



DECLINED VOTING: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Keegan and Kelly. - 6

The Chairman declared the proposal carried.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Gaul:- "That a special meeting of this Council be held on 22nd January, 1934, at 10.30 a.m. to consider details of allocations for the various roads and works for financial year 1934/35 and to deal with any other business which may be referred to it by this meeting."

CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MEETING 21st DECEMBER, 1933

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 21st December, 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 21st December, 1933.

Present:- Messrs. John Culleton, James Hall, John P. Kelly (new Member of Co. Council who subscribed the usual declaration of office) and Sean O'Byrne.

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

The Chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly.

Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurers Advice Note for £3,188:12:0d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

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

	<u>Collector's Name</u>	<u>Percentage of Warrant collected</u>
1.	S. Gannon (6)	51.6
2.	E.J. Murphy	51.5
3.	S. Gannon (10)	51.1
4.	M. Kehoe	50.3
5.	J. Curtis	50.0
6.	W. Doyle	47.5
7.	J. Cummins	47.3
8.	P. Nolan	46.8
9.	P. Carty	46.0
10.	J.J. O'Reilly	45.5
11.	W. Cummins	44.8
12.	A. Dunne	43.8
13.	D. Kenny	43.5
14.	J. Deegan	42.9
15.	P. Doyle	41.6
16.	J. Flood	41.4
17.	M. McCarthy	40.9
18.	M. Murphy	40.3
19.	J.J. Sinnott	40.0
20.	J. Quirke.	38.5

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That Collector Dunne (No.15 District) be directed to inform the Committee of the steps he had taken to follow up the decree obtained by him for



"Rates due on Mt. St. Benedict, Gorey."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That as regards the amount of Rates due on Mt. St. Benedict, this Committee is of opinion that Collector Dunne should apply at the Gorey District Court for an Examination Order, on the decree in his possession."

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 11th December, 1933 (H.135094/1933 Loch Garman) the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Housing Section) wrote approving of an advance of £130 to James Murphy, Greenville, Enniscorthy, under above Acts.

Christopher Doyle, 33, The Shannon, Enniscorthy, wrote asking that the loan of £130 which he applied for should be increased to £140.

The Committee decided it was not possible at this stage to make any alteration in the original amount and were reluctantly compelled to refuse Mr. Doyle's application.

#### PAYMENT TO ROAD WORKERS

Under date 11th December, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health, R/RM/32, wrote that the Minister had sanctioned the experimental arrangement decided upon by the Council on the 27th November, 1933, for payment of Road Workers.

#### MOTOR TAXATION OFFICE

Under date 20th December, 1933, (M.T.209/32) the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote that no objection would be raised to the employment in Motor Taxation office of two temporary clerical assistants during the period from 1st January to 3rd February next for prompt issue of Motor Tax Licences subject to the maximum amount fixed as remuneration for Supervisory and Clerical duties for the current financial year.



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EXTENSION OF OVERDRAFT

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to agree to extension of the period of overdraft of Wexford County Council at £40,000 to 31st March, 1934."

APPLICATIONS FOR COMPENSATION

FOR CRIMINAL INJURY

Peter O'Connor, Wafer Street, Enniscorthy, applied for £35 damage to his motor car at Killanne.

Major Lakin, Horetown House, Foulksmills, applied for £125 compensation for the poisoning of four fox hounds.

Mr. Elgee mentioned that dogs were not included in the Malicious Injury Code.

A resolution was adopted that Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, appear to oppose applications submitted to the meeting.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Applications were received for the committal of the following children to Industrial Schools:-

Peter O'Neill, Well Lane, Wexford;

Kevin Morrissey (11½ years) Wafer St., Enniscorthy;

John Corrigan, (13½ years) Drumgoold, Enniscorthy.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

VALUATION OF GRAVEYARDS

In connection with rates assessed on Rathjarney Grave-Yard, which was the subject of correspondence between the Co. Council, Valuation Department and Rev. T. O'Byrne, P.P., Piercestown, Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, wrote under date 16th December, 1933, that by Section 12 of the Valuation (Ireland) Act, 1852, it was provided, that for the purposes of the Act, the following Hereditaments should be presumed to be Rateable Hereditaments viz. (Inter Alia) "The profits to be taken out of any land."



In the case of Rathjarney Graveyard, charges were made for grave spaces, and according to the opinion of Mr. Elgee, this was plainly "a profit taken out of land" bringing it within the above mentioned section. This being so the lands were liable and had been correctly assessed for Rates.

It was decided that copy of Mr. Elgee's letter should be forwarded to Rev. T. O'Byrne, P.P.

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

"That the Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee for  
21st December, 1933, be and are hereby confirmed."

CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MEETING 4th JANUARY, 1934

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of  
meeting held on 4th January, 1934, were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 4th January, 1934.

Present:- Messrs. John Culleton, James Hall, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy and Sean O'Byrne.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2408:1:8d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

The following report was submitted from the Secretary:-

"I have to report it has come to my knowledge that Rates amounting to £16:5:8d were received by the Rates Inspector (Mr. Sean O'Kennedy) towards the end of November last and this amount was not handed to Michael McCarthy, Rate Collector for the district.

"Rates Inspector states that the lodgment by him to Mr. McCarthy's Account of £15:3:4d on 23rd instant is in respect of the Rates in question.

"I inspected Collector McCarthy's books on 29th instant and found that the official receipt for the amount of £16:5:8d remains in the book.

"I procured explanations from Rates Inspector and Mr. McCarthy."

The following statement made by Mr. McCarthy, Rate Collector, on 29th December, 1933, was read:-

"Previous to the 26th November, 1933, when football match



"was played in New Ross the Rates of Mrs. Keating, Yoletown, Tacumshane, for £16;5:8d (178) were paid to Mr. O'Kennedy, Rates Inspector. He told me he was a bit short as he wanted the money on account of the match and that he would make it right in a few days.

"I have not received the amount to the present. I hold the official receipt in my book.

"I did not report the matter as I did not want to get him into trouble on account of his wife and family and expected he would pay me every day.

"The following Statement under date 30th December, 1933, from Rates Inspector was submitted:-

"I notified this ratepayer amongst others in this district about 13th November, 1933, as having rates outstanding.

"Somewhere at the end of November, 1933, a Reverend gentleman came into my office and said Mrs. Keating had sent him in with the rates. I told him I was not allowed to take rates and pointed out that I had no official receipt to give him. He asked me then to hand same to the Collector and I told him I would do so.

"At the next checking in Enniscorthy Collector Gannon was trying to get in 50% in his district to qualify for poundage. I told Collector Gannon that I could lend him £15 on the condition that he paid it immediately he got poundage.

"I lent him £15. I told Collector McCarthy that Keatings had paid the half year's rates and he could send them the receipt. When Collector Gannon got poundage he immediately paid me £15 which I lodged to the credit of Mr. McCarthy's District on my arrival on 23rd December, 1933, in Wexford.

"I admit the procedure was irregular but it was carried out with the best intention."

The County Secretary made the following supplemental report under date 4th January, 1934:-



"I have to report that on checking Rate Inspector O'Kennedy's explanation I have ascertained that the sum of £15:3:4d lodged by him to the credit of Collector McCarthy's district on 23rd December, 1933, was part of a cheque (M-93851) on National Bank dated 23rd November, 1933, and issued by Mr. Fintan M. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford, for £21:10:8d Rates due by Mrs. Westrop Dawson, in Collector Gannon's area. Out of this cheque the Rates Inspector lodged £6:7:4d to Collector Gannon's District and the balance £15:3:4d to the credit of Collector McCarthy's district. Collector Gannon to-day produced a Bank receipt for a further sum of £15:3:4 lodged by him in Enniscorthy on 30th December last which he states is in respect of Mrs. Dawson's rates."

The following Statement by Collector Gannon (No.6) on the 4th January, 1934, was submitted:-

"About the end of November Mr. O'Kennedy was going through my books and we discussed the general Rate position including the question of getting in 50% of the current Rate in order to qualify for Poundage.

"Mr. O'Kennedy told me he had a sum of money with him and that I could have it.

"He then gave me £15 (Fifteen Pounds) and that I could pay him back when I would get all my poundage. I accepted the money not knowing there was any harm in doing so. At the last checking on the Monday before Xmas I found I was able to qualify for poundage and I asked Mr. O'Kennedy would I post him on the £15. He said "No" and explained that he had a cheque from Messrs. M.J. O'Connor & Co., for Mrs. Dawson's Rates and that there was a part-payment to be made on one receipt of £15:3:4d and told me to lodge that amount by the next checking which I did about mid-day on the 30th December, 1933."

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on



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the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That Mr. O'Kennedy, Rates Inspector, be censured for his action as disclosed in reports to this meeting and warned that such action on his part must not occur again. In no circumstances is he to take money for payment of rates."

STATE OF RATE COLLECTION

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

	<u>Collector's</u> <u>Name.</u>	<u>Percentage of</u> <u>current Rate</u> <u>collected.</u>
1.	S. Gannon (6)	52.8
2.	E.J. Murphy	52.1
3.	S. Gannon (10)	51.3
4.	M. Kehoe	50.4
5.	J. Curtis	50.2
6.	P. Nolan	48.1
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12.	A. Dunne	44.6
13.	D. Kenny	44.3
14.	P. Doyle	44.1
15.	M. McCarthy	44.0
16.	J. Deegan	43.6
17.	J. Quirke	42.8
18.	M. Murphy	42.8
19.	J. Flood	42.2
20.	<u>J.J. Sinnott.</u>	<u>40.3</u>

In connection with Rates due on Mount St. Benedict, Gorey, Collector Art Dunne (No.15 District) wrote that a decree against Fr. Sweetman lodged with the Sheriff in April 1931 was returned "no Goods". In May 1932 it was again lodged with the same result. As directed by the Finance Committee at their last meeting he had started proceedings to obtain an Examination Order against Fr. Sweetman. On 2nd January the necessary affidavit was sworn and the application would be heard on 13th January, 1934.

This explanation was considered satisfactory.



APPLICANTS FOR HOUSING GRANTS

AND RATES

Under date 21st December, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circ.117/33) that in future in connection with applications for Grants under the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1932 from persons proposing to erect or reconstruct dwelling houses the rates position would be reviewed in each case and the Minister would consider the withholding or refusal of grants in instances in which the rates were in arrear.

The Secretary was requested on receipt of Approval Forms to check up the rates position and draw the Department's attention to any case in which substantial arrears are outstanding or serious unpunctuality in payment had been shown.

The Secretary stated that the instructions of the Department in this matter would be carried out.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 22nd December, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.148625/1933 Loch Garman) sanctioning advances under above Acts to the following:- Christopher Doyle, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, £130, and Andrew Doyle, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, £130.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, reported under date 2nd January, 1934, that the Title of John Greene, Duffry Gate, Enniscorthy, was in order.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the Co. Council be recommended to advance to John Greene, Duffry Gate, Enniscorthy, £130 loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."



INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASE

The District Superintendent, Garda Siochana, wrote that the adjourned application for committal of Kevin Morrissey, (11½ years) Wafer St., Enniscorthy, to an Industrial School would be heard on the 4th January, 1934, at Enniscorthy Court.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

DUPLICATE PAY ORDER

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That duplicate Pay Order No.1615 for £2 (Subsidiary A/c) be issued to Daniel Fenlon, Raheenahone, Bree, to replace original Order lost by him and issued on 21st December, 1933. That payment of original Order be estopped."

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL  
SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

In connection with attendance at Examinations for award of above Scholarships, claims of £2:3s and £2:17:6d were received from candidates Anne Duggan and Catherine A. Roche.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne to allow £1:6s. in each case.

BINDING CO. COUNCIL MINUTES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the tender of John English & Co., at 17/6d for binding Co. Council Minutes for year 1933 be accepted."

APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION  
FOR CRIMINAL INJURY

Patrick Fortune, Corah, Ballycarney, furnished application for £50 compensation for the removal of ten sheep and eight cattle from his lands on 26th or 27th December, 1933.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, to oppose.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting of 4th January, 1934, as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby confirmed."

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER OF  
CO. COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE

The following recommendation was submitted from Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture:- "That Mr. E. P. Foley, Crossabeg, be recommended to the County Council for appointment as a member of this Committee vice Mr. James Shannon deceased.

Mr. Culleton proposed the selection of Mr. Foley.

Mr. Keegan seconded.

Mr. Cline proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the selection of Mr. John P. Kelly, Co. Councillor.

Mr. Kelly said that the late Mr. Shannon, whose death had created the vacancy, had been elected by the Labour Party and this Party put him (Mr. Kelly) forward believing he would succeed Mr. Shannon on all the boards and Committees of which the latter was a member. He was of opinion that when he was appointed in Mr. Shannon's place he succeeded automatically to all the Boards on which Mr. Shannon held a seat. His district represented a large area and Mr. Foley lived a very long distance from it. The people felt very sore over the appointment of a member from South Wexford.

Col. Gibbon said that Mr. Foley was a representative of Enniscorthy area, the area which was represented by Mr. Shannon.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR MR. FOLEY: Messrs. Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Ryan, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman. - 12



FOR MR. KELLY: Messrs. Armstrong, Glince, Cölfer, Corish, Gaul, Kelly and O'Byrne. - 7

Mr. Brennan declined voting.

The Chairman declared Mr. Foley elected.

#### RELIEF GRANT

Under date 14th December, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (RU/33) approving of the scheme for the expenditure of the Relief Grant of £2000.

#### ENNISCORTHY MENTAL HOSPITAL

##### COMMITTEE

Under date 12th December, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (A.139942-33) forwarding report of their Auditor on his Audit of the Accounts of the above Committee for the two half years ended 31st March, 1933.

#### COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

The following under date 20th December, 1933, (P.H.145668-33 Loch Garman Ae) 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 state that the Minister has approved of the temporary appointment of Dr. J.W. Roche, D.P.H. as substitute for Dr. C. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, during the latter's absence on annual leave as from the 20th instant, with remuneration at the rate of £10:10s. per week with vouched travelling expenses."

#### BUILDING WORKS AND

#### ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD'S LINES

The Department of Local Government and Public Health



wrote under date 22nd December, 1933, (118/1933) calling attention to the danger to public safety that might result from local authorities carrying out building works under or in close proximity to the Board's overhead lines.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

(COMBINED PURCHASING) ACT 1925

The following under date 30th December, 1933, (No.140850/33 Loch Garman) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to the resolution recently adopted by your Council that the amount assessed under the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act, 1925, be paid under protest, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that it is not agreed that "the transactions under the Act are not value for the cost which it entails". There is abundant evidence that the scheme of Combined Purchasing has been a boon to local authorities and local industries and this is particularly applicable to Wexford County where there are two official contractors, Messrs. Pierce, Wexford, and Mr. Patrick Hickey, Poulmounty, New Ross, whose business has been considerably increased as a result of orders placed with them as such. The Minister is of opinion that the members of your Council, should they so desire, would have little difficulty in ascertaining to their own satisfaction the value of the scheme by inquiries from the officials of the various committees within the County as well as from the firms mentioned.

I am to add that the inauguration of the scheme was solely in the interests of economy and good service to local administration and any suggestions regarding its improvement, or complaints regarding its operation will be promptly and thoroughly investigated."



Mr. O'Byrne said that in open competition the Mental Hospital Committee, particularly in connection with a big proportion of the articles required, were able to obtain them cheaper locally than through the Combined Purchasing Act.

The Chairman said the terms under the Act for tea could not compete with local merchants. The scheme was too costly for the value they got. But if the Government are so keen on it, it should be financed out of Central Funds.

Mr. Cummins said as regards the Mental Hospital tea obtained under the Combined Purchasing Act, was only ninth amongst samples which were tested.

#### WORK AT BOIRA DRAINAGE

The Secretary stated that the following resolution had been adopted at the meeting of County Council on 27th November, 1933:-

"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 repair of lanes etc."

In reply to this resolution the Office of Public Works wrote as follows, under date 20th December, 1933:-

"I am directed to refer to your letter of the 1st instant on the subject of a grant of £300 made out of Relief monies for drainage work on the Boira River and I am to say that it is regretted that your letter was inadvertently overlooked until now.

"I am to say that due consideration will be given to the resolution of your Council on the subject of the above Grant but, in view of the limited amount of the Relief Vote,



"it is improbable that any further grants out of Minor Relief Schemes will be made available for County Wexford."

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

"That the Board of Works be again requested to allow the amount granted for completion of improvement work at Boira Drainage to be regarded as a special grant and not set against the ordinary Minor Relief Grants for repair of lanes, easement of corners etc."

In reply to Mr. Hall, Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District, said that he had no ganger employed at Boira Drainage Work but two charge hands, one at each end, named Keyes and Philips.

Mr. Smyth said that he understood Keyes had twenty-five acres of land and his employment was against the resolution of the Council.

The Chairman said it seemed no matter what directions they gave they were not carried out.

Mr. Treanor said he employed Keyes because he had confidence that he would have the work carried out in a proper and efficient manner. He was not aware that Keyes had land but knew he was a single man. He did not work for the County Council previously.

Mr. Keegan held it was a matter of charity to give Keyes work. The land which was obtained by him from the British Government under a Land Commission division was practically of no utility and Keyes was obliged to keep his mother, Sister, and a delicate brother.

After further discussion the Chairman proposed the following resolution:- "That Mr. Treanor be directed to carry out the resolution of the Co. Council that employment on roads etc. should not be given to any person who has any other means of livelihood."

Seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted.



### SOW DRAINAGE AREA

The Chairman proposed and Col. Gibbon seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem con:-

"This Council is surprised that no reply has been received from the Office of Public Works relative to the suggestions of the Council as regards Sow Drainage Improvement Work. The Council will, in a very short time, have to consider their yearly Budget and provision will have to be made for repayment of loan and maintenance of the Sow Drainage Area. In consequence, the Council would urge on the Office of Public Works to deal with the Extract from the Minutes of Co. Council meeting of the 11th December, 1933, relative to Sow Drainage without further delay."

### SANCTION TO OVERDRAFT

Under date 3rd January, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.150069/33 Loch Garman) sanctioning Overdraft not exceeding £40,000 up to 28th February next, Interest to be paid thereon at the agreed rate.

### ROAD GRANTS

The Secretary reported that the following Road Grants had been received since last meeting of the Council £2640 (Relief Grant), £4,671 (Road Maintenance Grant 1933/34) and £620 (Unemployment Grant).

### MARRIAGE GRATUITY TO MRS. MURPHY FORMER INSTRUCTRESS IN POULTRY KEEPING

Under date 5th January, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (140353/1933 Loch Garman)(Sf)) forwarding Sealed Order assenting to the award of Marriage Gratuity of £100 by the Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture to Mrs. N.M. Murphy, former Instructress in Poultry-keeping, this amount to be paid by the County Council.



TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING BILL

The Secretary stated that Councillors had been supplied with copies of this Bill and also the Preliminary Report of Emergency Committee of the County Councils General Council.

The Chairman said this Bill if passed would entail a tremendous amount of work and the Council were scarcely able to deal with the amount of work they had at the moment. They should ask their County T.D.s to have County Councils exempt from the scope of the measure.

Several members said they wished to consider the matter further before arriving at a decision.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Gaul:- "That consideration of provisions of Town and Regional Planning Bill 1933 be adjourned to County Council meeting of 22nd January, 1934."

FOOD AND DRUGS INSPECTOR

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That Garda M.O'Carroll (3065) be appointed Ex-officio Inspector on behalf of this Council under Food and Drugs Acts in succession to Garda Geary (5660) transferred to Depot."

IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION

Under date 16th December, 1933, the General Manager of the Irish Tourist Association wrote applying for inclusion in Rate Estimate for next financial year of the usual contribution for tourist purposes.

Mr. Barry of the Tourist Association, who was in attendance, said that the Association wished to thank the Wexford County Council for their consistent support. The Association had put Ireland on the tourist map of the world. In spite of depression tourist traffic for last year had



shown an increase. It was now one of the most important industries of the country representing between three and four million pounds per annum. It was quite safe to say that the £400 contributed by the County Council had yielded £30,000 or £40,000 to the County. In view of the present depression he would not ask the Council to increase their contribution and the Association would be grateful for the same contribution as last year. Rosslare, Duncannon and Courtown Harbour lived out of the tourist traffic.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution:- "That the equivalent of a Rate of one farthing in the £. on the County be included in Rate Estimate for financial year 1934/35 as a contribution to the Tourist Development Association."

In reply to Mr. D'Arcy, Mr. Barry said that 90% of the Hotels had reduced their charges.

Col. Gibbon suggested that the Tourist Association should endeavour to secure Grants towards the cost of water-supplies at seaside resorts.

Mr. Barry said the Association would give any help they could in this or in any other matter regarding which local representations would be made to them.

Mr. Corish said the Association had made representations to the Government for Grants towards repair of roads leading to seaside places.

The Chairman said it would be a great matter if the Association could help in the manner suggested by Col. Gibbon. The Board of Health had before them a proposal to expend £9000 on a sewerage scheme for Rosslare which was really for the benefit of the hotel keepers and the visitors. The majority of the ratepayers in Wexford Rural District would not draw a halfpenny benefit from it. The Co. Medical Officer of Health had threatened them almost with compulsion



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in order to get the Board to adopt the scheme. The meeting which advocated the matter was attended by people who paid only a very small amount in rate. In normal times they would not mind a farthing in the £. on the Rates but the farmers this year were 40% worse off than in 1933.

A poll was then taken with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Doran, Gaul, Gibbon, Hall, Keegan, Kelly, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan and Quin. - 15

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Smyth and the Chairman. - 5. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR

In connection with the Report of Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, to the Council, that Mr. P. Donovan, Contractor for the dredging of the basin at Courtown Harbour was unable (owing to lack of capital to finish the work) and the proposal that the Co. Surveyor should take up the Contract, the Co. Surveyor stated he advertised for tenders and had received two, both of which he considered too high. Since then he had been in communication with the Sureties of Mr. Donovan, Messrs. P.J. Crean and P. Whelan, who were apparently anxious to do the work, particularly as they were liable for any extra cost which might be incurred in addition to financing the work up to the present. He had received the following letter from the Sureties:-

"We the Sureties of P. Donovan the former contractor for the cleaning out of Courtown Harbour apply for the completing of the work at the amount of money - £460 - left to complete the contract subject to the following conditions:

- (1) We propose hiring the Government dredger



"Faugh a Ballagh" to do the work, if, and when, the proposed Grab Crane is erected at Courtown so that water may be made for the dredger to enter.

(2) As there are difficulties in the way of hiring the dredger to private individuals, the Office of Public Works suggest "that the County Council hire the dredger the sureties lodging with the Council a reasonable sum to cover hiring".

We are prepared to lodge with the Council £100 (one hundred Pounds) to cover this hiring fee and Insurance etc."

One of the Sureties, Mr. P.J. Crean, Riverchapel, Courtown, forwarded letter from the Office of Public Works under date 4th January, 1933, stating that there were difficulties in the way of hiring one of their dredgers to private individuals. It might be possible to induce the Wexford County Council to act for him in the matter, the idea being, if Mr. Crean in the first instance lodged a reasonable sum to cover hiring charges, the Council might be willing to accommodate him in procuring the dredger.

In connection with the proposal to dredge the channel at Courtown, the following report was read from the County Surveyor, under date 5th January, 1934:-

"As directed by the Council I submit report on this matter. I have had a number of borings and soundings taken in the approach channel to the gates, and am now quite satisfied that it may be dredged out to a depth somewhat below sill level of the Sluice Gates without, in any way, endangering the piers. The recent work carried out at the pier heads has made these perfectly safe, and no dredging work in contemplation will at all approach bottom level of the pile structure or of the solid pier.



"I have obtained quotations for the supply of steam cranes and grabs, and shall submit same to you at the meeting. Three firms have quoted for a machine of the class we require, and these firms are all of a high standing so that it may be taken that their work will be efficient. There is some difference in price, and it is difficult to make a selection between them. The lowest price obtained is that submitted by Messrs. Taylor and Hubbard, who now also represent Bedford Engineering Company. A quotation somewhat higher is submitted by Messrs. Butter Bros., but this is for a Derrick Crane running on bogeys, and I am doubtful as to the suitability of this on the narrow pier. The third quotation is submitted by Messrs. Thomas Smith and Sons, and it is at a figure that would not leave a sufficient margin for the necessary rail construction. All these firms quote price exclusive of any customs or other dues, and as I was doubtful in regard to such charges I have communicated with the Minister for Industry and Commerce, and expect to have definite particulars at the meeting.

The cost of a suitable line of rails for the crane will be in or about £200 to £250, so that the total cost of crane including grab will be not more than £1,000, unless there be customs dues also payable. All these cranes will be capable of working a small grab at a radius of 45 feet which will be ample for our requirements. They will also be capable of dealing with cargo if such use be required."

With reference to the erection of crane and grab the Co. Surveyor stated he had been informed by an official of the Department of Industry and Commerce, it might be liable to 20% duty, but of course no



definite information could be given until the type of dredger etc. was known.

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

"That the Minister for Fisheries be asked to use his influence with the Minister for Industry and Commerce as regards rebate of Customs duty on imported crane and grab for Courtown Harbour and which has been secured by the County Council principally for the benefit of the fishing industry.

"That the Minister for Fisheries be requested to extend the time for the execution of the work of dredging the basin at Courtown Harbour in order to qualify for State Grant, as the work has had to be taken out of the hands of the original Contractor."

Proposed by Col. Quin, seconded by Mr. D'Arcy, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Office of Public Works be informed that this Council are prepared to use their best endeavours to provide for hiring of one of the Board's Dredgers to the Sureties of P. Donovan, in order to allow of the dredging of the basin at Courtown Harbour to be completed."

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Cummins, seconded by the Chairman and adopted:-

"That Mr. Corish T.D., a member of this Council be requested to interview the Minister for Fisheries and Minister for Industry and Commerce and also the responsible officials at the office of Public Works in order, if possible, to implement the resolutions which have been adopted by the Wexford Co. Council at this day's meeting.

"That the Co. Surveyor be directed to accompany



"Mr. Corish when interviews have been arranged."

INJURY TO CLERICAL ASSISTANT  
Co. COUNCIL OFFICES

The Secretary reported that Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant, County Council Offices, had injured his right hand when alighting from motor car on 6th January, 1934, and would not according to Medical Certificate be effective for some time.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Clince seconded by Mr. Keegan:-

"That leave of absence owing to injury be granted Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant, County Council Offices, from 8th January, 1934, in accordance with Medical Certificate and that the Secretary be empowered to employ a substitute for that period."

APPLICATION FROM IRISH OMNIBUS CO.

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following letter addressed to him by the Traffic Superintendent of the Irish Omnibus Company, Dublin:-

"Averting to previous correspondence, I beg to inform you that an extensively signed petition has again reached my Company for a Service via Killurin to and from Wexford at least thrice weekly. Before replying, I shall be grateful for your observations."

The Co. Surveyor said that the Company desired to use the route which was the alternative route while Ferrycarrig Bridge was closed. He did not consider the road, particularly the portion from Deeps Bridge to Kyle Cross, suitable for 'Bus traffic.

Miss O'Ryan considered it would be unwise to allow 'bus traffic on the road referred to by the Co. Surveyor.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That



"the application of the Irish Omnibus Company to use route from Wexford over Killurin and Deeps Bridge to Kyle Cross be refused as we consider this route unsuitable for 'bus traffic."

ROSSLARE ROAD ETC.

The following under date 5th January, 1934, was read from Ibar Murphy, Hon. Secretary, Rosslare Strand Cumann Fianna Fail:-

"I am directed by the Rosslare Strand Cumann of Fianna Fail to again draw your attention to two matters which were first brought to your notice some months ago and to respectfully ask you to bring these matters before the next meeting of your Council.

"The first matter is the condition of the Burrow road. The pipes for the water supply were laid down in this road in the Summer and of course the road was broken up as a result, and yet no extra material was ever put on. Since the advent of the rain the condition of the road has become worse than ever, in fact it is flooded in many parts already and the unfortunate people have to wade through this mud and water on their way to and from Mass and in the pursuit of their daily duties. Their children must remain in school all day with wet feet as a result of the condition of the road. I am sure that this matter would not entail much expenditure and the longer the road is left in its present state the more expense the Council will be under to repair it later on.

"The other matter is the provision of warning signs outside Rosslare Strand School. It is of the utmost importance that these be provided without delay. The fact of the school being so near the public road and the Rosslare Golf Club makes this a matter of urgency.



"Countless numbers of motor-cars pass up and down to and from the Golf Club. Many motorists are unaware of the existence of a school at all with the result that they do not exercise the care necessary in passing a school. The Council are seemingly going to wait until some child is killed or seriously injured, before moving in the matter and the Rosslare Strand Cumann is of opinion that something ought to be done before anything serious occurs.

"Hoping that you will see your way to place the above before the next County Council meeting and thanking you in anticipation."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That we call upon the County Board of Health to restore the Burrow Road, Rosslare, in a proper manner as this road was opened by the Board for the purpose of laying waterpipes."

As regards danger-signs the Co. Surveyor said he had secured these recently and would have those necessary erected adjoining Rosslare School.

#### MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES ETC.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the following applications for repair of lanes etc. be scheduled for consideration when money is available under Minor Relief Schemes Vote:-

- (1) Lane from Gurtins Fethard to the Strand.
- (2) Dangerous corner etc. on road near the approaches to Duncormack Railway Station.
- (3) Ballyvaloo Lane from Ballyvaloo Cross Roads to Screen Road.
- (4) Branch Campile Durmain Road to Durmain Fethard Road.
- (5) Gullet at the Ballygalvert end of Clonleigh



"Lane through land of Thomas Keating Ballygalve<sup>tt</sup>.

(6) Lane from Crosshue from Main road Blackwater - Enniscorthy.

(7) Brady's Cross at Gurtin to Main Road at Drumderry.

(8) Lane Main Road Ballyphilip to main Road at Curraduff near Kiltale.

(9) Market Square and other privately owned thoroughfares in Bunclody.

(10) Dangerous Corner at Clolourish.

(11) Two dangerous corners on Monageer Road.

(12) Two dangerous corners at Ballymotey Cross.

(13) Gullet at Cooladine. "

It was decided that Nos. 10, 11, 12 and 13 should receive first consideration as no relief work had been arranged for this district up to the present.

#### NEW ROSS-FETHARD ROAD

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That in the event of amount set aside for ordinary maintenance of Fethard-New Ross Road being inadequate to have it properly repaired, in view of its importance, we direct the County Surveyor to put the matter before the Department of Local Government and Public Health with a view to securing a State Grant. We also ask the County Surveyor to request the Tourist Development Association to make application to the Department for a Grant for repair of this road which leads to one of the most popular seaside resorts in County Wexford."

#### UNITED FARMERS' ASSOCIATION

A long statement from Mr. Gaffney, General Secretary of United Farmers' Association relative to an article which appeared in the "Sunday Chronicle" newspaper, Manchester, in connection with retention of Land



Annuities being described as a "flagrant breach of a contracted obligation".

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

*Michael Doyle*

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 22nd JANUARY, 1934.

M I N U T E S

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary, Wexford County Council

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A special meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 22nd January, 1934.

Present Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Clince, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, T.F. D'Arcy, James Gaul, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Michael Hickey, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

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

#### DEATH OF MISS HIGGINS

A vote of condolence to Mr. Jordan, County Councillor in the death of his Aunt, Miss Higgins, was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. D'Arcy.

The Chairman and Secretary offered their expressions of sympathy to Mr. Jordan.

#### PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME

Consideration of this item was the special business of the meeting.

The Co. Surveyor stated that he had gone through the list of roads and works and extracted all imperative items viz. instalments of loan payments and repair of existing structures etc. These amounts subtracted from £40,000 left £27,000 and this had been divided up to the best of his ability. He found he had to strike out the entire estimates for surface dressing. The amount for fourth class roads had been cut already. The result was that the



Estimate for Main and County Roads had been reduced by about 60% and the fourth class roads by about 33%. In order to come within the money allowed it had been necessary to delete all improvement works.

Mr. Corish said that the amount allowed Wexford Urban for the maintenance of Main Roads in the district - £172 - was not at all sufficient. In fact the cleansing of the streets alone cost more, and then of course scavenging had to be taken into consideration. In view of the amount of work which the Wexford Corporation had carried out on Main Roads in the district he considered the County Council should increase the very small sum caused by the reduction of the County Surveyor's estimate, in the case of Wexford Urban. Last year this Urban district had been allocated £350 and he pointed out that if the roads were to be preserved, some spraying would have to be done. In his opinion the roads of a town differed from those in rural districts and would require more money for upkeep.

The Co. Surveyor said he was anxious to have as much money as was consistent with efficiency spent on all roads, rural and urban, but practically the whole length of main roads in Wexford had been improved, a long stretch being under concrete.

Mr. Corish said that the sandwich-concrete section of William Street was really a nuisance, and clamoured for improvement.

The Chairman suggested a sum of £250 for Wexford Urban.

Mr. Hall considered the rural ratepayers were just as much entitled to a good road as those living in the Urban Districts. The three Urban Districts of the County owed substantial amounts on foot of their demands and this should be taken into consideration.



In reply to Mr. Hall the Secretary stated that a couple of years ago Wexford Urban owed £10,000 and this had been reduced to £4,770.

Mr. Corish, after further discussion, proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:- "That a sum of £272 be allocated to maintenance of Main Roads in Wexford Urban area being £100 more than was included in Provisional Road Works Scheme, said £100 to be taken out of Main Road Contingencies."

Mr. Culleton raised a question as to the proposal to spend £600 on Wexford Bridge. He asked if this was to be regarded as an annual charge.

The County Surveyor said that several defective beams in the bridge needed replacement and the money for the work should be provided.

In reply to Mr. Culleton the County Surveyor said he did not see what could be done to improve the slope at Wexford Bridge on town side. The section of road there had to be maintained by the Railway Company. However he would arrange to inspect the place with Mr. Culleton and report as to what might be done.

Col. Gibbon proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution:- "That the Provisional Road Works Estimate as submitted by County Surveyor to this meeting for financial year 1934/35 be and is hereby approved."

Mr. Gaul moved the following amendment which was seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That a sum of £55,000, being a similar amount to that approved by the County Council for last financial year be provided under Road Works Scheme for year 1934/35."

In moving his motion, Mr. Gaul said that in his opinion the Minister would not consider £27,000 a sufficient amount for the proper upkeep of Wexford Roads.



The Chairman said that as the Council had decided at last meeting to spend only £40,000 in all under their Road Works Scheme, Mr. Gaul's amendment was not in order. If any change was to be brought about it should be done by notice of motion.

Mr. O'Byrne said that the Council should not allow the motion without a protest. Ratepayers were admittedly badly off, but the roads should not be allowed to deteriorate as this policy would cause the ratepayers in future to pay a good deal more for road maintenance. It was an expensive process to deal with a derelict road.

The motion was then put and declared adopted.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That County Surveyor's Estimate for Public Works amounting to £2150 for financial year 1934/35 be and is hereby adopted."

MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 18th January, 1934, were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 18th January, 1934.

Present:- Messrs. James Hall, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy and Sean O'Byrne.

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

The Chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2371:8:4d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage Warrant Collected</u>
1. E.J. Murphy	53.7
2. S. Gannon (No. 6)	53.6
3. S. Gannon (No.10)	52.4
4. M. Kehoe	52.0
5. J. Curtis	51.8
6. J.J. O'Reilly	51.3
7. P. Nolan	50.6
8. J. Cummins	50.0
9. D. Kenny	48.9
10. W. Doyle	48.4
11. A. Dunne	50.9
12. P. Carty	47.8
13. W. Cummins	46.5
14. J. Deegan	45.7
15. M. McCarthy	45.4
16. P. Doyle	45.3
17. J.J. Sinnott	44.3
18. J. Quirke	44.1
19. M. Murphy	43.9
20. J. Flood.	43.3
	<u>Average....48.5</u>

The Committee considered that the state of the Collection did not call for comment.

POUNDAGE: Under date 14th January, 1934, Mr. J. Quirke, Hon. Sec., Co. Rate Collectors Association, wrote that he had been requested by Rate Collectors who had not received a payment for poundage to ask the Finance



Committee if they would obtain sanction to have Poundage paid Collectors when they had lodged 50% of their warrant excluding arrears.

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

"That, subject to sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, poundage fees be paid on lodgments to 30th November last to the following Rate Collectors who have now lodged 50% of current Warrants excluding arrears:- J.J. O'Reilly, P. Nolan, J. Cummins and Art Dunne, and that the Minister be requested to issue early approval to this proposal.

"That the Minister be further requested to sanction payment of poundage fees on lodgments to 30th November last to other Rate Collectors as soon as they have lodged 50% of Warrant excluding arrears provided the 50% be reached by the 31st instant."

SUSPENSION OF RATE INSPECTOR: The following under date 9th January, 1934, (G.2170/1934 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 5th instant and to state that he has suspended Mr. J. O'Kennedy, Rates Inspector, from the performance of his duties. I am to state that the Minister will be glad to have your proposals as to the arrangements that will be necessary to ensure the checking of the collections."

The Secretary stated that subject to approval he had nominated Rate Collector J.J. O'Reilly (No. 13 District) to act as temporary Rates Inspector. Mr. O'Reilly had nominated M.r M. Doyle, of Bruce, Clonevan, Gorey, to act as temporary Collector for No. 13 District during the



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period for which he would act as Rates Inspector. He (Secretary) had sought sanction of the Minister to these proposals.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That J.J. O'Reilly, Rate Collector for No. 13 District, be appointed temporary Rates Inspector as from 11th January, 1934, remuneration to be at the rate of £3 per week for salary and £2:17:8d per week for travelling expenses (rate of remuneration paid to Mr. O'Kennedy.).

"That we also approve of the appointment of Mr. Michael Doyle, Bruce, Clonsilla, Gorey, as Temporary Rate Collector for No. 13 District during the period for which Mr. O'Reilly will act as Temporary Rates Inspector. And that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction these proposals."

On the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:- "As the Finance Committee are of opinion that the censure of County Council on Mr. O'Kennedy, Rates Inspector, relative to his action in respect of the rates of the late Mrs. Keating, Yolestown, Tacumshane, has been sufficient punishment having regard to the circumstances of the case, we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to favourably consider the reinstatement of Mr. O'Kennedy."

COLLECTION DISTRICT NO. 7:- The following letter under date 9th December, 1933, (G.140952/1933, 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 2nd instant in regard to the proposed permanent appointment of Collector Deegan No. 7 District. I am to state that the position should be advertised



"before a permanent appointment is made unless the area can be divided among suitable adjoining Collectors."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the County Council be asked to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to reconsider his decision as to advertising for permanent Collector for No. 7 collection District, in view of the fact that the present Temporary Collector, John Deegan, has, for the past four or five years carried out his duties to the satisfaction of all concerned?"

#### SALE OF MACHINERY SCRAP

The Co. Surveyor reported he had offered for sale an amount of scrap, principally belonging to the old Boxter Breaker, which was out of service. If this were broken up by the Council it might be sold for £8 or £10, but they had no machinery for the purpose. He had received an offer of £12 from a man who proposed to use portion of the parts. In view of the purpose for which these parts were intended the County Surveyor said he would not be prepared to sell them for less than £20. He had received a cheque for that amount and asked for the authority of the Finance Committee to accept it. In view of their doing so he intended to apply the amount towards the purchase of a second-hand crane, block and tackle for Machinery Yard, Anniscorthy, and which were urgently required.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That we recommend the County Council to accept the offer of £20 for scrap at the Machinery Yard, Anniscorthy, this amount to be applied to purchase of second-hand crane, block and tackle for Anniscorthy Machinery Yard."

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 18th January, 1934, and as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

#### POSITION OF RATES INSPECTOR

Mr. Corish stated as regards the suspension of Mr. O'Kennedy, Rates Inspector, he thought the Council would be well advised to ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to allow the Council to provide alternative employment for Mr. O'Kennedy. From inquiries which he had personally made at the Department of Local Government and Public Health he did not consider that Department would agree to allow Mr. O'Kennedy to continue in his present office. He proposed the following resolution which he pointed out would not mean any increased cost to the County Council:-

"That we dissent from the resolution of Finance Committee of the 18th January, 1934, asking for the reinstatement of Mr. S. O'Kennedy, as Rate Inspector.

"That Mr. T. Moore, Chief Clerk, Co. Surveyor's Department, be transferred to Secretary's office and appointed Rates Inspector at his present salary of £196 per annum, with the addition of travelling expenses calculated at £150 per annum. This transfer is not in any way to operate against the rights to increments of salary which Mr. Moore at present holds.

"That Mr. S. O'Kennedy, Rates Inspector, be transferred from his present position to the County Surveyor's Department to replace Mr. T. Moore at a salary of £3 per week.

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public



"Health be requested to sanction these proposals, and, if considered necessary, to remove suspension from office imposed upon Mr. O'Kennedy."

Mr. Cummins seconded.

Passed nem. con.

#### TEMPORARY RATES INSPECTOR

The Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote under date 18th January, 1934, (G.4445/1934 Loch Garman Fa) approving of the temporary arrangements proposed for the checking of the Rate Collection by Rate Collector O'Reilly and raised no objection to the appointment of Mr. Ml. Doyle, Bruce, Clonevan, as Deputy Rate Collector for No. 13 District, provided the Sureties of Mr. O'Reilly consent.

#### APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY RATE STAFF

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the usual temporary clerical staff for preparation of Rate Books and Receipt and Demand Note Books of Rate Collectors be employed and that the selection of staff be made by the Committee which acted for 1933, Mr. John P. Kelly to replace Mr. Shannon deceased as a member of said Committee.

"That the Secretary be empowered to employ Patrick Beary (who acts as charge hand in this matter) as from this date to make preliminary arrangements etc. in connection with this work remuneration to be at the rate of 1/- per hour.

#### VACANCIES ON COUNTY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Letter was read from Chief Executive Officer, County Wexford Vocational Education Committee, that the following had been recommended as members of this Committee to fill



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vacancies created by the death of Mr. Shannon and the resignations of Rev. Mr. Gibson and Mr. C. Culleton:-  
Rev. John O'Connor, C.C., Duncannon, Rev. W.B. Furlong, Rector, Bannow, and Mr. M. Kehoe, N.T., Glynn.

Mr. Cummins proposed the appointment of Father John O'Connor.

Col. Quin seconded.

Mr. Hall stated that the name of Mr. James J. Bowe, Kiltaly, had been before the Vocational Committee, and he proposed his appointment.

Mr. Culleton seconded.

Mr. Clince proposed the appointment of Mr. J.P. Kelly, Co. Councillor and Mr. Corish seconded.

Miss O'Ryan proposed the recommendations of the County Wexford Vocational Education Committee as regards filling the three vacancies which the Committee had approved.

Col. Gibbon proposed the appointment of Col. Quin.

The Chairman stated that at the meeting of the County Vocational Education Committee he had given notice of motion that Mr. J.J. Bowe, Kiltaly, should be appointed to one of the three vacancies, and he held that until this notice of motion had been disposed of, it was premature to consider the recommendations of the County Vocational Committee.

All proposals were then withdrawn in favour of the following, which was proposed by Col. Quin, seconded by Mr. Brennan, and adopted:- "That consideration of the filling of the three vacancies on County Vocational Committee be adjourned pending disposal of notice of motion to that Committee by Mr. Ml. Doyle, as to appointment of Mr. Bowe."



### ROAD GRANT

Under date 13th January, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (S.G.L.-32) that a payment of £180 had been made in respect of Improvement Grant 1933/34.

### SUPERANNUATION OF MR. JAMES McNALLY

#### LATE MANUAL INSTRUCTOR

Under date 16th January, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.142707-1933 Loch Garman Se) forwarding copy of Order under seal assenting to a superannuation allowance of £87:16:3d per annum with appropriate cost of living bonus thereon to Mr. James McNally, late Manual Instructor to County Wexford Vocational Education Committee, amount to be paid by Wexford County Council.

### ROAD TRAFFIC ACT COMPULSORY INSURANCE

Circular letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) M.T.194 under date 7th December, 1933, as to compulsory insurance under above Act was read.

Mr. O'Byrne said that when the Government decided that motorists should adopt compulsory insurance the Insurance Companies increased their tariff by 25%. They should protest against this and ask the Government to protect the interests of motorists in this matter. He proposed the following resolution:- "That the attention of the Government be called to the increase by 25% of insurance of motor cars and, as in our opinion, the Road Traffic Act should have secured a reduction, and not an increase in Motor Insurance, we request the Government to take all necessary steps to protect motorists in this connection.



Mr. Hall seconded the resolution which was adopted

SOW DRAINAGE AREA

The following under date 16th January, 1934  
(26369-1933) was read from Office of Public Works:-

"We have considered the report of the Committee appointed by your Council to discuss with the Drainage Ratepayers the position in the above named District, and we note that while it recounts a number of complaints made to the Committee it does not contain any expression of opinion by the Committee as to the results of the works which have been executed.

"As your Council is aware, an inspection of the completed works was made by the County Surveyor and Assistant County Surveyor accompanied by our Engineer on the 11th October last. The County Surveyor then expressed to our Engineer his satisfaction with the manner in which the works were done, and the condition of the District, and we understand that at a meeting of your Council held early in December, he reported that the works had been carried out in a highly efficient manner.

"Having regard to the opinions given by our Engineer, by the County Surveyor and by others well qualified to appraise the results of drainage operations, we are satisfied that the complaints made to the Committee do not merit serious consideration. Moreover we are satisfied from reports and statements made to our Engineer by occupiers in the district that they do not represent the attitude of the main body of the drainage ratepayers. Taking them in the order in which they are mentioned in the Committee's report, we wish to state that



- "(1) in order to drain the land, it was essential that all the drains should have been deepened. Widening alone would have been little use;
- (2) The usual method of disposal of the spoil excavated was adopted. The spoil was trimmed and tidied and sown with grass seed. When this grass seed has grown the loss of land will be found to have been inconsiderable;
- (3) the banks were made at the slopes usual for works of this nature. If they had been made less steep considerable encroachment on the lands would have been necessary;
- (4) it is very unlikely that the stakes holding the banks could have fallen out. We believe, however, that some of them have been removed, presumably for use elsewhere as fence posts;
- (5) all the drains shown on the Final Award Maps of the District and, in addition, a considerable extent of side drains were cleaned. It was never intended that all the drains in the neighbourhood of the District would be cleaned.
- (6) Some trees along the banks were removed as they were regarded as obstacles to the flow of the river. Many bad obstructions caused by trees which had fallen into the river had to be taken away during our works.

"We should perhaps draw attention to an inaccuracy contained in the penultimate paragraph of the report. The loan was not arranged by the Trustees; they had no function in the matter as the works executed in 1925/26 were carried out under the Drainage Maintenance Act, 1924. The Council were empowered under Section 4 (1) (b) of



"that Act to make a contribution towards the cost of the works. They declined to do so and consequently the cost less the Government Grant of 25% becomes, in accordance with Section 8 of the Act, a charge on the county funds, which has to be recovered from the drainage ratepayers.

"The extra works now completed were, as the Council and the ratepayers are aware, financed out of a free grant made upon the conditions specified in our letter of 16th July 1932, and accepted by your Council, and no charge falls upon the occupiers in respect of this expenditure.

"Having regard to the foregoing we are of opinion that no useful purpose would be served by sending a representative from this office to attend the next meeting of your Council's Committee."

Mr. Corish said that the Drainage ratepayers got the money for the second job free and he considered they had adopted an unreasonable attitude.

Col. Gibbon stated the position of the Office of Public Works according to their letter seemed to be that the Co. Surveyor and the Assistant Surveyor had taken over the matter on behalf of the Council. He pointed out on a previous occasion that drainage works should not be taken over by officials of the Council without members of the Council being present to see what had been done. The Council were now ordered to take over this drainage and to strike the rate and collect it. There were some people, whether rightly or wrongly, he could not say, who objected to paying. The last meeting held in the area was called in opposition to his wishes at 3.30 p.m. when there was no possibility of an inspection of the drainage.



He suggested that the Council should appoint a Committee which, when it made their inspection, could make up its mind definitely whether there were any genuine grievances. If there were no such grievances the Council had got to go ahead and collect the money. The primary question was whether the officials of the Council, by their action in meeting the engineer of the Office of Public Works had definitely taken over the drainage area from that Department.

Chairman-It is not <sup>too</sup> late yet to appoint a Committee.

Mr. O'Byrne moved that the matter be taken as ended now as he believed the Council had done everything possible to get a satisfactory job done. The people living in the drainage area had got a free grant of £5000 and the Council had the evidence of their engineers, of members of the Council and outside people that a good job had been done and that the money was well spent.

Secretary - The Act of Parliament provides that when the Board of Works carry out any drainage works they can pass it on to you whether you like it or not.

County Surveyor alluded to what had been done, which included consultations with the Board of Works engineer, Mr. Phillips, inspections by himself and Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, and added that he was satisfied a good job had been done.

Mr. Culleton - All reasonably-minded people accept the job as a good one. Continuing Mr. Culleton proposed and Mr. Cummins seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That we call the attention of the Office of Public Works to the following request of the Wexford Co. Council in their



"resolution of the 11th December, 1933.

"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."

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He had just handed to the Co. Surveyor a list of forty-two people in the vicinity of one harbour alone who could not find employment.

The Chairman suggested to Mr. Cummins that it might be advisable to send from his district, a small deputation to the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries in connection with the whole matter.

#### MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES

The Co. Surveyor stated that on the 16th January, 1934, he had received letter from the Office of Public Works saying that owing to the limited sum available for Minor Relief Works it was not proposed to include for this Winter at least, works at Corah, Ballygullen, Clonmines etc., which had been sent on by the County Surveyor. The amount which had been mentioned by the Office of Public Works as available for Minor Relief Schemes in the County was £4,200 and they had received approval for £2,230 plus the £300 for the Boira Drainage.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Co. Surveyor prepare for next meeting of the Council a list showing the various applications made to the Office of Public Works for grants under Minor Relief Schemes Vote with amounts in each case. Also the various applications approved with the amount to be spent in each case."

Mr. O'Byrne said it was unfair to ask the County Council to allocate £4,200 and then only give them half. It would create discontent in some districts.

In connection with the Boira Drainage improvement work the following under date 19th January, 1934 was read from the Office of Public Works:-



"I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance to acknowledge your letter of 13th instant covering a resolution of your Council on the above subject, and to inform you that, as all Relief Grants for the rural areas of a County are taken from a common fund, the allocation for each County is based on the consideration of the grants made through all Departments."

COURTOWN HARBOUR

The following under date 19th January, 1934, was submitted by the Co. Surveyor:-

"As directed by the County Council I accompanied the Mayor, Alderman Corish, M.C.C., T.D., to Dublin (on 10th instant) to interview the several Departments in connection with the purchase of a crane and the dredging of the basin at Courtown.

In the first instance we called at the Office in Lord Edward Street, of the Department of Industry and Commerce, and had interview with Official regarding the Customs duty on importation from England of a Crane. We were informed that there was duty of 20% payable, and as this was an "Emergency Duty" there was no likelihood of remittance of the duty. We were informed also that the Minister had already refused remission in several similar cases. It was suggested that the County Council obtain quotations from Continental Firms, and it was promised that we should be supplied with names of such Firms. Since our visit I have been informed that the Department of Industry and Commerce has intimated to the German Legation as to our inquiry. I now have letters from representatives of some Firms, and am forwarding them particulars of our requirements.



"Later we called on Dr. Ryan, Minister for Lands and Fisheries, and explained to him our position regarding the dredging of basin. Without a crane we cannot provide an entrance channel for the dredger, and, moreover, there will be delay in completing the work, as we must wait for settled fine weather. We asked Dr. Ryan to obtain extension of time for completion so that there may be no fear of losing the Grant of 50% of the cost of work. This Dr. Ryan promised to attend to.

"We then called at the Office of Works, and interviewed Officials there regarding the hireage of the Fag-An-Bealach Dredger. I have particulars of charges etc., which I shall submit to the County Council.

"On the 17th instant I visited Arklow where Fag-An-Bealach now is, and interviewed the Master, Captain Manifold to ascertain his views regarding the advisability of bringing the dredger to Courtown. There is no doubt the dredger can go in if a proper channel be prepared and satisfactory work can be done inside. Owing to the draft of dredger it will be necessary to modify the original scheme which provided that a depth of 4' 6" at Low Water should be obtained, over the whole area. Under a new Scheme a greater depth would be provided over only the lower half of basin. This will be rather an advantage than otherwise as it will enable large vessels to swing in the lower end of basin and will leave a shallow at upper end, useful for cleaning fishing boats etc."

Mr. Corish said that it would not be possible to procure a licence for importation of machinery from England without Customs Duty unless the Council could prove they could not procure it elsewhere.



The County Surveyor said he had received the names of a number of firms on the Continent and in America and he was supplying each of them with a list of his requirements as regards crane and grab. As the exchange was against Ireland he asked for quotations on the £. sterling. In addition to the names of firms supplied by the Government he had also obtained from Major Waller a further list of Continental firms from whom machinery had been purchased by Major Waller in connection with a big job in Spain.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the best thanks of the County Council be afforded to Mr. Corish and the Co. Surveyor for their efforts on behalf of the Council to provide machinery for the development of Courtown Harbour."

Mr. Keegan proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution:- "That no further action be taken in connection with dredging of Courtown Harbour pending replies to the County Surveyor's applications for tenders for supply of crane and grab."

Passed.

It was suggested to the Co. Surveyor that he might inquire from the Electricity Supply Board if they had a second hand crane for disposal.

#### FORESHORE AT CULLENSTOWN

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following letter from Mr. J.B. Boyd, Estate Office, Bannow, agent for Major Boyse:-

"I am instructed by Major Boyse to inform you that he is willing to give the County Council sufficient gravel from foreshore of Cullenstown to put road in order from Mr. Hayes' end to road at Galavans, but he is



"not prepared to give up his rights from the corner at Pillar Box to the Foreshore.

"He expects the County Council will repair that portion from time to time.

"He will charge one penny per yard for the material for these roads."

The Co. Surveyor said he had had an interview with Major Boyse about the estate roads in Cullenstown district, but it was not very satisfactory. He asked Major Boyse to write to the Council but he had not done so.

The Chairman said that in view of the statement of the Co. Surveyor they should let the matter drop and this was agreed to.

#### TRANSFERS OF ROAD MONEY

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the following transfers of Road money in district of Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, be agreed to:-"

From Account No. 53 M to Account No. 51 M.....	£16
From Account No. 21 C to Account No. 22 C.....	£25
From Account No. 24 C to Account No. 23 C.....	£50.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the following transfers of road money in district of Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, be agreed to:-"

From Account 34 C to 45 C.....	£40
From Account 42 C to 39 C.....	£30
From Account 34 C to 40 C.....	£20.



### LOCAL LOANS COMMITMENTS

In connection with the proposal of the General Council of County Councils to interview Ministers of the Government relative to the proposal to secure reduction in local loans, either by reduction of the rate of interest on existing loans to a maximum of 4% or by the issue of a general National loan, letter was read from the Secretary of the General Council of County Councils that the matter was receiving consideration by the Departments of Local Government and Public Health and of Finance.

### ANALYST'S REPORT

The report of Co. Analyst for quarter ended 31st December, 1933, was submitted. There were 193 foods, 49 drugs and 7 waters - Total 249 analysed during the period. Three samples of whiskey and four of milk were adulterated.

### TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING BILL

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the following Committee be appointed to consider the provisions of the Town & Regional Planning Bill with report of Committee of General Council of Co. Councils to meet after disposal of business at next Finance Committee meeting:-

The Chairman, vice Chairman, Messrs. Corish, Kelly and O'Byrne with Co. Surveyor and Co. Solicitor.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the County Solicitor be instructed to obtain Counsel's opinion as to the duties and responsibilities of Co. Councils under Town and Regional Planning Bill.



### PROPOSED SALE OF MATERIAL FROM QUARRIES

It was pointed out by Mr. O'Byrne that a number of ratepayers were endeavouring to purchase material for the repair of their lanes, from County Council quarries.

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, pointed out that the County Council had no power to embark on private trade of this description.

The Chairman proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. D'Arcy and adopted:-

"That the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) be requested to allow the County Council to dispose of surplus material at County Council quarries. As practically all suitable quarries in this County are in the hands of the Council ratepayers have considerable difficulty in obtaining any material for repair of their lanes from any other source.

### CAHORE PIER

Mr. Smyth said that some time back he had handed in a memorial on behalf of the fishermen at Cahore Pier for extension of the structure. An acknowledgment of the Council's resolution had been received from the Government and he now proposed "That the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries be requested to inform this County Council when it is expected action will be taken on memorial, in connection with extension of Cahore Pier."

This was seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted.



APPLICATIONS FOR REPAIR OF LANES ETC.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Glince the following applications for repair of lanes etc. were scheduled for consideration under Minor Relief Schemes Vote when money is available:-

- (1) Waddingsland Lane, Kilrane.
- (2) Ballybeg Lane from Ferns-Carnew Road to Oldtown.
- (3) Millquarter Lane.
- (4) Windgap Hill, Grange, Fethard.
- (5) Lanes and Road from Aughmore to Village of Broadway, one of which was flooded for months in the Winter.
- (6) Lane between Lewistown and Booley, Fethard.
- (7) Lane from Ballylannon to Ballyowen.

COMPLAINTS RE ROADS

The following under date 18th January, 1934, was read from Mr. Philip Wall, Hon. Sec., United Ireland Party, Lady's Island Branch:-

"At a meeting of the above Branch the following resolution was unanimously passed:- "That we, being representative of the farming, labouring, and business people of the District call the attention of the Council to the deplorable condition of the road leading from Broadway P.O. to Carne School also the branch road from Ballyfane to Carne Pier.

"We wish to point out that the methods being used in repairing the roads here are antiquated, and out of date, and totally inadequate to serve modern power traffic, and are a waste of public money.

"We ask the Council to have this matter looked into at once."

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said this was a usual case. The Co. Surveyor had asked for £150 for the maintenance of the road referred to but



the County Council had allowed only £60. The £150 would do no more than keep the road in fair condition. He was endeavouring to maintain it by transfers of money for other roads; it would be worse next year.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That complaint of Lady's Island Branch of United Ireland Party as to condition of road from Broadway Post Office to Carne School with branch from Ballyfane to Carne Pier be referred to the County Surveyor."

A letter addressed to the Chairman by a number of users of Shanoule lane (Foulksmills) pointed out that it was in very bad condition. There were only six yards of material provided for a lane a mile long and this would not metal one hundred yards. There were eight houses and farms on it.

The Co. Surveyor said he had included an extra £5 in his estimate for maintenance of this lane.

#### DE-RATING OF LAND

The following resolution was read from Waterford Co. Council:-

"That, having in view the present inability of the agricultural ratepayers to pay their Commitments, we appeal to the Government to grant full derating on all agricultural property for year ending March, 1935."

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the adoption of the resolution.

Col. Quin said the money was required worse for other things than derating, for instance people in receipt of home help.

Miss O'Ryan said if the resolution was to be adopted it should be made clear where the money was to come from. They should use their intellects.



The Chairman said that other countries were getting derating and it was promised to the farmers of the Saorstat.

Miss O'Ryan pointed out that there was no promise of full derating of land but the remission of half the land annuities by the Government was a much bigger benefit to the farmers than full derating.

After further discussion the resolution was put and declared passed.

#### EVICTED TENANTS AND LAND COMMISSION

The following resolution submitted from Cork County Council and was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That we the Cork County Council are of opinion, that although the Land Bill is favourable to the cause of the evicted tenants, it requires, in order to do justice to their claims to re-instatement, a more lenient administration on the part of the Land Commission than has been in the past, and that the restrictions which seem to have been placed over them should be removed. We now call on the Government to issue instructions to the Land Commission to use the additional powers now being given them to acquire land, for the reinstatement of Evicted Tenants, to do justice to all, including those who have been turned down by them in the past, and we hope that the spirit displayed by those who participated in the debate on the Amendment to the Land Bill relating to the reinstatement of evicted tenants will animate the Land Commission when they have again under consideration the righteous claims of the comparatively few who are still in fetters in a free Ireland."

Col. Quin proposed:- "That the resolution from Cork County Council relative to evicted tenants and Land



"Commission be marked "Read". "

The proposition was not seconded.

### "JAZZ" DANCING

The following resolution was received from the Gaelic League, Dublin:-

"That we approve of the declarations of the Archbishop of Tuam and Rev. P. Convery, P.P., condemning foreign dances and that we agree with Father Eoghan concerning Broadcasting (2Rn). It is a great shame for this Station to be broadcasting "jazz". We request the Church every Teachers' Association, every Public Board and every Public Association to inform the Government of the Saorstát not to put up with such from 2Rn - that it is against christianity, culture and national spirit. Also that we ask every Gael to boycott these foreign dances."

Col. Quin said he never heard of a more narrow minded or idiotic proposal and proposed that the resolution should be marked read.

Mr. Brennan seconded.

Mr. Clince proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Cooney asked for a definition of "jazz" dancing and Mr. Kelly replied it was dancing gone Bolshevik.

After further discussion a vote was taken on Col. Quin's proposal with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Cooney, Gibbon, Hickey, Meyler, Quin and Walsh. (7)

AGAINST: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Hall, Kelly, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Smyth and the Chairman. (13)

Mr. Gaul (1) did not vote. Messrs. Colfer and Keegan (2) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.



The proposal for the adoption of the resolution was then put and declared carried by the Chairman.

IMPRISONED JOURNALIST

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

"That as we consider his action in the circumstances was only in accordance with a basic principle of his profession we endorse the representations made by various sections of influential interest in the country to the Executive Council of The Free State to release from prison Mr. Joseph Dennigan, "The Irish Press" now undergoing sentence imposed by the Military Tribunal."

UNITED FARMERS' ASSOCIATION

A statement was read from Mr. Gaffney, General Secretary of United Farmers' Association relative to an article which appeared in the "Sunday Chronicle" newspaper, Manchester, in connection with retention of Land Annuities being described as a "flagrant breach of a contracted obligation".

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the statement from United Farmers' Association relative to article in "Sunday Chronicle" newspaper be marked "Read".

*Michael Doyle*

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 12th FEBRUARY, 1934

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 12th February, 1934.

Present:- Mr. Ml. Doyle, Chairman, presiding; also Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, T.F. D'Arcy, James Gaul, Col.C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Hickey, Michael Jordan, William P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin and Myles Smyth.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor and ~~two~~ four Assistant Surveyors were in attendance, Mr. Cullen, being absent through illness.

The Minutes of 8th January, 1934 and of special meeting of 22nd January, 1934, were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £7834:8:6d were examined and signed.

#### VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

A vote of condolence was adopted to Mr. Corish, Co. Councillor, in the death of his uncle, Capt. Murphy, Station Road, Rosslare, on the motion of Mr. Cline seconded by the Chairman.

A vote of condolence was adopted to Mr. J.P. Kelly, Co. Councillor, in the death of his uncle Mr. John Byrne, Mangan, Killanne, on the motion of Mr. Cline seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.

A vote of condolence to Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, in the death of his father-in-law, Mr. P.J. Cousins, Old Pound, Wexford, was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by the Chairman.

The Secretary, Co. Surveyor and Co. Solicitor



joined in their expressions of sympathy.

CONFIRMATION MINUTES  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 1st February, 1934, were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 1st February, 1934.

Present:- Messrs. James Hall, Sean O'Byrne, John J. Culleton, Thomas McCarthy and J.P. Kelly.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3549 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 collected 1933/34 Warrant excluding arrears.</u>
1. S. Gannon (No.6)	55.4
2. E.J. Murphy	54.6
3. J. Curtis	53.2
4. P. Nolan	52.8
5. M. Kehoe	52.2
6. J.J. O'Reilly	51.9
7. M. McCarthy	51.6
8. S. Gannon (No.10)	51.6
9. A. Dunne	51.5
10. J. Quirke	50.4
11. J. Cummins	50.3
12. W. Doyle	50.2
13. D. Kenny	50.2
14. P. Carty	48.6
15. W. Cummins	48.5
16. J. Deegan	46.8
17. P. Doyle	46.0
18. J.J. Sinnott	45.7
19. M. Murphy	44.4
20. J. Flood.	44.1
	<u>Average... 50.0</u>

The collection showed a reduction of 4% as compared with corresponding period last year.

POUNDAGE FEES: The following letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, under date



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26th January, 1934, No.G.7518/1934 Loch Garman, was read:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 18th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has carefully considered the case of Collectors who have failed to qualify for poundage within the terms of the sanction conveyed in this Department's letter of the 6th ultimo and he has decided that, subject to a reduction of 5% from the amount normally accruing he will raise no objection to poundage being paid in respect of lodgments to 30th November last, to those Collectors who will have lodged by the 31st inst. amounts equivalent to 50% of their current warrants (excluding arrears). "

It was decided that poundage fees on lodgments to 30th November 1933, less deduction of 5 per cent be paid the following Collectors who had accounted for 50 per cent of the current warrants, excluding arrears:- J. Quirke, W. Doyle, M. McCarthy, P. Nolan, J. Cummins, J.J. O'Reilly, D. Kenny and A. Dunne.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall it was decided to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction payment of poundage fees to the remaining Collectors on the terms of the Minister's letter of the 26th January, 1934, No.G. 7518/1934, Loch Garman, on condition that 50 per cent of current warrant, excluding arrears, be lodged by 28th February, 1934.

RATES ON MOUNT ST. BENEDICT: The following under date 31st January, 1934, was read from Collector A. Dunne:-

"Fr. Sweetman sent me a cheque to-day for £50 as he promised to do some time ago. I have not lodged it yet, as I would like to know if the Finance Committee will agree to my accepting that amount on Account, and putting a temporary stay on pending proceedings. As I informed



"you some time ago, he promises to pay a further £25 before end of March. He has also promised to make his total payments this year (to 31/12/34) equal to full year's current rate plus 10% of Arrears.

"I will be glad to know Finance Committee's decision in the matter."

It was decided that Collector A. Dunne be informed that the Finance Committee cannot direct that the contemplated proceedings against Father Sweetman for the recovery of outstanding rates be dropped. Owing to the large amount of arrears of rates due on Mount St. Benedict the Finance Committee are not in a position to accept Father Sweetman's offer and in the circumstances they have no option but to have the case dealt with by the Courts.

COLLECTION DISTRICT No.13: The following letter was read from Mr. J.J. O'Reilly, Temporary Rates Inspector:-

"Re Collection of District No. 13, I find that Michael Doyle, who I nominated to carry on my collection while I am engaged as Temporary Rates Inspector, is unable to take up duty for some time. I am arranging with Mr. Art Dunne (Collector of District No.15) to carry on my Collection in the meantime.

"I hope this will meet with the approval of Finance Committee."

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman that Mr. Art Dunne (Collector for No.15 District) be appointed Temporary Collector for No.13 District on condition that no objection is raised by Mr. Dunne's or Mr. O'Reilly's Sureties.



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SOW DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Under date 22nd January, 1934, the following letter was read from Mr. P.D. Jordan, Solicitor, Enniscorthy, enclosing resolution adopted by Ratepayers of the River Sow Drainage District:-

"I have been instructed by the ratepayers of the River Sow Drainage District to forward you copy of the enclosed resolution, passed at their meeting on the 14th instant.

"I have sent copy of the resolution to the Commissioners of Public Works."

The following is the resolution referred to in foregoing:-

(1) "THAT this meeting of the Ratepayers of the River Sow Drainage District having considered the terms of re-payment of the loan granted in 1928 for the purpose of draining the River Sow, and having regard to the fact that owing to present uneconomic agricultural conditions, the increase in the value of the land drained is not appreciable, being UNANIMOUSLY of opinion that the proposed terms of re-payment of the loan are altogether unreasonable requests that the period for re-payment of the whole loan should be extended over a period of twenty years from the present date.

(2) "THAT in view of the fact that the expenditure of the loan itself was of no advantage to the ratepayers, We are UNANIMOUSLY of opinion that it is grossly unjust to burden the ratepayers with immediate payment of arrears of instalments over a period of more than four years from 1928, during which they derived no advantage whatever from the loan."



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The Finance Committee decided to wait for reply from the Office of Public Works to the resolution adopted by the County Council at their meeting requesting that arrears outstanding be spread over a period of ten years.

MALICIOUS INJURY APPLICATIONS

The following applications for Compensation for malicious injuries were referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor:-

Patrick Fortune, Corah, Ballycarney, damage to one Ransome plough; amount claimed £10.

Peter O'Connor, 48, Wafer Street, Enniscorthy, damage to motor-car. Amount claimed £15.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 1st February, 1934, be received and considered.

RATE COLLECTION - STATE OF:- A Return of amount of Rate collected to 12th February, 1934, for each Rate Collector was submitted. This showed that 51.4% of the Warrant had been lodged as against 56% for the corresponding period last year.

POUNDAGE FEES:- In connection with the recommendations of the Finance Committee, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote under date 10th February, 1934, (G.16010/34 Loch Garman) that the Minister would raise no objection to the payment of normal Poundage less a reduction of 10% on lodgments to the 30th November last, in the case of Collectors who accounted for 50% of their current warrant (excluding arrears) by the 28th February, 1934. Poundage at the rate indicated in the Department's letter of the 26th January, 1934, could be paid Collectors W. Cummins and P. Carty.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem. con:-

"That in view of the great difficulty of securing payment of rates in several districts of the County, we request the Minister to reconsider his decision as to deduction of 10% of Poundage, in the case of Collectors who accounted for 50% of their warrant excluding arrears by the 28th instant and agree to the deduction of 5% in these instances."



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RATES ON MT. ST. BENEDICT:- Mr. Keegan proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution:- "That owing to the manner in which Fr. Sweetman is providing employment in his immediate district, by growing tobacco and otherwise his offer to the Rate Collector in regard to the payment of his rates be accepted."

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, said the Council had no power to accept such an offer.

The Chairman said he did not consider the resolution in order. He knew things were very bad with the farmers, but he was not going to put forward any irregularity.

Mr. McCarthy contended that the acceptance of Fr. Sweetman's offer would set a very dangerous precedent and pointed out that the Ministry had refused to allow Wicklow Co. Council to hold up the collection for two weeks only.

Col. Quin proposed and Mr. Hickey seconded the confirmation of the Minute of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Corish said they should look very carefully into the fact as to whether they were right in interfering between a Collector and a ratepayer.

Messrs. D'Arcy and Keegan then added to their resolution the following:- "This resolution to be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health."

Mr. Hall held that they should not have any vote upon a resolution which the Chairman said was not in order, but the Chairman replied that he was pressed so much by members in favour of the acceptance of the offer that he would test the feelings of the meeting in the matter.

A vote was taken on Mr. Keegan's motion with the following result:-



FOR:- Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cummins, D'Arcy, Keegan and Kelly. - 7

AGAINST:- Messrs. Gibbon, Hall, Hickey, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman. - 9

DID NOT VOTE:- Messrs. Brennan, Corish and Gaul (3) Messrs. Culleton, Hayes, Jordan and Meyler (4) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

Mr. Keegan demanded a poll on the Resolution as to confirmation of Finance Committee's recommendation.

This resulted as follows:-

FOR:- Messrs. Culleton, Gibbon, Hall, Hickey, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, O'Ryan, Smyth and the Chairman. - 10.

AGAINST:- Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cummins, D'Arcy, Keegan and Kelly. - 7.

DID NOT VOTE:- Messrs. Brennan, Corish and Gaul. (3) Messrs. Jordan, Hayes and Meyler (3) were not present when poll was taken.

SOW DRAINAGE DISTRICT: The Chairman said it was absurd to say that the drainage ratepayers did not derive any benefit from the loan and grant.

Mr. O'Byrne said that from all independent information the job was a decided success.

Mr. Kelly said it was a very good job. These people through the efforts of the Council got a free grant of £5000 and it was acknowledged by every fairminded person that whatever defects existed after the ~~first~~<sup>first</sup> work had been more than rectified by the work carried out under the £5000 free Grant.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was approved on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Clince.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion



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of Mr. Armstrong seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 1st February, 1934, be and are hereby confirmed."

RATES INSPECTORSHIP

The following under date 8th February, 1934, (G.9875-1934 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 advert to your letter of the 23rd ultimo in regard to the position of Rates Inspector, and to state that the Minister will be prepared to remove the suspension of Mr. O'Kennedy as from the date that Mr. O'Kennedy relinquishes his office as Rates Inspector whether by resignation or by the County Council terminating his service in that capacity with the Minister's approval.

"On being notified that the office is vacant the Minister will consider the Council's proposals as set out in the Minutes of 22nd January.

"The Minister approves of Mr. O'Kennedy being paid his salary up to that date on which he ceases to hold office as Rates Inspector."

The following under date 12th February, 1934, was read from Mr. J. O'Kennedy:-

"Will you please ask your Council to accept my resignation from the position of Rates Inspector.

"I would like to take this opportunity of tendering to them and yourself my appreciation of the kindness and consideration shown to me during my period of office."



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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the resignation of Mr. J. O'Kennedy as Rates Inspector be accepted and be regarded effective as from this date. That we again request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to consider favourably the transfer of Mr. Tim Moore from Office of Co. Surveyor to the position of Rates Inspector and the appointment of Mr. O'Kennedy as Chief Clerk in Co. Surveyor's Office."

RATE COLLECTION DISTRICT NO. 7

The following under date 10th February, 1934, (G.11806-1934 Loch Garman Fa) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 26th ultimo, containing copy of recommendations from the Council in regard to the appointment of a permanent rate Collector for Collection District No. 7, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is not prepared to reconsider the decision conveyed in this Department's letter of the 9th December last. The position should accordingly be advertised."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That in view of the long and efficient service given by Mr. J. Deegan, as temporary Rate Collector in No. 7 District, We request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to reconsider his decision that the appointment should be advertised and that he approve of Mr. Deegan being appointed Permanent Collector."



VACANCIES CO. WEXFORD  
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The following under date 7th February, 1934, was read from Mr. Wilmot, Chief Executive Officer, County Wexford Vocational Education Committee:-

"In reply to your letter of the 26th ult. regarding the recommendations of my Committee to your Council in which you stated that the Council considered it advisable to postpone consideration of the recommendations until Mr. Doyle's notice of motion had been disposed of, I beg to inform you that the decision of my Committee, at its meeting held on the 5th instant was to postpone the consideration of the filling of the third vacancy caused by the withdrawal of his name by Mr. M. Kehoe, N.T., until the next meeting of the Committee."

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Corish: "That consideration of recommendations from County Wexford Vocational Education Committee as to filling vacancies thereon be adjourned pending recommendation from said Committee as to the third vacancy."

Mr. O'Byrne mentioned the recommendations went away from the principle of the Co. Council when appointing the Committee to give equal representation to the <sup>sections of the</sup> four County areas. The present proposals would give a bigger number of representatives to one <sup>section</sup> ~~district~~ as compared with the others.

TECHNICAL CLASSES AND  
GOREY COURTHOUSE

The following under date 1st February, 1934, was read from Mr. T. Powell, Principal Teacher, Gorey Technical School:-

"I have been instructed by Gorey Sub-Committee to



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"inform you that the temporary class rooms in the Court House, provided through the courtesy of Wexford County Council, have been vacated since 13th January, 1934.

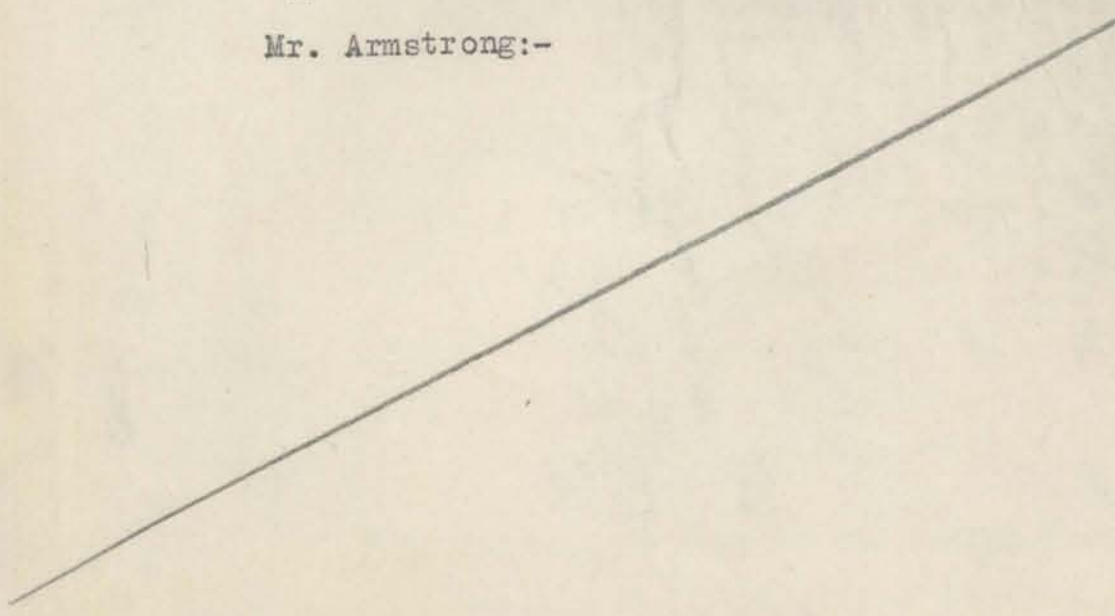
"I am further instructed to convey the thanks of the Sub-Committee to the County Council for their very real help, and the practical co-operation shown, in furthering Vocational Education in Gorey and district by extending the use of these rooms to the school when classes were being conducted under great difficulties.

"The action of the County Council is indicative of the live interest that they have always shown in County Schemes of Vocational and Technical Instruction, and it is felt that the success of Gorey Technical Classes is attributable, in no small degree, to Wexford Co. Council."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Armstrong:- "That letter from Mr. T. Powell, Principal Teacher, Gorey, as to technical classes which had been held in the Courthouse, Gorey, be inserted on the Minutes of this day's meeting."

#### TOWN & REGIONAL PLANNING BILL

The following report of Committee appointed to consider the provisions of above Bill was submitted and approved on the motion of Mr. Clince seconded by Mr. Armstrong:-





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TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING BILL 1933.

A meeting of the Committee appointed to consider the provisions of the Town and Regional Planning Bill, 1933, was held in the County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 1st February, 1934.

The following members of the Committee were in attendance:- Messrs. J.P. Kelly and Sean O'Byrne.

The following members of the Finance Committee also attended:- Messrs. T. McCarthy, James Hall, and J.J. Culleton.

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

Copies of the Bill and communications from the General Council of County Council under dates 30th November, 1933, and 22nd December, 1933, had already been supplied to the Members of the County Council.

The following letter from the General Council of County Councils under date 30th January, 1934, enclosing copy of communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, was read for the meeting:-

"I have been directed to forward for your information the appended communication received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to the suggested amendments to the Town and Regional Planning Bill, embodied in the Preliminary Report of the Emergency Committee which was transmitted to you on the 30th November last.

"I shall be glad to be informed whether the provisions of the Bill have yet been considered by your Council and, if so, whether they have formulated any suggestions or amendments."

The following is copy of the letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, referred



to in communication from General Council of County Councils:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 10th November last regarding the Town and Regional Planning Bill, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state, that the suggested amendment of Clause 9 of the Bill, so as to provide, that all the costs and expenses of the planning scheme, and of the execution of works consequent on such planning scheme, should be borne by the planning area involved could not be adopted. A Planning scheme for a portion of a County Health District may deal with the improvement of roads in the area, or perhaps the making of a new line of road. The duty of executing such work would be assigned to the appropriate responsible authority in accordance with Clause 32 of the Bill and the expenses of the work would under Clause 37 (3) of the Bill be defrayed in the same manner as expenditure on roads. A scheme may also include provisions relating to sanitary services, and the execution of such works, by the appropriate sanitary authority, will be governed by the existing law. It is desirable to have a good deal of elasticity in regard to the expenses of planning schemes, and the provisions of the Bill have been framed accordingly.

"As regards the suggested amendment of Clause 10 of the Bill, a planning authority may desire to spread the expenses of the making of a scheme over a number of years, or a responsible authority may desire to borrow in order to meet a compensation award, and it seems to the Minister that it would be undesirable to make any such borrowing powers subject to a statutory limit. Any borrowing powers exercised under the Bill



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"would be subject to the sanction of the Minister in the usual way.

"As regards Clause 14, the cost of any works to be undertaken by a responsible authority, under a Dublin Regional Planning Scheme or a Cork Regional Planning Scheme would be the subject of negotiations between the local authorities concerned before the Planning Scheme is approved and the provisions in the Bill could not be amended on the lines suggested by your Committee.

"As regards Clause 15, it is proposed to retain the provisions as they stand. A proposal for an extension of boundaries of a Local Government area could not properly be included in the Bill. The views of your Committee in regard to compensation have been noted. Clause 62 of the Bill lays down that in default of agreement, claims for compensation, are to be determined by arbitration, under and in accordance with the Acquisition of Land (Assessment of Compensation) Act, 1919, as amended by the Acquisition of Land (Reference Committee) Act, 1925. The rules for the assessment of compensation laid down in the Act of 1919 provide that no allowance shall be made on account of the acquisition being compulsory, and the value of land shall, subject as provided in the act, be taken to be the amount which the land if sold in the open market by a willing seller might be expected to realise; provided always the Arbitrator shall be entitled to consider all returns and assessments of capital value for taxation made or acquiesced in by the claimants.

"It would not be possible to include in the Bill any provision on the lines suggested by your Committee to meet cases where it is considered that an inflated value is put on property proposed to be acquired for public purposes. In this connection, I am to draw attention to



"the provisions of Section 5 (1) of the Act of 1919 under which an Arbitrator, where his award to a claimant does not exceed the amount offered to the claimant by the acquiring authority, may order the claimant to bear his own costs and to pay the costs of the acquiring authority so far as such costs were incurred by the authority after the offer was made to the claimant. No provision can be included in the Bill dealing with the provisions of the Intoxicating Liquor Act, 1927. The remaining matter dealing with advertisements, etc., referred to in your Committee's report on the Bill appears to be covered by the provisions of the Bill."

The opinion of Diarmaid Fowsitt was submitted as follows:-

"SAORSTAT EIREANN"

"TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING BILL - 1933"

"COPY COUNSEL'S OPINION"

"I have carefully perused the Town and Regional Planning Bill 1933 (hereinafter referred to as "the Bill") and have failed to find amongst its 63 Sections any Section that expressly makes it obligatory on a County Council or other Local Authority in Saorstat Eireann to make or execute a District or Regional Planning Scheme within the meaning of the Act. In the absence of any such compulsory provision I cannot see that any liability will be imposed by the Bill (when it is placed on the Statute Book) upon the Wexford County Council other than such liability under the Act as it may voluntarily undertake "for the orderly and progressive development" of the area in respect of which it is the local authority.



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"Under and by Virtue of the Bill the Council will, in addition to its functions, powers and duties as Local Authority be the "Planning Authority" for the County Health District of County Wexford with all the functions, powers and duties as such Planning Authority given it by and under the Bill. I am not called to advise on such functions, powers and duties but only as to the Council's liabilities under the Bill as introduced in the Dail.

"Before deciding to make a Planning Scheme the Council is empowered if it should so desire by Section 22 (1) to cause the whole or any part of its County Health District "to be examined and surveyed and the circumstances and requirements thereof to be investigated for the purpose of deciding whether a Planning Scheme should or should not be made for such District or any part thereof and of making such Planning Scheme if decided upon". The Bill does not in this Section or elsewhere compel the Council to cause such examination, survey and investigation of its District to be undertaken Section 22 (1) hereby says that the Council "may" so do; furthermore there is no time specified within which such examination, survey and investigation must be undertaken; the same Section authorizes the Council so to do "at any time" after the Bill is enacted and comes into operation by an Order to be made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. In case the Council should decide to cause such examination, survey and investigation of its District to be undertaken it will obviously incur liability, but what the cost of and expense of such examination, survey and investigation may be, I have no means of ascertaining. The amount of such cost and expense will depend on whether the whole or only a part of the County Health District will be so



"examined, surveyed and investigated, and of course it will also depend on the extent to which the Council may rely on its County Surveyor and the Staff working under such Officer, and on the information already available for the purpose in the County Surveyor's Office. If it so desires the Council may under Section 5 of the Bill "appoint such and so many officers as it shall consider requisite" to undertake such examination, survey and investigation and the work of making and executing a Planning Scheme. This Section is wide enough to empower the Council to appoint such Officers permanently or temporarily as it may deem fit and proper. The expense of such examination, survey and investigation as well as of the making or executing of a Planning Scheme is to be raised pursuant to Section 9 (1) (a) "by means of the Poor Rate equally over such and so many Townlands in the County Health District in relation to which such expenses were so incurred as the Minister, on the Application of the Council, may at any time and from time to time determine, and unless or until the Minister makes any such determination equally over the whole of the County Health District". Under this Section the expenses so incurred by the Council may be levied off the particular Townlands in relation to which such expenses may have been incurred. It will be seen from the foregoing that unless and until the Council causes an examination, survey and investigation to be undertaken on its behalf under and pursuant to the Bill, the Bill imposes no liabilities whatsoever on the Council.

"Assuming that the Council has caused such examination, survey and investigation to have been made and that it has before it the results of same by



"way of a Report from the County Surveyor or other specially appointed Expert, such Report is not binding upon it. The next step as provided in Section 20 of the Bill is the passing of a Resolution of (one month's notice of which must be given to every Member and Notice of which must be published at least once in each of two daily Newspapers circulating in the District) by more than half the members of the Council deciding to make a Planning Scheme for the District or any specified part thereof. Until such Resolution is passed in the prescribed manner the Council will have incurred no liability or expense other than such expense (if any) as it may have incurred in the preliminary examination, survey and investigation of the District or any part of it (above referred to). Furthermore the Council is not compelled to adopt such Resolution and any such Resolution (if proposed) may be defeated by a bare majority of the Members of the Council and thus all future liability may be avoided in respect of any proposed Planning Scheme. But once such a Resolution is carried it cannot (vide sub Section (2) of the same Section 20) be revoked by any subsequent Resolution or Act of the Council. I have no means of measuring the extent of the liability that will be incurred by the Council on passing a Resolution deciding to make a Planning Scheme. The limitations of such liability will depend wholly on the particular Planning Scheme that may ultimately be adopted with the Minister's sanction. But as already pointed out the cost of carrying any such Scheme into effect may be chargeable on the whole of the County Health District or on particular townlands in such district and Section 10(1) of the Bill gives the Council borrowing powers to defray any expenses incurred



"in the making or execution of a Planning Scheme.

"From what I have written herein, it will appear, that the Council has it in its own volition to put the Bill when enacted into power in its own District or to abstain from so doing.

"The Bill, however, may affect parts of the County Health District with liability through the action of internal or adjoining Local Authorities. Every Borough and Urban District Council within County Wexford is, under Section 11 (2) of the Bill the District Planning Authority for the purposes of the Bill for the District of such Council or Urban District. Each such District Planning Authority may, under the Bill, decide to make a Planning Scheme for its District and by virtue of an Order <sup>to be</sup> made by the Minister under Section 15 of the Bill may formulate a Planning Scheme for such District extending into and over a contiguous area (to be specified in such Order) of the County Health District proper. Such Order cannot be made by the Minister until due notice is given to the Council and the Minister is satisfied that "the development of the contiguous area proposed to be the subject of such Order should be co-ordinated with the development of the Planning District to which such contiguous area is proposed to be added". On the making of such Order by the Minister the Council will cease to be the Planning Authority for such contiguous area and will not be liable for the cost of the execution of such Scheme in such contiguous area. For example, the Town Council of Wexford Town if it decided to make a Planning Scheme which embraced the District running Southwards to Rosslare Harbour could develop such Scheme over such District provided the Minister so ordered. As from the date of such Order the County Council would have no



"authority to plan a Scheme of development for the Rosslare District - that would then devolve on the Wexford Town Council and the expense of the Scheme would be chargeable on the Wexford Town Council District and on the Townlands in the Rosslare District affected by such planning Scheme - The Bill making it possible likewise for any of the adjoining local Authorities in Counties Wicklow, Carlow, Kilkenny and Waterford, to affect particular parts of the County Health District of the Wexford County Council with liability under the Act.

"Furthermore, the Council may, if it chooses, voluntarily, by resolution passed in accordance with Section 12 of the Bill decide to join with any or all of such adjoining Counties to form "a Planning region" for the purposes of the Act. Sub-section (7) of the same Section 12 provides for the defrayal of expenses of any Regional Planning Authority set up under this Section, but here again the Council is free to join in forming a Regional Planning Authority or to decide to remain outside and thus avoid liability for any Planning Scheme formulated by such Regional Authority.

"In this Opinion I have confined myself exclusively to the question as to the liability proposed to be imposed by the Bill upon the Council. I have not dealt with such questions as the need for legislation of this character or as to the need for its application throughout the County Health District of County Wexford or any particular part of that District. Generally, I would say, that the powers to be given to Local Authorities under the Bill appear to me to be useful and necessary especially, in the case of Towns and Urban Districts, and whether such powers are employed on the passing of the Act by any particular Planning Authority or are deferred to a future date and



"generation must, in my opinion largely depend on the trend of further opinion towards the employment or non-employment of such powers in the District of such Planning Authority, and of course on the ability of the Local Ratepayers to defray the costs and expenses involved in the making and execution of a particular Planning Scheme."

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, stated that it was clear from the opinion of Counsel that the County Council could not be compelled to adopt a Planning Scheme unless they themselves so desired.

Mr. O'Byrne stated it appeared clear from the Sections of the Bill referred to in the communications from the General Council of County Councils that a Planning Scheme which might be adopted by an adjacent County Council or an Urban District Council inside County Wexford could (if such Scheme embraced part of Wexford Co. Council Area) assign to the Wexford County Council or the County Wexford Board of Health the duty of executing certain works in relation to the carrying out of a Scheme proposed by such a Planning Authority.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted:- "That the General Council of Co. Councils be requested to again endeavour to have the Bill amended so as to provide that the execution of works, consequent on a Planning Scheme, should not be assigned to a Local Authority which is not the Planning Authority, without the express approval of the Local Authority concerned."

It was also decided that copy of Counsel's opinion be forwarded to the General Council of Co. Councils provided Mr. Fowsitt, B.L., raises no objection to this being done.

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Under date 6th February, 1934, the following was read from Mr. Fawsett, B.L.:-

"I have now perused the print of the Bill as amended in Committee. The Bill as introduced contained 64 Sections: as amended it consists of 73 Sections. I cannot find in the Amended Bill any Section or Sub-Section that makes it obligatory on a Local Authority to decide to make a Planning Scheme or to join with one or more adjoining District Planning Authorities in forming a Regional Planning District.

"As regards Section 36 of the Bill as introduced (now Section 42 of the Bill as amended in Committee) this, in my opinion cannot have the effect feared by your Council. Its provision can only become operative where one Local Authority voluntarily consents to make a contribution to another Local Authority in respect of the expenses of a Planning Scheme undertaken with its previous approval and co-operation."

#### ROAD WORKS SCHEME

The following under date 5th February, 1934, (R/RGM/32) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 26th ultimo forwarding copies of the Road Works Scheme for 1934/35 as adopted by the Wexford Co. Council, and to state that the action of the Council in fixing the figure to be included in the Road Works Scheme for 1934/35 for all roads and works at £40,000 is to be regretted. It is noted that while the Co. Surveyor estimated the amount required for the maintenance of main roads at £41,374 (excluding loans) the Council allowed only £13,239, thereby making a reduction of



"almost 70 per cent. in regard to the principal traffic routes of the County. Such a sum being entirely inadequate to meet the requirements the Minister would not feel justified in notifying any grant for the upkeep of Main Roads in County Wexford for 1934/35 unless the Council are prepared to reconsider their decision and allow a reasonable sum for the upkeep of the Main Roads. In regard to the County Roads, the Council have reduced the County Surveyor's estimate by about 50 per cent. It is the duty of the County Council to make adequate provision for the maintenance of all main and county roads in their area. It must also be pointed out that if once the roads of the County are allowed to get into a bad state of repair the Council may incur a heavy financial loss in getting them into condition again. The reductions made by the Council do not permit even the moderate sum required to surface-dress their roads and deterioration of such roads must follow. In so far as the Surveyor's estimate related to the full maintenance of existing improved roads it should have been adopted without modification.

"It appears to the Minister that the Council in order to be eligible for Road Fund Grants and to save extensive outlay in repairs in the near future should seriously consider the question of allowing at least the same amount as last year for the upkeep of Main and County Roads respectively.

"To enable the County Council to reconsider the matter the Minister has assented to such departures as may be necessary from the rules and regulations of the Public Bodies Orders, 1925-1931."



Col. Gibbon said that as the farmers who represented the general body of ratepayers were in a worse position this year than last, there should be some reduction in their expenditure. So far as he could see, the only item which could be dealt with by the County Council to secure any appreciable reduction was the roads. The Board of Health and Public Assistance, the Mental hospital and the other subsidiary bodies furnished estimates which could not be reduced by the Council, but at the same time it would be unreasonable to expect the farmers who were in a much worse position than last year, to agree to the same amount of Rate as for 1933-34. He suggested that the Council might agree to a proposal to raise £50,000 for roads provided the Government would furnish a grant of £10,000. This proposal would really confirm what had been done previously.

The Chairman pointed out that unless they agreed to the suggestion of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, they were going to lose the Grant, and they might as well face this fact now, as at another time. He recommended they should stick to the Estimate already adopted and let the Government do what they pleased in reference to the Grant. With all the money that had been spent on the Main Roads it should not be so difficult to keep them in good order for the one year at the reduced amount. Every time they decided upon having a reduced road estimate they had been overruled by the Minister.

Miss O'Ryan pointed out that if the Council decided upon having a reduced figure, it would not be reasonable for them to complain of bad roads later on. Several members who had voted against the amount



agreed to last year were asking the Co. Surveyor all through the year to provide them with perfect roads.

Mr. O'Byrne said the Council realised the state of the Country and it was only right and just if any relief in rates could be obtained, it should be given. But, he asked, in connection with the Road Estimate, was it economy to agree to £40,000 when for the sake of another £4,000 they could spend the same as last year viz. £55,000. Was it economy to lose a Grant of £11,000 because they refused to spend £4,000. He then proposed the following resolution:- "That this Council agree to allocate a sum of £55,755 for maintenance of roads etc. for financial year 1934/35, on the understanding that a similar Government Grant to last year viz. £11,603 is forthcoming."

Mr. Corish seconded.

Col. Quin pointed out that notwithstanding the fact that the Co. Surveyor's estimate every year was reduced the roads were manifestly improving every year. The Council were not definitely promised in the letter from the Department that if they agreed to last year's scheme they would get the same amount of grant. It seemed to him to be all bluff.

Mr. D'Arcy contended that the present road programme was driving people out of business, breaking their legs, injuring their horses, destroying their carts. He would be prepared to propose that they spend £50,000 on the County Roads if anybody would second him.

The Chairman stated that the people would afford to do with a middling road rather than pay the extra 1/- in the £1, in their rates. Another thing which aggravated the Minister was the high estimate of the



Co. Surveyor. It was not the business of the County Surveyor to drag the Minister on to the Council, with an Estimate which he knew would not be approved by them.

The Co. Surveyor pointed out that in submitting his estimate, he considered it his duty to set out a figure which, in his opinion, was necessary to maintain all the roads of the County in a proper and efficient condition. When he did submit this Estimate he said most distinctly that it was up to the Council to decide what money they were in a position to spend on the roads.

Col. Gibbon held it was the duty of the County Surveyor to say what amount was necessary to keep the roads in a perfect condition. It was also the duty of the Co. Council to say what they could afford under this head. The suggestion of Mr. O'Byrne that the extra £15,000 to be spent on the roads would considerably mitigate unemployment was scarcely correct, as in his view, most of the increased money would be spent on tar which was obtained outside the County and gave no relief to unemployment inside it. The Main and Link Roads with few exceptions had been thoroughly bottomed and strengthened, and as 75% of the increased money would go to tar or concrete the extra employment would be inconsiderable.

The Co. Surveyor mentioned that all trunk roads had been dealt with but several link roads and portions of others had not been bottomed, up to the present. He gave instances of these.

Mr. Corish pointed out that the Council would be taking a very serious step if they refused to fall in with the views of the Minister, and allow the roads to deteriorate. The Chairman was not correct in his statement of what the extra expenditure would mean on



the rates. In his opinion, a good deal of the extra £15,000 would be spent on labour and it would certainly be better to have men at work than giving them relief, which would also have to be provided by the ratepayers. The extra amount of £15,000 would represent an increase of 2½d in the £. on the rates and not 1/- in the £. as stated by the Chairman.

Mr. Kelly supported the view of Mr. Corish and pointed out that he could not see that any other County Council had made such a drastic reduction in the Co. Surveyor's estimate as had been done in Wexford.

Chairman - Many of them have a lower rate.

Mr. Kelly said that if in the view of the County Surveyor it took over £90,000 to maintain the roads properly, they could not expect efficiency by spending less than half the amount.

After discussion the Chairman proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution:- "That the Council confirms the resolution adopted at last meeting viz. to provide a sum of £40,000 for the maintenance of all roads for the financial year 1934/35."

Col. Gibbon then withdrew his suggestion as to proposing £50,000 to be spent on roads, provided the Government gave a State Grant of £10,000 and a Vote was taken on the Chairman's amendment to confirm the £40,000 agreed to by last meeting of the Council.

The following is the result of the Poll:-

FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Hickey, Jordan, Meyler, McCarthy, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman. - 12.

AGAINST: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, Kelly, O'Byrne and O'Ryan.



The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

On being put as the substantive resolution it was passed without dissent.

#### GENERAL CATTLE DISEASES FUND

Under date 24th January, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circ.15/34) that a further assessment for the purposes of the Cattle Diseases Fund equivalent to a rate of  $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £. on the valuation of Counties and County Boroughs would shortly be necessary, probably in April next.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Armstrong seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That a sum equivalent to the Rate of  $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £. be included in estimate for 1934/35 as recoupment for expenditure from General Cattle Diseases Fund.

#### SOUTH WEXFORD HARBOURS

Under date 1st February, 1934, (149/34) the Department of Agriculture wrote that the resolution of the County Council calling attention to the condition of harbours in South Wexford would receive the consideration of the Minister.

Mr. Cummins said they had received a similar reply to several resolutions relative to these harbours but nothing was ever done.

#### FORESHORE AT BALLYCONNIGAR

The Chairman read a letter from Rev. T. Quigley, P.P., Blackwater, asking the Council to receive a deputation, in regard to use of strand at Ballyconnigar and stated that as no official intimation of the request had been received up to the present ~~and~~ the matter could not have appeared on the agenda paper.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That Standing



"Orders of the Council be suspended to allow of reception of deputation from Blackwater district in connection with the proposed prohibition of removal of gravel from Ballyconnigar foreshore."

The deputation consisting of Messrs. P. Cullen, Inch, Denis Corrigan, Knocknasilloque and P. Keating, Ballyconnigar, were then heard.

Mr. Cullen, who acted as spokesman for the deputation, said a proposal had been made to close the Strand and a petition, he understood, had been forwarded on behalf of labour to have the drawing of stone and gravel prohibited so as to give employment in the quarries ~~He protested~~ against forfeiting this source of supply and against the taking away from small working farmers this means of livelihood. Some of them have their sons employed and large families supported by the drawing of stones and gravel which is drawn inland as far as five miles from this ten mile stretch of coast centred at Ballyvaldon. Some of those who signed the petition said they only did so upon the misrepresentation that it would lead to a reduction of rent and rates, and if they could now do so they would withdraw their signatures. In fact the majority of those with land bordering the foreshore who signed it are now signing a protest. Numerous industrious families of small working farmers all along the coast would lose their chief means of livelihood, and it would cause an increase in the rates. These people are as worthy of consideration as labourers as those who now seek to take away their subsistence. They looked to the County Council to save them in their distress at the threatened peril to their livelihood.

The Co. Surveyor, in reply to Mr. D'Arcy, said he



had not received any intimation as to the closing of the strand in question. A section of Ballyvaloo had been closed and the new proposal was to extend this to Morriscastle, five or six miles away.

Mr. Corrigan mentioned that a man named Owen Leacy went round to the farmers whose lands adjoined the foreshore and induced them to sign a petition to close the place on the grounds that they would get a reduction of their rents and rates, and they did so. There were twenty-eight small farmers and their families who earned their livelihood by drawing stones and gravel from the foreshore.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the Co. Council obtained a large number of sea stones from this strand and dealt with them through the breaker. There was no quarry in the district and these broken sea stones provided very good material.

The Chairman said that before the foreshore was closed there would have to be a public inquiry at which all interests would be represented. They had no reason to believe at present that anything was being done. He thought the deputation and those they represented could remain quite easy, as nothing could be done until a number of preliminaries had been carried out. The Council would support the farmers concerned in every way, but at the moment he did not see any reason for uneasiness.

Miss O'Ryan recommended the deputation to forward a memorial to the Department of Industry and Commerce protesting against the proposal.

The Chairman said that unless it could be proved that coast erosion was taking place, he did not see how the foreshore could be closed.

Mr. Smyth pointed out that a good deal of material



was drawn from above high water mark and he did not see how the State could object to farmers whose lands adjoined the foreshore, drawing away this material. If all these foreshores were closed it would be a great loss to the County.

The Chairman said they would watch the matter very closely if only for their own sakes.

The deputation thanked the meeting and withdrew.

### MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES

In accordance with instructions of Co. Council the Co. Surveyor submitted the following report in connection with grants under Minor Relief Schemes Vote:-

<u>Description of Lanes</u>	<u>Co. Surveyor's Estimate.</u>	<u>Sanctioned by B.O.W.</u>
<u>GOREY DISTRICT:</u>		
Millquarter Lane	160	140
Riverchapel, clean river	60	
Monagarrow Lane	180	160
Cloologue Lane (£40 Grant transferred to No.7)	50	
Dundrum Tinacree Lane	350	100
Aughinacaulmeen Lane	250	
<u>ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT:</u>		
Ballyprecus Lane (£150 Grant cancelled)	350	
Marshallstown Lane	125	100
Knockatober Lane	150	120
Garrynisk Lane	200	100
Ballinadrishogue Lane	175	
<u>WEXFORD DISTRICT:</u>		
Ballinrooaun Lane	50	50
Brownstown (clean river)	30	30
Old Boley do	30	30
Ballygeary Lane	50	50
Ballygillane (clean stream)	100	100
Neamestown Lane	70	50
Ballygrangans Drainage	60	50
Killinick Lane	100	
Killinick Lane	80	
Milltown Lane	40	40
Treacystown Lane	70	70
Clonerane Lane	70	
Bannow Lane (Green Road)	30	
Bannow Lane	20	
Bannow Lane	80	60
Gurteenminogue - Fardystown Lane	100	80
Mountcross & Bridgetown Lane	40	40



<u>Description of Lanes.</u>	<u>Co. Surveyor's Estimate</u>	<u>Sanctioned by B.O.W.</u>
<u>NEW ROSS DISTRICT:</u>		
	£.	£.
Oreacoon Lane	100	
Aclamon Lane	100	
Knockroe	200	
Rathimney	70	50
Garrycullen Lane	200	70
Yoletown Lane	100	80
Gorteens Lane	100	60
Ballyhack Lane	130	100
Clongeen Lane	50	

BOARD OF WORKS:

Tinnabaun, Tomcoyle Lane		100
Boira Drainage		300
Middletown Lane		150
Clonee, Kilcloran (lane)		100
	<u>£4120</u>	<u>£2380</u>

FORWARDED TO B.O.W. and  
Co. Surveyor notified that  
these works cannot be  
undertaken at present.

	£.
Corah Lane	500
Tubberneering-Ballygullen lane	170
Clonmines Lane	20
Yoletown Lane	60
Kilbride Lane	70
Priest's Lane, Boley	50
Ballymotey-Garrymile lane	120
Cullenstown Road	90
Owenstown Lane	120
Nuke Lane, Arthurstown.	60

Miss O'Ryan said that she should protest against the manner in which lanes had been selected for Grants by the Board of Works. Some of those which had been left out of their list were more important than those for which a grant had been allocated.

Mr. Brennan said that no money had been spent in the Northern portion of New Ross District. It had all gone down to the Hook and to the barony of Shelbourne.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That we express out dissatisfaction with the manner in which lanes had been selected by the Office of Public Works for repair. In future we consider such selection should be made in



"conjunction with the County Surveyor."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed:- "That we protest against the action of the Office of Public Works in promising this Council a sum of £4,200 from Minor Relief Schemes Vote and then agreeing to expenditure covering practically only half that amount. The Co. Council had gone to considerable trouble in allocating works under the Scheme to cover £1050 for each of the four rural areas of the County but their selection appears to have had no influence with the Office of Public Works which allocated the amount provided (only half that promised) in a "haphazard manner". The Co. Council Committees had allocated the money to the most necessary jobs in each district in view of their public utility and the amount of employment they would give and ~~they should~~ protest very strongly against the manner in which they had been treated."

Mr. Hall seconded the resolution which was adopted.

#### DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE

The following under date 22nd January, 1934, was read from Co. Surveyor:-

"In striking Rate it will be necessary to make provision for cleaning drainage channels etc., in the Sow Area. I have gone into this matter carefully, and find it practically impossible to calculate accurately any estimate of the cost as it is uncertain to what extent large work may be necessary on sloping banks. I consider, however, that a sum of £120 should be ample to meet the current year's requirements, and in subsequent years there should be no difficulty in making a close estimate of the cost, which, I believe, will be considerably lower than this amount."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion



of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That £120 be included in Drainage Rate for Sow area for maintenance of drains thereon for financial year 1934/35."

Col. Gibbon said as regards works in drainage areas certain Inspectors came down from the Office of Public Works inspected drains, went back to Dublin and made reports without having consulted the Co. Surveyor or any public representative in the district. If a stranger came into the County one did not know who he would meet and in consequence what ideas he might pick up. Arrangements should be made by his department to consult with the Co. Surveyor and if it was a big job with the local public representatives.

It was decided that copy of remarks of Col. Gibbon in this connection should be furnished the Office of Public Works.

LOAN FOR CONVERSION OF WEST WING,  
COUNTY HALL

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That a sum of £224 be brought into Rate Estimate for 1934/35 to meet instalment of loan of £1900 - balance of loan of £2900 to be utilised in conversion of West Wing of Co. Hall - for said financial year.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE

Miss Connolly, Librarian, submitted her estimate of receipts and expenditure for next financial year. This covered a grant from Co. Council of the equivalent of a half-penny rate plus £100 a similar amount to that allocated for the previous year. She pointed out that on the expenditure side two important items were missing viz. "Repayment of Loan" and "Fittings". The Library Committee had been promised a Grant of £425 from the



Carnegie Trust which the Committee proposed to pay down at once as part payment of £1000 of the loan obtained by the County Council for £2,900 for conversion of West Wing of County Hall to provide amongst other purposes library premises, the Committee to hold these rent free after the repayment of the £1000. Fittings had been omitted because at the time the estimate had been prepared their cost was not available. The Committee intended retaining the £25 (excess of income over expenditure) to provide shelving though it was not anticipated that all necessary shelving could be provided for that amount.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Council include in its Rate Estimate for financial year 1934/35 a sum of £934 for library purposes. That we agree that the £25 (excess of library income over expenditure) go towards the cost of providing shelving and that the question of adjustment of repayment of the £1000 (of loan of £2900) for which Library Committee are to be responsible be referred to the Finance Committee for examination and report."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That as recommended by County Library Committee, Rev. Brother O'Loughlin, New Ross, be appointed a member of Co. Wexford Library Committee vice Rev.Br. J.C. Carew resigned owing to his transfer from the County."

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR

The Harbour Master, Courtown, forwarded letter from John O'Connor & Co., Merchants, Gorey, asking when the Harbour would be open for transport purposes as the Seed and Mamures Season was fast approaching, also letter from Capt. W.H. Kearon, Wave Crest, Arklow, Co. Wicklow, asking



a similar question, and stating that a Welsh Colliery owner had inspected the harbour about a week ago relative to bringing in cargoes there.

The Co. Surveyor stated he had already given an account of the interview they had in Dublin with Department of Industry and Commerce as regards the remission of the emergency duty in connection with the purchase of Crane and Grab for Courtown Harbour. The Ministry had asked to be supplied with the specification which had been sent to them but no reply had been received up to the present. He had obtained a list of thirty-eight names of firms from practically all over the World and had asked them for quotations. A number had replied without making a definite offer. Three definite quotations were received; The Irish German Trading Co., quoted at £1950, Figuee Harlem at £1187, and a Belgian Firm at £2039. He had received the first reply from America that morning from a firm which stated they could not deal with the matter. The English firm - Taylor and Hubbard of Leicester - had quoted at £741, the machinery to be delivered in Wexford. Even with the emergency duty of £148 the total for this firm would be only £889 as against £1187 for the German Firm. The Council would see, in spite of the emergency duty that the English Company, which was most reliable, gave the lowest quotation.

Mr. Keegan said every possible effort should be made to procure the crane and grab without delay. He would ask the Co. Surveyor to speed up the matter, more particularly in view of the fishing industry.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the specification of the machinery had been supplied to the Minister for Industry and Commerce, in connection with the application for remission of duty.

It was mentioned that probably if Mr. Corish



interviewed the Minister he might be able to induce him to allow the machinery in free of duty, as it was required in connection with the fishing industry.

Mr. Corish said in his opinion the Minister would not give way.

In reply to Mr. D'Arcy, the Co. Surveyor said in his opinion, it was unlikely he would be ~~able~~ able to obtain a quotation lower or more satisfactory than that of Messrs. Taylor and Hubbard.

After further discussion Mr. D'Arcy proposed:-

"That the Co. Surveyor be authorised to procure Crane and Grab for Courtown Harbour, cost not to exceed £1000, as already agreed to by this Council."

Mr. Hall seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the following resolution which was seconded by the Chairman and passed:-

"That we request the Minister for Industry and Commerce to remit duty on crane and grab for Courtown Harbour as these articles were being purchased by the Co. Council for national purposes."

#### SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME

The following list of applicants for award of scholarships under above Scheme was submitted. Copies were supplied to Co. Councillors with agenda paper:



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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

LIST OF APPLICANTS -

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 1934

To be considered at meeting of Co. Council

on 12th February, 1934.

Name and Address of Applicant.	Occupation of Parent or Guardian	Valuation Etc.	Children under 18 years old.
11. <u>Brennan James P.,</u> 3, Pearse Street, Gorey.	Postman.	£ 3	3
22. <u>Byrne Patrick J.,</u> 12, Pearse Street, Gorey.	Motor-car Owner.	3	5
33. <u>Carty Elizabeth M.,</u> Donard, Clonroche.	Unemployed.	-	3
41. <u>Cousins Patrick,</u> St. Iberius, Broadway.	Labourer	3	5
55. <u>Darcy Eileen,</u> Ballywalter, Gorey.	Farmer	109	2 (over maximum Valuation.)
66. <u>Deacon Leslie J.,</u> Clonroche.	Labourer	-	2
<u>Donnelly Patrick O.,</u> Hilltown, Ballymitty.	Shopkeeper & Farmer	8:10	5
88. <u>Doyle Bridget Teresa,</u> Drimmagh, Rosslare.	Railway Checker.	3:15	4
99. <u>Doyle Kathleen M.</u> Churchtown, Bridgetown.	Carpenter.	2:15	5
100. <u>Doyle Sean,</u> Quay Road, Duncannon.	Shop Assistant.	4:10	3
111. <u>Foley Mary,</u> Rathimney, Gusserane.	Farmer.	30:	8
12. <u>Finn Joseph,</u> 16, Main Street, Gorey.	Garage Proprietor.	18:	7
113. <u>Fenelon Gerald Wl.,</u> Church View, Tagoat.	Railway Clerk.	3:10	6
14. <u>Goff Johanna,</u> Allenstown, Broadway.	Farmer	52:	-
15. <u>Holmes Eileen,</u> Mayglass, Ballycogley.	National Teacher.	-	9 (applicant over age.)
16. <u>Hurley Annie,</u> Garryduff, Campile	Farmer	17	1



Name and Address of Applicant.	Occupation of Parent or Guardian	Valuation Etc.	Children under 18 years old.
17. <u>Jordan Maria,</u> <u>Kilmisten, Castlebridge</u>	Farmer	£ s. 95:	11 (over maximum Valuation)
18. <u>Kavanagh Edward,</u> <u>Ballare, Broadway.</u>	Labourer	-	5
19. <u>Kelly Edward,</u> <u>10, Grattan Tce. Gorey.</u>	Railway Porter.	3:	3
20. <u>Keogh Ml.,</u> <u>Castletown, Inch.</u>	National Teacher.	6:	4
21. <u>Kehoe Tos. G.,</u> <u>Boolabawn, Glynn.</u>	Farmer	45:15	5
22. <u>Mulligan Mary T.,</u> <u>Craan, Craanford, Gorey.</u>	Farmer	57: 5	5
23. <u>Murphy Eileen,</u> <u>Johnstown, Castlebridge</u>	Mason	-	6
24. <u>Murray Elizabeth,</u> <u>Scarnagh, Inch.</u>	Farmer	93:	6 (Over maximum Valuation)
25. <u>O'Brien Mary,</u> <u>Gusserane, New Ross.</u>	Farmer	5:	2
26. <u>O'Keeffe Alice Mary,</u> <u>Station House, Rosslare Strand.</u>	Station Master	-	6
27. <u>Reddy Margaret M.</u> <u>Charlesfort, Ferns.</u>	Farmer	10:10	1
28. <u>Sheil Hubert,</u> <u>5, Pearse Street, Gorey.</u>	Railway Porter	3:	8
29. <u>Swords George,</u> <u>North Parade, Gorey.</u>	Road Ganger	4:10	10
30. <u>Todd Edwin Fintan,</u> <u>The Bungalow, Kilrane.</u>	Labourer	-	5
31. <u>Walsh Nicholas,</u> <u>Killurin, Co. Wexford.</u>	Labourer	:10	10
32. <u>Warrington Mary M.</u> <u>80, Main Street, Gorey.</u>	Watchmaker.	6:	4

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

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.  
7th February, 1934.



As regards No. 3 (Elizabeth M. Carty) it was mentioned that though her father was unemployed her mother was an Assistant National Teacher.

Mr. Kelly said that these people purchased a farm for payment of which a good part of the small salary of the mother went to pay. They were in poor circumstances.

After discussion the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Brennan:-

"That this Council consider, in view of the circumstances of her parents, that Elizabeth M. Carty, Donard, Clonroche, is eligible to compete for award of Scholarship under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme.

A vote was taken with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hayes, Hickey, Keegan, Kelly, Myler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan and Smyth. - 17

AGAINST: Messrs. Culleton, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Quin and the Chairman. - 6.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The Secretary stated he wished to have the valuation given in respect of No.14, Johanna Goff, Allenstown, Broadway, verified.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That Johanna Goff, Allenstown, Broadway, be declared eligible to compete for award of Scholarship under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme provided it be found on investigation that the valuation of her guardian (Henry Cullen) does not exceed the limit set out in the scheme."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution:- "That Ml.Keogh, Castletown, Inch, whose father is principal Teacher in elementary National



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School, be declared eligible to compete for award of Scholarship under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme."

A vote was taken on the proposal with the following result:-

FOR:- Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Kelly, McCarthy and O'Byrne. - 10.

AGAINST:- Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Hickey, Jordan, Keegan, Meyler, O'Ryan, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman. - 13.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Gaul:- "That as regards list of applicants for award of Scholarships or bursaries under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme we hereby consider the following eligible to compete for same:-

1. James P. Brennan, 2. Patrick J. Byrne, 3. Elizabeth McCarthy, 4. Patrick Cousins, 5. Leslie J. Deacon, 6. Patrick O'Donnelly, 7. Bridget Teresa Doyle, 8. Kathleen M. Doyle, 9. Sean Doyle, 10. Mary Foley, 11. Joseph Finn, 12. Gerald W. Fenelon, 13. Annie Hurley, 14. Edward Kavanagh, 15. Edward Kelly, 16. Thos. G. Kehoe, 17. Mary T. Mulligan, 18. Mary O'Brien, 19. Alice Mary O'Keeffe, 20. Margaret M. Reddy, 21. Hubert Sheil, 22. George Swords, 23. Edwin Fintan Todd, 24. Nicholas Walsh and 25. Mary M. Warrington.

"That application from Eileen Murphy be provisionally accepted subject to receipt of medical certificate provided by the Scheme."



PAYMENT OF MOTOR INSURANCE  
BY INSTALMENTS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That we call on the Minister responsible to bring in immediate legislation whereby motor car and motor lorry owners will be enabled to pay the third Party Insurance by quarterly or half yearly instalments. That copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Industry and Commerce and to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health."

POISONS & PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

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

"That renewals of licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 be issued to Wm. Hogan, Fethard-on-Sea, and Wm. B. Jackson, 31, Main Street, Gorey.

OVERHEAD TELEGRAPHIC LINE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin:- "That this Council hereby consents to the erection of overground Telegraphic line from end of existing line on Main Road to Wexford opposite Mental Hospital to Main Gate of Brownswood Sanatorium, Enniscorthy."

ROSSLARE COAST ROAD

The County Surveyor said he considered the coast road at Rosslare should be closed. The Council had made this application previously but the Minister had refused to sanction its closing. The road was barricaded at either end and warning notices had been put up. The present position was not satisfactory and he recommended that application should now be made for its permanent closing.



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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to close the coast road at Rosslare as we consider this thoroughfare dangerous to the public."

#### CUTTING OF HEDGES

The Co. Surveyor submitted report from Mr. R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, furnishing list of persons who were not cutting their hedges:-

- (1) John Sullivan, Gurteen, Bunclody - Hedges etc., on Road No. 45 Bunclody-Carnew. Has some cut, but not nearly enough.
- (2) Charles Skrine, Ballyrankin, Strahart - Trees with low boughs on Road No. 47 Ferns-Clohamon. Has done nothing. (a bad case).
- (3) Richard Kelly, Prospect, Bunclody - Hedges on Road No. 45 Bunclody-Carnew. Has cut about one half, but has done nothing more for a considerable time now.
- (4) Mrs. Sunderland, Ballinastraw, Wells - Boughs and hedges on Road No. 29 Wexford-Gorey. Has cut some, but not nearly enough.
- (5) Mr. William Lee, Clasheen, Killena - Boughs, hedges on Road No. 29 Wexford-Gorey. Has cut some, but not nearly enough.

The following resolution which was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the County Solicitor be instructed to notify the persons reported to this meeting by Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, as failing to cut their hedges that unless they carry out this work to the satisfaction of the Surveyor they will be prosecuted."



REPAIR OF LANES

The Co. Surveyor in reply to Mr. Kelly said that the repair of Ballymotey Lane had been before the Council on several occasions, and two successive Grants for its repair could not be applied to it because one of the adjoining land holders refused to sign the memorial that he was satisfied the repair should be carried out.

Mr. Kelly said he had been informed that the man in question had owed seven years' rates and three years of this had been wiped out as irrecoverable. The lane was one of the worst in An Saorstat and if its repair could be effected it would open up a wide stretch of country. All the ratepayers with the exception of the man objecting paid their rates promptly and it was a very undesirable state of affairs if they should be deprived of a passable thoroughfare owing to the action of one man. A doctor's motor-car had "stuck" in this lane and three carts had been smashed in it recently. Mr. Kelly asked if the Council had no compulsory powers to compel the objector to allow the repair to be carried out. There was a contract from the time of the Grand Jury on one half of the lane.

Mr. Hall agreed with Mr. Kelly and urged that any step possible should be taken to have the repair effected.

The Co. Surveyor said that under Minor Relief Schemes Vote all adjoining owners of land had to be satisfied and if even one objected the proposed repair could not be carried out.

It was decided that the Finance Committee look into the circumstances under which the objector in this case had according to Mr. Kelly, three years of Rates wiped out.

The matter dropped.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded



by Mr. Clince:- "That the following applications for repair of lanes etc. be scheduled for consideration in connection with Minor Relief Schemes Vote when money under this Vote will be available:-

Lane in Boira South, Kilmuckridge; Bannpark Lane;  
Mountain Turf Road from Clologuebeg to the Turf Field;  
Lane Shroughmore-Clonjordan; Knockduff, Ballycarney;  
Cullentra Lane, Kiltelaly; Saltmills - Grange;  
Fisherstown and Dollar Point."

#### COMPLAINT OF CONDITION OF ROADS

Mr. John Cheevers, Horeswood, Campile, Hon. Sec. Labour Party, Horeswood Branch, forwarded resolution as to putting in passable condition Roads 701 and 789 as both were in a deplorable state. This would relieve the distress among the unemployed in the district who are in serious plight.

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district, reported that No. 701 was part of a contract road. It carried most of the traffic to Campile and considering the amount of money allowed was in a fair state of repair. The second road carried most of the traffic to Campile from Duncannon, Arthurstown and Ramsgrange. It was very narrow in some places but otherwise is in fair order.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince that copy of report of Mr. O'Neill be furnished Mr. Cheevers.

#### APPOINTMENT OF GANGER

Mr. Hall said that notwithstanding the order of the County Council that no man should be employed at road work who was a farmer he found that M. Keyes to whose employment exception had been taken by the County Council at a recent meeting as this man held twenty-five acres of land was still acting as a Ganger. He could not under-



stand why the instructions of the Council were not carried out.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District, said he had furnished a report to the Co. Surveyor as to the employment of this man. The regulations laid down that a man on an uneconomic holding was entitled to employment provided he registered at the local Labour Exchange. The man had so registered and as the work was being done under a Relief Grant and this man's name had been furnished to him (Mr. Treanor) by the Labour Exchange he was bound to employ him. He appeared to be the man on the job most capable of carrying out any instructions and for that reason had been appointed charge hand.

Mr. Hall said there was some question of men working on this job being threatened with victimization as they were supposed to have made to him the complaint of Keyes having been employed. He (Mr. Hall) wished to say that no one connected with the work or with labour called his attention to the matter. If any attempt were made at victimization he would see it would not succeed, as he would bring the matter before the Council and go as far as possible in the matter.

Mr. Treanor said he had nothing to do with any rumours as to victimization and would not countenance anything of the kind.

Chairman - We made an order about this man the last day and now Mr. Treanor says that as his name was submitted from the Labour Exchange he was bound to be employed.

Mr. Treanor said that when the name was given by the Labour Exchange he could not turn down the man. He would have his remedy.

The Chairman said that he thought what the Council



suggested should have been carried out. We are tired making rules and they are always flouted by the Surveyors. My advice to them is that they should carry out the regulations.

Mr. Gorish - If it is a Relief Grant job the Surveyor must accept the names given by the Labour Exchange. The matter dropped.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the several proposals for payment including proposals for payment of Road Contractors, as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby approved and that Pay Orders for same issue from this meeting."

REPLY TO VOTE OF CONDOLENCE

A resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly that the following reply from Mr. Jordan, M.C.C., to vote of condolence in the death of his Aunt Miss Higgins be inserted on the Minutes of Meeting:-

"I am in receipt of your letter informing me that a vote of sympathy was passed with me by the Co. Council at their last meeting.

"Will you please convey my sincere thanks to the members of the Council for their kind vote of sympathy. I also wish to thank you personally for your sympathy and also the members of the staff."

It was decided that the remainder of the business be adjourned to next meeting.

*Michael Doyle*



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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 12th MARCH, 1934

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 12th March, 1934.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle, (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, 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, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin and Myles Smyth.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor, Temporary Rates Inspector and five Assistant Surveyors were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £7247:7:5d. were examined and signed.

#### VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

Mr. D'Arcy proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted in silence:-

"That a vote of condolence be adopted to our Colleague, Mr. M.J. Jordan, in the death of his uncle, Mr. John Higgins, Raheenageera, a most respected and popular citizen."

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Armstrong a vote of sympathy was adopted to the widow and relatives of the late Mr. T.B. Dunbar, Solicitor to Co. Wexford Board of Health.

The Secretary, on behalf of himself and officials of the Council offered sympathy in both instances.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Brennan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That replies to votes of condolence received from Mr. J.P. Kelly, Co. Councillor, and Mr. J.F. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, be inserted on this day's Minutes."



Mr. John P. Kelly wrote as follows:-

"I have your letter of the 19th February, re vote of condolence passed with me by your Council at its last meeting, and I desire to return to the Council my grateful thanks, also to yourself and the other officers of the Council."

Mr. J.F. Birthistle wrote:-

"Will you please convey to the Members of the County Council my best thanks for their kind expression of sympathy on the death of my father-in-law.

"To yourself and the staff I am also sincerely grateful for the kind thought."

FINANCE COMMITTEE

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MEETING 15th FEBRUARY, 1934: The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 15th February, 1934.

Present - Messrs. James Hall, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy and Sean O'Byrne.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, and County Solicitor 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 £2,666:18:5d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

State of Rate Collection to 15th February, 1934, was submitted as follows:-

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage Lodgments and Discount at 15/2/1934.</u>
1. S. Gannon (No.6)	58.2
2. E.J. Murphy	56.4
3. J. Curtis	56.0
4. P. Nolan	55.3
5. A. Dunne	54.5
6. M. Kehoe	54.1
7. S. Gannon (No.10)	52.9
8. J.J. O'Reilly	52.5
9. J. Cummins	52.5
10. M. McCarthy	52.0
11. J. Quirke	51.6
12. D. Kenny	51.2
13. W. Doyle	51.0
14. P. Carty	51.0
15. W. Cummins	51.0
16. P. Doyle	50.2
17. J.J. Sinnott	48.4
18. J. Deegan	48.3
19. M. Murphy	46.2
20. J. Flood	44.9
	<u>Average..... 52.0</u>

The Secretary stated as compared with last year there was a decrease of 5.2%.



KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE RATE: Thomas Rowe, Ex-Rate Collector, No.18 District, applied for payment of Poundage for Kilmannock Drainage Rate.

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

"That subject to sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, Thomas Rowe, Ex-Rate Collector, No.18 District, be paid £13:1:2d, Poundage Fees on amount of Kilmannock Drainage Rate collected by him."

TEMPORARY RATE INSPECTORSHIP: Under date 13th February, 1934 (G.7520/1934, Loch Garman Fa) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote sanctioning payment of remuneration at the rate of £3 per week plus £2:17:8d per week, expenses, to Mr. J.J. O'Reilly, Rate Collector No.13 District, while acting as temporary Rate Inspector.

Mr. James Kavanagh, Garrynew, Killenagh and James Kane, Park-Annesley, Clonevan, personal Sureties of Mr. J.J. O'Reilly, wrote that they were quite satisfied that Mr. Art Dunne, Rate Collector, No. 15 District, should carry out the collection in Mr. O'Reilly's district, during the period in which the latter acted as temporary Rates Inspector.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That Mr. O'Kennedy, late Rates Inspector, be paid salary from the date of his suspension up to 12th February, 1934, ~~the~~ date of his resignation, in accordance with letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, under date 8th February, 1934, (G.9975/34 Loch Garman Fa.)"

DISCOUNT ON SMALL DWELLINGS: Collector Art Dunne, No.15 District, wrote claiming £6:10:1d overlodged for the 1932/33 Rate through not being allowed enough discount for Small Dwellings payments.



The Secretary stated that Mr. O'Kennedy had inadvertently omitted one fortnight's discount for the Small Dwellings in Collector Dunne's area which explained the present claim.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That Collector Art Dunne, Rate Collector No.15 District, be refunded £6:10:1d in connection with discount on Small Dwellings."

CLAIM FOR £1 AGRICULTURAL GRANT: Under date 6th February, 1934, Art Dunne, Collector No.15 District, wrote that when the Agricultural holdings were being amalgamated in June 1932, for the purpose of the Agricultural Grant, he had grouped the holding of Wm. Bryan, Ballinakill, Ballycanew, (No.116 - Townland, Monroe) in mistake with the holding of Mary Bryan, E.D. Killenagh.

Wm. Bryan now claims that he is entitled to the Rebate of £1 extra Agricultural Grant.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution, which was adopted:- "That Wm. Bryan, Ballinakill, Ballycanew, be refunded £1, in connection with the extra Agricultural Grant, in view of circumstances detailed in communication received from the Rate Collector for the District."

APPEAL FOR TIME FOR PAYMENT OF RATES: James Furlong, Ballyvaldon, came before the Finance Committee and asked for time to pay his rates. He had a small farm with seven very young children and if the Council could provide him with haulage work in the Summer, he was satisfied, the amount he would earn should go against his rates.

The Chairman pointed out that the Finance Committee had no power to interfere between Rate Collector and Ratepayer. They recommended Furlong to tender for



haulage work which was now advertised for the four districts of the County.

RATE COLLECTOR No.7: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That in the event of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, being unable to approve of permanent appointment of Mr. John Deegan, Rate Collector for No.7 District, we request his sanction to Mr. Deegan continuing in office for a further year viz. for the collection of 1934/35 Rate."

#### AUDITOR'S REPORT

The following report of Mr. Sean O h-Ealuighthe, Local Government Auditor, was submitted:-

"I beg to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Wexford County Council, for the three half-years ended 31st March, 1932, 30th September, 1932 and 31st March, 1933.

"Certified copies of the Abstracts are forwarded herewith.

"The following is a comparative table of the Rates raised for the years 1931/32; 1932/33; and 1933/34:-

			<u>1931-</u> <u>32</u>	<u>1932-</u> <u>1933</u>	<u>1933-</u> <u>1934</u>
			s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
In respect of	Roads.....		2: 4½	2: 5	2: 6¼
" "	" County Services.....		2: 9	2: 10	2: 5½
" "	" Poor Relief.....		2: 11¼	3: 0½	3: 2½
" "	" Health District Chgs.		4	5	4½
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			8: 4½	8: 8½	8: 7½
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The variations in the total rate raised for each of the three years were very slight, and reference to previous reports shows that from the year 1927/28 to the year 1933/1934 inclusive, the maximum variation in the rate raised has not exceeded 9½d in the £., the lowest rate raised during the period being 7/11d, for the year 1928/29, and



"the highest that for the year 1932/33, viz:- 8/8½d.

"The decrease under the head of County Services in the year 1933/34 is offset very nearly by increases under the heads of Roads and Poor Relief, the respective increases and decreases being necessitated by variations in the commencing balances for the year.

"The uncollected balance of Poor Rate at 31/3/32: 30/9/32; 31/3/33 and 30/9/33, were respectively £23,835:10:10d; £34595:13:10d; £18575:11:9d and £47024:5:5d.

"The balances due from the Urban District Councils at 31/3/1933, in respect of the County Council Demands for that year were:- Enniscorthy £2881:14:4d; New Ross £2044:10s. and Wexford £4599:13:6d.

"The Arrears of the Kilmannock Drainage Rate uncollected at the close of the 1932/33 Warrant represented more than a year's total rate. A new Collector has been appointed recently and he has been asked to pay special attention to the collection of these arrears.

"There are no Fidelity Guarantee Bonds in respect of the Harbour Masters at Courtown and Kilmore, but the amount collected in Harbour Dues and Fees is comparatively small.

"All Insurance Renewal Premiums have been paid to date."

Tender for the printing of forty copies each for three half years of Abstracts of County Council A/cs at £13:5:6d and forty copies of three half years of Wexford Co. Library Committee's Abstracts of A/cs at £3:12:6d was received from the "People" Newspapers and Accepted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall.

#### AGRICULTURAL GRANT 1934/35

Letter under date 9th January, 1934, Circ.No.24/34 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-



"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that the grants to be provided for the relief of rates on agricultural land in the financial year ending 31st March 1935 will amount to £1,750,000.

"Each County Council will receive the same share of the total grant as in the present year, subject to such deduction as may be necessary to meet draws upon the Guarantee Fund.

"The County Council were notified before the commencement of the present financial year that in 1934-35 the Grant would be applied to the relief of rates on a new basis. The following is the method of distribution for which legislative sanction will be sought in due course:-

(a) The Primary Grant. Occupiers of holdings not exceeding £10 in valuation will receive relief at the same rate in the year 1934-35 as in the current year and an equal rate of relief will be afforded on the first £10 of higher valuations. Occupiers of more than a single holding will receive relief on the first £10 only of the aggregate valuation of all their holdings.

(b) The Secondary Grant. The balance of each county's share will then be applied towards a Secondary Grant which will provide further relief to occupiers of land valuations over £10 where it can be shown that full time employment has been given during the whole period of nine months ended 31st December, 1933, to a male adult over 18 years of age (Male relatives over 18 engaged permanently at agricultural work and maintained out of the holding will reckon as employees). In respect of each such person employed relief will be given on each £10 unit of valuation over the first £10 at the same rate as is given on the first £10. When there is not a complete additional unit of



"£10 the relief will be proportionate. For instance in a holding of a land valuation of £15 on which there is besides the occupier one male adult in permanent employment the relief will be at the same rate as this year on the first £10 and at an equal rate on the remaining £5 only. If the balance of the county's share of the total Agricultural Grant is insufficient to provide in full for the Secondary Grant the rate of relief will be abated proportionately to the amount available.

(c) The Supplementary Grant. After the Primary and Secondary Grants have been allocated the remainder (if any) of the County's share will be applied as a Supplementary Grant at an equal rate in favour of the portion of the land valuations that have received no relief out of the Primary and Secondary Grants.

"A further communication will be addressed to you as to the form in which occupiers of over £10 valuation should be asked to furnish particulars of the employment afforded on the holdings and the manner in which these will be verified.

"Any suggestions you may wish to make with the object of facilitating the operation of the new scheme of relief will be carefully considered. It will be understood that the basis of the scheme is not subject to alteration in any way. Such suggestions may be transmitted to the Department not later than the 20th instant."

#### OVERDRAFT

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to extend the period of present overdraft Accommodation of County Council for four months - from the 28th February, 1934 to 30th June, 1934."



APPLICATIONS FOR COMPENSATION FOR  
CRIMINAL INJURY

The following applications for compensation for criminal Injury were received and referred to County Solicitor to oppose:-

- (1) Margaret Lucy Walshe, South Street, New Ross. Plate Glass Window £19:18s. (Also Second Notice 18th February, 1934.)
- (2) John McCarthy, Killincooley, Kilmuckridge. £1:15s. Glass of Door of Ford Motor-car. (31st January, 1934).
- (3) John Walsh, Knockbroad, Taghmon. £50 burning of rick of Straw. (30th January, 1934.)

CRANE AND GRAB FOR  
COURTOWN HARBOUR

The following under date 12th February, 1934, (T.I.D.1294/3259) was received from the Department of Industry and Commerce (Trade and Industries Branch):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to refer to your letter of 19th ultimo and previous correspondence relative to the importation, free of duty, of a Steam Crane and Grab By your Council.

"I am to inform you that your application has received careful consideration and that the Minister regrets he cannot see his way to recommend the issue of a licence in this case.

"The enclosures which accompanied your letter are returned herewith."

It was decided to wait the reply of Minister to resolution of County Council asking for a reconsideration of his refusal to allow the importation of the Steam Crane and Grab in free of duty, before taking further action.



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### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Under date 12th February, 1934, Mr. Leacy, Inspector of the National Society Prevention of Cruelty to Children, notified his intention of applying to Wexford District Court on Wednesday 21st February, 1934, for the committal of Anastasia and Catherine Fenelon, Tagoat, to an Industrial School under Section 58 (1) (H) Children Act 1908.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

### CONVERSION OF WEST WING OF CO. HALL AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Under date 13th February, 1934, the following was read from Miss Connolly, County Librarian:-

"With reference to my Committee's obligation in the re-payment of £1000 loan for the re-building of new Library premises, it is their intention to pay down £400 which is due to them from the Carnegie U.K. Trust, and which will be available when the work is completed and the expenses vouched for.

"In view of this payment, they would be very glad if your Council would permit them to withhold further payments from their annual income for a period of three years.

"They ask this concession in view of the heavy expense they have to meet this year in the fittings and removal to the new premises, which will deplete their ordinary funds to such an extent that it will take at least two years to recoup it.

"Trusting the matter will receive the kind consideration of your Committee."

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

"That we recommend the County Council to allow the Library Committee to hold over payment of their instalment in connection with loan for conversion of West Wing of County Hall for two years."



CO. WEXFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That permission be extended to the County Wexford Horticultural Society Committee to hold meeting in Gorey Courthouse on 22nd February, 1934."

LOCAL TAXATION OFFICE

The Secretary stated that as regards the extra clerical assistance which had been provided for the local Taxation Office, one of the temporary Clerks had been employed for one day beyond the period approved by the County Council and it would be necessary for the Council to agree to the payment for the extra day.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Finance Committee agree to the employment of Mr. Joseph Fennell, George Street, Wexford, for one extra day in Motor Taxation Office.

"That the Local Taxation Officer be instructed to exercise more care in such matters in future."

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Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Armstrong seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 15th February, 1934, as submitted to this day's meeting be received and considered."

RATES INSPECTORSHIP: The following under date 10th March, 1934, (G.19482/1934 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 13th ultimo, in regard to the filling of the position of Rates Inspector, I am to state that it does not appear that Mr. Moore's duties in the County Surveyor's Office can be regarded as similar to those of a Rates Inspector and, therefore, it would not be open to the County Council to fill the vacancy by transferring him. In the circumstances it is suggested that the proper course would be to proceed under Section 6 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, and to request the Local Appointments Commissioners to recommend a person for appointment as Rates Inspector."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Col. Quin:- "That letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health (G.19482-1934 Loch Garman) as to appointment of Rates Inspector be referred to Finance Committee meeting of 15th March, 1934, for recommendation and that Mr. Timothy Moore be requested to attend said meeting."

RATE COLLECTOR No.7 DISTRICT: The following letter under date 28th February, 1934, (G.23691-1934 Loch Garman Fa) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 23rd instant, I am



"directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is not prepared to sanction continuance of Mr. J. Deegan as Rate Collector for a further year. As already intimated the Council should proceed forthwith to make a permanent appointment in the usual manner."

Miss O'Ryan said the Council were unanimous in appointing Mr. Deegan to the permanent post and moved that advertisement be issued for the appointment the question of examination to be waived in Mr. Deegan's case, as he had qualified through service of several years and had proved himself most eminently fitted for the position. The examination was only for the purpose of testing if a man was suitable.

Mr. Hall seconded.

Mr. McCarthy held that the Council could not get out of the examination in this case on Miss O'Ryan's proposal. There was a resolution on the books of the Council that candidates for the rate collectorships must submit themselves to examination in certain subjects and until that resolution was rescinded no Rate Collector can be appointed without an examination.

The Chairman said he considered Miss O'Ryan's motion was hardly in order.

Mr. Elgee (Co. Solicitor) held that the resolution deciding that Rate Collectors should be appointed as the result of an examination should be first rescinded before Miss O'Ryan could move her motion.

After further discussion Mr. McCarthy proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution:- "That as regards vacancy for Rate Collector in No. 7 District advertisement for candidates be issued in the usual way and that the customary examination be arranged."



After some further consideration Mr. Corish moved and Mr. Cline seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted all other motions having been withdrawn:-

"That as John Deegan has given great satisfaction as temporary Rate Collector for No.7 District we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to agree without issue of the usual advertisement and examination to Mr. Deegan's permanent appointment. That the T.D.'s for the County be requested to interest themselves in having the wishes of the Council in this matter carried into effect."

AGRICULTURAL GRANT:- Col. Gibbon and the Chairman considered it unfair that no allowance was made by the Government for rates rebate in connection with female agricultural labour and pointed out that on dairy farms female labour was much more useful than male labour.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Cummins:- "That the Government be requested to include in special rebate of rates by Agricultural Grant through employment of labour, female, as well as male labour, subject to the same conditions etc. as for male employees."

Mr. Cummins proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted without dissent:-

"That further consideration of communications from Department of Local Government and Public Health as to rebate in rates through employment of labour be adjourned until the Council have received instructions as to how claims for such rebate are to be dealt with and verified."

COURTOWN HARBOUR CRANE AND GRAB:- Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the T.D.'s of the County be requested to approach the Minister for Industry and Commerce and endeavour to procure his consent to the importation of Grab and



"Crane for Courtown Harbour from England free of duty as machinery is required for a National purpose."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on 15th February, 1934, as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby confirmed."

MEETING 1st MARCH, 1934:- Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on 1st March, 1934, were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 1st March, 1934.

Present: Messrs. John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy and Sean O'Byrne.

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

Mr. McCarthy was moved to the chair on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2891:5:10d 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 lodged</u> <u>28/2/1934.</u>
1.	S. Gannon (No. 6)	59.7
2.	E.J. Murphy	58.7
3.	J. Curtis	58.4
4.	P. Nolan	56.8
5.	M. Kehoe	56.1
6.	A. Dunne	55.7
7.	S. Gannon (No.10)	54.5
8.	J.J. O'Reilly	54.5
9.	J. Cummins	53.8
10.	M. McCarthy	53.1
11.	W. Cummins	53.0
12.	D. Kenny	52.3
13.	P. Carty	52.3
14.	J. Deegan	52.0
15.	J. Quirke	51.8
16.	W. Doyle	51.5
17.	J.J. Sinnott	51.1
18.	P. Doyle	50.6
19.	M. Murphy	49.4
20.	J. Flood.	47.4
Average.....		53.7

The Collection showed a reduction of 7.6 per cent as compared with the corresponding period last year.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion



of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That Rate Collectors be notified that serious action must be taken by the Finance Committee unless the Collection be very substantially improved within the next fortnight."

POUNDAGE FEES: The Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote under date 24th February, 1934, (G.20957-1934 Loch Garman) that the Minister was not prepared to reconsider his decision conveyed in letter of 10th instant, that the Rate Collectors who account for 50% of their current warrants (excluding arrears) by the end of February, 1934, should be penalised by a deduction of 10 per cent of the Poundage accruing on their lodgments

It was decided that Poundage fees be paid to Collectors Philip Doyle, J.J. Sinnott and John Deegan who had accounted for 50% of current Warrants excluding arrears.

TEMPORARY RATE INSPECTOR:- Messrs. Ml. Ryan, Clonleigh, Palace East, and Maurice Condon, Donard, Ballywilliam, Sureties for Collector Art Dunne, (No.15 District) wrote agreeing to the appointment of Mr. Dunne to act as temporary Rate Collector for Collector J.J. O'Reilly (No.13 District) while the latter was engaged as temporary Rates Inspector.

Under date 26th February, 1934, (G.20956-1934 Loch Garman Fa) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote that no objection would be made to the discharge of the duties of Rate Collector O'Reilly by Collector Dunne, while the former continued to act as Temporary Rates Inspector.



AGRICULTURAL GRANT 1934/35

The following circular letters under date 24th February, 1934 (Circular No.24/2/1934) and 28th February, 1934, (Circular No.24/3/1934) were read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that it has been decided to amend the scheme of relief from rates on agricultural land for 1934-35 communicated to you by Circular Letter of 9th January last (No.24/34) in the following respects:-

1. Relief on the first £20 valuation of agricultural land will be at the same rate as was given this year (1933-34) on the first £10, that is, the Primary Grant will now cover the abatement of the rates allowed on all land valuations not exceeding £20 and on the first £20 of all land valuations over £20.

2. In the case of land valuations over £20, relief will be on an additional £12:10s. of the valuation in respect of each male worker (including relatives of the occupier) between the ages of 17 and 70 permanently employed on the holding.

It will be noted that the lower age limit at which male workers (relatives or employees) can be reckoned for the purposes of the Grant has been reduced from 18 to 17 years of age and 70 years of age has been fixed as the upper age limit.

Rated occupiers of land of £5 valuation and over who receive rate relief cannot be reckoned as employed or maintained by occupiers of valuations over £20 for the purpose of obtaining relief under the Secondary Grant. Occupiers of agricultural land of less than £5 valuation can be so reckoned.



"It should be clearly understood that relief out of the Secondary Grant on one unit of £12:10s. represents the maximum relief in respect of each male worker. If for example there is one male worker and the land valuation is less than £32:10s., or two male workers and the land valuation is less than £45, the relief out of the Secondary Grant will not be on £12:10s. and £25 respectively but on the actual amount by which in each case the valuation exceeds £20.

"It has been decided that the Grant will be increased but the county shares have not yet been determined. It will be necessary to obtain particulars of the number and aggregate valuation of holdings of agricultural land (a) not exceeding £20 and (b) over £20. These are being called for in a separate Circular letter."

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that, in connection with the distribution of the Agricultural Grant for 1934/35, particulars of (1) the number and valuation of holdings of agricultural land (a) not exceeding £20 and (b) over £20 are required, and (11) of the rates of abatement allowed in the current year, 1933-34.

You are requested to furnish this information in the forms enclosed. Table 11 can be returned immediately and Table 1 should be put in hand as soon as the new valuation lists are received.

The Minister will be prepared to sanction such expenditure as may be necessary for the carrying out of this work."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the County Secretary be empowered to employ Timothy O'Leary,



"John Street, Wexford, and Sean O'Kennedy, William Street, Wexford, for work in connection with holdings of a Land Valuation of under and over £20, and also on work in preparation for the applotting of Rates for 1934/35."

REFERRED TO COUNTY COUNCIL  
RATE FOR NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR

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

"That the figures of Estimates of Rates for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1934/35 be considered at Finance Committee meeting to be held on 15th March, 1934."

ROAD WORKS SCHEME, 1934/35

The following under date 14th February, 1934, (R/RGM/32) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant forwarding a copy of a resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council at their meeting the previous day adhering to their decision to provide a sum of only £40,000 under all heads for road work in the coming financial year and to inform you that in the circumstances, no grant towards the upkeep of main roads for the year 1934/35 can be allotted to the County Council."

"The position as regards an improvement Grant for the ensuing financial year will also call for revision in the light of the Council's decision."

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by the Chairman that a query be addressed to the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads),



as to whether if County Council be agreeable to provide a sum of £48500 in Road Works Scheme would this figure carry the Maintenance Grant of 40%.

TRANSFER FROM CONTINGENCY FUNDS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That, as requisitioned by the County Surveyor the following allocations be made from Contingency Funds (Roads):-

<u>MAIN</u>	<u>Index</u> <u>No.</u>	<u>Amt.</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>Section</u> <u>No.</u>	<u>Amt.</u>
Gorey-Ballycanew	27	£30	Wicklow Gap	1	£15
Ballycanew-Kyle (Gorey)	29	£48	Inch	2	£15
Tinacre-Kilmore	35	£30	Killanne	16	£15
Enniscorthy- Ballymotey	39	£30	Caim	17	£15
Balliniry- Wellingtonbridge	66	£30	Oulart	18	£42
			Oylegate	23	£12
			Gusserane	31	£15
			Ballycullane	36	£15
			Fethard	38	£15
			Murrintown	43	£15
			Killinick	44	£15
			Rosslare	45	£15
<u>Total £168</u>			<u>Total..... £204</u>		

COURTOWN HARBOUR

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That as requested by the County Surveyor a sum of £250 be allocated for work at Courtown Harbour from unexpended balances on other harbours in the County."



SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL  
SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Medical Certificate from Dr. S.A. Furlong, Infirmary House, Wexford, under date 20th February, 1934, was submitted stating that James Druhan, a Scholar under above Scheme, was unable to attend school owing to appendicitis and debility.

Under date 19th February, 1934, Mrs. Anastasia Cullen, Allenstown, Broadway, wrote that as regards application of Johanna Goff, her niece, to be declared eligible to sit for award of scholarship under Secondary and Vocational Scheme, the statement that she had two farms and which would bring her over the maximum valuation under the Scheme was incorrect. She had no claim on Allenstown Farm and was only taking care of it for the Goffs - her brother's children.

Patrick Nolan, Rate Collector, for the District, reported that the Receivable Order for Allenstown was still in the name of the Father of the children and Mrs. Cullen was not concerned in the matter.

Mr. J. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, wrote under date 22nd February, 1934, that he had looked carefully into the matter and was satisfied with the statement of Mrs. Cullen that she had only one holding and had no claim to Allenstown. Accordingly he was of opinion that Johanna Goff was eligible to sit for the examination.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That in view of the correspondence submitted to this meeting and the opinion of our Solicitor we recommend the Co. Council to declare that Johanna Goff, Allenstown, Broadway, is eligible to sit for examination under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme."



### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote under date 17th February, 1934, (H.1948-1934 Loch Garman) sanctioning loan of £130 under above Acts to John Greene, Bellefield, Enniscorthy.

Under date 17th February, 1934, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote in reply to letter from County Secretary that none of the persons who had obtained loans had yet furnished their Policies of Insurance. He was writing again to them.

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to approve of the application of Wexford County Council to the Office of Public Works for a further instalment of £2000 on foot of loan of £8000 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

### CRIMINAL INJURY APPLICATIONS

The following applications for compensation for Criminal Injury were referred to Mr. Elgee, Co.Solicitor to oppose:-

Kieran McNeill, Courtown Harbour, damage to shop and goods from 1st June 1922 to 4th July 1922, amount £34:16:7d, and Matthew Travers, 101 Main Street, Gorey, damage to boots and boot repair machinery, from 9th May, 1922, to the 13th June, 1922, amount £16:7s.

John Grannell, Shanoule, Horetown, burning of dwelling house on 17th or 18th February, 1934, claim £300.

### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The following applications for committal of children to Industrial Schools were received and referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-



1. Myles Sinnott (8 years) and his sister, Anne Sinnott (7 years) of Oulart.
2. Michael Cooper (13 years) and Nancy Cooper (12 years) of Taghmon.

#### COUNTY INSURANCES

Mr. Graham of the Ocean Insurance Company, came before the meeting in reference to the Employers Liability and Public Liability Insurances of the Council. He said that his Company which had held these Insurances formerly and lost them through an unfortunate incident were anxious to have an opportunity of again quoting for the business. The Company had an Office in Dublin and employed a number of Irishmen. The difference in price between Tariff and non-Tariff Companies was the difference between security and non-security and the Council this year had dealt with a non-Tariff Company. It was very difficult to get this class of business to pay. The new Compensation Bill in the Dail provided that a disabled man should be paid compensation according to life annuity tables which worked out as high as 6 per cent.

It was decided to invite quotations for the Co. Council Insurances for next financial year for Public Liability and Employers Liability Policies from Messrs. Coyle & Co., and McDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers, Dublin.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Armstrong:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 1st March, 1934, be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION:- The following gives the state of the Collection to date:-

<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage Lodgments and Discount 12/3/34.</u>
E.J. Murphy	62.1
S. Gannon (No. 6)	61.6
J. Curtis	60.8
M. Kehoe	59.1
P. Nolan	58.8
A. Dunne	56.8
S. Gannon (No.10)	56.1
J.J. O'Reilly	55.9
J. Cummins	55.5
D. Kenny	54.5
J. Deegan	54.3
P. Carty	54.2
W. Cummins	54.2
M. McCarthy	53.3
J. Quirke	52.2
W. Doyle	52.0
J.J. Sinnott	51.5
P. Doyle	50.8
M. Murphy	49.9
J. Flood	47.4
<u>Average</u>	<u>55.1</u>

The Collection was 10% behind that of the corresponding period last year.

Miss O'Ryan asked Temporary Rates Inspector if Rate Collectors had called his attention to cases of ratepayers who were able, but refused or neglected, to pay their rates.

Mr. O'Reilly said that no such cases had been mentioned to him. He did not know of any ratepayer who was not inclined to pay if able.

Miss O'Ryan said that such people existed.

The Chairman said that if Miss O'Ryan would furnish names of such persons to the Finance Committee they would be dealt with.

Mr. O'Byrne said he questioned the four Rate Collectors in his district and they told him that every one able to pay was doing so.



Mr. McCarthy said that he had attended practically every meeting of the Finance Committee and Rate Collectors had never been able to give the names of people who were able to pay and would not.

Mr. O'Byrne said it should not be necessary for a Councillor to give names of such people to the Finance Committee as Rate Collectors had definite instructions from the Finance Committee to take proceedings in these instances and if they failed to do so they were neglecting their duty.

The Chairman said they could leave the matter in the hands of the Finance Committee which was doing its best to push forward the collection which was very difficult to deal with in present circumstances.

The Chairman's proposal was seconded by Col. Quin and adopted.

CRIMINAL INJURY APPLICATIONS:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That as regards application of John Grannell, Shanoule, Horetown, for £300 compensation for the burning of dwelling house Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, be empowered to employ a Valuer and that the claim be opposed on behalf of the Council."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 1st March, 1934, be and are hereby confirmed."

#### EMPLOYMENT OF RATE CLERKS

Mr. Keegan proposed and Mr. Cummins seconded the following resolution:- "That the names of persons to be employed as temporary clerical assistants for preparation of Rate Books and Collectors' Receipt and Demand Notes be ratified by the Council after selection by special Committee."



Mr. McCarthy pointed out that the Committee had been given full power to make the selection and if Mr. Keegan wished to upset the arrangement he could do so only by notice of motion.

After protracted discussion the resolution was withdrawn and it was decided that special Committee appointed for the purpose of selecting temporary clerical assistants meet on 29th March, 1934, immediately on the conclusion of the business of the Finance Committee.

#### MEETINGS OF TENDERS COMMITTEES

The reports of Tenders Committees of the County were submitted as follows and approved on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Armstrong:-



ENNISCORTHY TENDERS COMMITTEE

The above Tenders Committee met in Enniscorthy Courthouse on 20th February, 1934, for the purpose of considering tenders for Road and haulage Contracts.

The following Councillors of Enniscorthy County Electoral area were in attendance:- Messrs. James Clince, James Hall, Mr. J. Jordan and J.P. Kelly.

The County Secretary, County Surveyor and Messrs. Thomas Cullen and R.J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyors were in attendance.

ROAD CONTRACTS

From 1st April, 1934, to 31st March, 1937.

No.167: 585 Perches from Turn Graiguebeg to turn at Graiguemore with branch towards Clohamon House. Amount allowed £21. No tender given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

No.233: 305 Perches from new road at Killanure to foot-bridge over Clody River. Amount allowed £6.

Thomas J. Kane, Killanure, Bunclody, tendered at the amount allowed, giving as Sureties, John Harris, Booladurragh, Templeshambo, and Matthew Harris, Killanure, Bunclody.

This ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> the only tender <sup>was</sup> accepted.

No.234: 240 Perches from Martin Foley's house in Killanure to Craan Lane. Amount allowed £6.

Thomas J. Kane, Killanure, Bunclody, tendered at the amount allowed, giving the same Sureties as for No.233. This, which was the only tender, was accepted.

No.236: 400 Perches from turn in old road Glasslacken to Martin Foley's house in Killanure. Amount allowed £12.

Thomas J. Kane, Killanure, Bunclody, tendered at the amount allowed giving same sureties as for Nos.233 and 234. This which was the only tender was accepted.



No.240: 365 Perches from turn at Ballycrystal House to the Mountain Road at Ballycrystal. Amount allowed £7.

James Nolan tendered at £4:18s. giving as his Sureties, Marcella Breen, Cathedral Street, Enniscorthy, and Timothy O'Neill, Main Street, Enniscorthy.

Denis Nolan, Ballycrystal, Templeshambo, tendered at £5.

Nolan's Tender - the lower - was accepted.

No.241: 310 Perches from Clorogue Bridge to Mountain road Cloroguebeg. Amount allowed £7.

James Nolan, Ballycrystal, Templeshambo, Ferns, tendered at £4:17s. giving the same sureties as for No.240.

Thomas Hayes, Cloroguebeg, Kiltaly, tendered at £5.

James Nolan's tender - the lower - was accepted.

No.264: 420 Perches from turn in Clonjordan to road at Monbeg. Amount allowed £21. No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.265: 280 Perches from turn in Ballinure to turn in Woodlands. Amount allowed £14. No tender; given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

No.266: 210 Perches from turn in Hollyfort to turn near Monart Rectory by St. Peter's Church. Amount allowed £12. No tender; given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.267: 230 Perches from turn in Killalligan to By-road near Monart Bridge. Amount allowed £15. No Tender; given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.281: 320 Perches from turn in Tomadilly to turn at Ballinakill. Amount allowed £20.

Thomas Swaine, Laurel Cottage, Ballycarney, who gave as his sureties, Ralph Swaine, Tincurry, Ballycarney and Alexander Swaine, Scarawalsh, tendered at £18.

This, the only tender, was accepted.



No.282: 400 Perches from turn in Marshallstown to turn near Hollyfort. Amount allowed £21. No tender; given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

No.294: 985 Perches from Road at Ballyrankin to turn at Charlesfort house with branch road Knockreagh and branch to turn at Kilrush Rectory. Amount allowed £40.

No tender; given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.365: 220 Perches. Main road Scollagh gap C.B. and Aughnabriskey. Amount allowed £5.

Thomas Ward, Slievegar, Kiltaly, who gave as his Sureties Peter Byrne and William Jordan, both of Cloroguemore, Kiltaly, tendered at £4.

Patrick Ryan, Slievegar, Kiltaly, also tendered at £4.

Thomas Ward's tender was accepted by lot.

No.397: 290 Perches from turn at St. Carthage's Catholic Church to turn at Rathfy lane. Amount allowed £12. No tender; given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.398: 500 Perches from turn near Dranagh Bridge to turn at Knockmore. Amount allowed £19. No tender; given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.399: 380 Perches from turn at Dranagh to turn at Cloheadon. Amount allowed £18. No tender; given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.419: 440 Perches from turn at Annaghfinn to St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Amount allowed £14.

Joseph Kelly, Coolgarrow, Enniscorthy, who gave as his Sureties Joseph Breen, Coolgarrow, Enniscorthy, and Peter Dempsey, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, tendered at £12.

John Doran, Kilcotty, tendered at £12:3s.

Joseph Kelly's tender was accepted.



No.422: 250 Perches from Kilcotty Cross Roads to old bounds of barony in Garrymile. Amount allowed £7.

Francis Cullen, Ballyrannell, Glenbrien, who gave as his Sureties, Francis Pierce, Coolnahorna, and Peter Kehoe, Slaney Street, Enniscorthy, tendered at £6:17:6d.

John Doran, Kilcotty, Enniscorthy, tendered at £7.

Francis Cullen's tender was accepted.

No.425: 355 Perches from Main road at Monawilling to main road at Boolaboybeg. Amount allowed £20.

John Leary, Oulart, who gave as his Sureties John Blake and John Stamp, both of Oulart, tendered at £18:10s.

Joseph Kelly, Coolgarrow, Enniscorthy, tendered at the same figure.

Myles Sunderland, Kilcorral, Castlebridge, tendered at £19:15s.

John Leary's tender was accepted by lot as against that of Joseph Kelly.

No.426: 340 Perches from turn at Boolaboy to turn at Ballaghakeene. Amount allowed £20.

Myles Sunderland, Kilcorral, Castlebridge, who gave as his sureties Wm. O'Brien, Kilcorral, Castlebridge, and James O'Leary, Crefogue, tendered at £19:15s.

This, the only tender, was accepted.

No.439: 360 Perches from Main Road at Boolaboybeg to turn at Ballybrega. Amount allowed £20.

Joseph Kelly, Coolgarrow, Enniscorthy, who gave the same sureties as for No.419, tendered at the full amount allowed.

Myles Sunderland, Kilcorral, Castlebridge, tendered at £19:15s.

The Co. Surveyor considered that with his other



contracts, Myles Sunderland would not be able to carry out the work.

Joseph Kelly's tender was accepted.

No.440: 505 Perches from turn at Ballybrega and Toberlamina Cross roads. Amount allowed £17.

John Parle, Toberlamina, Blackwater, who gave as his Sureties, Edward O'Brien, Toberlamina, and Patrick McGill, Ballyduff, tendered at £13:18s.

Myles Sunderland, Kilcorral, Castlebridge, tendered at £17.

Parle's Tender was accepted.

No.443: 400 Perches from North turn Garryvadden to turn at Ballinellard. Amount allowed £14.

William McGill, Ballingowan, Blackwater, who gave as his Sureties, Edward O'Brien of Toberlamina and Patrick McGill, Ballyduff, tendered at £11:9s.

Thomas O'Brien, Ballinellard, Blackwater, tendered at £13:4:10d.

Thomas Murphy, Ballinellard, Blackwater, tendered at £11:10s.

Myles Sunderland, Kilcorral, Castlebridge, tendered at £14.

William McGill's tender - the lowest - was accepted.

No.445: 270 Perches from turn at Ballyvaldon, Graveyard to turn at Knocknasilloge Landing. Amount allowed £7. No tender; given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.446: 400 Perches between turn at Killeagh and Knocknasilloge landing. Amount allowed £17.

Thomas Murphy, Ballinellard, Blackwater, who gave as his sureties Murth Murphy, Ballinellard, Blackwater and John Doyle, 12, Slaney Street, Enniscorthy, tendered at £16:5s.

This, the only tender, was accepted.



No.448: 415 Perches from turn at Inch House, Blackwater, road and Crosslaroe Cross roads to turn in Garryvadden Lower. Amount allowed £14.

Michael Murphy, Inch, Blackwater, who gave as his sureties James Murphy, Inch, Blackwater, and Michael Furlong, Ballyvaldon, tendered at £13.

Myles Sunderland, Kilcorral, Castlebridge, tendered at £14 and Thomas Murphy, Ballinellard, Blackwater, tendered at £13.

Michael Murphy's tender was accepted by lot as against that of Thomas Murphy.

No.449: 200 Perches between turn at Glebe and Crosslaroe Cross Roads. Amount allowed £7.

Murtha Murphy, Knockasillogue, Blackwater, who gave as his sureties Michael Brien, Inch, Blackwater and Michael Furlong, Ballyvaldon, tendered at £6:18s.

Accepted. There was no other tender.

No.490: 550 Perches between North Turn Clonroche and turn at Killegney. Amount allowed £27.

Edward Clancy, Tomfarney, Clonroche, who gave as his Sureties Patrick O'Neill, Rathurtin, Clonroche, and Matthew Larkin, Ballagh, Palace, tendered at the full amount £27.

Clancy's, which was the only tender, was accepted.

No.491: 385 Perches between Main Road at Tominearly and turn at Killegney. Amount allowed £17.

Edward Clancy, Tomfarney, Clonroche, who gave same Sureties as for No.490 tendered at £17, and was accepted, there being no other tender.

No.532: 420 Perches between Urban Boundary on Saville Road and turn at Brownswood. Amount allowed £10. No tender; given in charge of Co. Surveyor.



No.535: 305 Perches between Main road at Garrynisk, Oylegate and turn at Roperstown. Amount allowed £10.

John Kinsella, Scurloguesbush, Oylegate, who gave as his Sureties Joseph Newe, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, and John Nolan, Tomlane, Oylegate, tendered at £9.

Thomas O'Brien, Glenteigue, Edermine, tendered at £9:14:6d.

Kinsella's tender was accepted.

No.558: 260 Perches between turn at Ballymacoonogue and turn at Ballinamonabeg. Amount allowed £10.

Richard Britton, Ballymurray, The Ballagh, who gave as his sureties John Sinnott, Slievenagorea and Joseph Newe, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, tendered at £9:10s.

Patrick Murphy, Garrymile, The Ballagh, tendered at £10.

The tender of Richard Britton was accepted.

No.562: 335 Perches between turn in Coolamain and on No.549 - Aughar lane. Amount allowed £30.

Francis Cullen, Ballyrannell, Glenbrien, who gave same sureties as for No.422 tendered at £27:19s.

Patrick Kinsella, Coolamain, Oylegate, tendered at £28.

James Sinnott, Oylegate, tendered at £29:10s.

Cullen's tender was accepted.

No.1014: 220 Perches from East turn in Monglass to West Turn in Monglass to North of road 382. Amount allowed £8. No tender; given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.1017: 480 Perches between Bree National School and turn at Sparrowsland. Amount allowed £20.

William Waters, Raheenahone, Bree, who gave as his Sureties James Furlong, Tomfarney, Bree, and Michael Waters, Ballyeden, Clonroche, tendered at £20, amount allowed, and was accepted.



No.1018: 500 Perches between turn in Bree and turn in Kilgibbon through Knockduff. Amount allowed £20.

William Waters, Raheenahone, Bree, who gave same sureties as for No.1017, tendered at £20, amount allowed, and was accepted.

No.1019: 160 Perches between Main road at Ballyeden and turn at Road 487. Amount allowed £7.

William Waters, Raheenahone, Bree, who gave same sureties as for Nos. 1017 and 1018, tendered at £7, amount allowed, and was accepted.

#### HAULAGE TENDERS

A large number of haulage tenders was dealt with, the lowest satisfactory tender being accepted in each instance.

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## GOREY TENDERS' COMMITTEE

### ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS

Gorey Tenders' Committee met at Courthouse, Gorey, on 17th February, 1934, and considered tenders for Road and Haulage Contracts.

The following were present:- Messrs. T.F. D'Arcy, James Hall, Wm. Keegan, Sean O'Byrne, Col. Quin and M. Smyth.

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

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

### ROAD TENDERS

In all cases only one tender was received. Contracts are from 1st April, 1934, to 31st March, 1937.

No.102: Turn Coolgreany - Turn Ballyallon with Branch Turn Scarnagh Upper. 760 Perches. Amount allowed £13.

Richard Keegan, Ashwood, Arklow, who gave as his Sureties William Sharpe, Ashwood, Arklow, and Terence Dunne, Tomcoyle, Kilanerin, tendered at the full amount allowed and was accepted.

No.103: Turn Bolabradra - Turn Gorteen Upper and Turn Coolnagloose, Turn Knockbawn. 720 Perches. Amount allowed £24.

Patrick Kinsella, Market Square, Gorey, tendered at £23:15s. Sureties being Thomas Funge (Shopkeeper) and James Hempenstall, both of Main Street, Gorey.

Accepted.

No.104: Turn in Cullenogue, Main Road, Killybegs. 515 Perches. Amount allowed £14.

No Tender. Given in charge of the County Surveyor.



No.107: Turn Clones Upper to Sea at same. 260 Perches.  
Amount allowed £4.

No Tender. Given in charge of the County Surveyor.  
No.109: Turn at Ahare - Sea at Kilgorman. 240 Perches.  
Amount allowed £5.

No.Tender. Given in charge of the County Surveyor.  
No.181: Turn Kilttilahan - Turn Askamore. 215 Perches.  
Amount allowed £5.

Patrick Ormonde, Ballyellis, Carnew, tendered at full amount allowed - £5. He gave as Sureties, William Kinsella, Castlewhite, Carnew, and Edward Doran, Askamore, Carnew.

Accepted.

No.183: Turn Ballyellis - Turn Castlewhite. 540 Perches.  
Amount allowed £9.

Patrick Ormonde, Ballyellis, Carnew, tendered at £9, amount allowed. He gave the same Sureties as for Road No.181.

Accepted.

No.185: Turn Askamore - Turn Ballyduff. 750 Perches.  
Amount allowed £9. No Tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.1015: From Road No.133 in Kilcavan to Road No.134 in Ballinacarrig. 420 Perches. Amount allowed £17. No Tender. Given in charge of the County Surveyor.

#### HAULAGE TENDERS

A large number of haulage tenders was dealt with, the Committee accepting the lowest tender in all cases unless objection was made to the Tenderer not being satisfactory or as having already obtained haulage contracts to his capacity.

Mr. Keegan stated he would raise at the Co. Council meeting the question of people who held land being accepted as haulage Contractors.

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NEW ROSS TENDERS COMMITTEE

The meeting of New Ross Tenders Committee was held on 22nd February, 1934, in Courthouse, New Ross.

Mr. J. Brennan, presided, and there were also present Messrs. J. Cummins, T. Cooney, P. Colfer and M. Hickey.

The Secretary, County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors J.F. Birthistle, P. O'Neill and T. Cullen, were also in attendance.

ROAD CONTRACTS

From 1st April, 1934, to 31st March, 1937.

No.468: 640 Perches. Turn Gurrawn - Cummer Village. Amount allowed £9.

John Joyce, Templeudigan, Ballywilliam, New Ross, tendered at the amount allowed, and gave as his Sureties James Doyle, Templeudigan, Ballywilliam, and John Murphy, John Street, New Ross.

This, being the only tender was accepted.

No.469: 260 Perches. Main Road, Ballywilliam - Turn Mountain Road, Templeudigan. Amount allowed £7.

The only tender received was from John Joyce, Templeudigan, Ballywilliam, who tendered at amount allowed. He gave the same sureties as for No.468.

Accepted.

No.470: 310 Perches. Turn Meelgarrow House - Ballindoney Cross Roads. Amount allowed £9.

Peter Somers, Ballindoney, Ballywilliam, tendered at £8:7:6d. and gave as Sureties, Thomas McGrath, Ballygalvert, and Nicholas McGrath, Ballindoney.

Patrick Flynn, Ballindoney, Ballywilliam, tendered at full amount.

The lower tender was accepted.

No.472: 670 Perches. S.Turn, Clonleigh - E.Turn Knockstown, and Branch to Main Road. Amount allowed £9.



Martin Wickham, Forestwood, Palace, tendered at £8:15s. giving as Sureties John French, South Street, New Ross, and Martin Connors, North Street, New Ross.

This, the only tender was accepted.

No.473: 340 Perches. Middle Turn, Clonleigh, Turn Ballygalvert. Amount allowed £20.

Peter Somers, Ballindoney, Ballywilliam, tendered at £18:18s., giving as Sureties, Thomas English, Ballindoney, and Thomas McGrath, Ballygalvert.

Moses Leary tendered at £18:19s. and Richard McGrath, at £19:15s.

Peter Somers' tender, being the lowest, was accepted. No.573: 540 Perches. Turn Ballyleigh - Turn near Poulmounty Bridge. Amount allowed £7.

John Joyce, Templeudigan, Ballywilliam, who tendered at full amount allowed gave same sureties as for No.468, and was accepted.

No.575: 880 Perches. Main Road, Ballyanne, two places - Turn Gobbinstown and Branch Main Road, Ballynabanogue. Amount allowed £14.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.580: 325 Perches. Turn Maudlins - Main Road near Talbot Hall. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.599: 580 Perches. Turn Railway Bridge, Aughnaglogh - Turn in Oldcourt; amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.602: 280 Perches. Turn North Courthoyle New - Courthoyle Cross Roads. Amount allowed £10.

The only tender received was that from John Butler, Newbawn, at £9:5s. His Sureties were Joseph Dunphy, Newbawn, Wexford, and Michael Carty, Ballylannon, Cushinstown. Accepted.



No.603: 340 Perches. Turn Raheenacloonagh. Turn Courthoyle Old. Amount allowed £10.

John Butler, Newbawn, tendered at £9:5s. giving same sureties as for No.602.

Bryan Freaney, tendered at full amount allowed.

Butler's tender being the lower was accepted.

No.604: 525 Perches. Turn Raheenacloonagh - Main Road Carrigbyrne. Amount allowed £10.

The tender of John Butler, Newbawn, was accepted at £9:5s; Sureties being same as for No.603.

No.605: 500 Perches. Turn near Aughaloe Bridge - Turn Carrigbyrne Lodge. Amount allowed £9.

The only tender received was from John Butler, Newbawn, at £8:10s., his Sureties being same as No.603 and 604.

Accepted.

No.661: 390 Perches. New Ross Urban Boundary - Turn Arnestown. £7 amount allowed.

Patrick Connors, Ballylane, New Ross, tendered at full amount allowed, giving as Sureties Michael Carty, Ballylannon and Samuel Elmes, Rochestown, Ballynaboola.

This was the only tender and was accepted.

No.662: 546 Perches. Ballymacar Road - Turn near Park School. Amount allowed £15.

Nicholas Lennon, Meyler's Park, New Ross, tendered at full amount allowed. He gave as Sureties Edward Colfer, South Street, New Ross and James Prendergast, Quay, New Ross.

Accepted.

No.666: 630 Perches. N.Turn Camblin and Main Road, Oldcourt, Turn Creacon Upper and W.Turn in Camblin. Amount allowed £7.

Patrick Whitty, Camblin, New Ross, tendered at £6:16s.



and gave as Sureties John Whitty, Camblin, New Ross, and Patrick Hanlon, Ballyverogue, Campile.

This, which was the only tender, was accepted.

No.668: 300 Perches. Turn Arnestown - Turn Finchogue.  
Amount allowed £7.

The only tender received was that from Nicholas Lennon, Meyler's Park, New Ross, at full amount allowed; his Sureties being Edward Colfer, South Street, New Ross, and James Pender, Quay, New Ross.

Accepted.

No.669: 390 Perches. Turn Ballylane East - Turn Meyler's Park Village. Amount allowed £4.

Patrick Connors, Ballylane, New Ross, tendered at full amount allowed. His Sureties were the same as for No.661.

Accepted.

No.684: 880 Perches. Turn Landscape - Turn in Dunganstown and Branch to Main Line in Ballinteskin. Amount allowed £10.

No Tender, given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.688: 280 Perches. End of 671 Pilltown Pier. Amount allowed £4.

No tender, given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.689: 460 Perches. Burnt School Cross Roads - Main Road Ballinamona through Priesthaggard. Amount allowed £9.

No tender, given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

No.690: 320 Perches. Fisherstown Turn - Dollar Point.  
Amount allowed £4.

James O'Connor, Great Island, Campile, tendered at full amount allowed, his Sureties being Richard Walsh, Camblin, New Ross, and William Power, Ballinteskin, New Ross.

This being the only tender was accepted.



No. 691: 260 Perches. Turn Great Island Rectory - River at Newtown. Amount allowed £4.

Only one tender was received, that of James O'Connor, Great Island, Campile, at the full amount allowed. His Sureties were the same as for No. 690.

Accepted.

No. 692: 420 Perches. Turn in Great Island - River opposite Cheekpoint. Amount allowed £4.

James O'Connor, Great Island, Campile, tendered at full amount allowed, giving same Sureties as for Nos. 690 and 691.

Accepted.

No. 693: 530 Perches. Main Road Ballinteskinn - Turn in Ballybrazil. Amount allowed £7.

Patrick Connors, Ballylane, New Ross, tendered at full amount allowed, giving same Sureties as No. 661 and 669. Accepted.

No. 695: 340 Perches. Turn Ballysop - Main Road, Ballykelly. Amount allowed £9.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

No. 697: 270 Perches. Turn Bawnacrooka - Turn Aclamon. Amount allowed £7.

No tender, given in charge of County Surveyor.

No. 698: 220 Perches. Ballykerogue more Crossroads - Turn Ballybrazil. Amount allowed £4.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

No. 725: 360 Perches. Turn Gusserane School - Turn Boley. Amount allowed £20.

The only tender received was that of Michael Kinsella, Boley, Ballycullane, at £18:14s. He gave as Sureties Martin Rossiter and Luke Day, both of Boley.

Accepted.



No.742: 575 Perches. Turn near Ballyshannon Bridge - Turn Assagart. Amount allowed £7.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.743: 280 Perches. Turn Assagart - Turn Shanoule. Amount allowed £17.

James Clegg, Shanoule, Foulksmills, tendered at £15:14s giving as his sureties, Patrick O'Brien, Dungulph, and Michael Kinsella, Boley.

Accepted.

No.748: 425 Perches. N.Turn Horetown North - Goffs Bridge. Amount allowed £13.

A tender was received from Marks Hanlon, Clongeen, Foulksmills, at £12:19s., his Sureties being Brian Berney, Clongeen, and Aidan Creane, Clonerane, Taghmon.

As this was the only tender it was accepted.

No.749: 510 Perches. S.Turn, Horetown North - Turn Hillburn. Amount allowed £7.

No tender; given in charge of the Co. Surveyor.

No.751: 265 Perches. Turn Raheenduff - Horetown Church. Amount allowed £4.

Marks Hanlon, Clongeen tendered at £6:19s., but as the amount allowed was only £4, the tender was rejected.

No.800: 680 Perches. Turn Knookea - Turn Coole. Amount allowed £7.

Patrick Murray, Killesk, Campile, tendered at full amount, giving as his Sureties, Patrick Forristal, South Street, New Ross, and Martin O'Connor, North Street, New Ross.

Accepted.

No.801: 330 Perches. Turn Rathimney - Turn Drillistown. Amount allowed £8.

No tender; given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.804: 200 Perches. No.674 - Nook Bay. Amount allowed £4.



No tender; given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.805: 380 Perches. Road 806 - River below Buttermilk Point.  
Amount allowed £4.

No tender; given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

No.830: 305 Perches. Turn, Kinnagh Cross Roads, S.Turn  
Coolroe. Amount allowed £8.

John Slator, Sheilbaggan, Ramsgrange, tendered at £7:15s.  
giving as his Sureties Patrick O'Neill, Sheilbaggan, and  
John Murphy, Bridge Street, New Ross.

John Slator's tender was accepted.

No.831: 320 Perches. Turn Taylorstown - Turn Ballycullane.  
Amount allowed £5.

No tender; given in charge of the Co. Surveyor.

No.834: 830 Perches. Main Road Clonmines -Cross roads,  
Tallaught by Windmill. Amount allowed £20.

Michael Roche, Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge, who  
tendered at full amount allowed, was accepted. His Sureties  
were Patrick Walsh and Michael Roche, both of Clonmines,  
Wellingtonbridge.

No.847: 320 Perches. Garrycullen Cross Roads - Turn Tintern.  
Amount allowed £6.

Only one tender was received that of Maurice Fitzgerald,  
St. Kierans, Saltmills, who tendered at £5. He gave as his  
Sureties James Creane, Ballygarrett, Saltmills, and  
Patrick Walsh, Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge.

Accepted.

No.849: 210 Perches. Turn Ballygarrett - Turn Gorteens.  
Amount allowed £4.

Philip Kennedy, Gurtins, Saltmills, tendered at full  
amount allowed and gave as Sureties P. O'Brien, Dungulph,  
and William Clegg, Kilbride.

Kennedy's tender was accepted.



No.852: 370 Perches. Turn near Templeboy, Oldcastle - Turn Kilbride. Amount allowed £5.

Clement Molloy, Battlestown, Ramsgrange, tendered at full amount allowed and was accepted. His Sureties were James Crean, Ballygarrett, and William Clegg, Kilbride, Ramsgrange.

No.872: 250 Perches. Turn Road in Connagh. Turn in Ralph. Amount allowed £4.

Thomas Mallon, Ramstown, Fethard-on-Sea, tendered at £3:18:11d. His Sureties were F. Duffin, Ramstown, Fethard-on-Sea, and William Devereux, Lambstown, Fethard-on-Sea.

Accepted.

No.875: 410 Perches. Turn near Ladyswell Bridge - Cliff Road, Pettit's Bay. Amount allowed £4.

Thomas Mallon, Ramstown, Fethard-on-Sea, who tendered at £3:19s. was accepted, giving same Sureties as for No.872.

No.1023: 220 Perches. From Smithy in Forristalstown to Turn in Rathfarden. Amount allowed £8.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

#### HAULAGE TENDERS

A number of haulage tenders were accepted.

Mr. Cooney considered that the Committee should in no case accept mechanical haulage, where horse haulage, even at a higher figure, was available.

The Secretary pointed out that the Committee were bound to accept the lowest satisfactory tender.

Mr. Cooney argued from the point of view of meeting unemployment and saving the surface of the roads, horse haulage should be accepted.

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WEXFORD TENDERS COMMITTEE

Wexford Tenders Committee met on 24th February, 1934, in Courthouse, Wexford.

Present - Miss O'Ryan (presiding) and Mr. James Gaul.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, Assistant Surveyors T. Cullen and J.F. Birthistle were in attendance.

ROAD CONTRACTS

From 1st April, 1934, to 31st March, 1937.

No.893: 575 Perches. Turn Kilcavan - Quitchery Cross-Roads and Branch to Turn Whitty's Hill. Amount allowed £13.

No tender: given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.976: 470 Perches. Turn Sallystown - Murrintown. Amount allowed £8.

Benjamin Wilson, Ablintown, Ballycogley, tendered at £7:10s., and gave as Sureties, Peter Kelly, South Main Street, Wexford, and John Cullimore, South Main Street, Wexford.

James Boggan, Walshestown, Ballycogley, tendered at full amount allowed.

The lower tender was accepted.

HAULAGE TENDERS

A large number of tenders for haulage was disposed of, the Committee allowing a slight preference to horse over mechanical haulage.

In the case of tenders for horse haulage the most satisfactory tender was accepted in each case.

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The following haulage tenders for No.12 were submitted from New Ross Tenders Committee:-

1. E. Kehoe, Templeudigan, New Ross. 6d. per cubic yard.  
(Lorry) Total....£4: 0: 0d
2. James Lannan, Clodiagh, Innistioge, Co.Kilkenny. (8d)  
(Lorry) Total....£5: 6: 8d
3. Patrick Doran, Rathgarogue, Ballywilliam, New Ross. (9d)  
(Horse) Total....£6: 0: 0d
4. Laurence Harrington, Courthoyle, Raheen. (9d)  
(Horse) Total....£6: 0: 0d
5. Thomas Kennedy, Arnestown, New Ross. (10d)  
(Horse) Total....£6:13: 4d.

The Secretary read Section 61 (2) of Local Government Act 1925 for the guidance of the Council.

Mr. Cooney strongly advocated acceptance of horse haulage tender and proposed the acceptance of the tender of Patrick Doran, Rathgarogue, at £6.

Mr. Colfer seconded.

The Chairman said that Mr. Cooney should be prepared to justify his action in accepting the highest tender before the Auditor.

After further discussion Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following resolution:+"That the tenders for haulage in New Ross district No.12 work be referred to the County Surveyor to accept the lowest and most satisfactory tender."

The Chairman took a show of hands on this motion and as 15 (fifteen) voted for, he declared it carried.

#### VACANCIES ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee recommended the appointment of the following to fill three vacancies on the Committee:-

Rev. John O'Connor, C.C., Duncannon, Rev. W.B. Furlong, Rector, Bannow, and Mr. James J. Bowe, Kiltaly.



Mr. Corish proposed and Col. Gibbon seconded the following resolution:- "That Rev. John O'Connor and Rev. W.B. Furlong be appointed to two of the vacancies on Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee."

Mr. McCarthy moved that the vacancies be dealt with individually.

This was seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following:- "That Rev. W.B. Furlong, Rector, Bannow, be appointed a member of the Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee."

Passed.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Hickey seconded the appointment of Rev. John O'Connor, C.C., Duncannon, to the second vacancy, while Mr. McCarthy proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the appointment of Mr. Michael Kehoe, National Teacher, Glynn.

A Vote was taken with the following result:-

FOR: Fr. O'Connor:- Messrs. Colfer, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hickey, O'Ryan, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman. (9)

FOR Mr. Kehoe:- Messrs. Armstrong, Brennan, Culleton, Clinee, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Kelly, McCarthy and O'Byrne. (11)

Messrs. Hall and Keegan (2) did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr. Kehoe elected.

For the third vacancy Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Clinee seconded the appointment of Mr. Kelly, County Councillor.

Mr. Brennan proposed and Mr. Hickey seconded the appointment of Mr. Bowe.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR Mr. Kelly:- Messrs. Armstrong, Clinee, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Kelly, Hayes, Keegan, Gaul and O'Ryan. (11)

FOR Mr. Bowe:- Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, Gibbon, Hall, Hickey, McCarthy, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman. (9).



Messrs. D'Arcy and O'Byrne (2) did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr. Kelly elected.

#### CO. LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That as recommended by Co. Library Committee, Rev. W.B. Furlong, Rector, Bannow, be appointed a Member of this Committee vice Rev. T. Talbot, Rector, New Ross, resigned."

#### LOAN OF £5000 WATER SUPPLY BUNCLODY

The following motion of which he had given previous notice (and which had been circulated to the Members of County Council on 2nd February, 1934) was moved by Mr. Hall:-

"That the County Council consents to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £5,000 (five Thousand Pounds) for the installation of a water Supply for the Village of Bunclody."

Mr. Gaul seconded.

The Chairman said it was proposed that the area of Charge should be the District of Enniscorthy.

Col. Gibbon said that the public of Bunclody should understand that if they put in a water supply there would be a demand for a sewerage system at very high cost. The County Council should call a meeting of ratepayers and explain the matter fully to them.

The Chairman said that the County Board of Health advertised for objections to the Scheme and had not received any. The Chairman of the Health Board was at first opposed to the Scheme as he considered the levy should fall on Enniscorthy and Gorey districts combined.

Mr. D'Arcy said all these schemes should be hung up until there was a definite improvement in the state of the country.



The Chairman said he agreed with Mr. D'Arcy but in this case no one on whom the levy would fall made any objection. He was fighting the imposition of compelling a levy for the sewerage Scheme for Rosslare and would fight it to the bitter end.

Mr. Cooney said that one-third of the cost of the Scheme was covered by Government Grant.

After further discussion a poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, Kelly, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan and Quin. (15)

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy and Smyth. (4)

Declined Voting:- Col. Gibbon, Mr. Hickey and the Chairman. (3)

The motion was declared carried.

#### FIRE AT COUNTY HALL

The following under date 10th March, 1934, was read from George Sinnott, Foreman-in-Charge of West Wing, County Hall, reconstruction work:-

"I beg to report that on Friday 9th instant, John Butler, painter, was engaged distempering the Vocational Education portion of the County Hall building. The linoleum being laid on the floor, the painter thought it necessary to cover the linoleum for protection against paint drops using large sheets of brown paper in doing so.

"Between the hours of 1 o'clock and 2 o'clock (dinner hour) when all workmen were off the building, some person or persons entered the building and dropped lighting matches on the floor causing the paper to ignite, and damaging about ten superficial yards of linoleum. About a dozen spent matches were found strewn on the floor.

"The painter is a non-smoker and had no occasion for



"the use of matches, and no other person worked in this particular room for over an hour prior to 1 o'clock.

John Quirke, labourer, was the first to return to the building, and he found the paper in a regular blaze. He immediately extinguished it, and reported the matter to me at 2 o'clock.

"No persons were seen around the building."

The County Surveyor said he had taken precautions against a recurrence of the incident, as well as having the premises closed to the public during dinner hour. The fire was supposed to have occurred through the carelessness of people who were inspecting the new reconstruction work and who threw half extinguished matches to the floor.

#### ROAD GRANT

Under date 21st February, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote that a payment of £2556 in respect of Road Maintenance Grant of £11603 had been made to the County Treasurer on 19th February, 1934.

#### FORD OF LYNG

Mr. Culleton said that he came across Mr. Meldon, one of the owners of South Slob, in Dublin the previous week, and Mr. Meldon raised the question of having a settlement arrived at as regards the Ford of Lyng. Mr. Meldon stated he would be prepared to go further than his first offer.

Miss O'Ryan said they should welcome a satisfactory settlement of any kind, and suggested that the case might go to arbitration.

The Chairman said they would be all pleased to have a settlement outside Court as the legal proceedings would involve the Council in a large sum.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, suggested that Mr. Meldon



and some others concerned with his side of the case should meet the Finance Committee or a special Committee appointed for the purpose.

Col. Gibbon said the great objection made to the previous offer of the Slob owners was that it provided for the future maintenance of the place by the County Council and of course there was also the fact that the amount offered in settlement was not enough. The slob owners contended that their liability went only as far as the new bridge but the Council held it went to Ballybro and nearly to Milltown.

The Chairman said a settlement was the proper thing if it could be effected, but he would not agree to the Council taking over the future maintenance of the place as no one would know where it might land them.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin:- "That the County Councillors of Wexford County Electoral Area be appointed a Committee to discuss with Mr. Meldon and any other representatives of the owners of South Wexford Sloblands the question of the Ford of Lyng with a view to arriving at a satisfactory settlement."

#### DREDGING SOUTH WEXFORD HARBOURS

The following under date 22nd February, 1934, (D/50/14) was read from the Department of Lands and Fisheries:-

"In reply to your letter of 26th January, 1934, on the subject of certain fishery harbours in South Wexford I am directed by the Minister for Lands and Fisheries to state that dredging is needed at Ballyhack, Duncannon and Slade. These harbours are understood to be in the charge of the County Council which body is responsible for their care and maintenance including dredging. The Department



"has no funds at its disposal out of which the cost of dredging harbours could be met."

Mr. Corish said he had tabled a question in the Dail to try and ascertain if a Grant towards the cost of dredging these harbours would be available.

Mr. Cummins said that when Mr. Denis Allen was T.D., he met the representatives of the fishing industry with the Parish Priest and Curate and he said he had a promise or guarantee from one of the Ministers that Ballyhack would be done.

Mr. Corish said he had put down a question that as the County Council had no funds at their disposal for the purpose would the Government be prepared to advance the necessary amount to enable the fishermen to get in and out of the harbours.

Col. Gibbon said that the proposal that the County Council should carry out this work would mean very heavy expense. The County Surveyor should prepare a survey and estimate of the cost of the dredging of the harbours in question.

This suggestion was agreed to.

Mr. Elgee said that Ballyhack belonged to the Waterford Harbour Commissioners and not to the Wexford County Council.

#### ROAD WORKS SCHEME, 1934/35

The following under date 14th February, 1934, (R/RGM/32) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant forwarding a copy of a resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council at their meeting the previous day adhering to their decision to provide a sum of only £40,000 under all heads for road



"work in the coming financial year; and to inform you that in the circumstances no grant towards the upkeep of main roads for the year 1934/35 can be allotted to the County Council.

"The position as regards an Improvement Grant for the ensuing financial year will also call for revision in the light of the Council's decision."

The following under date 7th March, 1934, (R/RGM/32) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant stating that the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council inquire whether a Main Road Upkeep Grant of 40% would be allowed if the County Council increased their allocation for the maintenance of Main Roads by £8,000 and for that of County Roads by £500, thus bringing the total sum allowed under the Road Works Scheme to £48,500, and to say that the Minister regrets he could not see his way to authorise the making of an upkeep grant on such figures. It is to be noted that when three years ago the estimated sum required for the upkeep of main roads was £32,162, the County Council allowed £25,405, while the estimated sum for the ensuing financial year is £41,374 for main road upkeep the Council would, even if they increased their original allowance for main roads by £8,000, allow only £21,239. The Minister is not prepared to notify a Main Road Upkeep Grant unless the Council on reconsideration allow at least approximately, for the upkeep of main and County roads respectively, the sums allowed in the current financial year."

The Secretary said that the reason the Finance Committee asked the question was that if the Department



had agreed to the £48,500 the Council would have got the £8,500 back and would not have been spending any more from the rates than £40,000.

In reply to the Chairman, the County Surveyor said that to qualify for the grant would mean it would be necessary for the Council to give about £4,000 more. Last year they estimated for £55,000 odd and got £11,000 back, leaving approximately £44,000 to be raised from the rates.

Miss O'Ryan - If you spend the same as last year you will get the same grant?

Secretary - Yes.

Col. Gibbon - Supposing we strike the same rate as last year I want to know if we have any guarantee that the grant will amount to £11,000?

Col. Quin - I personally cannot see any guarantee in what has been read out.

Secretary - If you provide the same rate as last year you will get it.

Col. Gibbon asked if, taking into consideration the amounts for agricultural relief and the estimates for public Health and the Mental Hospital and everything else, the rate to be raised for all purposes in the County would be higher than last year. He said he would like to see the road estimate increased, if they could possibly increase it, so as to increase the amount spent amongst the workers of the County, but at the same time what they had got to look at was what the farmer was able to pay. He did not think there was a single man in the room who would deny that the farmers were in a worse position this year than last year, and, that being the case, were they able to pay even the same rate as last year? If they did not give some relief for the roads, what other brand of the County work could they give relief for? How much would the farmer have to pay?



Mr. Cummins said that if they did not agree to spend another £4000 on the roads to come from the rates they would lose the Government Grant of over £11,000.

In reply to Mr. D'Arcy the Assistant Secretary said that the rate would be the same approximately as for last year. The Health Board's estimate was down by £1,000 and the Mental Hospital estimate by £800, but public works were up by £1,539, and the Vocational Education Committee's Estimate by £400. The increases were approximately equal to the decreases. If the Council agreed to spend the same on the roads this year as last year the rates would, approximately, be the same.

Col. Gibbon said he would like to see the money spent amongst the workers as much as possible, but the money for main roads would be very largely expended on tar.

Mr. D'Arcy - Approximately £4,000 was spent last year on tar.

Col. Gibbon - And if we provide it, really the workers would not be getting the whole of that money; it would be spent on tar. I think the Government should recognise that times are not as good and should give us a proper grant on some little reduction, and give the farmers and people, who have to do with agriculture some little encouragement by some lowering of the agricultural rates.

The Co. Surveyor said he thought that if the Council put up the extra money a large proportion, at any rate, should go on what were called link roads - second-class main roads.

Mr. Keegan - Would not that relieve the question of tar?

Co. Surveyor - The amount of money spent on the trunk roads a few years ago was a very large proportion of the main road expenditure, but these roads are dealt with now, and in the last year or so we have been spending a good



deal of money allocated to the second-class main roads - link roads.

Mr. Hayes - It will be absolutely necessary to expend money on tar on some of the roads that have been rolled. If not they will tear up.

The following resolution was ~~pro~~posed by Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That, as obtained in financial year 1933/34, a sum of £55,755 be allocated under Road Works Scheme for financial year 1934/35 provided that a maintenance Grant of £11,603, amount of Government Grant, be forthcoming."

Chairman - I wish to say that I am totally opposed to this increase, for the reason that I think we are treated most arbitrarily by the Local Government Department. They could give you a grant on the rate struck just as readily as on this one. It is a matter of removing us altogether. For two or three meetings we decided on a certain amount to spend on roads, and this is the big rod they hold over us now - that they will not give us a grant. It is not alone this year they have done this, but in connection with former rates. They are totally liable for the withholding of the Grant, and not the County Council. The Government know as well as we know the state of the country at present. They know we are not as well off as in other years.

Proceeding, the Chairman referred to farmers with houses full of cattle and to the difficulty of getting money to carry on. He added that, therefore, he would vote against the proposition to spend the same amount of money on roads this year as last year, though he would like to see money spent in the County. He held no one to blame in the matter only the Local Government Department and the Government.

Col. Quin - It is up to the officials to try to get



as much as they can for the roads, and they are trying to bluff us into this.

Chairman - Are you going to stand by the bluff all the time?

Mr. Cummins said that no matter what they said about bluff the fact remained that they would not get the grant unless they put up the rate, and would not it be false economy to lose £11,00 for the sake of £4,000? He agreed that the Government could give them a grant on £20,000 or on nothing, but they had not done it, and they were the Government.

Chairman - Why do we come here at all?

Mr. Cummins - That is the point. I thought they were preparing the way to put a man here <sup>who</sup> ~~would~~ would carry out their wishes.

Chairman - Does anyone say the roads are going to take as much this year as last? You have had the finest winter for generations, and the roads were never in better condition at this time of the year. I agree that you could spend £80,000, but in times like these I think it is up to officials to try to economise as much as the Council.

Mr. Cooney referred to people coming along and wanting more money spent on roads.

The Chairman said they could do with worse roads now with less rates. They had very few deputations wanting more money spent on the roads.

Col. Gibbon said that the money the Government was holding up was not raised in ordinary taxation. It was a very heavy taxation put on the motorists to pay for the upkeep of roads. The immense cost thrown on the Council for the upkeep of roads was due to motors, and the motorists in the County were paying the Government for it, and now the Government were taking up the attitude that they were



not going to give the Council the money because they were not spending as much as in the past. If he remembered correctly, when Mr. Quigley, Inspector, came to talk about all the work on the Enniscorthy road, and when the Council put up money for various schemes, the Council were told it was a good investment for them and that there would be reduced rates in coming years. They had had an exceptionally fine twelve months and there was very small damage to roads, and yet the Government took up the attitude of going back of what their inspectors told them, and said that unless the Council spent as in the past they were going to hold back the money and give it to somebody else.

Mr. Cooney remarked that motors and lorries were the curse of the country.

A poll on Mr. O'Byrne's motion resulted as follows:  
FOR:- Messrs. Armstrong, Clinee, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, Kelly, O'Byrne and O'Ryan. (12)  
AGAINST:- Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Hickey, McCarthy, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman. (10).

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

#### CURRACLOE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

The following was submitted by Mr. Philip Tobin, Hon. Secretary to above Association:-

"In view of the approaching Tourist Season we request that the following public works be carried out on the roads at Curracloe:

(a) Road from Curracloe Village to Strand. This road is in a bad state of repair and resurfacing is urgently required.

(b) Road from Cloney's Corner to Strand. Sections of this road are very narrow and two motor vehicles are unable to pass. We request that widening operations be carried out so that two lines of traffic can be accommodated.

(c) We request that a sign board pointing the route to Curracloe be erected on the existing sign post at Fahy's



"Cross. (d) We request that danger signs be erected at the dangerous bend at Cloney's Corner and another at the bend near Mr. John (Creane) Murphy's on the road leading to the House of the Steward of Slob."

The following attended as a deputation:-  
Messrs. John (Creane) Murphy, Richard Neville, Matthew Murphy and John O'Connor.

The Co. Surveyor said the roads in question were difficult to maintain owing to sandy sections. With regard to portion from Cloney's Corner to the Strand which required widening the County Council had no funds for the work. An application had been made to the Tourist Association to endeavour to obtain a Government Grant for the improvement of the Curracloe Roads.

Mr. Cullen said that the specified tonnage on the road, 30 cubic yards, from Curracloe Village to the Strand was not sufficient to maintain it particularly for the Summer Season.

Mr. Gaul said that £1,100 of Government Grant had been spent on the road from Fahy's Cross to Curracloe but this portion was not dealt with on account of lack of funds.

The Co. Surveyor said that more money would have to be allowed for this road than was allocated last year.

Mr. Culleton said that the Development Association pointed out that there was increasing traffic to Curracloe and that a hotel was about being started near a narrow section. Other seaside places were having good roads and Curracloe should not be neglected in this respect.

The Co. Surveyor said it would cost £400 or £500 to carry out the proposals of the Development Association, but £50 would serve a very useful purpose at the moment.

Mr. Corish said if the Council decided to spend £40 or £50 he would raise at next meeting of the Tourist



Development Association the advisability of approaching the Government for a Grant for the improvement of the Curracloe Roads.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded the following resolution which was passed unanimously:-

"That an extra £50 be spent on the untreated portion of Curracloe Road."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That representations be made to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for a Grant for improvement of the road in Curracloe area. That the Tourist Development Association be requested to help the County Council in this matter."

Mr. Culleton in reply to the Chairman said he was not in a position to state that the necessary land to widen one of the roads would be given free but he believed there would be no difficulty experienced on this point. He then proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:- "That Mr. Corish, T.D., be requested to use his influence with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in furthering the application of the Council for allocation of State Grant for the improvement of Roads in Curracloe district."

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, was instructed to make a report as to how best the £50 allocated at meeting could be spent and the County Surveyor was requested to prepare a short report as to what amounts would be necessary to bring the untreated portion of the road up to the standard of road recently improved.

MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES VOTE

BALLYCAPOGUE LANE:- Mr. Richard Dillon, Harpoonstown, Bridgetown, came before the meeting to advocate the repair of Ballycappogue Lane under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

With three others there were 160 acres held by them



without any other approach. They had their rent and rates paid. There was 45% of the land tilled. There were a forge and Garage connected with the lane and it also carried traffic to a Corn-mill.

Col. Gibbon advocated the granting of the request of Mr. Dillon.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Armstrong:- "That Ballycappogue Lane (Bridgetown District) be scheduled for consideration for repairs under Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin:- "That applications in connection with the following be scheduled for consideration under Minor Relief Schemes Vote when funds under this Vote become available:-

Newcastle Lane (Newbawn to Little Cullenstown); Tinnick Lane (The Ballagh); Ballyrannell Lane; Ballindoney Lane and Bleach Lane (Monasootha)."

#### CASTLEBRIDGE ROAD WORKERS

Mr. Culleton said that some road-workers who lived in Castlebridge and who had been employed on the relief work at Curraclloe Road wished to come before the meeting in connection with their employment. They appeared to think they were entitled to more money than they had received.

It was decided to refer the complaint to the Finance Committee for consideration at meeting to be held on 15th March, 1934.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman said that as several Members had to attend a meeting of the Co. Board of Health the remainder of the business of the Co. Council would be adjourned to the meeting to be held on 9th April, 1934.

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*Michael Doyle*



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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 9th April, 1934.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, T.F. D'Arcy, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Hickey, Michael Jordan, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for the following were examined and signed:- Loans A/c £2000 - Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts: Salaries £352:16:8d: Miscellaneous Payments - General A/c £9541:17:7d; and Transfers to Public Bodies £32,242.

#### VOTES OF SYMPATHY

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin:- "That reply to vote of condolence to Mr. Jordan in the death of his uncle be recorded on this day's Minutes."

The following is the reply:-

"Will you please convey my sincere thanks to your Council for their kind Vote of sympathy. I desire also to thank you personally and through you the staff for their kind sympathy."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That a vote of sympathy be adopted to Mr. James Gaul, County Councillor,



"in the death of his uncle the late Mr. Frank Wadding, who was for a number of years Caretaker of County Hall and premises and who performed his duties efficiently and with general satisfaction."

AGREEMENT TO RATES FOR  
GENERAL & SEPARATE CHARGES FOR  
FINANCIAL YEAR 1934-35

The following statement was issued by the Secretary to County Councillors on 4th April, 1934:-

"I enclose Forms 42 & 43 with explanatory Table giving particulars of the Rates for General and Separate Charges recommended by the Finance Committee for the year 1934/35.

"The Health Board Demands show a net decrease of £1096 and the Mental Hospital Demand a decrease of £880.

"The Estimate of the Vocational Education Committee is increased by £410. In addition the sum of £68 must be provided towards the Superannuation allowance of Ex Manual Instructor.

"The allocation for Public Works is increased by £1539.

"The General Rate recommended by the Finance Committee is  $8/7\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £. the same as last year. (The occupiers of Agricultural Land will not be assessed on Land Valuations at this rate, which applies only to Buildings.)

"The Finance Committee did not make any provision for reduction in Bank Overdraft, the sanctioned limit of which is £40,000. I recommended the inclusion of £10,000 under this head but the Finance Committee rejected the proposal.

"The sum deducted from the Agricultural Grant for year ended 31st March, 1934, in respect of arrears of Land Purchase Annuities is £12543. The Finance Committee decided not to raise this sum in the current year. I would point out, however that if the amount of the deficiency is not included in the Estimates the financial position of the Council will be jeopardised. On the recommendation of the Finance Committee



"the sum to be raised off Agricultural Land will be £12,500 less than for last financial year.

"There is, in addition, an extra Agricultural Grant to be allocated for 1934/35 the amount of which has not yet been fixed. It is anticipated, however, that it will be approximately £8000. If this allocation reaches the anticipated amount the County Budget for 1934/35 will, on the figures recommended by the Finance Committee, show a reduction of approximately £20,500 as compared with 1933/34, this reduction being applicable to land only.

"As explained at last meeting the Agricultural Grant is being applied on a new basis for current year.

"In accordance with instructions from Local Government Department, Forms have now been despatched to Ratepayers (whose land Valuations exceed £20) on which to make returns of Male Farm Workers etc."

The following Extract from Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting of 15th March, 1934, was read:-

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the County Council be recommended to approve of estimate for County Services in respect of financial year 1934/35 as submitted to this meeting."

"The Secretary strongly recommended the Committee in view of the instruction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health as to a substantial reduction in the limit of overdraft viz. £40,000, to allocate a sum of £10,000 in reduction of amount of overdraft seeing that assessment on Agricultural Land for 1934/35 would be £21,000 less than for financial year 1933/34. From a business point of view it was most desirable there should be a reduction in amount of overdraft. The Council were unable at present to meet in advance the quarterly instalments of Demands of Subsidiary



"Bodies as required by Statute.

"The meeting, while recognising that it would be advisable to reduce the overdraft, could not see their way to accept the recommendation of the Secretary owing to the poor financial position of the ratepayers.

"A resolution was then unanimously adopted recommending the Council to agree to the same general rate for year 1934/35 as obtained for 1933/34 viz. 8/7½d in the £. as this rate was sufficient to meet the County Council's requirements for the year with the exception of the item of £10,000 for reduction of overdraft.

"The Secretary's Estimate for Separate Charges was approved.

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That in view of satisfactory reports from Co. Secretary and Co. Surveyor the usual increments of salary be recommended to the following members of Co. Council Staff, viz:-

"J.H. Cadogan £10; J. Maloney £7:10s; S. Hayes £7:10s; P.M. Donohoe £5, and Miss D.B. Killeen £5. (Co. Council Offices), and T. Moore £10; D. Radford £7:10s., and Miss E. Norton £5. (Co. Surveyor's Office)."

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That annual estimates of Rates for General and Separate Charges in respect of financial year 1934/35 be dealt with at meeting of County Council on 9th April, 1934.

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to extend the time for agreeing to the rate estimate for year 1934/35 to 9th April, 1934." "

Under date 5th April, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.Loach Garman Fa) that the Minister sanctioned pursuant to Article 3 of the Public



Bodies Order, 1925, such departure from the terms of that Order as would enable the Co. Council to adopt the Rate for the service of the year 1934/35 by a date not later than 9th April, 1934.

The following extract from Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on 29th March, 1934, was read:-

"The Department of Local Government and Public Health forwarded Pay Order for £5,450 in respect of Agricultural Grant and stated all particulars of the deductions in respect of defaulting land annuitants would be forwarded later. The Secretary stated it appeared that a sum of £12,543 was being retained in respect of arrears of land annuities and it would be necessary to provide this amount by rate. It could be brought into the Estimates as a debit balance.

"Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution:- "That as regards the notification from the Department of Local Government and Public Health that a deduction of £12,543 was being made in the Agricultural Grant for 1933/34 to meet arrears of land Purchase Annuities no change be made in the recommendation of the Finance Committee, as regards the General Rate of 8/7½d in the £. for financial year 1934/35, and no order be made as regards the deduction in the Agricultural Grant. That the full Agricultural Grant allocated for year 1934/35 be applied in relief of Rates on Agricultural land." "

The Secretary in reply to the Chairman said that the £12,543 would mean an extra rate of 7¾d on the entire County including Urban districts.

Mr. O'Byrne said he could not see any reason why this extra burden should be put upon the Ratepayers. They had something over 60 per cent of the Rate Collectors' Warrants collected and everything possible had been done to secure payment of all rates.

The Chairman said that the people who went on paying



the rates were paying the land annuities for the defaulters. That was a most unfair proposition. The rates were high enough without tacking 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ d in the £. on to them. The people paying every year were saddled with all the arrears of the annuities.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the recommendation of the Finance Committee to agree to a General Rate of 8/7 $\frac{1}{2}$  in the £. for financial year 1934/35 be confirmed and that no provision be made for the deduction of £12,543 from Agricultural Grant."

The Secretary said he was bound to warn the Council they are bound to make full provision for their entire commitments.

Col. Gibbon - As far as I can gather we are being asked to strike an additional rate of 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ d in the £. and the people being asked to pay that are the people who are already paying - to pay for the men who will not pay. I think it is the most unjust thing we have been asked to do.

Chairman - It is a thing in operation for all time.

Mr. McCarthy considered the deduction wholly unjustifiable. Whatever arguments might have been justified in the past for the deduction, he did not think they held good to-day. The holding of Co. Councils responsible for defaulting annuitants was put in the Land Acts because there was objection at the time by the Government in England - by leading members of the Government - to the Land Acts going through. It was argued that the Irish farmer would not pay his annuities, and the Irish representatives in Westminster at the time, in order to appease the other side and ensure that the British Exchequer would not suffer, agreed that Co. Councils became guarantors for the payment. Now that annuities were not being paid to England there was no loss to the British Exchequer, and he held that it was unfair for the Government to take advantage of the clauses in the Land Purchase Acts. The Co. Councils were being held liable for



a debt they had no power to collect. The Government had the power in their hands to collect the annuities, and the Council were being made to accept a liability that they had no power to collect.

Miss O'Ryan - You would like to see the Council held responsible for payment to the British. You would like to see it made easy so long as the money was going out of the country, but so long as the money is kept in the country to help the Irish farmer you object to it.

Mr. McCarthy - You are only twisting it, Miss O'Ryan.

Miss O'Ryan said she held it was in the beginning the mistake was made, when it was said that the people of Ireland should guarantee the annuities to England. There was as good a right now as in the past to follow the procedure adopted in regard to the land annuity arrears. She thought it showed the slave mind to suggest that the Irish people should guarantee payment to another country, but do nothing at all with regard to collecting for their own.

Col. Quin proposed "That the agreement to Rate for current financial year be adjourned for one month to enable the Council to secure full information as to the deduction from the agricultural Grant."

This was not seconded.

In reply to Mr. Corish the Assistant Secretary stated that the Secretary of the Health Board had explained that his estimate for the year ended 31st March, 1934, for home assistance was £24,000 while the actual expenditure for that year was £29,000, so that there was a deficit on the home assistance account for the year ended 31st March, 1934, of £5,000. That deficit had to be made up in the estimate for the year ended 31st March, 1935. The secretary of the Board further pointed out that his estimate for next year would be a reduction of approximately £4,500 as compared with the expenditure for the year 1933/34, so that only for the



operation of the Unemployment Assistance Act the estimate would be increased by £9,500.

Miss O'Ryan - The outdoor relief went up and consequently we had to overspend.

After further discussion the Chairman put Mr. O'Byrne's resolution to confirm the recommendation of the Finance Committee and declared it carried with one dissentient (Col. Quin).

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That Rate for General Charges for financial year 1934/35 (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 as fixed by Minister for Local Government and Public Health the allowance for Primary Grant to be at rate of 6/0¼d in the £. That rates for Separate Charges for financial year 1934/35 (in conformity with particulars appearing on 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:-

Enniscorthy.....£3224:12:8d

New Ross.....£3056: 7:1d

Wexford.....£6423: 0:0d

"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. In addition we agree that a sum of £120 be raised for maintenance of Sow Drainage Area said amount to be levied on the persons named in the above mentioned Charging Order or their Successors in Title in the same proportions as the amounts leviable under Charging Order."

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS  
CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MEETING 15th MARCH, 1934:- The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 15th March, 1934.

Present:- Messrs. John J. Colloton, James Hall, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy and Sean O'Byrne.

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

Mr. McCarthy was moved to the chair on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2569:15:4d was examined and signed.

#### ESTIMATE OF RATE FOR 1934/35

The following estimate under the head of County Services A/c (and which had been circulated to the Members of the Committee) was considered:-



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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

ESTIMATE COUNTY SERVICES ACCOUNT FOR YEAR 1934-35

TO BE CONSIDERED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE ON

15th MARCH, 1934

	1934-35	1933-34	Increase	Decrease
	£	£	£	£
C Co. Medical Officer of Health (part of)	500	500		
S Salaries: Secretary's Office	2004	1920	84	
S Salaries: other Co. Officers - Analyst Lamplighters etc. )	461	402	59	
F Retiring allowances and Gratuities	306	231	75	
C Cost of Rate Collection, Refunds of ) Irrecoverable Rates and cost of ) Applotting Rates )	5542	5553		11
F Franchise and Jurors Lists	1587	1529	58	
F Printing in connection with ) Registration Act )	412	388	24	
V Valuation	208	208		
M Members' Travelling Expenses	230	240		10
U University Scholarships	910	840	70	
F Primary Scholarships	945	815	130	
I Legal Expenses	343	329	14	
( Coroners and Inquests	350	401		51
F Postage and Office Requisites	324	200	124	
F Printing and Stationery	259	164	95	
A Advertising Pleasure Resorts	414	414		
C Other Advertisements	340	340		
C Contribution Co. Councils' General ) Council )	20	20		
C Conveyance of Prisoners	100	34	66	
W Weights and Measures	108	129		21
F Food and Drugs	86	95		9
S Salaries: Court Officials etc.	156	156		
R Rents and Expenses of Courthouses	577	453	124	
<u>FORWARD</u>	16182	15361	923	102



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	1934-35	1933-34	Increase	Decrease
	£	£	£	£
FORWARD	16182	15361	923	102
Library Scheme	924	922	2	
Reformatories and Industrial Schools	3761	3994		233
Courtown Harbour	80	80		
Rent Old Jail	207	207		
Courthouse Loan	400	400		
Refund to Wexford Urban adjustment Financial Relations	45	27	18	
Diseases of Animals Acts: Salaries Veterinary & Sheep Dipping Inspectors	622	622		
Diseases of Animals Acts: Other Expenses	1030	1052		22
Audit Fee	85	85		
Debit Interest	1000	1000		
Superannuation Allowances Ex Union Officers	1080	1080		
Superannuation Allowances Ex R.D.C. Officers	217	217		
Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act	138	135	3	
Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act	154	167		13
Contingencies	350	750		400
Money supplied to Mental Hospital	19120	20000		880
Money supplied to Co. Committee of Agriculture	2973	2970	3	
Money supplied to Co. Vocational Education Committee	3528	3118	410	
Superannuation allowance Ex Manual Instructor	68		68	
Total	51964	52187	1427	1650
Public Works (already agreed to by the Co. Council)	2364	825	1539	
TOTAL COUNTY SERVICES	54328	53012	2966	1650
			Increase	£1316.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the County Council be recommended to approve of estimate for County Services in respect of financial year 1934/35 as submitted to this meeting."

The Secretary strongly recommended the Committee in view of the instruction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health as to a substantial reduction in the limit of overdraft viz. £40,000 to allocate a sum of £10,000 in reduction of amount of overdraft seeing that assessment on Agricultural Land for 1934/35 would be £21,000 less than for financial year 1933/34. From a business point of view it was most desirable there should be a reduction in amount of overdraft. The Council were unable at present to meet in advance the quarterly instalments of Demands of Subsidiary Bodies as required by Statute.

The meeting, while recognising that it would be advisable to reduce the overdraft, could not see their way to accept the recommendation of the Secretary owing to the poor financial position of the ratepayers.

A resolution was then unanimously adopted recommending the Council to agree to the same general rate for year 1934/35 as obtained for 1933/34 viz.  $8\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £. as this rate was sufficient to meet the County Council's requirements for the year with the exception of the item of £10,000 for reduction of overdraft.

The Secretary's Estimate for Separate Charges was approved.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That in view of satisfactory reports from Co. Secretary and Co. Surveyor the usual increments of salary be recommended to the following members of Co. Council Staff, viz:-



"J.H. Cadogan £10; J. Maloney £7:10s; S. Hayes £7:10s; P.M. Donohoe £5, and Miss D.B. Killeen £5. (Co.Council Offices), and T. Moore £10; D. Radford £7:10s., and Miss E. Norton £5. (Co. Surveyor's Office)."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That annual estimates of Rates for General and Separate Charges in respect of financial year 1934/35 be dealt with at meeting of County Council on 9th April, 1934.

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to extend the time for agreeing to the rate estimate for year 1934/35 to 9th April, 1934."

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF:- Rate Collection to date was submitted as follows:-

<u>Name of Rate Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage Lodgments and Discount 15/3/34.</u>
E.J. Murphy	64.9
J. Curtis	62.8
S. Gannon (No. 6)	62.0
P. Nolan	60.3
M. Kehoe	59.7
A. Dunne	57.8
J.J. O'Reilly	56.8
S. Gannon (No.10)	56.3
D. Kenny	56.0
J. Cummins	55.7
J. Deegan	54.7
W. Cummins	54.2
P. Carty	54.2
M. McCarthy	53.3
J. Quirke	52.5
W. Doyle	52.4
J.J. Sinnott	51.9
P. Doyle	51.1
M. Murphy	50.3
J. Flood.	49.3
	<u>Average.....55.8</u>

The meeting approved of Circular letter which the Secretary stated he was about issuing to Rate Collectors, informing them that it would be necessary to take drastic action against Collectors whose Collections would not show a substantial improvement by the next meeting of the Committee. It was also pointed out to Collectors that if,



after examination of the Rate Books the Finance Committee found sums outstanding which could have been collected the Rate Collectors would be called upon to lodge the amounts. Their failure to collect such sums would also be reported to the Local Government Department.

Collector Sinnott (No.16 District) wrote that the ratepayers in his area were entirely dependant on the sale of cattle to pay their rates and they were unable to dispose of their animals. The fair in Kilmuckridge on the 12th March was a failure as only twelve cattle were sold there. In the circumstances it was not possible for him to make the improvement to the Rate Collection which the Finance Committee wished. Every ratepayer in his district was doing his best to pay and no person was wilfully trying to escape.

RATES INSPECTORSHIP:- The meeting considered letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 10th March, 1934, (G.19482/1934 Loch Garman) declining to agree to the transfer of Mr. Moore from the County Surveyor's Office to Rate Inspectorship as his duties could not be regarded as similar to those of Rate Inspector. It was stated by the Department that the Council should proceed under Section 6 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926, and request the Local Appointments Commissioners to recommend a person for appointment as Rates Inspector.

This letter was referred to the Finance Committee from the meeting of the Council on the 12th March, 1934.

The following resolution was, after discussion, adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the County Council be recommended to apply to the Local Appointments Commission to recommend a person for appointment as Rates Inspector, age limits 25 to 30;



"duties to be as prescribed by the Public Bodies Order and to include the same clerical work in connection with the Rate Collection as was required in the case of the last appointment to the office, and also the collection of Instalments of Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. Salary, £200 per annum, rising by annual increments of £10 to £250, a sum of £100 to be allocated for travelling expenses. A competent knowledge of Irish to be essential for the position."

DRAINAGE RATES:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That Collectors be directed to take immediate steps to recover outstanding items of Drainage Rates due in Sow and Kilmannock Drainage Districts."

BALLYMOTNEY LANE:- In connection with the refusal of William Murphy, Ballymoteymore, E.D. Ballyhuskard, to give the necessary land in order to have this lane widened, although all the other occupiers had consented, the Secretary stated that this man owed seven years' rates, and three years' of these had been struck off as irrecoverable.

It was stated that this man's farm had been absolutely derelict for years. Four years' rates were carried forward amounting to £8:11s.

SANCTION TO OVERDRAFT

Under date 3rd March, 1934, (G.25223/1934, Loch Garman Fa) the Department of Local Government and Public Health, wrote sanctioning the continuance of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £40,000 on the accounts of the Council to 31st March, 1934, Interest thereon to be paid at the agreed rate.

Under date 3rd March, 1934, (G.25191/1934 Loch Garman) the Department of Local Government and Public Health, wrote that the Minister expected there would, after 31st March, 1934,



be a substantial reduction in the limit of overdraft now sanctioned.

INSURANCES OF COUNTY COUNCIL

Three quotations were received for the Insurances of the Council under Employer's Liability and Public Liability.

EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY:- Messrs. Coyle & Co., 7, Anglesea St., Dublin, (for the Federated Employers Insurance Association) (Non Tariff) wrote under date 7th March, 1934, offering to renew the Policy on the same terms as were agreed to last year, viz. 1/6 % Common Law and 25/- % all others.

Messrs. McDonagh & Boland, 51, Dame Street, Dublin, quoted for the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation Ltd., at 1/6 % Common Law and 27/6d all others. The Ocean and Accident Guarantee Corporation Ltd., were satisfied to refund a sum of £55 from the first premium, on account of having charged for period ended 31st March, 1933, for Sub-Contractors on full amount paid to these Sub-Contractors as representing wages, while the Company with which the Council were at present insured calculated the premium on 60% of sums paid as representing wages.

The National Employers Mutual General Insurance Association, 12-14 College Green, Dublin, tendered at 50/-% for all employees.

PUBLIC LIABILITY:- Messrs. Coyle & Co., tendered at same figure as obtained in 1933, viz. 2/- %, and Messrs. McDonagh & Boland also quoted at 2/- %.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That we recommend the County Council to accept the quotation of Messrs. Coyle and Company, 7, Anglesea Street, Dublin, for insurances of the County Council as follows:-

Employer's Liability - 1/6d % Common Law and 25/- % all others, Sub-Contractors to be renewed on the basis of 60% of payments to sub Contractors to represent wages.



"That the quotation of Messrs. Coyle & Co., for Public Liability Insurances at 2/- % on total annual earnings of employees, as obtained in 1933, be accepted."

#### CASTLEBRIDGE ROAD WORKERS

James Walsh, Edward Brennan and Patrick Morris, all of Castlebridge, came before the Committee and stated that their wages, while working at Curraclloe Road had been 8½d an hour for a fifty hour week, but they received no notification when this was cut down to 5/- a day. They had been employed on two separate occasions, at 8½d an hour on the first occasion, and at 5/- a day on the second.

The County Surveyor stated that these men had been employed on a relief job at Curraclloe Road under Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor. They were then put at tar work which was largely controlled by the weather, and in respect of which it might happen that a man was turned away at a moment's notice. For that reason the wage payment was at the hourly rate of 8½d.

In the second term of employment the men were engaged under Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, in connection with water-bound macadam, when they received the ordinary 30/- per week, paid to all Co. Council employees for such work. If there had been any broken time in this second spell of employment the men would have been paid for it. They were under no hardship because even if they were receiving less than 8½d an hour, all the money under the relief Grant was spent in relieving unemployment, so that the same money went to the workers though they might have to work a little longer for it.

James Walsh complained that they should have been notified as to the change in wage rate because when they went to work the second time they fully expected to be paid at 8½d an hour, as on the first occasion.



The Chairman considered that the three men had no grievance.

The deputation then withdrew.

#### SHEEP DIPPING ORDER

Sergeant Austin Kenny reported existence of Sheep Scab on the premises of Thomas Byrne, Craan, Bunclody. The existence of the disease had not been reported and the Sergeant recommended a prosecution.

The Co. Solicitor stated he had informed Sergeant Kenny there was nothing to prevent him taking proceedings.

#### COUNTY COUNCILS ELECTIONS EXPENDITURE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That a sum of £11:10s. for repairs of Ballot Boxes and compartments carried out by Messrs. John Sinnott & Co., Building Contractors, St. Peter's Square, Wexford, previous to postponement of Local Elections, be paid."

#### SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME. 1934

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That as Moses Murphy, Johnstown, Castlebridge, has failed to provide a Medical Certificate in connection with the application of his daughter, Eileen, to sit for examination for award of Secondary and Vocational Scholarship, her application be cancelled."

#### FORD OF LYN

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor submitted letter from Messrs. Meldon & Co., relative to the case of Wexford Co. Council v Meldon and others in connection with flooding at the Ford of L yng. Messrs. Meldon pointed out if they knew the terms the Council were prepared to put forward as a basis of settlement, they could advise their clients. but



if these terms were, in their opinion, not acceptable, of  
there would be no use in wasting time in going to Wexford.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of  
Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That as regards the  
recent correspondence of Messrs. Meldon & Co., concerning  
Ford of Lyng, the Council understood that Messrs. Meldon  
were prepared to make a new offer to them as regards a  
settlement. As the Council are anxious - if possible - to  
avoid legal proceedings they would be glad to have  
particulars of any new offers which Messrs. Meldon might  
have to make in this connection."

#### ILLNESS OF MACHINERY OVERSEER

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of  
Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That sick leave be  
granted to Wm. Murphy, Machinery Overseer, in accordance  
with Medical Certificate from Dr. P.D. Murphy, Enniscorthy,  
during the period Mr. Murphy was suffering from tonsillitis,  
viz., from 5th to 12th March, 1934."



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting for 15th March, 1934, be received and considered."

INSURANCES OF COUNTY COUNCIL:- Messrs. McDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers, wrote under date 4th April, 1934, that their tender, taking into consideration the £55 rebate on A/c of Sub-Contractors, was the lower quotation.

The Co. Surveyor disputed this and held that Coyle and Company's tender was lower by £2:16:0d. For the purposes of calculation Mr. Boyd, the Representative of the Ocean and Accident Co., had taken 60% of sum given in quotation figures for Sub-Contractors whereas the figure set out under this head represented only 60%.

Mr. Corish said that the Ocean Accident Company employed forty people whereas the Company represented by Coyle & Co., employed no one.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution:- "That we dissent from the recommendation of the Finance Committee to accept the quotation for Federated Employers Insurance Association (Non Tariff) for Insurances of County Council for financial year 1934/35 for Public Liability and Employers Liability and place this business for the financial year with the Ocean and Accident Guarantee Corporation Ltd."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR THE MOTION:- Messrs. Armstrong, Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Hayes, Hickey, Jordan, Keegan, Kelly, McCarthy, Meyler, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Smyth and the Chairman. (21)

AGAINST:- Col. Quin (1)

Messrs. Cooney and Walsh (2) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.



SHEEP DIPPING ORDER:- Under date 7th March, 1934, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.482/34) that the Garda Siochana would give the same assistance in regard to the administration of Sheep Dipping Order 1915 as they did in previous years.

The Secretary stated that practically all Garda Stations had supplied up to date the names and addresses of the Sheep-Owners of their districts.

Under date 5th April, 1934, the Department of Agriculture wrote that the Co. Council should without delay make arrangements with a view to securing that the sheep in the County would be properly dipped under supervision during the dipping periods of the current year. The Council was empowered to make Regulations requiring the dipping of sheep to be carried out under such conditions and at such times and places as they might direct. Where such Regulations had been adopted a decided improvement in the position with regard to Sheep Dipping and Sheep Scab had been secured. To make the Regulations effective a sufficient number of Inspectors should be appointed.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin:- "That the following be appointed Lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors for Sheep Dipping Periods of 1934, remuneration £1 per week each with refund of actual amount spent in postage:-

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT:- James Murphy, Coolbawn, 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, Killaune, Killooghlin, Kilmallock, 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, Rosminogue and Wells.

NEW ROSS DISTRICT:- M.J. Hennessy, Monamolin, Rathmure, Enniscorthy.

WEXFORD DISTRICT:- James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin."

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 15th March, 1934, as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby confirmed, except in so far as same have been rejected or amended by resolutions adopted at this meeting."

MEETING OF 29th MARCH, 1934:- Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 29th March, 1934, were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 29th March, 1934.

Present Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman Co. Council) presided, also Messrs. James Hall, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy and Sean O'Byrne.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4031:1:0d was examined and signed.

ANNUAL PRINTING CONTRACT

Tenders were received for the annual printing of County Council for financial year 1934/35 as follows:-

"The Echo" , Enniscorthy,.....	£119:15s.
Redmond Bros., Rafter Street, Enniscorthy..	£122: 8s.
Messrs. English & Co., Wexford.....	£127:17s.
"Free Press" , Wexford.....	£140:13s.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the tender of "The Echo" Newspaper Office, at £119:15s. for the annual printing of Wexford County Council for financial year 1934/35 being the lowest - be recommended to the County Council for acceptance."

RATE COLLECTION

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



<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage collected</u> <u>29/3/1934</u>
E.J. Murphy	74.2
J.M. Curtis	66.8
M. Kehoe	66.7
S. Gannon (No. 6)	66.6
P. Nolan	65.3
A. Dunne	60.7
S. Gannon (No.10)	59.5
J. Deegan	59.2
J. Cummins	58.8
W. Cummins	58.3
J.J. O'Reilly	58.3
D. Kenny	58.2
P. Carty	57.1
W. Doyle	56.5
M. McCarthy	56.0
J. Quirke	55.3
J.J. Sinnott	54.1
P. Doyle	51.5
M. Murphy	51.1
<u>J. Flood.</u>	<u>50.2</u>

The Secretary stated that the percentage of warrant collected (excluding arrears) was 59.2 while at the corresponding period last year the percentage was 79.8 showing a decrease of 20.6 per cent.

It was decided that the following notice be advertised in the three local papers:-

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

NOTICE TO DEFAULTING RATEPAYERS

The above Co. Council wish to remind Ratepayers who are in default of their obligations to meet their liabilities promptly; otherwise it will not be possible to maintain local services.

It is inequitable to Ratepayers who have paid their Rates that others are allowed to remain in default.

Rate Collectors have been warned they must take all possible steps to proceed more diligently with their Collections, and to ensure that outstanding Rates are paid without delay.

Collectors have no option but to exercise their legal



"powers which will mean increased costs to the Ratepayers concerned.

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

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

Letter under date 20th March, 1934, was read from Rate Collector McCarthy in which he pointed out that it was very difficult to know who could and who could not pay rates now. To carry on their warrant to the fullest extent got the Collectors nowhere as they had unexecuted decrees in the hands of the Sheriff for over a year. Rate Collectors were in a desperate position because they found it impossible to get in the Rates and were paid every six months with a cut in poundage.

Mr. McCarthy suggested that a public notice should be issued that in order to finance the public services, rates should be paid, as some people were under the impression it was only the Collectors who were anxious to obtain payment. The latter required the co-operation of everybody to endeavour to get back to normal as regards the collection.

It was decided that Mr. McCarthy be asked to attend next meeting of the Finance Committee.

APPLICATION FOR TIME FOR PAYMENT:- Application was received from Statia Erien, Raheenaskagh, Oulart, to hold over payment of £8:5:7d arrears of rates due to 31st March, 1934, and in respect of which legal proceedings had been instituted against her, as she was unable to find any means of making the amount at the present time.

It was decided to inform Mrs. O'Brien that the Finance Committee could not interfere with the discretion



of the Rate Collector in this matter.

PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE:- Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. Kelly

seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That, subject to sanction of Minister for Local Government and Public Health, Poundage fees less 10% reduction be paid to Collectors M. Murphy, Collection District No. 12, and J. Flood, Collection District No. 9, as these Collectors have now lodged 50% of their warrants for 1933/34, excluding arrears."

DRAINAGE RATE:- Under date 15th March, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote No.F.23262 Loch Garman (Pd) sanctioning on a temporary basis the appointment of Collectors Maurice Kehoe, Walter Cummins, Matthew Murphy and Wm. Doyle, to collect drainage rates in Kilmannock and Sow Drainage Districts at poundage rates applying to their Collections of Poor Rate.

#### AGRICULTURAL GRANT

The Department of Local Government and Public Health forwarded Pay Order for £5,450 in respect of Agricultural Grant and stated all particulars of the deductions in respect of defaulting land annuitants would be forwarded later. The Secretary stated it appeared that a sum of £12,543 was being retained in respect of arrears of land annuities and it would be necessary to provide this amount by rate. It could be brought into the Estimates as a debit balance.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution:- "That as regards the notification from the Department of Local Government and Public Health that a deduction of £12,543 was being made in the Agricultural Grant for 1933/34 to meet arrears of land Purchase Annuities no change be made in the recommendation of the Finance Committee, as regards the General Rate of 8/7½d in the £. for financial year 1934/35, and no order be made as



"regards the deduction in the Agricultural Grant. That the full Agricultural Grant allocated for year 1934/35 be applied in relief of rates on Agricultural Land.

#### OVERDRAFT

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction Overdraft Accommodation for the County Council up to a limit of £40,000 to 30th April, 1934."

#### COMPLAINT AGAINST COLLECTOR

Under date 17th March, 1934, Mr. Martin Kelly, Castle Ellis, Enniscorthy, wrote complaining that Collector Matthew Murphy, Collection District No.12, had, without the slightest provocation been most insulting to him as regards the collection of his rates. If the Council would not take any action in this matter he (Mr. Kelly) would deal with it in another Court.

The Secretary mentioned that Mr. Murphy had been furnished with a copy of the complaint in question on 22nd March, 1934, but no answer had been received from him up to the present.

It was decided to postpone consideration of the matter until Mr. Murphy's observations were at hand.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That in view of the Certificates of Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, that the Titles are in order, the County Council be recommended to advance the following Loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-



John Murphy, Irish Street, Enniscorthy. £140 (House £200)  
 Edward Dunne, Irish Street, Enniscorthy. £130. (House £200)  
 James Walsh, Irish Street, Enniscorthy. £130. (House £200)  
 Walter Sutton, Clonhaston, Enniscorthy. £150. (House £200)  
 Daniel Neill, Blackstoops, Enniscorthy. £85. (House £200)  
 Mary J. Whelan, Ratholm, Killinick. £200 (House £400)

Under date 26th March, 1934, Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, submitted correspondence from Messrs. M.J. O'Connor, and Co., Solicitors, New Road, Gorey, on behalf of Edward Dwyer, Ballyaughna, asking for additional loan of £100 already agreed to.

The Committee decided that as they had already refused similar applications, that of Mr. Dwyer should not be agreed to.

#### RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND

##### CLAIM FOR ABATEMENT

Circular letter No.24/3/34 under date 22nd March, 1934, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to transmit, herewith, a model form of claim for abatement of rates for use by occupiers of agricultural land exceeding £20 a year rateable valuation.

"The form as now issued incorporates all the changes in the draft form suggested by the Committee nominated by the Conference of the 28th ultimo together with some other amendments which it has since been decided to make.

Provision is made for the signature of the occupier being witnessed by some person of standing (e.g., Minister of Religion, Peace Commissioner, Medical Doctor, Bank Manager or Cashier) and a warning is to be printed on the form in distinctive type that a person making a false claim with a view to obtaining relief will render himself liable to



"prosecution.

"To keep the form of convenient size the certificate of the Rate Collector and the memorandum for use in the County Council Offices of the portions of the valuation that will get relief out of the Primary, Secondary and Supplementary Grant respectively have been transferred to the back of the form where a space has also been provided for use by the Garda Siochana in reporting on such cases as may be referred to them. This space has been provided in anticipation of permission being obtained from the Minister for Justice to allow the Garda to check at least ten per cent of the claims, but no forms should be referred to the Garda pending further instructions.

"The form can now be sent for printing, but before doing so the name of the County Council and the address of the County Council Offices should be filled in on the back.

"When ready the form should be issued to every occupier whose land valuation exceeds £20 whether in a single holding or several holdings. The forms need not be issued by registered post. When the issue has been completed a notice should be put in the local Press that persons whose land valuation (or aggregate valuations) exceeds £20 who have not received forms should apply to you and that unless claims are made on the form provided no abatement of rates in respect of male persons at work on holdings will be allowed. The notice should also state that every occupier who makes a claim should see that he gets a printed acknowledgment of its receipt from you and the warning on the form with regard to false returns might be repeated in the Press notice.

"It will probably be found convenient if some indication (a serial number or the initials of the Rate Collector in whose district the holding is) is put on the forms before issue to enable them to be filed rapidly in



"order on return. When each form is received back its receipt should be acknowledged by a printed postcard and the date of the issue of the acknowledgment noted on the form.

"Four weeks after the publication of the notice in the Press a reminder should be sent by registered post (or by any other method by which delivery can be proved) to every occupier who has not returned his form notifying him that his claim has not been received and that if it is not made he will forfeit his right to relief in respect of male persons at work on his holding. A final notice should then be given in the Press.

"It is intended to fix a final date for the acceptance of form of claim which will apply everywhere, but until the Department has information as to the date of the issue of forms everywhere this date cannot be fixed. Please notify the Department in due course of the date when the general issue of forms has been completed.

"The claims relating to each rate Collector's district should be delivered to him either personally or by registered post with instructions to examine them and if they are in order to complete the certificate on the form. The collector should be instructed to return the forms with the least possible delay.

"When claims are received back from the rate collector it is intended, subject to arrangements being approved by the Minister for Justice, to send not less than ten per cent (including all cases in which the rate collector has not been able to certify and any doubtful cases) to the Garda Síochána for report. When these are received back the appropriate allowances should be filled in on the form and signed by you or the accountant. The completed forms should be submitted to the County Council for confirmation of your proposals as recorded on the forms.

"You will, then, be in a position to calculate the amount



"required to meet the Primary and Secondary Grants. This information should be immediately communicated to the Department on a form which will be sent to you in due course. Until this information is received no indication can be given of the amount of the additional Grant which will be allocated to each County in the forthcoming financial year. The rate applotment should, therefore, proceed on the basis of charging the full rate on the part of the valuation that is not covered by the Primary and Secondary Grants, such supplementary relief as it may be found possible to give being distributed subsequently by means of credit notes.

"The Minister has given general sanction to expenditure on such clerical assistance as may be reasonably required in connection with the scheme being incurred."

Tenders for the supply of 5,300 Abatement Forms were received as follows:-

"The People", Wexford.....	£3: 4: 6d
Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy.....	£3:10: 0d
English & Co., Custom House, Quay, Wexford.....	£4:10: 0d
"The Echo", Enniscorthy.....	£5:17: 6d

Mr. McCarthy proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following:-

"That the tender of the "People" Newspapers be accepted, being the lowest." Passed.

Quotation from the "People" Newspapers Ltd., for the supply of 5,300 printed Post Cards acknowledging claims for abatement at £2:2:6d was also accepted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.

#### SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL Scholarship Scheme

Application was received from Margaret Ronan, Drinagh, Broadway, for payment of £1:0:3d expenses incurred in attending Secondary School Examination in April, 1933.

It was decided to allow travelling expenses of 8/- if Voucher be forthcoming and also 6/- for subsistence allowance



at 3/- per day during which the examination was held. The other items in the Account were disallowed as they were not regarded as necessary expenses incurred in attending examination.

James A. Forde, Delta Cottage, Gorey, applied for payment of £5.

The Committee agreed to payment of the following:-  
Fees for Term £1; Books £1:1:3d and Drawing Outfit 11/- ,  
total £2:12:3d.

The other items were disallowed.

#### APPLICATION BY COUNTY REGISTRAR

Under date 22nd March, 1934, the following was read from the County Registrar:-

"The accommodation of offices provided for the Circuit Court has become inadequate and I have to apply for further room. As the Council are providing a new Council Chamber, I suggest as a means of meeting my requirements that the old Council Chamber be divided in two and the section on this side be assigned to me.

"I shall be glad to hear from you on the matter."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne it was decided that consideration of this application be postponed until the Co. Council had taken over their new Council Chamber and also for information from the County Registrar as to the purpose for which the further accommodation is required by him.

#### UNDIPPED SHEEP - BUNCLODY

In connection with correspondence submitted from Mr. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S., and County Solicitor as to failure of Thomas Byrne, Craan, Buncloody, to dip diseased sheep, Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, stated that the Sergeant of the Garda Siochana, in the District, was proceeding against



Mr. Byrne for this offence.

WEST WING OF COUNTY HALL

In connection with the reconstruction of West Wing of the County Hall, the County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Messrs. J. Sinnott & Co., St. Peter's Square, Wexford, under date 26th March, 1934:-

"In explanation as to the reason we have not yet completed our contract on laying of lino in new wing at County Hall we submit the following facts:-

"The solution for fixing lino was sent out from Glasgow on February 9th, and arrived here about February 13th, it was held by the Customs as they were doubtful as to whether it was dutiable or not. We made several applications since for its release, but were unsuccessful until last Tuesday 20th March, when we were informed that there was a heavy duty on same, and also that we were to be fined either a Pound or twenty-one Shillings for trying to get same into Free State. On enquiry as to whether it would be released on paying both duty and fine we were informed it would not, as the Shipping Company were to make application to Customs House for amount of duty and Official Form to fill in and return which would be forwarded to Dublin to be again returned, and then we may be able to obtain goods.

"The cost of solution is £11:5s. and the duty is £7:0:0d which we consider excessive, and not knowing it was dutiable when we were tendering we would respectfully ask you to bring this matter before your Council for their consideration as to whether they will allow the amount of duty, otherwise we will meet a bit of a loss."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Co. Surveyor call upon Messrs. J. Sinnott & Co., to complete their



"contract in connection with floor of West Wing of County Hall."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That we protest against the delay in releasing the lino fixing solution from Customs. This material arrived in Wexford on 13th February, 1934, and although Messrs. Sinnott & Co., were anxious to pay the duty at all times they found it impossible to secure the release of the solution although offering to pay the value of the material to represent any duty which might be imposed. "The County Council, County Library Committee and Co. Vocational Education Committee have been greatly inconvenienced by this action of the Customs and Excise and consider that the matter could have been dealt with, with much greater expedition."

#### USE OF GOREY COURTHOUSE

The Secretary submitted letter from Mr. P. Connolly, Thomas Street, Gorey, under date 24th March, 1934, asking for use of Gorey Courthouse for the 26th March, 1934, to hold a meeting as to the formation of a Sluagh Committee in connection with Volunteer Force.

The Secretary stated he informed Mr. Connolly he was not in a position to grant the request as permission for the use of the Courthouse could only be given by the County Council or the Finance Committee.

Mr. John Whitty, 91, Main Street, Gorey, applied for use of the Courthouse in Gorey for meetings in connection with the Gorey Agricultural Society Show.

This was agreed to on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Show Committee to be responsible for the building, furniture etc., while in their custody.

The following resolution was also adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the Gorey



"Branch of the Gaelic League be given permission to hold their Annual Ceilidhe on Easter Sunday night in the Court-house, the Committee of the Gaelic League to be responsible for the building and furniture while in their custody and to see that the premises are left in a clean and orderly condition."

#### TRANSFER OF ROAD MONEY

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following transfers:-

£5 from A/c 20C Ballywilliam to A/c 35C Arthurstown.

£5 from A/c 26C Adamstown to A/c 27C Killurin.

#### EASTER COMMEMORATION PROCESSION

Notification was received from the Committee of the P.H. Pearse Memorial Hall, Wexford, as to the Co. Council taking part in Annual Commemoration Procession to Crosstown Cemetery on Easter Sunday.

No order.

#### ILLNESS OF MR. MOORE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That in accordance with Medical Certificate from Dr. S.A. Furlong, Infirmary House, Wexford, Mr. T. Moore, Co. Surveyor's Department, be granted a week's sick leave owing to debility and influenza"

#### BORODALE BRIDGE

Mr. Hall stated complaints had reached him as to the parapets of this bridge being pulled down and thrown into the river. The damage could not have been done by children as some of the stones were very large. There was an impression that people from Enniscorthy town were responsible. He thought, Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor for the District, should have informed the Co. Surveyor of this matter, before now, as the first complaint was made over a month ago. This was a very serious matter as the



damage to the bridge was placing it in a dangerous position for traffic.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the attention of the Co. Surveyor be drawn to the damage to Borodale Bridge, reported to this meeting, and that he obtain explanation from Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, as to why the matter had not been reported before this."



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Clince seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 29th March, 1934, be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION:- The State of the Rate Collection, excluding arrears up to 7th April, 1934, was submitted as follows:-

<u>Rate Collector's</u> <u>Name</u>	<u>Percentage collected</u> <u>7/4/1934.</u>
E.J. Murphy	82.8
M. Kehoe	73.1
J. Curtis	72.3
P. Nolan	69.8
S. Gannon (No. 6)	69.8
P. Carty	64.9
S. Gannon (No. 10)	64.1
J. Cummins	64.0
D. Kenny	63.7
A. Dunne	63.4
W. Cummins	62.0
J. Deegan	61.1
M. McCarthy	61.0
W. Doyle	59.2
J.J. O'Reilly	59.2
J. Quirke	58.3
J.J. Sinnott	56.4
J. Flood	56.0
P. Doyle	54.0
<u>M. Murphy.</u>	<u>52.8</u>

The Secretary mentioned that the average of the Collection was 63.3% of the amount of the Warrants, (excluding arrears) while at the 31st of March last year, (seven days earlier than the return now submitted) the percentage was 86.

In connection with the suggested advertisement to defaulting ratepayers recommended by the Finance Committee Mr. D'Arcy pointed out that seizures made under the Rate Collectors' Warrants had been abortive.

Mr. O'Reilly, Rates Inspector, stated that six stalled cattle seized recently at Ballycarney were put up for auction on the premises but no bid was received and the owner had to be allowed to retain them.



Mr. Cummins stated he was informed at the Co. Registrar's Office that they had received a list of 438 defaulters for Land Annuities. He asked at this office what was going to be done in the matter and was told nothing with regard to seizures as no one desired to purchase seized cattle.

The Chairman said something should be done to relieve the present situation. It would not be possible for the County to carry on.

Mr. Cummins said that plenty of people were willing to pay their rates but could not sell their cattle. The Council appeared to be up against a stone wall. The ratepayers were also, unfortunately, unable to secure credit. At Ballycullane Fair that day a number of cattle had to be brought back by farmers although they would have been sold for anything that could be secured.

Chairman - In the Rate Collection we are 23% behind last year and although 37% of the warrants has to be collected, we are a month over the specified time for lodging the full amount.

Mr. Cummins stated if the Rate Collectors seized on their own warrants, they were responsible for expenses, which might run up to £5 or £6. As the seizures up to the present were abortive it was unreasonable to expect Rate Collectors to continue this procedure. They could not be expected to seize and be at a loss of the costs.

Mr. D'Arcy said that the situation was becoming worse instead of better.

Mr. Cummins stated that one man in his district told the Rate Collector to take his cattle and sell them for the Rates.

Mr. McCarthy suggested that they should call the attention of the Department of Local Government to the impossibility of Collectors obtaining rates, as farmers who had cattle were unable to sell them. The Co. Council



and its Finance Committee were doing their best and it was unfair that they should be blamed for the present position.

Mr. Keegan held that there appeared to be one law for the townsman and another for the farmer. The poor townsman who owed rates was brought into Court and in the case of failure to settle up for his rent, was evicted. The farmer with fat cattle would pay nothing. If they examined the Rate Books they would find that it was the poor men who had paid the highest percentage of the rates.

Mr. D'Arcy - You should remember that the little man is not an employer.

Mr. Kelly - If he can employ labour he can pay.

Chairman - Will he sack his men to pay? How can you expect to pay when you get a permit once a month to sell one or two beasts out of thirty or forty cattle.

Miss O'Ryan pointed out that the farmers had agricultural produce and pigs as well as cattle and they should be able to pay their rates with these.

After further discussion Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution:- "That the advertisement drafted by the Finance Committee be published in the three local papers."

Mr. Jordan objected. He said it was a direct inducement to the Rate Collectors to seize ratepayers' stock and it would put the Collectors in a false position. If seizures were made nothing would be realised. There was no doubt if the people could sell their stock they would pay their rates. He proposed that the advertisement recommended by the Finance Committee should not be issued.

Mr. Culleton seconded.

Mr. Hickey said the onus should be put on the people who put the country into its present position. Their pound now was not worth 12/-.

Chairman - You would be lucky if you got that.



Mr. Kelly - How do you propose to carry on if you do not take steps to collect the rates?

Messrs. O'Byrne and Hall withdrew their resolution in favour of Mr. Jordan's proposal which was passed without dissent.

After discussion the following resolution was moved by Mr. McCarthy and seconded by Col. Gibbon:-

"That we beg to draw the attention of the Department of Local Government & Public Health to the present state of the Rate Collection. Notwithstanding every effort made by the Co. Council and its officials, there is a drop of 23% in this year's collection as compared with the corresponding period last year. We desire to point out that the farmers, owing to the state of the markets, are at present not in a position to meet their demands, and this is responsible for the state of the collection."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR THE MOTION:- Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Hickey, Jordan, Meyler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Smyth and the Chairman. (13)

AGAINST:- Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Hayes, Keegan, Kelly, O'Ryan and Quin. (9).

Messrs. Cooney and Walsh (2) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

ILLNESS OF MR. MOORE:- The Co. Surveyor reported that Mr. T. Moore of his department was not yet fit for duty.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne that subject to the production of medical certificate Mr. T. Moore, Co. Surveyor's Department, be granted a further week's sick leave from 9th April, 1934, to 14th April, 1934.



BORODALE BRIDGE:- Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, reported that four dressed stone copings had been removed, and efforts were made to dislodge a fifth. The stones were presumably thrown into the river and smashed on the rocks below. He inspected the road on February 1st, and did not notice any damage. No ganger had been employed in the section for the past three months, and no funds were available in the appropriate account to carry out repair work. He reported the damage to the Civic Guards.

Miss O'Ryan - We have a lot of complaints of that kind.

Mr. Hall - My information was that they were heavy stones that were removed from the bridge. That would not be done by children.

Mr. Cullen - The stones were surely 3 cwt. each.

Mr. Armstrong stated that the damaging of bridges seemed to be general. When the Council were doing repairs he suggested that a cement layer be laid.

The matter of repairs was referred to the Co. Surveyor.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Brennan seconded by Col. Quin:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 29th March, 1934, be and are hereby confirmed except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolutions at this meeting."

OLD AGE PENSIONS ACT  
NO. 7 SUB COMMITTEE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That as recommended by Old Age Pensions Act, No. 7 Sub Committee, Rev. T. Talbot, Rector, New Ross, be appointed a Member of said Committee vice Ven. Archdeacon Gibson deceased.



### APPOINTMENT OF RATE CLERKS

The Committee empowered to select temporary Rate Staff met on 29th March, 1934.

Present Mr. M. Doyle, (Chairman, County Council) presiding:- also Messrs. T. McCarthy, John P. Kelly, R. Corish and Sean O'Byrne.

The following were selected:-

Enniscorthy District:- five applications Rural and nine applications Urban. The following were selected:-

Wm. Roche, 15, The Shannon, Enniscorthy;

Wm. Askins, 24, Wafer Street, Enniscorthy;

Mr. Jordan, The Square, Enniscorthy;

Thomas O'Rourke, 16, John Street, Enniscorthy, and

Laurence Doyle, 14, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy.

The two last named were employed at similar work last year.

Gorey District:- Eighteen applications; three from the Rural portion of Gorey and Fifteen from Town of Gorey.

The following were selected:-

Michael J. Grennell, The Avenue, Gorey;

Edward Mooney, 1, Garden City, Gorey;

Mr. Doyle, Bruce, Clonevan, Gorey;

Patrick Dempsey, 19, Garden City, Gorey, and

Charles Kavanagh, Clonattin Road, Gorey.

The two last named were employed at similar work last year.

New Ross District:- Two applications from Rural District and four from Urban District. The following were selected:-

John Flanagan, Templenacrow, Palace East, New Ross;

Thomas O'Neill, William Street, New Ross;

James Whelan, Nunnery Lane, New Ross;

James Brennan, Chapel Lane, New Ross; and

Michael Ffrench, Kilhile, Arthurstown. (The two last named were engaged on the work last year.)



Wexford District:- Applications - Twenty-seven Rural and Seventy-five Urban. The following were selected:-  
Andrew Hamilton, Killurin; Timothy McCarthy, Killinick;  
John O'Reilly, Ballysheen, Killinick;  
Charles Delaney, 2, Francis Street, Wexford, and  
John J. O'Leary, 1, St. Enda's Terrace, Wexford.

The last named was employed at this work in 1933.

It was decided that Wm. H. Ebbitt, High Street, Wexford, and Desmond F. Horan, 2, Upper Rowe Street, Wexford, who were employed last year and on former occasions be selected for proving Books.

The following were employed at issuing forms under Agricultural Grant ratings and are to be continued at ordinary Rate Book Work:- Patrick Beary, 16, Abbey Street, Wexford, (Charge Hand); Sean O'Kennedy, William Street, Wexford, and T.M. O'Leary, Lr., John Street, Wexford.

Mr. Hayes protested against the non-employment of John Doyle, Sleadagh, Murrintown, who was employed at this work last year, ~~and~~ who gave satisfaction and who was a married man with five children. He proposed that Doyle be employed this year.

The Chairman said the Committee which selected the temporary staff were empowered so to do. He ruled that their decisions could not be questioned and declined to accept the proposal of Mr. Hayes.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cooney seconded by Mr. Walsh:- "That Thomas Aspel, 4, Wexford Street, New Ross, be appointed temporary Rate Clerk vice Thomas O'Neill, William Street, New Ross, who is unable to take up the post owing to illness."

#### ROAD GRANT

Notification was received from the Department of Local Government & Public Health (RU.32 - 6th April, 1934) that the



following payments had been made to the Treasurer for Unemployment Grants:- U.851 £30. U.852 £400.

#### FILLING OF VACANT OFFICES FOR OFFICIALS

Under date 19th March, 1934, the Department of Local Government & Public Health wrote (Circ.S.25/34) that the procedure to be followed in the filling of vacancies in the offices mentioned in list accompanying their letter had received very careful reconsideration. The Minister had been at pains to examine the general field of eligibility to secure that qualified officers should not be deprived of the opportunity to be transferred to more desirable positions and on the other hand those recruited to the vacancies will hold the high standard of qualification indispensable to the satisfactory discharge of the duties. On the information before the Minister the appropriate course should normally be referred to the Local Appointments Commissioners.

#### CURRACLOE STRAND ROADS

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following letter received from the Department of Local Government & Public Health (Roads) under date 29th March, 1934:-

"With reference to your letter of 27th instant I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that ordinarily special grants are not given for the improvement of County Roads, and, in any case, not unless on a contributory basis."

Under date 3rd April, 1934, the Tourist Association, O'Connell Street, Dublin, wrote that the Curracloe Road was included in the representations recently made by them to the Department of Local Government & Public Health regarding Tourist conditions generally. In view of the wishes of the Council the matter would be again taken up with the Department. The Association had not a great deal of influence in matters of this kind but what they had would be



placed at the disposal of the County Council.

Mr. Corish said that no money in respect of the present financial year was yet available for roads but money would be allocated later for Unemployment Relief and he would take up the matter with the Minister when this money would be available. He proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Culleton and adopted:- "That in view of the importance and popularity of Curracloe as a tourist resort we request the Department of Local Government and Public Health when money under Relief of Unemployment is available to allocate an amount sufficient to improve the Strand Road, Curracloe (No.638) so as to meet tourist requirements.

APPOINTMENT OF RATES INSPECTOR

The following resolution was submitted from meeting of Finance Committee of 15th March, 1934:-

"That the Co. Council be recommended to apply to the Local Appointments Commission to recommend a person for appointment as Rates Inspector, age limits 25 to 30; duties to be as prescribed by the Public Bodies Order and to include the same clerical work in connection with the Rate Collection as was required in the case of the last appointment to the office, and also the collection of instalments of loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. Salary, £200 per annum, rising by annual increments of £10 to £250, a sum of £100 to be allocated for travelling expenses. A competent knowledge of Irish to be essential for the position."

The following under date 29th March, 1934, (G.35652/1934 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 22nd instant relative to the proposal of the Council to apply to the Local Appointments Commissioners to recommend a person for appointment as Rates Inspector, and to state



"that the Minister considers that the age-limits proposed would unduly restrict the field of choice by debarring candidates who might otherwise be eligible for appointment. The Minister would accordingly suggest age limits of 25 to 40 years with an extension in the case of existing pensionable or pensioned officers of local authorities who might be allowed to deduct any time which they have served.

"I am to add that the Minister approves of the scale of salary and allowance for travelling proposed for the position!"

Col. Quin suggested that the meeting should agree to fix age limits at from 25 to 35 years.

Mr. Culleton proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem. con.:-

"That the recommendation of the Finance Committee fixing age limits for the position of Rates Inspector at from 25 to 30 years be confirmed and that the Minister be requested to sanction this proposal."

RATE COLLECTORSHIP - No.7 DISTRICT

The following under date 23rd March, 1934, (G.32946-1934 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 15th instant with resolution adopted by the Council on the 12th instant in regard to the proposed permanent appointment of Mr. J. Deegan as Rate Collector in District No.7, and to state that as clearly intimated the Minister is not prepared to reconsider his decision in this matter. The vacancy should accordingly be advertised in the usual manner."

Mr. D'Arcy proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted without dissent:-

"That advertisement for appointment of Rate Collector



"for No.7 Collection District be issued and that Finance Committee be empowered to draft and issue same and also to make the necessary arrangements as to holding of examination etc."

MAIN ROAD UPKEEP GRANT

The following Memo. (RGM/201/34) under date 22nd March, 1934, was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"A Grant of £11,605 has been provisionally allocated for the upkeep of main roads in the above-mentioned County for the year 1934/35. A formal letter notifying the Grant and the conditions attaching thereto will be issued in due course. One of the conditions is that all tars and bitumens for use on roads in 1934/35, whether such roads are grant-aided or not, are to be obtained from the Official Contractor appointed for the coming financial year. The sum of £11,605 represents 40 per cent of £29,014, the amount which appears to have been passed by the Council for the upkeep of Main Roads."

MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES

The following letter under date 24th February, 1934, from Office of Public Works - adjourned from last meeting for consideration - was read:-

"I am to refer to your letter of the 16th instant in which you inform us of two resolutions recently adopted by your Council on the subject of the selection of Minor Relief Works in County Wexford, and in reply I am to say there appears to be a misapprehension on the part of the Council inasmuch as:-

(1) The Minor Relief Schemes for the County were chosen from a large number of applications and proposals with a view to affording relief to the poorest Electoral Divisions in the County and to other areas where



"unemployment relief was most necessary. In this respect it should be borne in mind that the relief grants which have been made through the Department of Local Government and Public Health for road works in County Wexford are complementary to the Minor Relief Schemes.

"(2) We are not aware of having made any promise to the Council that a specific sum would be expended on Minor Relief Schemes in the County; nor can we accept the suggestion that the individual works were selected in a haphazard way, but have to say that, on the contrary, they were decided upon after due consideration of all the relevant factors."

Under date 6th April, 1934, the Office of Public Works forwarded confirmation of expenditure of £100 for Mongarrow Lane and £40 for Knockbrandon and Millquarter Lane from Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

The Co. Surveyor said these lanes had been already dealt with, the amounts mentioned had been spent.

Mr. Hayes said that as regards Fardystown Lane the portion repaired under the Relief Grant was not at all as important as the Ablintown Section on which several rate-payers lived and on which there was a great deal of tillage. There was no one living on the Fardystown portion. The people of Ablintown were perturbed as they were afraid nothing further would be done. He (Mr. Hayes) suggested that if any money was left over after the work at Fardystown it should go to Ablintown.

Col. Gibbon supported Mr. Hayes.

The Co. Surveyor said that the original Grant had been given for Fardystown Lane but when he found the other section was more important he asked that the money should be transferred to it. The Board of Works did not agree but did consent that any money over from Fardystown would be spent on Ablintown and they gave practically what was an undertaking that further money would be available later.



SOW DRAINAGE DISTRICT

The following under date 17th February, 1934, (2660-34) was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"We have considered the terms of the resolution passed by your Council at their meeting on the 11th December last and of that passed at a meeting of Drainage Ratepayers on the 14th ultimo - copy of which you forwarded with your letter of the 26th January last - and we regret that we cannot extend the period for the repayment of the loan and arrears as requested. In this connection we would refer you to the last paragraph of our letter dated 17th January, 1934, in which we stated that "we have laid before the Minister for Finance your Council's request that the repayment of arrears due upon 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"."

The Chairman said that the Co. Council had been the means of securing a Grant of £5000 for the improvement of the Sow area and he did not see why the Drainage Ratepayers would not now pay the amount of their Rates under the Charging Order.

COURTOWN HARBOUR  
DREDGING OF BASIN

The following letter from Office of Public Works under date 13th February, 1934, (adjourned from last meeting) was read:-

"In reply to your letter of 9th January asking for an extension of time for the execution of the work of dredging the basin at Courtown Harbour, I am desired by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance to say that before consideration is given to the matter he wishes to know the period of time for which an extension is requested!"



Letter of explanation from County Surveyor to the Office of Public Works under date 27th February, 1934, was read. In this it was pointed out that P. Donovan, the original Contractor had failed to carry out the work and the Council found it impossible to secure anyone else to complete it at a reasonable figure. The Co. Council had decided to purchase a Crane and Grab for use at the Harbour but these would not be available for some time. This Crane and Grab would provide a proper entrance channel which would allow the Board of Works dredger "Fag - an - Bealach" to enter the harbour and complete the dredging of the basin. He (Co. Surveyor) in the circumstances did not consider a lesser period of extension than up to 30th September, 1934, should be asked for.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That the Minister for Finance be requested to extend the period for carrying out the dredging work at Courtown Harbour to 30th September, 1934, in accordance with explanation sent by Co. Surveyor to Office of Public Works under date 27th February, 1934."

DUNCANNON HARBOUR

Attention was directed to the following question in the Dail:-

Mr. Corish asked the Minister for Lands and Fisheries if in view of the fact that the Wexford Co. Council, through lack of funds, are unable to undertake the dredging of Duncannon Harbour, Co. Wexford, which is silting up very rapidly, he will recommend the Minister for Finance to advance monies from the Unemployment Relief Fund for that purpose and thereby remedy the complaints contained in the memorial sent to his Department recently by the fishermen from that area.

Dr. Ryan - I understand that the Wexford Co. Council is responsible for the maintenance of Duncannon Harbour.



My Department has no funds for such purposes, and it is, therefore, unable to contribute towards the cost.

Mr. Corish said it was a peculiar situation that Waterford Harbour Commissioners were collecting the dues at this Harbour while the Wexford Co. Council were obliged to carry out the repairs. He then proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Colfer and adopted:- "That, in view of the answer of Minister for Agriculture as to Duncannon Harbour we desire to point out that legislation should be introduced to relieve Wexford Co. Council of the cost of maintaining the harbour of Duncannon in view of the fact that the dues at this Harbour are collected by Waterford Harbour Commissioners."

#### EMPLOYMENT OF ROAD WORKERS

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Cooney and seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to discontinue the employment of men for Road and quarry work including Gangers who have an accumulation of Insurance Stamps and employ men who have no such accumulation of stamps.

Mr. Corish appealed to Mr. Cooney to withdraw his motion but Mr. Cooney refused.

Messrs. Cline and Armstrong held that this question had been already dealt with by the Council some months back.

After discussion Mr. Cooney agreed to postpone further consideration of his motion to next meeting when the decision of the Council as referred to by Messrs. Cline and Armstrong can be made available.

#### FORD OF LYNG

It was decided that this matter should be considered in Committee.

The following resolution was adopted at the last meeting of Co. Council on 12th March, 1934:- "That the County Councillors of Wexford County Electoral Area be



"appointed a Committee to discuss with Mr. Meldon and any other representatives of the owners of South Wexford Sloblands the question of the Ford of Lyng with a view to arriving at a satisfactory settlement."

The Conference was held on 23rd March in Co. Courthouse Wexford, the Co. Council being represented by the Chairman, Col. Gibbon and Mr. Colleton, and the Commissioners by Messrs. Pilkington & Goulding (Solicitors) and Mr. Leonard (Engineer). The Secretary, Co. Surveyor and Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, were also in attendance.

After considerable discussion the following recommendation was agreed to unanimously:-

"We recommend the Wexford County Council to approach the Departments of Land Commission and Office of Public Works to endeavour to procure a sum of at least £200 as State Grant for the purpose of obviating the flooding at the Ford of Lyng and Ballybro District, the Slob Commissioners to provide a similar sum or whatever balance not exceeding £200 as may be necessary to complete the work.

"If this Government Grant can be secured, the Slob Commissioners are prepared to undertake the future maintenance of the improved channel."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution:- "That we approve of the report of Conference re Ford of Lyng and return our best thanks to the Members of the Co. Council who acted thereat for their efforts to secure a settlement of this difficult matter."

Col. Gibbon said what was proposed was only a palliative and would not remedy the flooding.

The Chairman said that the Engineers of the Slob Company were very confident that the proposal would remedy the flooding but if it failed the hands of the Co. Council were not tied in any way.



The Co. Surveyor said it would be advisable to wait and see the effect of the work which was now suggested before making any further move.

The resolution was then put and passed.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the following Members be appointed as a deputation to wait on the Office of Public Works and endeavour to secure a Grant of £200 for repair of Ford of Lyng. That they point out that portion of a stream which enters the Ford has been repaired under Relief Grant and that this has actually had the effect of increasing the volume of water in the Ford;"

"The Chairman (Mr. M. Doyle) and Col. Gibbon with the County Surveyor; Mr. Corish, T.D., was asked to accompany the Deputation.

#### SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

The following under date 6th April, 1934 (L.1239-34) was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"The Department understand that wholesale transactions in margarine are no longer conducted by Messrs. Battle Bros. & Co., Ltd., at the premises 12, 13 and 16, Templeshannon Quay, Enniscorthy, which were registered for such dealings on the 4th April, 1908.

"The Department will be glad to be informed in due course as to such action as may be taken by your Local Authority in regard to the question of cancelling the registration in this case."

Mr. McCarthy said the premises in question had been closed for years.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin:- "That the Certificate of Registration of the premises at 12, 13 and 16 Templeshannon Quay, Enniscorthy, for wholesale transactions in Margarine be and is hereby cancelled."



ROAD RAMSGRANGE - CAMPILE

Messrs. M. Cloney, Dungulph Castle, Templetown and John Murphy, Ballykerogue, Campile, ex-Co. Councillors attended as a deputation in connection with the road from Ramsgrange to Campile.

Mr. Murphy having thanked the Council for their reception said that this road ran from the Church of Horeswood to the other link road at Kilbride. Two years ago the Council had adopted a resolution that it be moved into the link road class on account of the tremendous traffic which it carried. It had been going to the bad here and there all the time for the past two years and there was not sufficient money allocated to keep it in good order. If it was in the link road class and a little money spent on it every year it would never get into a bad condition. It was used constantly by a number of lorries. The Co-operative Society which had three lorries on it with a tax of £9 each found that the springs of their vehicles were breaking every other day.

Mr. Cloney said that no one unless acquainted with the district would have any idea as to the large amount of traffic which the road had to bear. Formerly the traffic was slight as there was a steamer service to and from Waterford. That had been discontinued for some years and since then everyone used the train at Campile. As Mr. Murphy pointed out the Co-operative Society had three lorries on the road and the creamery lorries were also constantly passing over it. To give them some idea of the traffic he would point out that 40,000 to 50,000 barrels of corn were delivered at Campile this year, outside of a large amount of Beet and a considerable quantity of potatoes and artificial manures. The road was unable to sustain the traffic which was wearing away the crust. He was sure if the Co. Surveyor



had the power he would ask to have it put into the link road class. There were quarries convenient in which first class material was obtainable and the repair could be done comparatively cheaply.

Col. Quin proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:-

"That the Government be requested to allow the road from Campile to Ramsgrange to be moved into the link-road class."

The Co. Surveyor said that from the amount of traffic with which it had to deal this should certainly be regarded as a link road.

Mr. Cloney thanked the meeting for the manner in which the deputation had been received.

#### CAHORE PIER

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Smyth seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the Department of Lands and Forestry be requested to inform this Co. Council when it is expected action will be taken on Memorial, in connection with extension of Cahore Pier and acknowledgment of which was received on 9th March, 1933.

"We also desire to point out that this query was again addressed to the Department on 26th January, 1934."

#### TINABAN LANE

Mr. W. Levingston, Tinaban, Ballyfadd, asked that something more should be done at Tinaban Lane. To leave it in its present state would mean so much money wasted. The "passway" would be impassable in rain and the lane required resurfacing.

The Co. Surveyor denied that the money had been wasted. They were only waiting for another grant to finish the work.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne that the application to finish the work on Tinaban Lane be favourably considered when Grants under



Minor Relief Schemes Vote are available.

#### AUGHNAMAULMEEN LANE

A Memorial signed by eleven ratepayers as to repairs to above lane was read. It had been approved by the Co. Council and the Co. Surveyor. The residents, the Memorial stated, were no longer able to maintain it and it was in a deplorable condition.

Mr. Keegan said that some representative of the Government inspected the place and turned down the proposal, why he did not know.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the application for repair of Aughnamaulmeen lane receive favourable consideration when money will be available under Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

#### TOMONA LANE

Mr. A. Ryan, Tomona, Ballindaggin, applied to have above lane put under Contract. There were six families concerned with houses and land and the seventh with land. There is a great deal of traffic over it. The repair of the lane would relieve local unemployment.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "This Council cannot see its way to take over the lane at Tomona, Ballindaggin, but schedule it for consideration for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote when money under same becomes available.

#### CAMOLIN PARK ROAD

James Hendrick, Camolin Park, Camolin, forwarded Memorial signed by himself and thirty-two other ratepayers as to repair of Camolin Park Road which led to their land. It was a mile long and was at present in a bad condition. It was an endless road leading into the Park at Kilcloran.



The Co. Surveyor said that the Land Commission had offered to provide £500 to reconstruct this road on condition that the Co. Council put up a similar amount. The Council would not agree.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the attention of the Land Commission be called to the deplorable condition of the road in Camolin Park. The Commission are responsible for the very heavy traffic passing over it and should be prepared to put it into the condition that will allow of its use by the ratepayers concerned."

#### ROSSLARE CLIFF ROAD

The following under date 28th March, 1934, was read from Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of to-day's date, and note that the Co. Surveyor considers this road to be dangerous to traffic. This being so, I am of opinion that, pending the receipt of Formal sanction from the Minister of Local Government & Public Health to the closing of the road it would be advisable to have a substantial barrier placed at each end of the road so as to prevent the Public from using it. There should be lights on this at night time. Further a Notice should be put at either end stating that the Road was dangerous and had been closed.

"If there was no such barrier there and an accident occurred the Council would be responsible for damages."

The Co. Surveyor said it was necessary that this road should be closed and this could only be done through an Inquiry by the Department of Local Government & Public Health. The matter was before this Department some time ago and was turned down, but he (Co. Surveyor) went over the road lately with Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the District, and found it really dangerous to take a



motor-car along it now. It would be quite easy for a bad accident to happen. They had done their best to warn the public. They had a barricade at the end leaving a small gap to enable the people living on the road to get in and out and on top of the barricade they had fixed two red triangles though the latter were not lit at night. Every motorist could see the protection which had been erected if they tried to get through the narrow gap. It was quite safe at one side for foot passengers but the side nearest the sea was not safe. The narrowest part was ten feet. It was falling away at the edge of that ten feet and a piece might go out of it any moment.

The Chairman said there would be no danger so far as the local people were concerned but the danger might occur in Summer time with visitors who would not be aware of the condition of the road.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to make arrangements for the holding of an Inquiry to enable the Co. Council to close Rosslare Cliff Road as it has become dangerous for public traffic."

#### BALLYDANIEL BRIDGE

The following report was read from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District, as regards damage to wall at Ballydaniel Bridge (Road 4M):-

"Part of above was badly damaged recently by a motor lorry or car. I estimate the cost of restoring wall to be in or about £20. I enquired at Gardai Station, Camolin, to know if they had any knowledge as to who was responsible for this damage, but though the matter had been investigated I was informed it had not yet been found out who owned the vehicle."



The Co. Surveyor stated that if the vehicle was ever identified he would see that a prosecution was instituted.

KILLINICK DISPENSARY  
EXTENSION OF

The following under date 8th March, 1934, (adjourned from last meeting) was read from Mr. John O'Connor, Killinick:

"I am about building an extension to dispensary house at Killinick, about fourteen feet, with the approval of the Co. Council.

"It will be used as a consulting room by the Dispensary Doctor.

"Mr. Barry, Co. Surveyor, inspected it here to-day, 7th March.

"Trusting the Council will allow me to get on with the work now at once. Thanking you in anticipation."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That no action be taken as regards application of Mr. John O'Connor relative to extension of dispensary at Killinick."

POISONS & PHARMACY ACT  
LICENCES

Renewal of licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 was granted to Mr. Denis Lennon, Merchant, Bunclody, on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Brennan.



"ANTI JAZZ" RESOLUTION

The Hon. Secretary of Wexford Branch of the Gaelic League, wrote that at a general meeting of the branch a resolution of appreciation was adopted as to the attitude of Wexford County Council in adopting the "Anti Jazz" resolution from Headquarters of the Gaelic League.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

The following resolution from Leitrim County Council was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Brennan:-

"We suggest to the Executive Council that the time has come when the arrangement by which County Councils seek relief from pressing financial calls by recourse to Joint Stock Banks for Overdraft accommodation should be replaced by a State administered system financed by monies raised by the issue to the public of blocks of County Council stock at such periods as average requirements show to be necessary."

AGRICULTURAL GRANT  
FEMALE LABOUR ETC.

The following resolution from Roscommon County Council was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne the word "daughters" in line 4 being changed to "adult female labour":-

"That in relation to the new method of allocating the Agricultural Grant, we call the attention of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the cases of farmers who have daughters over the age of 17 years, in full occupation on their farms helping to produce the real wealth of this country through pig feeding, poultry rearing, calf rearing, butter-making &c.

"Many of those farmers have no whole-time males through whom relief from the Grant can be obtained and have to depend for help on daughters in carrying on their industry, and on



"the question of whole-time employment the Council desires to know if occasional road work or other work will disqualify.

"Again many farmers have large families of children under the age of seventeen - a class which in the case of income-tax payers entitle them to considerable abatements - and we urge the Minister to give favourable consideration to such cases when giving relief to farmers from the Agricultural Grant under the new legislation."

#### RATES AND ANNUITIES

The following resolution submitted from Co. Dublin Committee of Agriculture was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That in view of the public statement of Mr. Thomas in the British House of Commons, in answer to a question, that by the 31st March next the default of the Free State will be £7,063,000 and that on the 13th January last the proceeds of the British tariffs on Free State produce imported into England during the relevant period amounted to £6,243,000, and as the tariff on our cattle Quota of 104,000 beasts from the 13th January to 31st March will be about £600,000, it is quite clear that by the latter date the Free State will have paid England's entire claim on this country, and as our Agriculture will in fact have paid this debt, this Committee of Agriculture feel that the equity of the whole position demands that during the continuance of the Economic War there should be no rates or Annuities on Agricultural Land."

#### POLICY OF JOINT STOCK BANKS

The following resolution from Co. Kerry Board of Health was marked "read" on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That we call on the Government to cause a Commission of Inquiry to be held into the retention and distribution of money, together with the present policy of the Banks



"operating in this country as, in our opinion, their present policy is antagonistic to the best interests of the people and the Government, and is causing greater hardship than the Economic War as pursued by England. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Executive Council and all local authorities."

#### TOWN TENANTS PURCHASE BILL

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That we call on the Government to introduce forthwith the long delayed Town Tenants Purchase Bill and its speedy passage into law, the standard rent to be taken as the basis of purchase of new lease and other Tenancies."

#### RELIEF RATES AGRICULTURAL LAND

The following resolution from Kildare Co. Council was, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall, marked "Read":-

"That the County Council of Kildare having considered the proposed Scheme for relief of rates on Agricultural Land for the year 1934/35, protest against its adoption on many grounds of which the following are but a few:-

- (1) It will raise the rate levy on many farms where a large percentage is tilled and much labour employed.
- (2) No cognizance is taken of casual labour and as casual labour is unavoidable on tillage farms the Scheme will operate against tillage farmers.
- (3) No cognizance is taken of female labour so largely employed on land, nor of boy labour.
- (4) On many farms, under present conditions, all the work is being done by families, many of them still only children and to deny such rated occupiers relief of rates which they are entitled to would be unjust.
- (5) The Scheme will be difficult and costly to administer, and an equitable administration will be utterly impossible.
- (6) There will be a great temptation



"to people to render inaccurate Returns, which will be difficult to verify and many injustices will result. (7) The relief of rates upon the first £20 of a Poor Law Valuation will be so small a portion of a year's wages for a workman that it will be no incentive to a rated occupier to employ labour and the Scheme therefore, will fail in its first objective. (8) The Scheme discriminates unfairly against Holdings above £20 Poor Law Valuation, where mainly agricultural labourers are employed, It therefore strikes unjustly at wage-earning farmers and against the large body of citizens whose sole dependence is employment on the land and who get no benefit whatever from the Scheme. (9) Under the Scheme the maximum relief will go in many cases to people who are not depending solely on land for their means of livelihood.

"We request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to abandon the proposal."

Michael Doyle

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING

14th MAY, 1934

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 May, 1934.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presiding, also:- Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, T.F. D'Arcy, James Gaul, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Hickey, Michael Jordan, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin and Myles Smyth.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £342:16:8d Salaries etc. and £17102:6:11d for Road Contractors and Transfers to Public Bodies were examined and signed.

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 as appearing on Form 22 and certified by Co. Surveyor be and are hereby approved and that Pay Orders for same issue from this meeting."

#### VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the following reply to vote of condolence on the death of his uncle, the late Mr. Frank Wadding, received from Mr. Gaul, M.C.C., be inserted on Minutes of this day's meeting."

The following is copy of letter referred to in this resolution:-



"Please convey to your Council my sincere thanks for their kind vote of sympathy occasioned by the death of my uncle, the late Francis Wadding. I also wish to thank yourself for your kind remarks. "

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That we offer our heartfelt sympathy to Miss N. Connolly, County Librarian, and Dr. Eugene Connolly, in the death of their father, who during his long life earned the respect and esteem of all who had the happiness of his acquaintance."

The Chairman and Secretary associated themselves with the resolution.

#### RATE COLLECTION

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

<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage collected</u> <u>12/5/34.</u>
1. E.J. Murphy	95.2
2. M. Kehoe	88.8
3. J. Curtis	88.8
4. D. Kenny	84.7
5. P. Carty	81.8
6. P. Nolan	79.4
7. S. Gannon (No.6)	78.8
8. Ml. McCarthy	77.1
9. J. Deegan	75.0
10. J.J. O'Reilly	74.4
11. A. Dunne	74.4
12. S. Gannon (No.10)	73.8
13. J. Cummins	72.4
14. W. Cummins	71.4
15. W. Doyle	70.0
16. J. Quirke	67.0
17. J.J. Sinnott	66.2
18. J. Flood	65.3
19. P. Doyle	63.2
20. M. Murphy.	60.4
	<u>Average....75.4</u>

The Secretary stated that the Collection was 17.9% behind that of the corresponding period last year.

#### MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEES

MEETING 12th APRIL, 1934:- The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 12th April, 1934.

Present:- Messrs. John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy and Sean O'Byrne.

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

Mr. McCarthy was moved to the chair on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

THE LATE MRS. QUIRKE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That we express our deep sympathy with Mr. James Quirke, Rate Collector, in the death of his mother."

The Secretary expressed his sympathy and that of his staff with Mr. Quirke in his bereavement.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3941:2:10d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

The state of the Rate Collection up to date (12th April, 1934) was submitted as follows:-

<u>Rate Collector's Name</u>	<u>Percentage collected</u> <u>12/4/1934</u>
E.J. Murphy	85.6
M. Kehoe	74.9
J. Curtis	73.6
P. Nolan	71.4
S. Gannon (No. 6)	69.8
P. Carty	66.7
D. Kenny	66.1
S. Gannon (No.10)	65.1
A. Dunne	64.9
J. Cummins	64.2
J.J. O'Reilly	63.2
M. McCarthy	62.3
W. Cummins	62.0
J. Deegan	61.7



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Rate Collector's Name

Percentage collected  
12/4/1934

W. Doyle	59.2
J. Quirke	58.3
J.J. Sinnott	57.6
J. Flood	56.1
P. Doyle	54.4
<u>M. Murphy</u>	<u>53.0</u>

The Secretary stated that compared with the corresponding period last year the collection showed a decrease of 26 per cent. the amount collected (excluding arrears) being 64.5 per cent. as against 90.8 per cent. in 1933.

The Rate Inspector said it was very difficult to say definitely who was able to pay rates at present owing to the way people were circumstanced. Everybody was telling the Rate Collector for his district that they would pay as soon as they could dispose of their stock and this was what happened - when the stock was sold the rates were paid.

Chairman - May we take it that no one is deliberately holding back rates?

Mr. O'Reilly, Rate Inspector, replied in the negative.

In further reply to the Chairman, the Rate Inspector said he was not able to suggest anything that would speed up the collection.

Mr. O'Byrne said if a Rate Collector had anyone in his area able to pay he should inform such a person that proceedings would have to be taken against him.

Rate Inspector - That has been done already.

CLAIM FOR REFUND OF RATES

Application for refund of Rates on empty stores and yard valued at £2 for the past ten years and on lime kiln valued at £1 for eighteen years up to 1930 was received from Mrs. Susan Heery, Duncannon.

The following resolution was adopted:-



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"That Mrs. Susan Heery, Duncannon, be informed that Finance Committee are advised that her claim for refund of Rates cannot be allowed."

#### COMPLAINT AGAINST RATE COLLECTOR

In connection with the complaint of Mr. Martin Kelly, Castle Ellis, that Collector M. Murphy had, without the slightest provocation, been most insulting to him as regards the collection of rates, Mr. Murphy wrote that he never insulted Martin Kelly and had never given him the slightest provocation to complain.

It was decided to furnish Mr. Kelly with copy of letter from Mr. Murphy.

#### RATE DISTRICT NO.7

The Finance Committee agreed to the following draft advertisement in respect of appointment of Rate Collector for No.7 District:-

"The above Council will, at their meeting to be held on 14th May, 1934, at 10.30 a.m. (official time) consider applications for the position of Rate Collector for No.7 District, which comprises the District Electoral Divisions of:-

Ballindaggin, Castledockrell, Killoughrim, Kilrush, Marshalstown, Moyacomb, Newtownbarry, Rossard, St. Mary's and Tombrack.

"Candidates must be over 21 years of age and not more than 50 years old on 14th May, 1934, and must submit birth or baptismal Certificate with application.

"Remuneration:- 5d in the £. on all monies collected and lodged (provided Warrants are closed by statutory dates) with Statutory fees for work in the preparation of Electors' Lists, which for past financial year amounted to £35.



"The Warrant for current financial year is not available but the amount for financial year 1932/33 was £6819 and for financial year 1933/34 £8317.

"Terms and conditions of appointment which should be obtained by all intending candidates will be furnished on application to the Undersigned.

"Candidates must pass qualifying examination in Irish, English and Arithmetic which will be held on Friday, 11th May, 1934, at 10.30 a.m. (Official time) in Co. Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford. (No further notice of this date of this examination will be given.)

"Applicants who have been successful in previous examinations for Rate Collectors will not be required to sit for examination but should furnish date of examination at which they were successful.

"Applications (with testimonials and reputable evidence as to character) must be lodged with the Undersigned not later than Friday, 11th May, 1934, at 10 a.m. (official time).

"Personal attendance of candidates necessary on the day of election.

"The Council do not bind themselves to make any appointment on 14th May, 1934.

"The successful candidate must receive the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health."

It was decided that Mr. Myles Redmond, St. John's Road, Wexford, be appointed to draft and mark examination papers and also to act as Superintendent, fee to be £1:1s. per examination paper and £1:1s. for acting as Superintendent.

#### RATE INSPECTOR

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the claim of Mr. O'Reilly, temporary Rate Inspector, for £33:5s. for thirteen weeks' travelling expenses be allowed. This is within the allocation."



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SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That, as Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, has now reported that the title of James Sexton, Bulgan, Glynn, at land at Boolabawn, is in order we recommend the Co. Council to advance to Mr. Sexton under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts 90% of the value of house (which he is erecting) as certified by Assistant Surveyor for the District, if house is valued by Surveyor at an amount under £200. If the house is valued at over £200 the amount of loan be limited to half the value of the house."

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That in view of the fact that the Rate Collection is 26 per cent behind percentage at a corresponding period last year and of the deduction of £12543 from Agricultural Grant we request the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to sanction overdraft accommodation to the Council of £62,500 from 1st May, 1934, to 31st July, 1934."

CRIMINAL INJURY APPLICATION

Mr. Alfred Lyne forwarded notice claiming £1443:14s. compensation for malicious damage, destruction and appropriation of tools, machinery, plants, seeds, farm produce, cattle, pigs, fowl and eggs etc., from Palace House, Palace, New Ross, on or about 3rd March, 1923.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

ILLNESS OF MR. S. HAYES

Certificate was read from Mr. J.W. Whelan, Dentist, that for the three days from 3rd April, 1934, Mrs. S. Hayes, Assistant in Co. Council Offices, was suffering from abscess and had to have teeth extracted in consequence of which he was unable to work for the period named.



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 12th April, 1934, be received and are hereby approved."

The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 26th April, 1934, were submitted:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 26th April, 1934.

Present: Messrs. J.P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy and Sean O'Byrne.

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

Mr. McCarthy was moved to the chair on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2050:8:2d was examined and signed.

The remainder of the business was adjourned to next meeting.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 26th April, 1934, as submitted to this meeting be approved."

MEETING 9th MAY. 1934:- Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee held on 9th May, 1934, were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Hall, Wexford, on 9th May, 1934.

Present:- Messrs. John Culleton, James Hall, John P. Kelly and Sean O'Byrne.

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

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, wrote that he was unable to attend as he was obliged to transact some Co. Council business with Land Commission.

Mr. Hall was moved to the chair on the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Kelly.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2338:0:5d was examined and signed.

#### THE LATE MRS. MARGARET D'ARCY.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That we offer our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. T.F. D'Arcy, M.C.C., in the death of his mother, a kind friend and helpful neighbour, who, during her long life was respected by everyone in her district."

#### RATE COLLECTION

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

<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage collected 8/5/1934.</u>
1. E.J. Murphy	92.6
2. M. Kehoe	87.0
3. J. Curtis	86.7
4. D. Kenny	84.7
5. P. Carty	81.8
6. P. Nolan	78.7
7. S. Gannon (No. 6)	78.7
8. J. Deegan	74.4
9. M. McCarthy	74.0
10. S. Gannon (No.10)	73.7
11. A. Dunne	73.7
12. J.J. O'Reilly	73.4
13. J. Cummins	72.4



<u>Name of Collector</u>		<u>Percentage collected</u>
		<u>8/5/1934.</u>
14.	W. Cummins	70.6
15.	W. Doyle	70.0
16.	J. Quirke	66.4
17.	J.J. Sinnott	65.7
18.	J. Flood	65.3
19.	M. Murphy	60.4
20.	P. Doyle	60.0
		<u>Average.....74.4</u>

The average of collection is 74.4%. The amount outstanding is 33.7% or 19.7% behind amount of percentage at the corresponding period last year.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the attention of Rate Collectors M. Murphy and P. Doyle who have collected 60.4 and 60 per cent respectively be called to the fact that another collector has lodged 92.6 per cent of his warrant and the Finance Committee fail to understand why Messrs. Murphy and Doyle are 32 per cent behind in their collections as compared with the Collector referred to. We are of opinion that the wide difference in these collections could not have arisen if Messrs. M. Murphy and P. Doyle had exercised more energy in the discharge of their duties."

#### RATE COLLECTORS' APPLICATION

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' UNION.

The following under date 13th April, 1934, was read from the Secretary, Irish Local Government Officials' Union, 4, Upper Ormonde Quay, Dublin:-

"Representations on behalf of the Rate Collectors employed by the Wexford County Council have been made to this Union through the Local Branch, in connection with the matters set out hereunder. It is felt that the claims of these officials are just and reasonable and I am to ask that your Council will see fit to make the necessary recommendations to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for his sanction.



"1932/33 Collection: The Collectors feel that they have been very unjustly treated by the refusal of the Department to sanction payment of poundage in full for this collection. With one exception all warrants were closed within approximately three weeks of the date fixed and even at that date the amounts outstanding, as shown by information supplied to my Union, in no case amounted to  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$  and were for the most part about  $1\%$ . In view therefore of the small amounts uncollected, the fact that all such arrears were subsequently collected within a short period and, above all, the condition of economic depression prevailing, the Collectors feel that they are fairly entitled to the amounts withheld. My Union fully appreciates that the Wexford County Council have endeavoured to influence the Minister to alter his decision on this question, for which efforts I am to tender the appreciation of this Organisation. I am now to request that your Council may be good enough to resubmit the case on behalf of these officials in order that this Union may have a further opportunity of approaching the Minister.

"Part Payment of Poundage: The payment of poundage in two instalments in accordance with the Public Bodies Order constitutes in the case of many collectors a definite hardship and in this connection my Union approves of the former proposal for part payment on each  $10\%$  of the warrant collected. The circumstances of the majority of the Collectors cannot be described as affluent and to oblige the officials to accept payment only twice yearly of a sum which undoubtedly constitutes the larger proportion of their annual income is a cause of embarrassment in most cases.

"My Union is of opinion that if the original



"proposal were again forwarded to the Minister that the combined efforts of your Council and this Organisation will be successful in obtaining a more satisfactory decision than formerly.

"Poundage Rate: It has been intimated to my Union that the rate of poundage payable to some collectors is on the basis of 5d in the pound while others are remunerated at the rate of 7d. On behalf of those on the lower scale, I am to appeal to your Council that, apart from the unnecessary distinction created, this rate is unduly low and incommensurate with the difficult and responsible work which is discharged by these officials. I am, therefore, to request that your Council will earnestly consider this representation on behalf of these lower paid collectors with a view to instituting a uniform scale of 7d in the £.

"Agricultural Grant: In connection with the supplementary Agricultural Grant my Union is of opinion that the Collectors have a distinct grievance owing to the non-issue of Credit Notes to rate-payers, or alternatively that compensation for loss of poundage through the operation of the Grant was not paid.

"It is felt that it should be only necessary to direct the attention of your Council to the fact that the Collectors were penalised by circumstances outside of their control for it should be readily realised how manifestly reasonable is the claim of the Collectors. That such is the case is demonstrated by the action taken by many other County Councils, either by the issue of Credit Notes or making a payment to their Collectors by way of Compensation. My Union believes that your Council would not be willing to impose this hardship upon their Rate Collectors and I am accordingly to ask that compensation will be made for the loss sustained."



A deputation from Collectors-James Quirke, M. McCarthy and Sean Gannon attended the meeting on behalf of the general body.

1932/33 Collection: Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That we ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction payment of full poundage as regards 1932/33 Collection, in view of the fact that we are convinced Rate Collectors did their best to secure prompt payment of rates and it was not their fault that warrants were not closed much earlier. The County Council put these proposals before the Minister some time back but unfortunately he did not see his way to agree. However, the Council would ask him to re-open the question and if at all possible to allow payment to the Collectors of the total amount of their remuneration. "

PART PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE: Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution:- "That we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to re-consider the proposal of this Council to pay Rate Collectors their poundage on each 10% of Warrants collected. As already pointed out to him the Collectors in this County have no other source of income and it must be recognised that the payment of poundage in two instalments only, does inflict considerable hardship on these officials." Passed.

POUNDAGE RATE: In connection with the application that all Rate Collectors should be paid at a flat rate of 7d in the £. the Chairman moved and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution:- "That the application to fix poundage fees at 7d in the £. for all Collectors, be referred to the new County Council." Passed.

AGRICULTURAL GRANT: Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution:- "That no action be taken



"as regards the non-issue of Credit Notes to Ratepayers in respect of the 1933/34 Rate Collection."

RATE COLLECTORS AND CHECKING OF ABATEMENT FORMS  
AGRICULTURAL GRANT 1934/35.

Correspondence with Rate Collectors as regards above was submitted.

Collector Quirke (District No.1) wrote on behalf of the Collectors under date 28th April, 1934, that they had come to the conclusion that as the work of checking forms would entail a considerable amount of labour and a good deal of time and care to make the necessary enquiries in a proper manner they applied for payment of 1/- per Form as they believed this to be a reasonable claim.

The Collectors also wished to know what was their responsibility in case of prosecutions arising out of false returns.

The Secretary stated he had issued the following letter to the Collectors on 30th April, 1934:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of 28th instant regarding the remuneration etc. for checking Abatement Forms. As Rate Collectors were asked over ten days ago to deal with this matter I wish to point out that any delay in checking these Forms will cause considerable inconvenience to the Council.

"Until I am in a position to ascertain the number of workmen etc. as certified to by Rate Collectors the allocation of the Agricultural Grant to the various ratepayers cannot be dealt with.

"I have therefore, to instruct you to comply immediately with the terms of my letter to you of 27th instant as to checking these Forms.

"Collectors have no power to hold over the commencement



"of this work until the question of the remuneration has been decided by the Council.

"Your application will be brought before the first available meeting.

"Mr. O'Reilly, Temporary Rates Inspector, received instructions about a fortnight ago to hand out to Collectors the appropriate Forms of Abatement in each case for checking, but none of these have been returned to the present.

"This creates a very serious situation and I must request you to deal with these Forms forthwith.

"The question as to responsibility of Collectors in the case of legal proceedings arising out of these Forms will be decided by the Council after consultation with the Department of Local Government and Public Health."

Under date 30th April, 1934, Collector E.J. Murphy (No.17 District) wrote that he had been informed a meeting of Rate Collectors had decided they would not sign any Abatement Forms until they had some definite idea of what they were going to get as compensation for loss. The rebate would mean a serious loss of poundage to them.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution:- "That Rate Collectors be directed to lodge certified claims for abatement (Agricultural Grant 1934/35) with the Secretary and that the question of the amount of remuneration to be paid for the work be referred to the Department of Local Government and Public Health as it is probable that in this matter the Minister will fix a standard rate of remuneration to apply to An Saorstat." Passed.

Mr. Quirke on behalf of the Collectors stated they would not return the forms until the Local Government Officials' Union had come to an arrangement with the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to the amount of remuneration to be paid Collectors.



Report was read from the Temporary Rates Inspector that Abatement Forms were handed Enniscorthy Collectors on 19th April, to Gorey and New Ross Collectors on 20th April, and to Wexford Collectors on 4th May. Notices were sent Wexford Collectors and M. Murphy (Enniscorthy District) to attend on 23rd April to take up these Forms.

#### PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE

Under date 20th April, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.44365-34 Loch Garman) as follows:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 11th instant and to draw attention to the terms of this Department's letter of the 10th February last (Ref:G.16010/34) and I am to point out that as Collectors John Flood and M. Murphy (District No.12) have at this late period failed to account for 50% of their warrants, excluding arrears, the Minister is not prepared to sanction the payment of interim poundage to them until the equivalent of the first moieties and arrears of their current warrants has been accounted for. The collectors should be called upon to complete their first moiety collections and arrears without further delay."

Under date 7th May, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.55619-1934 Loch Garman Fa) sanctioning payment at the normal rate less 10% to Collector J. Flood on lodgments to the 30th November last in respect of his 1933/34 Warrant.

The following under date 16th April, 1934, was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health (G.Loch Garman):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has received an application from Mr. Charles McCarthy, ex-Rate Collector, for sanction of



"payment of poundage which he states is due to him by the Wexford County Council.

"I am to state that the Minister now sanctions the payment of poundage as proposed by the Council. Your letter applying for sanction to the payment is dated 22nd November, 1930."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That as the Department of Local Government and Public Health have sanctioned payment of poundage withheld from ex-Collector C. McCarthy, we again recommend to the Co. Council the payment of the amount in question viz. £31:16:11d."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the payment to Collectors of the balance of poundage on sum represented by first moiety of rates and arrears of Warrant for 1933/34."

#### RATE COLLECTORS AND COURT PROCEEDINGS

The following under date 3rd May, 1934, was read from Collector E.J. Murphy (No.17 District):-

"I wish to inform you that Mr. Maurice Kehoe, Rate Collector, on last Tuesday appeared in Mr. Fahy's District Court to prosecute a defaulting Ratepayer, When case came on for hearing the defaulter was defended by the State Solicitor, Mr. Kelly of New Ross, and Mr. Fahy gave a decree, but put on a stay for two months.

"The putting on of this stay will not help the Rate Collector nor the Collection by the 16th instant.

"I have cases in my Solicitor's hands and Civil Bills served to be heard soon. Before I proceed to this Court I am directed to bring this matter before your Council for



"their consideration and direction at your next general meeting on Monday next."

The meeting considered they had no power to interfere with the rulings of District Justice as regards a Court proceedings.

CREDIT NOTES:- Mr. McCarthy, Rate Collector for No. 4 District, wrote that the holdings 1a at Yoletown, E.D. Tacumshane (Matthew Rowe) had been grouped with a holding at Grageen same Electoral Division, owned by Thomas Rowe, through error as he was under the impression that this holding belonged to Thomas Rowe.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That £1 amount of Credit Note be paid Mr. Matthew Rowe, Grageen, for holding No.1a Yoletown, on certificate from Rates Inspector that Mr. Matthew Rowe has not received any payment on Credit note for any other holding."

Michael Wickham, Tomnalossit, Enniscorthy, wrote applying for payment of £1 amount of Credit Note which he had not received in connection with his holding No.5a (E.D. Enniscorthy Rural).

It appeared that the holding had been grouped with a holding of Kate Gordon who had received £1 for credit Note on No.12 Knockmarshal, Enniscorthy Rural E.D.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gulleton seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That Collector Gannon (No.6 District) be requested to furnish explanation as to how holding of Michael Wickham, Tomnalossit, Enniscorthy was amalgamated with that of Kate Gordon."



BOARD OF HEALTH AND  
PAYMENT FOR COTTAGE PLOTS

The following under date 30th April, 1934, was read from Collector E.J. Murphy (No.17 District):-

"In reply to yours of the 27th instant re backward state of Rate Collection I wish to inform you that several of my ratepayers are complaining very hard against the action of the Co. Board of Health holding on to their monies in respect of the Cottagers' plots. They would have paid me weeks ago had they received their cheques in time. One Department overlapping the other, what can Collectors do. The several I have in mind would have paid their rates long ago as they always did. It is up to your Council to help the Collectors by passing a Public Resolution calling on the Co. Board of Health to pay their way, and also the farmers, and save the Collectors lots of trouble and worry. Collectors are not to blame for the state of the Rate Collection. Please bring this matter before your Council."

It was decided to make no order on this communication.

COMPLAINT AGAINST RATE COLLECTOR.

In connection with the complaint made by Mr. Martin Kelly, Castle Ellis, as to abusive language used towards him by Rate Collector, Matthew Murphy, by directions of the Finance Committee at their meeting of the 12th April, 1934, the letter of Collector Matthew Murphy, denying that he had used any abusive language to Mr. Kelly was forwarded to the latter.

In reply Mr. Kelly wrote that Murphy's statement was absolutely false. The insults he had received from the Collector were the ones he mentioned to the Co. Secretary. If the Council would not deal with the Collector he would have him brought to another Court.

The meeting decided to take no further action in the matter.



EX-COLLECTOR MATTHEW KELLY

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, be instructed to examine the arrears of payment in the case of Ex-Collector Matthew Kelly for Mrs. Westropp Dawson, amount £8. "

RATE COLLECTION DISTRICT No. 7.

Under date 21st April, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.46910/34/Loch Garman) stating that the Minister had no objection to the terms of the draft advertisement or conditions of appointment proposed to be issued in connection with the vacancy of Rate Collector in District No.7.

ADDITIONAL AGRICULTURAL GRANT

The following under date 23rd April, 1934, (S) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to state that the Government have decided to make provision for the payment of a sum of £300,000 to County Councils in respect of grants absorbed in the Guarantee Fund under the Land Purchase Acts to meet arrears of annuities which have been funded under the provisions of the Land Act, 1933. A vote for the amount will be submitted to the Dail at an early date.

"The Minister wishes it to be clearly understood that the amount now proposed to be paid is in respect of grants for which County Councils have already taken credit in previous years, and the amount payable to each County must not be applied to a reduction of the estimated expenditure to be met out of rates in the present year. The amount must be applied to reducing overdrafts and rehabilitating the financial position of the Council. In all cases the



"Council will bear in mind the necessity of making full provision to meet current services. The Minister will not be prepared to accede to an extension of overdraft accommodation in the present year since, if outstanding revenues are collected the payment now proposed to be made should effect a material improvement in the financial position of the Council. There should be no relaxation in the collection of outstanding rates. Councils should determine that all warrants must close not later than the 30th June next."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That we recommend the Council to extend the period for the closing of Rate C Collectors' Warrants to the 30th June, 1934, and that arrears of rate for 1933/34 be collected separately and not carried forward for collection with 1934/35 Warrant."

#### REMISSION OF SURCHARGE

Under date 3rd May, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health, wrote (S/16011/34 Loch Garman (Fb) ) that the Minister had directed that the surcharge of £4:17:6d in respect of the purchase of flags in connection with the Eucharistic Congress 1932, be remitted.

#### COUNTY COUNCIL - OFFICE HOURS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That County Council Offices for the duration of summer time be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m."

#### COUNTY REGISTRAR AND OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

At the meeting of the Finance Committee on 29th March, 1934, application was received from the Co. Registrar, for further office accommodation. He suggested that as a means of meeting his requirements, the old Council Chamber should be



divided in two and a section be assigned to him. The Finance Committee then decided that consideration of the application be postponed until the Council had taken over their new Council Chamber and also for information from Co. Registrar as to the purpose for which the further accommodation was required by him.

Under date 16th April, 1934, the Co. Registrar wrote that his present accommodation was insufficient for his work and records and he required further room.

It was mentioned that the intention of Mr. Dwyer was to use half of the old County Council Chamber as a store room.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Co. Registrar be informed that the Finance Committee cannot recommend that any portion of the old Council Chamber should be converted into a store room. They are, however, prepared to direct the County Surveyor to fit up a compartment on the ground floor to afford additional storage accommodation for him."

#### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

Under date 13th April, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.38918/34 Loch Garman Fa) sanctioning continuance of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £40,000 to 30th April, 1934, on the accounts of the County Council, Interest to be paid thereon at the agreed rate. Under date 21st April, 1934, the Manager, National Bank, Wexford wrote that the application of the Council re continuance of overdraft accommodation to the extent of £40,000 to the 30th April, 1934, was before his directors. It was with some hesitation they sanctioned same and would point out that no reduction in the amount had been made since April, 1933.

Under date 23rd April, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health, wrote (G.43727/34 Loch Garman, Fa) that the Minister sanctioned overdraft accommodation not exceeding £62,500 from 1st May, to the 31st July, 1934, on the



accounts of the Council, Interest to be paid thereon at the agreed rate.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly, the following resolution was adopted:- "That application be made to the National Bank, Treasurer of the County Council, for overdraft accommodation to a limit of £62,500 from 1st May 1934, to 31st July, 1934, as sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. That it be pointed out the increased accommodation is required owing to the backward state of the Rate Collection and the stoppage of £12,543 from the Agricultural Grant to meet arrears of Land Purchase Annuities."

#### SOLICITOR'S OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES

Mr. Culleton proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution:- "That Co. Solicitor's out-of-pocket expenses from 17th May, 1933, to 20th March, 1934, amounting to £35:2s. be recommended for payment to the County Council."

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following resolutions were adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That as regards the application for loans of £180 each under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts from:-

Mrs. Mary Fortune, Enniscorthy Road, Ferns.  
Edward Moran, Newtownbarry Road, Ferns.  
Andrew Holden, The Square, Ferns.  
Michael Colfer, Main Street, Ferns.  
John Bailey, Main Street, Ferns.  
Peter O'Brien, Main Street, Ferns.  
Michael O'Brien, Station Road, Ferns.  
Nicholas Breen, Milltown, Ferns.

"As Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, certifies that these houses are value for £195 only the maximum amount as loan cannot exceed £175:10s. and which we recommend the Council to advance.

"That as regards the application of Mary J. Whelan of



"Ratholm, Killinick, for loan of £200 and who estimated the value of her house at £400, as Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, has now certified that the value of the house is £200 only, we recommend the Council to advance £180 as a loan this being the maximum amount in the circumstances."

Application was received from Messrs. J.A. Sinnott & Co., on behalf of Daniel Sheehan, Old Church, Enniscorthy, who had acquired plot and rights of Mr. Michael Doyle, Rectory Road, Enniscorthy, who had lodged application for loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts about 12 months previously. Mr. Doyle had now given up the idea of proceeding with the building and the vendor of the plot had agreed with Mr. Doyle's consent to sell to Mr. Sheehan. Messrs. Sinnott & Co., asked that the name of Mr. Sheehan should be submitted for that of Mr. Doyle as the applicant for loan.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Finance Committee cannot recommend the substitution of the name of Daniel Sheehan, Old Church, Enniscorthy, for that of Michael Doyle, in connection with the application for erection of house under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. Mr. Sheehan can make application for loan under this Act in regard to any new scheme which may be adopted by the Council.

#### CRIMINAL INJURY APPLICATIONS

The following applications for compensation for Criminal Injury were referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, to defend:- Minister for Posts and Telegraphs £12 - destruction of ten telegraph wires. Ellen Kehoe, Wafer Street, Enniscorthy, £5 for injury to her shop, premises and Goods. Patrick Whelan, 6, North Main Street, Wexford, amount £10.



### ILLNESS OF MEMBERS OF CO. COUNCIL STAFF

The Secretary reported that Mr. S. Hayes of County Council Staff was absent on Medical Certificate from Dr. James A. Pierse, for a fortnight ended 7th May, 1934. No substitute was employed.

Certificate was received from Dr. Bastible, Co. Medical Officer of Health and Chief Tuberculosis Officer, that Mr. T. Moore of Co. Surveyor's Department, who had been under treatment for Pulmonary tuberculosis about two years ago, was now suffering from sub-acute nephritis (probably of tubercular origin) and would be unable to resume duty for one month from 24th April, 1934.

Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly and adopted:- "That sick leave be granted Mr. T. Moore, County Surveyor's Department, in accordance with Certificate of Dr. Bastible, Co. Medical Officer of Health."

### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Notification was received from Mr. J. Leacy, Inspector N.S.P.C.C., as to his intention to apply at the District Court, New Ross, for the committal of Catherine Roche, aged three years and 2 months, to St. Aidan's Industrial School, New Ross, under Section 58 (1) Children's Act 1908. This child is illegitimate, and the mother Anastasia Roche resides at Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor.

### PAYMENTS

The following resolutions were adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That as regards claim by Collector J.M. Curtis (No.19 District) for £2:3:10d for travelling expenses for attendance at sessions for revision of Jurors we recommend that mileage rate for motor cycle be paid at 2½d per mile instead of at 4d per mile as claimed and that the total amount recommended for payment be £1:15:10d."



"That as certified by the Department of Industry and Commerce (20th April, 1934 - 35870) a sum of £3:19:6d be paid Messrs. J.A. Rooney, 8, College Street, Dublin, for Weights and Measures Equipment."

"That £3:10:11d expenses incurred by Mr. Wm. Murphy, Machinery Overseer, in connection with inspection of Grab and Crane at Buncrana and which it was proposed to purchase for Courtown Harbour, be paid."

"That £4:10s. expenses for attending in Dublin on three occasions in connection with the business of the Co. Council be paid Mr. Barry Co. Surveyor."



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 9th May, 1934, as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' UNION:

POUNDAGE RATE:- The following resolution was moved by Col. Quin:- "That we dissent from the recommendation of Finance Committee referring application on behalf of Rate Collectors for the fixing of Poundage fees at 7d in the £. to all Collectors, to the new Council, and that no order be made thereon."

This resolution was, however, not seconded.

RATE COLLECTORS AND CHECKING OF ABATEMENT FORMS:- Mr. Cooney held that it was very unfair that the Council would not agree to the application of the Rate Collectors and fix a sum of 1/- per Form, in view of all the time and trouble which would be caused in verifying these forms in a proper manner.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed and Mr. Hickey seconded the confirmation of the Minute of Finance Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Gaul:- "That we dissent from the recommendation of the Finance Committee and fix, subject to sanction, the sum of 1/- per form as the remuneration to be paid Rate Collectors for their work in connection with the verification of Abatement Forms - Agricultural Grant 1934/35."

The Chairman said that the work in question was caused through an order of the Department of Local Government and Public Health and he did not see why they should pay to have it carried out. It was very unfair to saddle the ratepayers with the cost.

After further discussion a poll was taken on Mr. Corish's motion with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Cline, Cooney, Corish, Kelly, Hayes, Keegan, Kelly and Miss O'Ryan. - 9.



AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Hickey, Jordan, Meyler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman. - 13.

Mr. Colfer was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion lost. He then put the recommendation of the Finance Committee as the substantive motion and it was carried without dissent.

COMPLAINT AGAINST RATE COLLECTOR:- Mr. Culleton proposed the confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Hayes seconded.

Mr. Keegan proposed:- "That Rate Collector M. Murphy and Mr. Martin Kelly be requested to attend next meeting of the Finance Committee."

A poll was taken on this motion with the following result:-

FOR:- Messrs. D'Arcy, Hall, Jordan, Keegan and the Chairman.  
(5)

AGAINST:- Messrs. Armstrong, Brennan, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Culleton, Gibbon, Hayes, Kelly, Maylor, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin and Smyth. - 16.

Mr. Gaul and Mr. Hickey were not present when poll was taken.

The motion to confirm the recommendation of the Finance Committee was then put and declared carried nem. con.

RATE COLLECTORS AND COURT PROCEEDINGS:- Mr. Cooney said it was very extraordinary to see the State Solicitor defending a ratepayer who he understood was able to pay his rates and applying for a long period for payment while at the same time the Co. Council were pressing Rate Collectors to close their Warrants at once. He proposed:- "That copy of letter of Rate Collector E.J. Murphy as regards Court Proceedings be furnished the Department of Local Government and Public Health for their information."



This was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Mr. Hall objected to the resolution. There was no statement in Mr. Murphy's letter that the ratepayer referred to was in a position to pay his rates. How did Mr. Cooney know that the ratepayer was in a position to pay? It was very difficult at the present moment to say who could pay and who could not.

After further discussion the resolution was put and passed.

ILLNESS OF MR. T. MOORE, CO. SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT:- Under date 11th May, 1934, the Co. Surveyor reported that Mr. Moore, his senior clerk was now in Hospital and owing to the state of his health it would be some time before he could resume duty. He therefore applied to the Council for the appointment of a temporary assistant in his office.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution:- "That Mr. John O'Kennedy (ex-Rate Inspector), William Street, Wexford, be appointed assistant in County Surveyor's Office as substitute for Mr. Moore, during the latter's illness."

The Co. Surveyor recommended the appointment of Mr. D. Radford, Junior Clerk in his office. Mr. Radford, he said, had been carrying on the work and was conversant with it. He (Co. Surveyor) was perfectly willing that Mr. O'Kennedy should come into his office, but he did not think it fair that Mr. Radford should be asked to teach him his business. When it was proposed that Mr. Moore should be transferred from his office to the position of Rate Inspector and that Mr. O'Kennedy should be taken over by him, Mr. Moore would have been available to give all the information and instruction necessary to Mr. O'Kennedy, until the latter had obtained a knowledge of the work. Things, however, were different now as Mr. Moore was not available. The only point at present was as to whether Mr. O'Kennedy was to come into his office as the senior or as assistant.



Col. Quin proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded:- "That the Co. Surveyor be allowed to make what he considers the best arrangements for the discharge of the duties of his office as between Mr. Radford and Mr. O'Kennedy."

Co. Surveyor - Mr. Radford is doing the work satisfactorily. If Mr. O'Kennedy comes in as senior now Mr. Radford will have to teach him, but if the Council puts in Mr. O'Kennedy as senior he will have to do the work attached to the position.

A poll was taken on Col. Quin's proposal with the following result:-

FOR:- Col. Gibbon, Col. Quin and Miss O'Ryan. (3)

AGAINST:- Messrs. Armstrong, Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Culleton, D'Arcy, Hall, Hayes, Hickey, Jordan, Kelly, McCarthy, Maylor, Smyth, O'Byrne and the Chairman. (18).

Mr. Keegan (1) declined to vote and Mr. Gaul (1) was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

The resolution of Mr. Corish to appoint Mr. O'Kennedy during the absence of Mr. Moore on sick leave was then put and declared carried.

Col. Quin proposed:- "That Mr. O'Kennedy while acting as substitute for Mr. Moore in Co. Surveyor's Department receive remuneration calculated on the salary paid Mr. Radford viz., £157:10s. per annum."

Col. Quin's motion was not seconded.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That during the period for which Mr. O'Kennedy acts as substitute for Mr. Moore in Co. Surveyor's Department he be paid at the same salary as Mr. Moore receives viz., £206 per annum."

BOARD OF HEALTH AND PAYMENT FOR COTTAGES:- It was decided on the motion of Mr. Cooney seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That copy of Mr. Murphy's letter in connection with the delay on the part of the Board of Health in paying purchase money for



"Cottage Plots should be furnished to the Board."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 9th May, 1934, be and are hereby confirmed, except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS  
1899-1931

The following notice of motion which was given by Mr. Corish on 9th April, 1934, and which was circulated to members of the Council on 10th April, 1934, was moved by him:-

"That the Wexford County Council borrow from the Local Loans Fund a further sum of £10,000 to be repayable in 35 years, Interest to be calculated at the rate of  $5\frac{1}{2}\%$  for the purpose of making advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts 1899-1931."

In moving his motion Mr. Corish said that the scheme already promoted by the Co. Council had been a great success. The applicants had fully discharged their liabilities and in his opinion every encouragement should be given to the people to build and own their own houses.

Mr. Kelly in seconding the motion said that a number of enquiries in connection with a new scheme had been made to him.

Mr. O'Byrne pointed out that people under the scheme were paying a much lesser rent than formerly and occupied a much improved house.

The Secretary stated it had been decided some time after the adoption of the old Scheme that Sureties should be provided by new Applicants.

Mr. O'Byrne gave notice of motion for next meeting of



the Council to have rescinded the decision of the Council that Sureties should be provided. Sureties were not, in his opinion, necessary as the Co. Council had a mortgage on the house. Sureties would be no benefit to the applicants and no benefit to the County Council.

Col. Quin held that if they wanted to foreclose on the mortgage the Council might expect endless trouble.

After further discussion the motion of Mr. Corish was put and passed without dissent.

#### COUNTY COUNCIL WORKERS

The following notice of motion (adjourned from last meeting) stood in the name of Mr. Cooney:-

"That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to discontinue the employment of men for road and quarry work, including Gangers who have an accumulation of Insurance Stamps and employ men who have no such accumulation of Stamps."

Mr. Cooney said that the men in whom he was interested had been taken into employment on roads since the last meeting. If Assistant Surveyors would be prepared to give first preference to the unemployed there would be less complaints and less grumbling. He appealed to the Surveyors for fair play for the unfortunate unemployed and, hoping that this appeal would meet with consideration, withdrew his motion.

#### GRANTS FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT

The Co. Surveyor in reply to Mr. Corish said that employment on roads was not up to last year as they were waiting for intimation of Grants. He understood that they would not know about Road Improvement Grants until the end of June. They had earlier information in previous years. If they adopted a resolution asking the Department to inform them in the Autumn as to the approximate amount of road Grants they were likely to receive for the year they could employ a number of men in February and March - the slack time. He had not



received any intimation of any Grant yet beyond the Main Road Maintenance Grant.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to make available as soon as possible road grants proposed to be furnished this Co. Council and that they issue their permission for the Co. Council to proceed with any works for which they have been told Grants will be available."

#### HAND BREAKING MATERIAL

Mr. Cooney proposed the following resolution:- "That, in future, all material required for minor roads, be broken by hand." Even if this proposal meant increased expenditure it would relieve unemployment and the extra cost would probably be less than the cost of horse assistance.

The Co. Surveyor stated that in any quarries suitable for hand breaking, and where men could earn anything approaching a livelihood, hand breaking was employed.

Mr. Birthistle said that in the great majority of quarries even allowing a small preference for hand breaking, men could not earn a livelihood breaking stones suitable for the road. In fact it would be nothing short of inhuman to employ them at the wages which they could earn.

The Co. Surveyor said that even with the Co. Council not taking into consideration quarry charges and Insurance Stamps, men were unable to earn a £1 for hand breaking. There had been an understanding that a margin of 2d per yard would be allowed for hand breaking over the price for machine broken material but even with this men were only able to earn from 15/- to £1 per week.

Col. Gibbon mentioned that if they paid more for road materials there would be less money to be spent on the roads. He suggested they should adjourn consideration until next



meeting and in the meantime the Co. Surveyor could revise the report as to costings relative to breaking of material, which he had presented to the Council some time ago, and bring concrete figures before them.

Mr. O'Byrne asked the Co. Surveyor to hand break wherever it could be reasonably carried out.

The Chairman said that that proposition had been before the Council for ages.

Mr. Armstrong said the whole business seemed to be thrown on the Surveyors but if the Council could adopt a definite figure, say that quarter of the material should be broken by hand, they would know where they were.

Miss O'Ryan seconded Col. Gibbon's proposal which was adopted.

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR  
No. 7 DISTRICT.

The Secretary reported that he had received three applications for the position of Rate Collector for No.7 District, viz:- John Deegan, Ballinure, Marshallstown, Enniscorthy, (Temporary Collector), Patrick Roche, Tomahurra, Enniscorthy, and Thomas Balfe, Croneyhorn, Carnew. The first named was the only one whose application was received in time. The application of Roche, who said his train was late, was received twenty-five minutes after the appointed time and Balfe did not lodge his until 3.10 p.m.

Deegan and Roche sat for the examination. The former failed in Irish, his marks being 12 out of a possible 100; he passed with 40 and 37 marks respectively for English and Arithmetic out of a maximum of 100 in each subject.

Roche received the following marks;- Irish 69; English 72; Arithmetic 38. Total 179.

Balfe passed examination on 10th June, 1933, obtaining second place with 250 marks.



Mr. D'Arcy proposed the appointment of John Deegan with the proviso that he be given a period of two years to perfect himself in Irish. He pointed out that Mr. Deegan had held the temporary position for five years and proved himself to be an excellent Rate Collector. He had passed the examination in Arithmetic and English which were really the two principal subjects so far as rate collecting was concerned.

Mr. Keegan seconded.

Mr. McCarthy proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following:- "That the names of the three applicants be put to the meeting for the purpose of selection."

Miss O'Ryan said that the meeting <sup>should</sup> stand by the advertisement and consider the appointment only of any person whose application was lodged in time.

Mr. Corish moved as an amendment to Mr. McCarthy's motion:- "That in as much as applications from two candidates for the position of Rate Collector for No. 7 District were not received in time, in accordance with the terms of the advertisement, the Council consider only the application of Mr. Deegan which complies with the regulations."

Mr. Cline seconded.

The Chairman decided to take a vote on Mr. McCarthy's motion with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Hickey, Jordan, Meyler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman. (9)

AGAINST: Messrs. Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Culleton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, Kelly and Miss O'Ryan. (13).

Mr. Gaul (1) was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

Mr. Corish then withdrew his motion, after which



Col. Gibbon proposed:- "As it appears that no candidate for the position of Rate Collector for No.7 District before the Council, is eligible, one not having passed the examination and the other two not lodging their applications in time, no appointment be made at this meeting but arrangements be made for a new advertisement and examination to fill the position."

Col. Quin seconded.

A poll was taken on this motion with the following result:-

FOR:- Messrs. Brennan, Gibbon, Hall, Hickey, Jordan, Maylor, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman. (11)

AGAINST:- Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Culleton, D'Arcy, Hayes, Keegan, Kelly and Miss O'Ryan. (11)

Mr. Gaul (1) was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the motion which he declared carried.

Mr. D'Arcy subsequently gave the following notice of motion for consideration at next meeting of the Council:-

"That resolution of the County Council which decided to hold a new examination to fill the position of rate Collector for Rate District No. 7 be rescinded and that the Council proceed to fill the position."

CO. WEXFORD (CONTROL OF DOGS) ORDER OF 1907.

The Department of Agriculture under date 4th May, 1934, forwarded copies of County Wexford (Control of Dogs) Order 1907, and the Regulations adopted thereunder by the Wexford County Council on the 25th June, 1930.

This matter arose out of a discussion at last meeting of Co. Committee of Agriculture in consequence of the number of Sheep which were being killed by dogs.

On the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. O'Byrne it was decided that a synopsis of the regulations made in the matter by the Co. Council be advertised in the local papers.



IRISH PUBLIC BODIES  
MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

A letter was read from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., asking the Co. Council to appoint one of its members to attend and vote at General Meetings of the Company and to exercise every other right or power incidental to such membership.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That in accordance with communication received from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., under date 10th April, 1934, Mr. John P. Kelly, M.C.C., Kilpierce, Enniscorthy, be appointed to represent the Wexford County Council at the General Meetings of the Company and to exercise every other right or power incidental to the Council's membership."

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the selection of Miss O'Ryan.

A poll was about to be taken when Mr. Kelly stated he would withdraw in favour of Miss O'Ryan and the latter was unanimously appointed.

APPOINTMENT OF RATES INSPECTOR.

The following letter under date 20th April, 1934, (G.45528/1934, Loch Garman - Fa) as to above appointment was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to refer to your letter of the 13th instant relative to the filling of the position of Rates Inspector and to enclose form of Statutory Request on which application should be made to the Local Appointments Commissioners, 45, Upper O'Connell Street, to recommend a suitable person for the post.

"The Council's proposal in regard to age limits with which the Minister does not concur, will be brought before



"the Local Appointments Commissioners, who will have to determine the qualifications as to age, health, character etc."

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

Under date 5th May, 1934, the Department of Education wrote that all schemes for scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools should be submitted in duplicate for the approval of the Minister, not later than 1st June.

The following report of Scholarship Committee was approved on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Brennan:--



A meeting of Co. Wexford Scholarship Committee was held in Co. Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 12th May, 1934.

Present: Rev. J. Doran, President, St. Peter's College, (Presiding), Rev. Br. Foran, Messrs. E.P. Foley, John J. Kelly and H. O'Byrne.

The Secretary was also in attendance.

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL  
SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

The following recommendations were adopted:-

That Valuation as a criterion of means of parents or guardians now sets up an entirely false standard. It should be deleted from scheme and a provision inserted that the means of parents and guardians for each individual case be carefully considered.

As regards age limit the Committee consider that where at all possible candidates who have reached their thirteenth year only should be induced to apply for award of Scholarship so that they could qualify to meet the requirements of Secondary Schools and of Intermediate examination.

The Committee would be glad to see the period for Scholarship extended to a fifth year, but, recognising that a general extension under this head might not be feasible at present, they recommend that a provision be included in the Scheme that in the cases of pupils of outstanding merit the Co. Council should have power to extend the period of existing scholarship by one year.

In compliance with the suggestion from the Department of Education the Committee recommend that an additional clause be inserted in the scheme that renewal of scholarship for a fourth year be conditional on pupil passing the Intermediate Certificate Examination.

That this regulation be applied only to scholarships



awarded for first time in year 1935 and in succeeding years.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

This Scheme, allowing for necessary changes in dates,  
was approved without amendment.



SANCTION OF SHEEP DIPPING INSPECTORS

The following letter under date 8th May, 1934, (No.L.1458/34) as to sanction of above was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letter of the 13th ultimo, and its enclosed extract from Minutes of meeting of the Wexford County Council held on the 9th April, 1934, on the subject of sheep dipping arrangements in County Wexford, I have to state that while the Minister for Agriculture regrets that your County Council have not seen their way to adopt regulations as recommended by the Department with a view to securing the dipping under proper supervision during the dipping periods of the current year, he will not withhold his sanction to the appointment of the under-mentioned persons to act as Dipping Inspectors in the forthcoming dipping season, with remuneration at the rate of £1 a week and a refund of the actual amount spent in postage, viz:-

James Murphy, Myles Roban, Patrick Ormonde,

Thomas Prendergast, M.J. Hennessy and James Hayden."

CAHORE PIER

The following letter under date 30th April, 1934 (No.D/84/2) as to above was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letter of the 13th instant and previous correspondence on the subject of Cahore Pier; I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that he has given very careful consideration to the representations made in this matter. As a result the Minister regrets that he cannot hold out any promise of funds being made available for an extension of the Pier as proposed, as he finds that such a project would involve expenditure of about £4,000, which would be out of all proportion to the importance of the purpose to be served by the proposed work."



Mr. Smyth said this letter was in reply to a resolution, which had been forwarded to the Department on three or four occasions and he was sorry to say it was unfavourable.

Chairman - There appears to be no use in pursuing it any further.

#### MORRISCASTLE GAP

Mr. Keegan raised the question of road diversion at Morristcastle Gap. He considered that without such diversion it would not be possible to prevent the road being impassable owing to storms. He understood that the farmer through whose land the new road could be made was satisfied to give the land. He proposed that Mr. Smyth, Co. Councillor, and Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, for the District, interview the farmer concerned and report generally to next meeting as to the necessity and feasibility of having the road diversion carried out at a suitable place near Morristcastle Gap.

#### SOUTHERN PIERS & HARBOURS

The following report on South Wexford Piers and Harbours was submitted from Co. Surveyor:-

"As directed by the Co. Council I now submit report on the South Wexford Harbours:-

SLADE:- I inspected this Harbour at dead low water and found it completely dry. The Harbour itself is silted up to such an extent that fishing boats cannot work satisfactorily. Moreover, larger boats cannot come in with safety. The entrance for some distance seawards is badly choked with stones and gravel so that boats can come in only at half tide. I estimated that some 500 or 600 cubic yards of silt must be removed from the basin, and say about 300 or 400 cubic yards of gravel from the entrance. I calculate the cost of this work at £200 to £250. If the work is to be done it should be put in hands during the Summer. Some small repairs to



"masonry etc., and the painting of railings are also required, but these can be attended to under ordinary proposal, and I have directed the Assistant Surveyor to attend to them at once.

FETHARD:- This Harbour also was completely dry, and silted up. I estimate about 600 cubic yards will require to be removed, and will cost £150. Small repairs required will be dealt with, and the Assistant Surveyor has been directed to put in hands.

DUNCANNON:- Outer Harbour is silted up, but is not now used by large vessels. It would be very expensive to deal with this. The Co. Council has already taken up the question of the Waterford Harbour Authorities being responsible for it. The inner basin, or boat Harbour, is badly silted with mud. To make a satisfactory job would require the removal of about 1,000 cubic yards, and will, I estimate cost £250.

All the structure is in good condition, but the railings require painting, and I shall have this attended to under ordinary proposal.

ARTHURSTOWN:- This Harbour is somewhat silted, but coal vessels can come alongside the pier to discharge. The masonry is in repair.

BALLYHACK:- This is not a "scheduled Harbour". The construction of the boat Harbour was carried out by the Fishery Department some years ago, but is now to a large extent of little value owing to silting with river mud. If a Grant be obtained the basin could be cleaned out at a cost of £250.

CARNE:- There are some holes in the concrete at end of pier, but, generally, the work has stood up well. At the first opportunity, with fine weather and low water I shall have necessary repairs carried out, and I propose to place some heavy concrete blocks as an anti-scour apron around the end. The local people ask to have the decking raised about a foot



"at the end so as to be above high water. They offer to carry out the work to my satisfaction provided the County Council supply the cement. Other work of a like nature, under similar conditions has proved satisfactory, and I ask for the sanction of Co. Council to deal with the matter now. The ordinary maintenance proposal will cover all this.

KILMORE:- The pier is in good condition, but some small repairs are required at the breakwater. The decking of the pier is worn and uneven, and I propose filling holes with tarred stones. This Harbour, in my opinion, cannot be kept with a good depth over any large area. At present alongside pier there is berthage for two vessels, and a third berth could be obtained by digging out at low water. It appears to be the general local view that the breaches in the breakwater should be properly opened, and that the scour through these would, to a great extent, prevent deposit in the upper part of basin. I propose this Summer to open out one breach, and to keep careful record of the effect."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That copy of report of Co. Surveyor as to South Wexford Harbours be furnished the appropriate Government Departments with a request to provide a Grant for the dredging work specified in said report."

#### CURRACLOE STRAND ROAD

Under date 14th April, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (R/RG/32) that it would be open to the Council to submit proposals for improvement of Strand Road at Curracloe in the event of monies being made available for work on roads in its class.

The Co. Surveyor said that up to the present ordinary road grants were not available for a road of this class. The only grant that might be counted on was a Tourist



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Grant or an unemployment Grant. He believed the Tourist Association had made application for a grant for this road and he hoped it would be successful.

Mr. Corish said he was aware that the Tourist Association had made strong representations to the Ministry in the matter. He then proposed:- "That we communicate with the Tourist Association and ask them the result of their negotiations to the Government as regards grant for repair of Curracloe Strand Road."

Mr. Culleton seconded the motion which was adopted nem. con.

#### DUNCANNON HARBOUR

Under date 14th April, 1934, (No.2093/34) the Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture wrote that the resolution of the Council in connection with Duncannon Harbour was receiving attention.

#### FORD OF LYNG

The following report was read from the County Surveyor:-

"On the 3rd instant (May, 1934), by appointment the County Council Deputation attended at the Office of Public Works, Dublin. Mr. Doyle, Chairman, County Council, Col. Gibbon and Alderman R. Corish with Mr. Kehoe, T.D., accompanied by the County Surveyor were present, and were received by Mr. Hegarty, in the unavoidable absence of the Minister. Mr. Doyle put forward the request for a Grant of £200 in accordance with the arrangements made with the Slob owners, and entered fully into all matters connected therewith. Col. Gibbon, Alderman Corish and the County Surveyor spoke also and dealt with special features arising out of the later discussion.

"Mr. Hegarty pointed out that usually Minor Relief Grants were confined to the Winter months, and as this work should, of necessity, be done in the Summer, it would require



"special consideration. He promised to report fully to the Minister, and hoped to have an early reply sent to the County Council."

The Chairman said that the deputation were inclined to believe that the grant would be made available.

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR

Under date 20th April, 1934, the Office of Public Works wrote (G.113/34) forwarding copy of their letter of 12th March (6297-34) extending the period for dredging at Courtown Harbour to 30th September next. This letter had failed to reach Co. Council Office.

In connection with the importation of crane and grab free of duty, for use at Courtown Harbour, letter was received from the Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture (No.740.G/34) under date 1st May, 1934, regretting that the representations made by the Minister as to having the crane admitted duty free had not been successful, and from the letter received from the Minister of Industry and Commerce it would not appear that any useful purpose would be served by making any further representations.

Attention was called to the reply of the Minister for Industry and Commerce to a question raised by Mr. Keating, T.D., in An Dail and from which it appeared that the Minister for Industry and Commerce invited further representations to be made to him. He appeared to be under the impression that no steps had been taken to procure the crane and grab from any place outside the British Isles.

The Secretary stated that in view of this question and answer he furnished the Minister for Industry and Commerce with a report of Co. Surveyor under date 13th February last which pointed out that no less than 38 firms outside Britain had been asked to tender for the



Crane and Grab. A number of them had quoted at figures which were in excess of those received from the English Firm plus duty and several others declined to tender.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That as regards the purchase of crane and grab for Courtown free of duty we desire to call the attention of the Minister for Industry and Commerce to the letter of our County Secretary under date 11th May, 1934, enclosing report of the 13th February, 1934, furnished by the Co. Surveyor to the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and from which it will be observed that every possible step was taken by the Council to secure this crane and grab from other than British sources but without success.

"In the circumstances we appeal to the Minister to forego the amount of duty in this instance, as the crane and grab are being purchased really for a national purpose viz. the development of the fishing industry."

Under date 17th April, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (S/45327/34 Loch Garman), that it was noted that the Co. Council propose to defray from revenue the cost of proposed crane and grab at Courtown Harbour.

#### BALLYTEIGUE DRAINAGE

Col. Gibbon said that the Office of Public Works was under the impression that the Trustees of Ballyteigue drainage area were looking for a large sum of money to renovate the whole area. This was not correct. They only wanted sufficient to deepen one section of the canal and which could be carried out for well under £2000.

The Co. Surveyor was of opinion that the work would cost £10,000 to £12,000.

Mr. Corish said that the Office of Works had



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considered the scheme and they were not satisfied that £2000 would be sufficient for the work. They thought it would cost about £8000. The place was under survey at the moment and a report might be expected very soon.

Col. Gibbon proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution:- "That the Office of Public Works be requested to provide a grant which will enable the Trustees of Ballyteigue Drainage area to have the work at the section of the Canal which requires deepening carried out."

Passed.

#### ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD

Under date 2nd May, 1934, the Secretary, Electricity Supply Board, wrote (A.220/1/1 (a) S.2.) that it was proposed to erect a low tension overhead network at Ferns, the work at which would necessitate the breaking up of foot-paths with a minimum amount of disturbance, and to avoid damage to persons, housing, roads and to the property of the Council generally, the Board's District Engineer, Mr. Tanham, who was carrying out the work, was instructed to get into communication with the Co. Surveyor and to meet his requirements as far as possible.

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

"That in connection with the erection of electric low-tension, overhead network at Ferns, we request the Electricity Supply Board to replace to the satisfaction of County Surveyor footpaths and any road surfaces which are taken up."

#### ROAD FROM RAMSGRANGE TO CAMPILE

The Co. Surveyor submitted letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health (R/RD/32) under date 23rd April, 1934, stating that the question of scheduling



the road from Ramsgrange to Campile as a Main Road would be looked into when revision of the Main Road Schedules was undertaken, but no change could be made in respect of the current financial year.

Under date 14th April, 1934, letter was received from Mr. S. Murphy, General Manager and Secretary, Shelburne Co-operative Stores, Campile, giving figures of the great amount of traffic and the quantity of corn, beet etc., which passes over this road.

The Co. Surveyor stated he had forwarded copy of this communication to the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads).

#### DANGEROUS CORNER AT ROSSLARE

A resolution from the Rosslare Fianna Fail Cumann was read calling attention to the very dangerous turn existing at Etchingham's Cross, Rosslare Strand. A hedge almost eight feet high prevented any possible chance of seeing an approaching vehicle until too late.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution:- "That in order to minimise the danger to traffic at dangerous corner at Etchingham's Rosslare, the Co. Surveyor should take steps to have hedge cut so as to afford a view to the users of the two roads which intersect at this point."

Passed.

#### APPLICATION FOR GRANT TO RELIEVE UNEMPLOYMENT

The Kilmuckridge Fianna Fail Cumann wrote asking for Grant to relieve unemployment and pointed out that a quarry required to be opened in Morriscastle, while the Village of Kilmuckridge required new streets and drainage very badly.

The Chairman proposed and Col. Quin seconded



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resolution referring these matters to the new County Council.

Passed.

#### CAMOLIN PARK ROAD

Mr. James Hendrick, Camolin Park, wrote that there seemed to be a misunderstanding about the road which he applied to have repaired. The road to which he referred in his previous communication was that leading into Camolin Park at Kilcloran and which went on the Kilcloran road again.

Mr. Hendrick concluded his letter as follows:-

"It is the intention of the ratepayers to take drastic means to get this road repaired."

The Co. Surveyor stated that this was a branch of the Camolin Park Road and was not a public road. The Council had already applied for a relief grant but without success. The only thing they could do was to put it on again.

This was agreed to.

#### BUILDING TOOL HOUSE.

John Dunne, Courtown Harbour, wrote under date 25th April, 1934, asking for permission to erect a small tool house in a garden on the side of the road at Seamount, Courtown Harbour.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, reported under date 28th April, 1934, he had inspected the site upon which it was proposed to erect the house and though the building would be within thirty feet of road centre it would not cause obstruction.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That Co. Council make no order as regards application of John Dunne regarding erection of tool house at Seamount, Courtown Harbour."

#### MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES VOTE

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



"applications for repair of lanes be scheduled for consideration when grants under Minor Relief Schemes Vote are made available:-

Lane at Banntown and Island Lower (Craanford) and Ballycourcey Lane, Enniscorthy."

#### POISONS & PHARMACY ACT 1908

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to Robert Hanan, North Main Street, Wexford, provided a satisfactory report as to premises etc. be received from Civic Guards. And renewals of licences to J.S. Hennessy, South Street, New Ross, and John Doyle, 22, North Street, New Ross.

"These licences are to issue on the understanding that the Co. Council have now power to grant same."

#### ANALYST'S REPORT

Report of Analyst for quarter ended 31st March, 1934, was submitted. It appeared that 197 Food samples, 60 drugs and one water - Total 258 - had been dealt with during the period.

#### J.K.L. CELEBRATIONS.

An invitation was read from Mr. P.N. O'Gorman, Chairman of New Ross Urban Council and of Organising Committee, for the attendance of the County Council at the Civic Centenary Celebration on 17th June, 1934, to commemorate the unique services to Faith and Fatherland of Most Rev. James Warren Doyle, D.D., O.S.A. (J.K.L.) who was born in New Ross and received his early education there.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That this Council most heartily accepts the invitation to be present on 17th June, 1934, at the Centenary Celebration to commemorate Most Rev. Dr. James Warren Doyle, D.D. O.S.A. (J.K.L.), and



"will arrange to be present on the occasion."

FINE GAEL AND BUTTER TAX OF 2d.

The Hon. Secretaries, Wexford District Executive Fine Gael, forwarded the following resolution:-

"That we protest against the contemplated tax of 2d. per lb. on butter sold to retailers by farmers, and we see no justification for one section of agriculturists to be called upon to provide subsidies for another. Creameries have the advantage of bounties on butter exported whilst farmers are denied this."

The Chairman in moving the adoption of the resolution said that the idea of taxing unfortunate farmers outside Creamery districts to help creameries in the manner proposed by the Government was a crying shame. The farmers were prevented exporting any class of butter but the Creameries had that licence which farmers could not procure unless they had the most up-to-date plant such as a Creamery. The farmers were harrassed enough without going to tax them to the tune of 2d. per lb. of butter.

Continuing the Chairman said:- I understand that the matter has not been abandoned. A great many thought it but it was was/definitely stated in the Senate last week by the Minister for Agriculture that it was to come into operation. It is an injustice to the farmer and to the consumer as well. I do not know why we should be called upon to subsidise creameries. The creameries have been spoon-fed more or less by the Government for the last two or three years, and we have no ways or means of getting rid of our butter only in the local market. We cannot send one lb. across the water. They have all the advantage. They call on farmers to contribute 2d per lb. to help these people. I think it is monstrous.

Mr. Hickey seconded.



Mr. Culleton said that on Sunday when Mr. Lemass, Minister for Industry and Commerce, was in Wexford opening the Industrial Exhibition in connection with the Feis, some of them tried to see him about the injustice of the matter referred to in the resolution. Mr. Lemass was not receiving deputations but his Secretary said he would put the objection to the tax before Dr. Ryan, Minister for Agriculture.

Mr. Cooney - It is the poor people who have to pay for it and I think we should be unanimous in adopting the resolution.

Chairman - The poor people will not have to pay for it. The farmer will be at the loss of it.

Mr. Cooney - The increase will be put on when buying.

Chairman - There is nothing about that.

The resolution was adopted.

DUBLIN COUNTY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE &  
LAND COMMISSION ANNUITIES.

Correspondence between Mr. P. Belton, T.D., President de Valera and Co. Dublin Committee of Agriculture as to Land Commission defaulting annuitants was submitted but no order made thereon.

*Michael Doyle*



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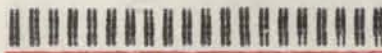
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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING HELD 11th JUNE, 1934.

M I N U T E S

County Hall,

WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,

Secretary, Wexford Co. Council.

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 11th June, 1934.

Present Mr. Michael Doyle (Chairman) presiding, also Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Clinee, 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, John P. Kelly, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor and the five Assistant Surveyors of the Council were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £9327:13:6d transfers to Public Bodies and £1337:18:6d were examined and signed.

#### THE LATE MR. TIM MOORE

On the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Kelly the following resolution was adopted in silence:- "That we deplore the early death of Mr. Tim Moore, Senior Assistant in the office of the Co. Surveyor and offer our deep sympathy to Miss Moore, his sister."

Several members of the Council, the Co. Secretary and Co. Surveyor, also referred sympathetically to the loss sustained by Miss Moore in the death of her brother.

#### THE LATE MR. CLONEY, COUNTY COUNCIL

A vote of condolence with Mrs. Cloney (Widow) and Very Rev. Canon Cloney, P.P., Templetown (brother) in the death of Mr. Ml. Cloney, ex-Co. Councillor, who was also a member of several other local bodies.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Cloney was a lifelong friend. He was a delightful man to meet in his private or personal



capacity. He never made an enemy and his friends were legion.

THE LATE MR. JOHN J. ROCHE

CORONER SOUTH WEXFORD

A vote of condolence with Mrs. Roche and family, Cleariestown, in the death of her husband Mr. John J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford, was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Col. Gibbon.

Several members of the Council with the Secretary and Co. Solicitor expressed their regret at the demise of Mr. Roche.

THE LATE REV. T.M. RYAN

A vote of condolence was adopted to Miss O'Ryan, Co. Councillor, in the death of her first cousin, Rev. T.M. Ryan, on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by the Chairman.

The Secretary said that Fr. Ryan was a very fine scholar and would have reached high preferment in the Church were it not for declining health.

THE LATE MR. CONNOLLY

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the following reply to vote of condolence in the death of her father from Miss Nora Connolly, Librarian, be inserted on the Minutes of this day's meeting:-

"Will you please convey to your Council my sincere thanks for their kind message of sympathy on the death of my Father, R.I.P. Dr. Connolly would also wish to be associated with this message and we are both very grateful for your personal expression of sympathy."

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th May, 1934, were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in Co. Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 24th May, 1934.

Present:- Messrs. John Cummins, James Hall, J.P. Kelly and Thomas McCarthy.

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

On the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Hall, the Chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3400:4s. was examined and signed.

#### VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Hall, votes of condolence were adopted to Mrs. Cloney (Widow) Dungulph, and Very Rev. Canon Cloney, P.P. (Brother), Templetown, in the death of Mr. Ml. Cloney, who was for a number of years a member of the Wexford Co. Council, and also to Miss O'Ryan, Co. Councillor, in the death of her first cousin, Rev. Thomas M. Ryan, Mulmintra, Taghmon.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF:- Rate Collection to date was submitted as follows:-

<u>Name of Collector</u>		<u>Percentage collected</u>
1.	E.J. Murphy	95.7
2.	M. Kehoe	91.7
3.	J. Curtis	91.8
4.	D. Kenny	89.6
5.	P. Carty	84.6
6.	P. Nolan	82.7
7.	S. Gannon (No. 6)	82.5
8.	S. Gannon (No.10)	81.4
9.	J.J. O'Reilly	79.3
10.	A. Dunne	79.0
11.	M. Deegan	78.5
12.	M. McCarthy	78.3
13.	J. Cummins	78.2
14.	W. Cummins	77.5
15.	W. Doyle	76.0
16.	J. Flood	74.7
17.	J.J. Sinnott	72.8
18.	P. Doyle	69.1
19.	J. Quirke	69.0
20.	W. Murphy	63.0



The percentage collected was 15.1% behind corresponding period last year.

It was decided to write to the following eight Collectors and point out to them that in view of the fact that other Collectors in even poorer districts are only two or three per cent. behind the percentage collected at the corresponding period last year, the Finance Committee cannot consider that the collection in these eight districts is proceeding satisfactorily. Apparently a substantial improvement could be made by some energy on the part of the Collectors concerned. The Finance Committee expect by next meeting that in these Districts the collection will show a great change for the better:-

Collectors J. Deegan, J. Cummins, W. Cummins, W. Doyle, J.J. Sinnott, P. Doyle, J. Quirke and Matthew Murphy.

Collector M. Murphy came before the meeting and stated that in his district, although he was 36.8% behind, there was no organised attempt to evade payment. People were willing to pay when they disposed of their cattle.

The Chairman pointed out that it was very difficult to reconcile the huge difference in the collection in this area compared with others.

Collector Murphy said he had done his best to get in all the money possible. He had brought some ratepayers to Court and obtained Decrees on which there was a stay. He had <sup>never</sup> tried to seize on his own Warrant.

The Chairman urged the Collector to improve his collection as much as possible.

PAYMENT OF CREDIT NOTE: In connection with the application of Michael Wickham, Tomnalossett, for payment of £1, Credit Note, in respect of rates 1933/34, Rate Collector Gannon (No. 6 District) wrote explaining that Kate Gordon, his Aunt, had made over the place to Michael Wickham about twelve months ago.



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As he (Mr. Gannon) was not aware of the transfer, the holding in question had been grouped with that of Mrs. Gordon in error.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Cummins, it was decided to accept Mr. Gannon's explanation in this matter and to recommend the Co. Council to pay £1, amount of Credit Note, to Michael Wickham.

CLAIMS FOR ABATEMENT - AGRICULTURAL GRANT  
1934/35.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That Rate Collectors be directed to return all Abatement Forms which they have checked to date, on or before 1st June, 1934, as it is the intention of the County Council to allow them reasonable remuneration for this work."

PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE:- Under date 18th May, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.60036/34 Loch Garman) (Fa) that the Minister had sanctioned the payment of Poundage at the normal rate less 10% to Collector M. Murphy, for lodgments to 30th November last in respect of his current Warrant.

RATE INSPECTOR:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That in addition to the duties prescribed under Article 106 of Public Bodies Order, 1925, relative to the position of Rate Inspector, the following additional duties attach to this position:-

To prepare necessary Returns of Poor Rate as required.

To check Irrecoverable Rates List and Temporary Uncollectable Rates Lists and also lists of Small Dwellings furnished by the Collectors.

To check applications for Revision of Valuation.

To obtain from Rate Collectors lists of changes of names of Rated Occupiers and verify same to ensure that the correct names of Rated Occupiers are entered in Rate Books at the date when Rate is struck.



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To keep diary with carbon copy, showing each day the work which has been carried out and the mileage covered.

To check Diaries of Rate Collectors.

To interview Ratepayers, in cases in which he considers this course advisable, as to the payment or non-payment of their Rates and to ascertain and record the dates on which they were called upon by the Collector of the District.

To collect and lodge with County Treasurer instalments of loans advanced by County Council to applicants under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

To carry out any further duties which may be assigned to him by the County Secretary, with the approval of the Finance Committee and Department of Local Government and Public Health.

To attend meetings of Finance Committee or County Council when required.

COMPLAINT AGAINST RATE COLLECTOR:- The following resolution was submitted from Blackwater Branch of the United Ireland Party:- "That the Blackwater Branch of United Ireland Party, Ratepayers of this Parish, protest against the actions of Collector Matthew Murphy, Crosshue, by his unbecoming conduct towards Ratepayers of this Parish."

Murphy

Collector/came before the meeting and stated that he was never guilty of any unbecoming conduct and had never used bad language to the Ratepayers of his District.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That the Blackwater Branch of the United Ireland Party be requested in reference to the resolution complaining of the conduct of Matthew Murphy, Rate Collector, to forward the names to the County Council of Ratepayers referred to in their resolution, and also to inform the Council if these Ratepayers would be



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"prepared to come before the Finance Committee in order that this matter should be further investigated."

CO. REGISTRAR & ACCOMMODATION FOR STORAGE

Under date 23rd May, 1934, the following letter was read from the County Registrar:-

"Yours of 19th instant herein received appending resolution of your Finance Committee. My need for proper accommodation is both necessary and urgent. I made a reasonable proposal for same which would cause the least disturbance and expense to the Council, and they do not even state why they cannot accede to same.

"I desire to state I will not accept a compartment on the ground floor for further accommodation. I am responsible for the safe and proper custody of the Court Records and I cannot have them accommodated on the ground floor. Some of the Records have <sup>been</sup> eaten by mice in the present ground store and on a recent inspection I find this continues, which will be a matter I must report to my Department. My surplus documents have, pending the renovation of the new wing, been accommodated in a damp and filthy old cell.

"When the question of accommodation arose before, I met the Council by a compromise in same and I expected they would meet me in a reasonable manner when the question of further accommodation would arise. The Court Offices have first claim on accommodation and must receive same.

"As the Council cannot give me the required accommodation in the old Council Chamber, I suggest, as a further alternative assigning me the two offices now occupied by the County Surveyor on this landing."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Cummins:- "That the Finance Committee desires to point out to the Co. Registrar that when



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"the reconstruction of old Jail premises was completed, he was allotted sufficient accommodation for his requirements.

"We direct the County Solicitor to obtain Counsel's opinion as to the jurisdiction of the Co. Registrar over the reconstructed Jail premises to ascertain if the law provides that as improvements are effected by the Co. Council, the Co. Registrar can commandeer any portion of the improved premises which may take his fancy, also as to the actual responsibility of the Co. Council in providing Court Etc."

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

The Committee having considered applications for above, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That we recommend the Co. Council to declare the following applicants for University Scholarships eligible to compete for same:-

1. Byrne James, Bayview, St. John's Road, Wexford.  
Valuation £7.
2. Codd Anastatia, 27, William Street, Wexford.  
Valuation £3:15s.
3. Cullimore Thomas, 15, Green Street, Wexford.  
Valuation £3.
4. Delaney James J., 50, Parnell Street, Wexford.  
Valuation £4.
5. Doran James J., Palace East, New Ross. (Father Labourer, formerly farmer, working in Palace Quarry.)
6. Ennis Susan Frances, 13, Grogan's Road, Wexford.  
Valuation £4.
7. Forrestal Bridget, 10, South Street, New Ross.  
Valuation £12.
8. Ffrench James, Ballyshane, Camolin. Valuation £14:10. (Held Agricultural Scholarship).
9. Gantley William, 5, Quay, New Ross. Valuation £24.
10. Hanlon James, 23, North Street, New Ross.  
Valuation £30.
11. Kenny Patrick, Irish Street, Bunclody. Valuation £2:15s (Father, Tailor.)
12. Lambert Wm. Gerard, Sunnyside, Broadway. Valuation £6:10s. (Mother, Widow, Teacher.)
13. McCann Elizabeth, Motabower, Carnew, Co. Wexford.  
Valuation £18:10s. (Mother, Farmer.)
14. McDonald Patrick Kevin, Kilmuckridge, Gorey. (Father Teacher, lives in Teacher's Residence.)



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15. Murphy Laurence, Summerhill, Enniscorthy.  
Valuation about £1:15s. (Father  
Caretaker).
  16. Murphy Philip Ml., Knockreigh Adamstown. (Father Farmer)  
Valuation £157.
  17. Murphy Wm. A., Coolhull, Wellingtonbridge.  
Valuation £67. (Father Farmer).
  18. O'Byrne Wm. J.S., Shilmaine, Tagoat. (Father Farmer)  
Valuation £159:13s.
  19. O'Connor Margaret, Killeens, Wexford. (Mother lives in  
Bray.)
  20. O'Sullivan Nora, Camolin. (Father, Teacher, lives in  
Teacher's Residence.)
  21. Power Patrick G.B., Chapel Railway Station. (Father,  
Stationmaster) Valuation included  
in Railway Station.
  22. Ronan Mary A., Drinagh, Broadway. (Father labourer)  
Valuation £3:15s.
  23. Sinnott Shane O'Neill, 7, Grattan Terrace, Wexford.  
(Father Joiner) Valuation £5:10
  24. Smyth Margaret Mary, 12, William Street, Wexford.  
(Father Marine Engineer)  
(Valuation £4:5s.)
  25. Tobin Philip, Bohreen Hill, Enniscorthy.  
Valuation £3:10s.  
(Father Labourer).

#### ILLNESS OF MR. R. MALONE, V.S.

Application was received from Mr. R. Malone, V.S., for a month's sick leave. He asked the Council to nominate his locum tenens.

Medical Certificate under date 22nd May, 1934, was submitted from Dr. W.F. Walker, that Mr. Malone, required a month's sick leave.

The following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That in accordance with Medical Certificate of Dr. Walker a month's sick leave be granted to Mr. R. Malone, M.R.C.V.S., Wexford, (Wexford District), which (according to the County Solicitor) will not carry remuneration, Mr. Malone being a part time officer only.

"That Mr. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S., Enniscorthy, Veterinary Inspector under Co. Council, be appointed to act as substitute for Mr. Malone, at the remuneration paid the latter viz. £90 per annum, for ordinary duties under Diseases of Animals Acts, and £25 for work under Bovine



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"Tuberculosis Order and that in the event of Mr. Ringwood declining the appointment, Mr. F. Staples, M.R.C.V.S., be appointed at the same remuneration."

(Lots were drawn between Mr. Staples, M.R.C.V.S., and Mr. B. Hickey, M.R.C.V.S., and Mr. Staples was selected.)

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

Messrs. M.J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Gorey, wrote stating that Edward Dwyer, Ballyoughna, Killena, required an additional loan of £50 from the Council to defray the cost of the building of his house under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The following resolution was adopted:- "The Finance Committee having already decided against the issue of additional Loans in these cases cannot see their way to re-open the question."

Under date 23rd May, 1934, Messrs. J.A. Sinnott & Co., wrote that Daniel Sheehan, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, had requested that his application should be substituted for that of Michael Doyle, for a loan under the Small Dwellings Acts. Notwithstanding the previous refusal of the Council he renewed his application for the loan of £180.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That as Daniel Sheehan, Templeshannon, did not make application previous to 31st March, 1933, for loan under Small Dwellings Acts, as already pointed out to his Solicitors, he cannot now be given advantage of the first loan, obtained by the Council for all applicants lodging their applications by the 31st March, 1933, but as the Council have decided to raise a further loan of £10,000 under these Acts, Mr. Sheehan can make his application in due course."

Under date 17th May, 1934, the Department of Local



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Government and Public Health (Housing Section) wrote  
(H.62078/1934 (Pa) Wexford Co. Council) approving of the  
following advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

Walter Sutton	Blackstoops, near Enniscorthy Cemetery.	£150
Daniel Neill,	Blackstoops, near new Cemetery, Enniscorthy.	£85
John Murphy,	Blackstoops, near new Cemetery, Enniscorthy.	£140
James Sexton,	Boolabawn, Glynn.	£180
Edward Dunne,	Blackstoops, Enniscorthy.	£130
James Walsh,	Blackstoops, Enniscorthy.	£130
Mrs. M.J. Whelan,	Ratholm, near Killinick Village.	£180

CO.SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT

Under date <sup>18th</sup> 1st May, 1934, the following letter (R/RS/32) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 16th instant enclosing extract from the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee and of the Wexford Co. Council on the 9th idem relative to the employment of a temporary clerk in the County Surveyor's office during the illness of Mr. T. Moore; and to say that the Minister is not prepared to sanction the employment of Mr. O'Kennedy (Ex-Rate Inspector) in the senior position in the office.

"If Mr. O'Kennedy is to be employed in the Co. Surveyor's office, he must be employed in a position subordinate to that of Mr. Radford and at a salary less than Mr. Radford is at present receiving."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That Mr. John O'Kennedy be employed (during the illness of Mr. Tim Moore) in Co.Surveyor's Department at a salary of £3 per week as from 28th May, 1934, as



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"Assistant Clerk, Mr. Radford to carry out Mr. Moore's duties as Chief Clerk of this Department."

#### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

Under date 15th May, 1934, the following was read from the Manager, National Bank, Wexford, (Co. Council Treasurer):-

"I submitted your application to my Directors for sanction of Overdraft accommodation to the extent of £62,500, up to 31st July next. It is recorded that the Local Government Ministries' sanction has been obtained, but the Board direct me to say that they must decline to sanction any increase in the present Overdraft of the Council, and in this connection I am to point out that it was understood the Grant receivable by the Council from the £300,000 mentioned in the Council's letter was to be utilised in reducing their existing Overdraft, and was not to be regarded as a payment against which further accommodation could be obtained."

The meeting approved of the following letter being sent to the County Treasurer:-

"I submitted your letter of 15th instant to the meeting of my Finance Committee held to-day when I was instructed to request you to be good enough to point out to your Directors that unless the temporary additional overdraft now sought is agreed to it will be impossible for my County Council to maintain the County Services and to finance the Subsidiary Bodies, viz., Health Board, Mental Hospital etc., until the new rate is in course of collection."

"As stated in my last letter the £12,543 deducted from the Agricultural Grant by the Department of Finance on 31st March last, was a deduction wholly unexpected by my Council."

"There is, however, a possibility that a substantial portion of the amount so deducted will later be made good"



"to the Council by the Government when the arrears of annuities are paid.

"Taking into consideration the fact that the actual amount of overdraft in the past has been considerably under the sanctioned limit the Finance Committee would be grateful if your Directors could in the present instance facilitate the Council in agreeing to their request particularly as the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, after investigation of the Council's financial position, sanctioned the extension of overdraft for a period of three months."

#### COMPLAINT OF SLIPPERY ROAD

Mr. Patrick Furlong, Lough, Tagoat, wrote stating that on Sunday, 20th May, 1934, owing to the slippery condition of the road from Wexford to Killinick, his pony came down, breaking the two shafts of the trap and throwing his wife and an infant, two months old, out on the road. The damage to the trap cost him £2 to repair and he wanted to know if the Council would compensate him to that extent.

The Co. Surveyor stated he had arranged that Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, should furnish a report on the matter and he had also communicated with the Insurance Brokers.

#### LOCAL TAXATION OFFICE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That three Edgar Patent Veronique Binders be procured for Local Taxation Officer at a cost of £6:15s."

#### GOREY COURTHOUSE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That use of Gorey Courthouse be given District Feis Committee for the night of Thursday, 31st May, 1934, date of District Feis."

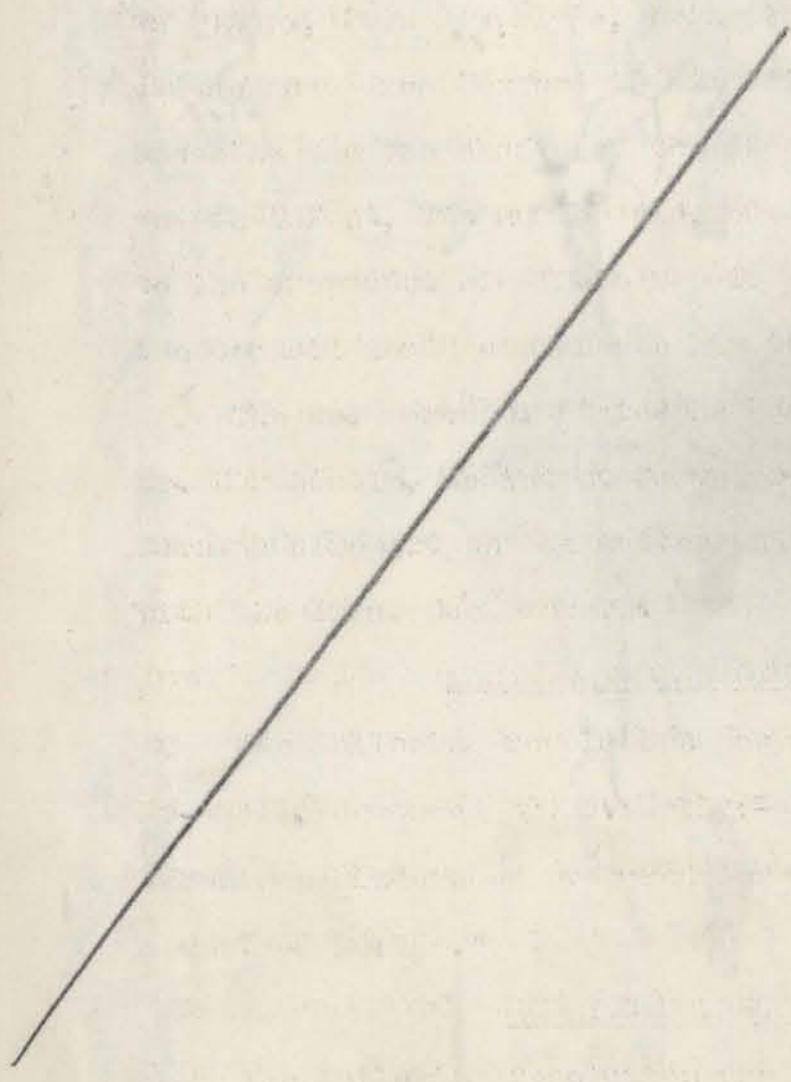


LOST PAY ORDER

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

"That Duplicate Pay Order for No.1707, (Subsidiary Account) be issued John Flood, Cherryorchard, Enniscorthy, amount £2:17:10 original having been inadvertently destroyed by messenger of Payee."

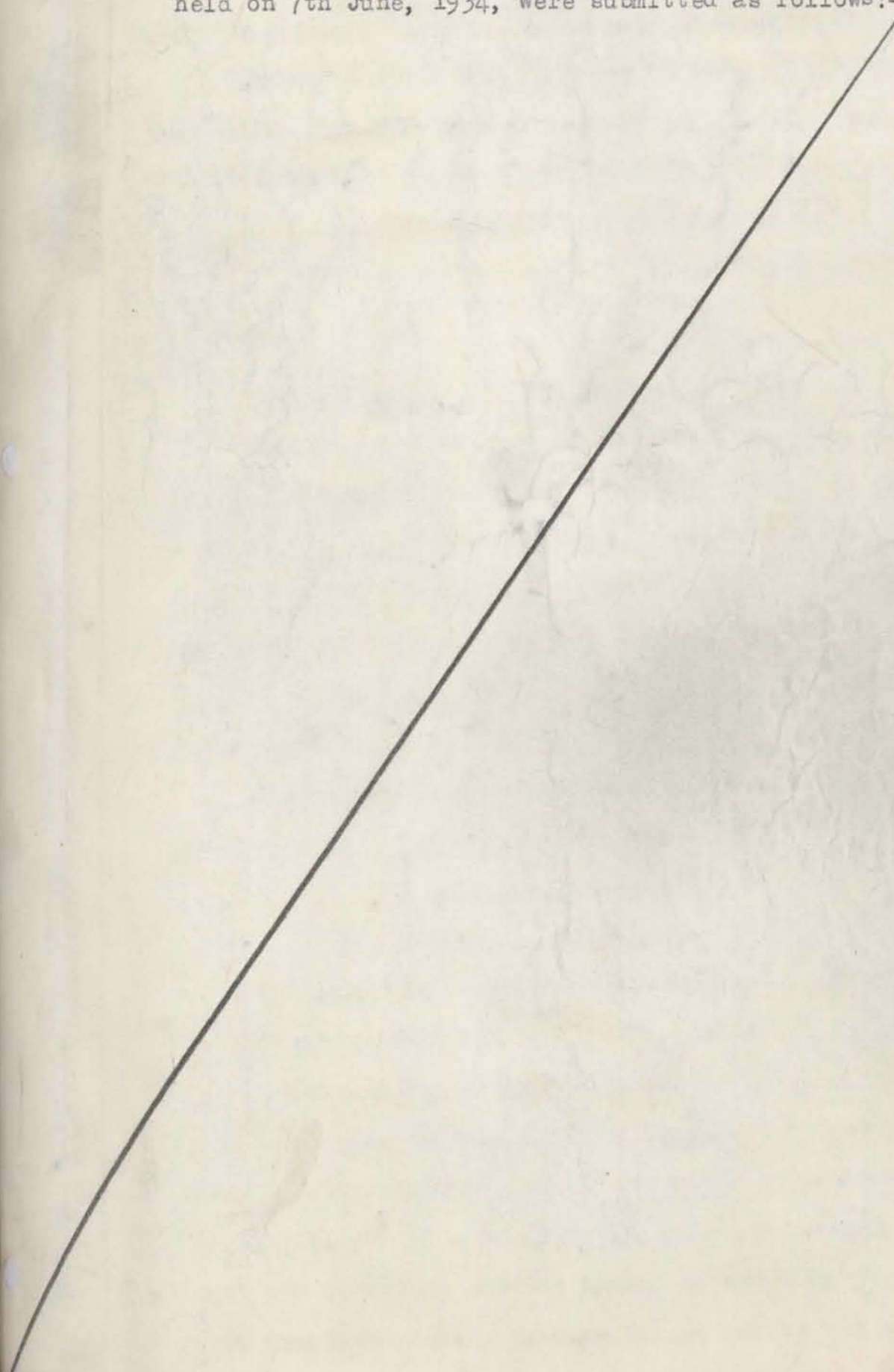
The Secretary stated that an estoppel had been placed on the original.





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 24th May, 1934 be and are hereby adopted."

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 7th June, 1934, were submitted as follows:-





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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in Co. Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 7th June, 1934.

Present:- Messrs. John Culleton, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy and Sean O'Byrne.

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

The Chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy, on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3919:17s. was examined and signed.

#### DEATH OF MR. JOHN J. ROCHE, CORONER

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by the Chairman:- "That we express our deep regret on the death of Mr. John J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford, an old and valued official of this Council, who discharged his duties with general satisfaction to all. That we offer our sympathy to Mrs. Roche and family in their bereavement."

The Secretary expressed his regret at the death of Mr. Roche an old and intimate friend.

#### THE LATE MR. T. MOORE.

#### CO. SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That we offer to Miss Moore our deepest sympathy in the death of Mr. T. Moore, a valued member of the staff of Wexford Co. Council. In the ten years during which he was connected with the Council Mr. Moore carried out his duties with conspicuous ability, tact and courtesy. He was justly esteemed by the staff who feel they have lost a sincere friend and by the members of



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"the Council especially for the careful and thorough manner in which he discharged his duties."

The Chairman, Co. Secretary, Co. Surveyor and Co. Solicitor referred to the loss sustained by the Council in the death of Mr. Moore.

#### FILLING VACANCIES IN STAFF

In connection with the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That in accordance with Section 1(4) of the Coroners Act 1892 and Section 1 (1) of the Coroners (Ireland) Act 1908, Mr. Fintan O'Connor, Solicitor, Deputy Coroner, be appointed to carry out the duties of Coroner for South Wexford at remuneration calculated at the rate of £135 per annum, until recommendation by Local Appointments Commission has been acted upon or the expiration of six months from 7th June, 1934, whichever first occurs.

"That we recommend the Council to fix the salary of the incoming Coroner at £135 per annum and also to apply to the Local Appointments Commission as regards the filling of the vacant office."

As regards vacancy created by the death of Mr. Tim Moore, the following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Co. Council be recommended to promote Mr. Denis Radford, Junior Assistant, in Co. Surveyor's Department, to the senior position - at his present salary of £157:10s with annual increments of £10 subject to good and satisfactory service, and rising to a maximum of £312, Mr. Radford to hold the position on a twelve month's probationary period."

The Co. Surveyor said that Mr. Radford was capable of doing the work if he gave his mind wholly to it.



The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That the County Council be recommended to appoint to the Junior Clerkship in Co. Surveyor's Office, Mr. John O'Kennedy (at present employed there on a temporary basis) at a salary of £156 per annum rising by annual increments of £7:10s. conditional on good and satisfactory service to £234 per annum."

### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF:- State of Rate Collection to date was submitted as follows:-

<u>Name of Rate Collector</u>	<u>Percentage collected at 7/6/1934</u>
1. E.J. Murphy	96.4
2. M. Kehoe	94.2
3. J. Curtis	93.2
4. D. Kenny	93.1
5. S. Gannon (No.10)	85.5
6. P. Nolan	85.4
7. J.J. O'Reilly	85.4
8. P. Carty	85.2
9. S. Gannon (No. 6)	84.2
10. A. Dunne	83.8
11. J. Deegan	83.0
12. M. McCarthy	82.8
13. P. Doyle	81.7
14. J. Cummins	81.3
15. W. Doyle	81.2
16. W. Cummins	81.2
17. J. Flood	80.7
18. J.J. Sinnott	77.3
19. J. Quirke	75.1
20. M. Murphy	68.8
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<u>Average..... 83.9</u>	

As compared with the corresponding period last year the Collection showed a drop of 12.3%. The amount outstanding to date is £28,212:9:6d and at the corresponding period last year it was £11,302:14:4d.

In reply to resolution of Finance Committee complaining of the backward state of his rate Collection, Collector W. Cummins (No.11 District) wrote that he was putting all the energy in his power into the collection, but a large number of ratepayers were held up with their cattle. He was



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unable to show any improvement at present as it was impossible to get money until the people could make it.

Collector J.J. Sinnott (No.16 District) wrote that his District was over 80% devoted to cattle raising and consequently was worse hit than any other part of the County. The people of the area were doing their best to pay and would do so if they were granted a little time.

PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE:- Under date 5th June, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.65721/1934 Loch Garman)(Fa) that the Minister was not prepared to reopen the question of the rate collectors' poundage for the 1932/33 Warrant and that having regard to the provisions of Article 101 of the Public Bodies Order 1925, he could not sanction the Council's proposal to pay poundage on each 10% of warrant collected.

ARREARS OF 1933/34 WARRANT:- Under date 26th May, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.65273/34 Loch Garman) (Fa) that the Minister was not prepared to approve of the Council's proposal to collect arrears of 1933/34 Warrant separately. These arrears should be included in warrants of the current financial year and rate-payers concerned warned forthwith that all arrears were payable with the first moiety of current rate immediately on service of the Demand Notes.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to reconsider his ruling with regard to having arrears of rates on 1933/34 Warrant collected separately from the amount of Warrants for 1934/35. The decision to include these arrears in Demand Notes for current year will mean that the rate collection will be suspended while the work of examining and transferring these arrears into new rate books is being carried out. We consider



"this would be a great hardship on Collectors who are trying to close their warrants, and as the present is an abnormal year relative to the preparation of rate books etc. we would ask the Minister to agree to our proposal for this year only."

LODGING OF CLAIMS FOR ABATEMENT FORMS:- Under date 28th May, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.67061/34 Loch Garman) that the preparation of Rate Collectors' Warrants could be proceeded with on the basis of the Abatement Claims received up to the 1st June, 1934. Any claims received after that date could be dealt with by way of credit note.

Under date 29th May, 1934, the Secretary, Irish Local Government Officials' Union wrote that the Co. Wexford Rate Collectors had been informed that in the opinion of the Council of the Union, the work of checking forms of claim for rate abatement on agricultural land should be undertaken by them pending settlement.

PRINTING RECEIPT & DEMAND NOTES:- Three tenders were received as follows for printing of Receipt and Demand Notes for 1934/35:-

<u>Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy.....</u>	<u>£22:17:6d</u>
<u>Messrs. English &amp; Co., Custom House Quay, Wexford....</u>	<u>£28: 0:0d</u>
<u>"People" Newspapers, Wexford.....</u>	<u>£29:16:6d</u>

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That the tender of Messrs. Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy, for the printing of Rate Collectors' Receipt and Demand Note Books and Spares at £22:17:6d be accepted."

ILLNESS OF MR. R. MALONE, M.R.C.V.S.  
WEXFORD DISTRICT

Under date 5th June, 1934, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.2287/34) that the Minister had no objection to the temporary employment of Mr. F. Staples, M.R.C.V.S., Wexford, as Veterinary Inspector for the Wexford District during the absence through illness of Mr. R. Malone, M.R.C.V.S., for one month as from



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"the 24th May, 1934, remuneration to be at the same rate as paid Mr. Malone."

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That we hereby request the Commissioners of Public Works to advance to the Wexford Co. Council the sum of Four Thousand Pounds being the balance of the sum of Eight Thousand Pounds secured by Indenture of Mortgage dated 14th day of August 1933, made by the Wexford Co. Council to the Commissioners and that such sum of Four Thousand Pounds be lodged to the credit of the said Council.

That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction this application."

#### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

It was decided that the following letter under date 29th May, 1934, from Manager, National Bank, Wexford, (County Treasurer) be referred to the County Council:-

"I submitted your further letter to my Directors for extension of Overdraft Accommodation to the extent of £62,500 up to 31st July next, and I am directed to inform you that as no definite provision for repayment has been made, the matter could not be entertained. The application therefore has been declined."

#### MACHINERY & QUARRY CHARGES 1934/35.

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the following charges for use of Machinery and for road material as submitted by County Surveyor be approved until further notice:-

Steam Drill.....	£3.per.day.
Engine and Gramulator.....	£4 per day for 16x9
Engine and Gramulator.....	£3 per day for 12x8
Engine and Stonebreaker.....	£3 per day
Compressor Drill Plant .....	£4 " "
Roller.....	45/- per day
Lorry.....	50/- per day



"Tar Boilers or Sprayers.....£1 per week each  
As an alternative, tar boilers will be allocated to each Assistant Surveyor, who will be responsible for the actual expenses of running same, and will deal with them out of the Road Proposals.

Concrete Mixer.....30/- per week

FOR MATERIAL - 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 their Specifications."

HOURS OF ATTENDANCE

CO. COUNCIL STAFFS.

The staffs of Co. Council and County Surveyor's offices viz., C.H. Richards, Local Taxation Officer, J. Maloney, Stephen Hayes, P.M. Donohoe, Miss Killeen, D.C. Radford and Miss Norton, wrote under date 6th June, 1934, protesting against the change of office hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays, to 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays and asked the Council to revert to the original hours.

The Finance Committee decided to make no order on the communication as they believed that as "Summer" Time was not observed in the rural portions of the County the change of hours/made for the convenience of persons residing in these districts and they also pointed out that the original hours would be reverted to on the expiration of "Summer" time.

The amended hours had already been advertised.



AMOUNTS DUE FOR SEEDS & FERTILISERS

List giving amounts due in each case by applicants supplied with Seeds and Fertilisers in 1933 was submitted. Two applicants had paid nothing towards their indebtedness and only one had discharged the full liability.

The amount outstanding was £42:1:9d.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That the list of persons indebted to the Council for amounts paid for Seeds & Fertilisers in 1933 be submitted to the Co. Solicitor with a view to proceeding against applicants and Sureties."

Co.WEXFORD VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "As the Finance Committee understand that the Department of Education in their annual Grant to the Co. Wexford Vocational Committee, make no provision for payment of rent for offices of the Committee, and as this Committee occupied, free of rent to the present, premises at the County Hall, we recommend the Council to allow the Committee to hold their new offices, in West Wing of County Hall, rent free: otherwise the amount of rent fixed by the Co. Council will have to be taken from the contribution made by the Council to the Committee. As all the funds at the disposal of the Committee have been allocated we believe that to charge rent for the new offices would mean the curtailment of some desirable scheme."

CRIMINAL INJURY APPLICATIONS

The following applications for compensation for Criminal Injury were referred to the Co. Solicitor to defend:-

Nicholas Gahan and others, Bolabeg, Templeshambo, £100 for destruction of House.

Laurence Clarke, Kilabeg, Enniscorthy, for £5 - clothes etc., destroyed in house for which the Gahan's are claiming compensation

Kate Nolan, Kilcullen, Templeshambo, £7 for destruction of table etc.

Philip J. Bowe, Kiltaly, Enniscorthy, £20 for burning of motor lorry.



The following resolution was adopted on the meeting of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 7th June, 1934, be received and considered."

NEW CORONER FOR SOUTH WEXFORD:- Col. Quin proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Miss O'Ryan and adopted:- "That we dissent from the recommendation of the Finance Committee as regards filling the vacant office of Coroner for South Wexford and, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, fix the salary of the incoming Coroner at £125 per annum, the amount received by the Coroner for North Wexford. That when sanction to this proposal has been received the Statutory Request for new appointment be forwarded the Local Appointments Commission."

The following resolution was, on a show of hands, (15 being in favour) adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Local Appointments Commission be informed this Council decides that a competent knowledge of Irish is essential as regards the appointment of Coroner for South Wexford."

CO. SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT:- The following letter under date 29th May, 1934 (R/RS/32) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"With further reference to your letter of 25th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that subject to adoption by the Wexford County Council he will raise no objection to the proposal of the Finance Committee on 24th instant to employ Mr. John O'Kennedy as Assistant Clerk in the County Surveyor's office at remuneration of £3 per week while Mr. Moore is absent on sick leave.

"If Mr. Moore has not resumed by 30th June proximo the question of Mr. O'Kennedy's retention should be revived."



RATE COLLECTION:- In connection with the state of the Rate Collection, Mr. Hickey said the men who had taken away the farmers' livelihood should now come to their assistance. The farmers had nothing out of which to pay rates or annuities. It was like starving a horse and then expecting him to do heavy work.

Mr. Hall said up to this he believed that the progress of the Rate Collection was the personal effort of the Rate Collector but now it was really in the district, because districts which were taken up with cattle raising were, all round, in a very bad position from the Rate Collecting point of view.

Mr. Hayes said the Rate Collectors in New Ross were very little behind the amount they had collected at the corresponding period last year and he could not see why there should be such a difference in the ability of the ratepayers, in New Ross and Wexford as was evidenced by the Rate Collection as it stood that day.

The matter dropped.

POUNDAGE:- Under date 1st June, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health, wrote (G.64687/34 Loch Garman) sanctioning payment of poundage at full rate to Collector E.J. Murphy (District No.17) on the equivalent of the first moiety and arrears of his current warrant lodged on 15th November last. Poundage at normal rate, less 10% could be paid to the other Collectors in respect of the equivalent of the first moieties and arrears of their current warrants in each case.

ARREARS OF 1933/34 WARRANT:- A short discussion took place with regard to the proposal of the Finance Committee to ask the Minister to reconsider his decision refusing to allow the Council to have the arrears of rates of 1933/34 Warrant collected separately from the rate Warrants for 1934/35.



Mr. O'Byrne proposed the confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

This was seconded by Mr. McCarthy and adopted, Mr. Hall dissenting.

OVERDRAFT:- Mr. O'Byrne mentioned that in consequence of the relief which was to be given to Agricultural ratepayers in regard to the men employed on their holdings, the Demand Notes would not be ready for circulation until practically August, two months later than a normal year.

Mr. McCarthy proposed that the National Bank be asked to reconsider their decision as to increased overdraft.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded and mentioned that if all the debts due to the Council were met, they would be in a strong financial position.

The resolution was adopted.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Department of Local Government & Public Health be requested to advise this Council without further delay as to the distribution of the £300,000 Agricultural Grant."

HOURS OF ATTENDANCE OF CO. COUNCIL STAFF:- Mr. Gaul gave notice of motion that he would move at next meeting that the attendance hours for staff of Co. Council revert to 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on all working days except Saturday when hours will be from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. to replace the hours recently fixed by the Co. Council for the duration of ~~the~~ "Summer" time viz. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on all working days except Saturday when hours were from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Gaul the following resolution was adopted:- "That we hereby approve of the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 7th June, 1934, except in so far as same may have been altered eting."



RATES DUE BY CO. COUNCILLORS

Under date 24th May, 1934, the following circular 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 inform you that his attention has been drawn to the failure of some members of local rating authorities to pay rates assessed on them.

"The Minister desires to state that, in his opinion, default in the payment of rates on the part of a member of a local authority should be regarded as a more serious matter than default by other ratepayers. The example of such a member is an embarrassment to the rate collector and generally has a very bad effect. A public representative, who fails to meet his rate obligations, cannot well press for active measures being taken against persons who like himself have not paid their rates: the fact that he himself is in default precludes him from insisting on other defaulters being compelled to pay. By his failure he becomes unfitted to be a guardian of the revenues of the local authority.

"The Minister hopes investigation will show that the evil is not of serious dimensions. But whatever may be its extent it is in the public interest that the facts be brought to light. I am, therefore, directed to instruct the Secretary or Clerk of each rating authority to ascertain the names of the members of the authority from whom any rates are due in respect of the year 1933/34 and the amount due. These particulars should be submitted to the local authority at their next meeting and a copy sent to this Department. The names of those members who have paid no rates for 1933/34 should be distinguished on the list from those who have paid a moiety."



Mr. O'Reilly, Temporary Rates Inspector, reported that the following County Councillors owed rates:-

Mr. J. Doran, Moneyhore, (2nd Moiety, March, 1934.) £11:15:10d.

Mr. J.P. Kelly, Kilpierce, ( do do ) £9:6:2d.

Mr. T.F. D'Arcy, Annagh and Ballylusk. do ) £9:12:8d.

Mr. J.J. Maylor, Ballytory Upper & Lower. do ) £44:4:9d.

Mr. Maylor had paid £67:10:1d for the 2nd Moiety, leaving £44:4:9d due.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the following resolution:- "That the communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to rates due by County Councillors, and any information arising therefrom, be discussed in Committee."

Passed.

Mr. Kelly said he would pay his rates when the Government paid him a sum of over £9 which they owed him.

Mr. Maylor said his rates were £222:19s. He paid £178:14:3d and he did not consider he was doing badly at all. He had a number of stall-fed cattle for the past eight months and was unable to get a permit to sell any of them, although he was entitled to it. If he had received the permit he would have paid his rates long ago. In the circumstances he did not see how any County Council or any Government could expect him to pay. A permit to sell his cattle would be worth a great deal more to him than the amount of his rates. He had never refused to pay rent or rates and if he got a chance to dispose of his cattle he would willingly pay the amount due.

Mr. Doran said he owed a small amount. If he could get his stuff off his hands he would pay everything. If his means of livelihood had been left with him his rates would have been paid.



Col. Gibbon said the Co. Council should certainly propose that the Government should give some concession to men like Mr. Maylor, in connection with the issue of permits for selling cattle.

Mr. Maylor said he was prepared to pay his rates in the morning if a permit was forthcoming.

Mr. O'Byrne said it was very weak on the part of the Department to bring up this matter at the moment, as the Finance Committee found that the rates were being paid according to the ability of the people. One member of the Government stated that the only qualification for a man who had to join a certain society was to be able to prove that he had not paid his rates, a palpable falsehood. He had seen some of the ratebooks lately and found that a T.D. in the County owed two years' rates.

Mr. Corish - That does not refer to me.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Col. Quin:- "That the County Council inform the Minister for Local Government and Public Health of the statements made by County Councillors who owe rates and strongly recommend that some concession should be granted to them immediately in order to allow them to sell their cattle and thus obtain sufficient funds to meet their liabilities."

#### COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul, seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That a sum of £1000 be advanced on account to the Returning Officer, to meet expenses of County Council Elections."

#### RATE COLLECTION DISTRICT No. 7.

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



"That resolution of the County Council which decided to hold a new examination to fill the position of Rate Collector for Rate District No.7 be rescinded and that the Council proceed to fill the position."

At the last meeting John Deegan (Temporary Collector), Ballinure, Marshallstown, Patrick Roche, Tomahurra, Enniscorthy, and Thomas Balfe, Croneyhorn, Carnew, were candidates. Deegan failed in Irish at examination, Roche passed, while Balfe secured a high place at a previous examination.

Roche was late for the examination and to explain this handed in a letter from Mr. P.J. Floyd, Manager of the Great Southern Railways, stating that on the 11th of May, the 6.35 a.m. train from Dublin to Wexford was 29 minutes late on reaching its destination. The scheduled time of arrival at Wexford was 9.50 a.m. but the train did not actually arrive in Wexford until 10.19 a.m. He regretted the inconvenience caused.

Mr. Cooney said the explanation was right because he remembered being delayed 25 minutes at Macmine junction that morning on account of the fog.

In moving his motion Mr. D'Arcy said the previous decision of the Council rather surprised him in view of the fact that all the members seemed to be unanimous that Mr. Deegan be appointed to the permanent position. He thought they all favoured Mr. Deegan as they knew he was one of the best Collectors in the County and that was the type of man required.

Col. Gibbon said he voted before for Mr. Deegan when they asked the Local Government Department to approve of his appointment, <sup>and</sup> they said they could not approve of it unless there was an examination held to appoint him permanently. The position at the last meeting was that



Mr. Deegan did not qualify and was therefore not qualified under the Local Government Department's decision, while the other men who had put in their applications were not in time. To give an opportunity he proposed at the last meeting that a fresh examination be held and give Mr. Deegan an opportunity of qualifying.

Mr. Keegan, who seconded Mr. D'Arcy, said Mr. Deegan qualified in everything but Irish. I suggest that we give him two years to qualify in Irish for he is admittedly one of the best collectors in the County. It would be hard to turn the man down, more particularly in view of the fact that, where he was reared, he had no opportunity of learning Irish.

The Chairman said he was not like Mr. D'Arcy, surprised at the decision arrived at on the last day. It would have been quite out of order to appoint Mr. Deegan when he failed the examination.

Mr. O'Byrne - The Council tried to put Mr. Deegan into the position and at Mr. Deegan's own request, we unanimously appointed him permanent rate collector. We did that though there were regulations there that we departed from, and the Local Government Department refused to sanction it. The position was advertised, and now we are asked to appoint a man who has not qualified. We were prepared to appoint him if because he was as good a man as Wexford ever had. I say/we were to appoint him after the Department refusing sanction before and, without an examination we would act illegally.

Miss O'Ryan - The Department never asked for an examination in this case. It was absolutely a Council regulation and there is no ruling from the Department with regard to that.

Chairman - Did not the Department decline to sanction him as a permanent rate Collector?



Miss O'Ryan - Mr. O'Byrne says the man is not qualified, which is not true. He was and is qualified and that regulation is merely a Council's regulation.

Proceeding, she alleged that it was because of his politics they voted against him.

Mr. O'Byrne - The Department refused to sanction him and we were ordered to advertise.

Mr. McCarthy - We repeatedly asked the Department to sanction him and they turned us down every time. If Mr. Deegan had passed the examination he would be elected and simply because he failed he was not elected. The Council could not legally elect him because he failed. We have a resolution on the books according to which candidates, for the position of rate collector, must sit for an examination and pass certain subjects. You are bound to comply with that and, if he is elected without doing so it would be illegal.

Mr. Corish said he knew Mr. Deegan gave faithful service to the Council for the past four or five years. He was out for competitive examination all the time and thought the man who was best qualified should get first preference. There were extenuating circumstances in this case for they had his services at their disposal for the last five years, and knew him to be a competent man for the collection of rates. He submitted that the proposal made by Mr. D'Arcy and the suggestion put forward by Mr. Keegan, to give Mr. Deegan a certain period to qualify in Irish, would warrant the Council to give him the position unanimously. He was a married man with a family and had bought a small place on the strength of his rate-collection poundage and if he did not get this, he may be thrown out on the road. He (Mr. Corish) appealed to the Council at this, their last meeting, to be a little charitable and give Mr. Deegan time to qualify in Irish. The Minister would probably agree if it was put up to him.



Col. Gibbon said the Council was only wasting its time in sending up any recommendation for Mr. Deegan's appointment when it was already turned down by them about six times.

Mr. D'Arcy - There is no such thing as Department regulations in respect of Irish with regard to these exams in the adjoining County of Wicklow - in fact, there is scarcely any examination. The position with regard to Irish is a regulation of this Council. I am surprised to hear people talk about illegality. When we were making an appointment recently, requiring candidates to have a competent knowledge of Irish, I saw men sitting there and appoint a girl who had no knowledge of Irish. There was not a word about that.

Miss N. O'Ryan - I would like to ask Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, if it would be illegal to appoint him.

Mr. Elgee - According to your regulations, a rate Collector has to pass an examination in certain subjects. Irish is one of the subjects specified in the regulations for the examination and if a candidate does not qualify he is therefore not eligible.

Miss O'Ryan - Have we power to waive the regulation in certain conditions?

Mr. Elgee - Not unless you rescind them.

After further discussion a poll was taken on Mr. D'Arcy's motion with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, Kelly and Miss O'Ryan. (13)

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Doyle, Gibbon, Hall, Hickey, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman. (13)

The voting being equal the chairman gave his casting vote against the motion which he declared lost.



Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution:- "That the whole matter of appointing a Rate Collector for No.7 District be referred to the new County Council.

Chairman - It is not in order considering the decision to-day. The motion to rescind the holding of a new examination was not carried and therefore the original resolution stands. The date of the new examination will be fixed by the new Council.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS AND MORTGAGES

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

"That the decision of the Co. Council obliging applicants for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to provide Sureties for repayment in addition to mortgages on houses, be rescinded."

Mr. O'Byrne in moving his motion pointed out that it would simplify procedure for the applicants if they were not obliged to obtain two sureties. It was thought at one time that the documents signed by the Sureties might replace a mortgage but the County Solicitor said the mortgage would be necessary in any case. It was far and away the safest instrument for the Council to safeguard themselves.

Mr. Gaul seconded the motion.

Col. Quin expressed himself as very strongly against it. It was most unbusinesslike and people who were thought well of by their neighbours should not have great difficulty in obtaining security.

After further discussion a vote was taken with the following result:-

FOR THE MOTION: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Coeney, Corish, Culleton, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, Kelly, McCarthy and O'Byrne. (13)



AGAINST THE MOTION: Messrs. Brennan, Doran, Doyle, Gibbon, Hall, Hickey, Jordan, Maylor, O'Ryan, Quin, Smyth, and Walsh. (12).

Mr. Cummins was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

#### APPOINTMENT - CLERKS OF WORKS

Under date 16th May, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circular 50/34 Ilgh) pointing out that as the onus of seeing that engineering and architectural schemes were properly executed, rested with the Engineer or Architect he must be given responsibility for the selection of the Clerk of Works who would be in charge of the immediate supervision of the work.

The Local Authority should, after issue of advertisement for competent persons, make the appointment on the recommendation of the Engineer or Architect and subject to the sanction of the Minister.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That all appointments of Clerks of Works made by this Council be in accordance with the communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (16th May, 1934 - Circular 50/34 Ilgh). "

#### CLOSING ROADS TEMPORARILY

Under date 23rd May, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (IR/107/Circ) that frequently applications for temporary closing of roads did not permit of sufficient time for the preparation and issue of the necessary Order so as to allow for publication before commencement of the period of closing.

In future, therefore, a period of at least 21 days should be allowed between the expiration of the period for lodgment and objections and commencement of the proposed period of



closing. Where difficult cases of objection arose it might happen that the 21 days would prove insufficient.

#### ROSSLARE CLIFF ROAD

The following under date 9th June, 1934, was read from the Co. Surveyor:-

"On the 29th May last, in company with Mr. Elgee and the Assistant Surveyor, I made inspection of the Cliff Road at Rosslare. At the present time this road is extremely dangerous. There is barely room for motor vehicles to pass by bad slips of the bank, and even foot passengers might inadvertently fall down the slope. When this place was becoming dangerous the County Council applied to the Local Government Department for authority to close the road, and asked for an enquiry, but this was refused. Subsequently, on the advice of our Solicitor, we put up special notices. At the present time at each end of the roadway I have a barricade almost closing the road to traffic, and a notification that the road is closed, and there are two red triangle warning signs at each end, so that it is practically impossible for anyone to go along the road without being acquainted with its danger. Mr. Elgee now considers that we should again apply to the Local Government Department for authority to close the road as an accident is quite possible at any time."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by the Chairman:- "That the Co. Surveyor and Co. Solicitor communicate with the Roads Department of the Department of Local Government and Public Health with a view to have all necessary steps taken to bring about the closing of Rosslare Cliff Road owing to its dangerous condition."



### ROAD GRANT

Under date 14th May, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (R.G.M.-32) that a payment of £2006 in respect of Road Maintenance Grant 1933/34 had been made to the Treasurer of the County Council on 11th May, 1934.

### GOREY COURTHOUSE & DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

Under date 18th May, 1934, the following letter (2/37244) was read from the Secretary, Department of Defence:-

"I am directed by the Minister of Defence to inform you that he has had inspections made of premises likely to be suitable for the training and exercise of the members of the Volunteer Force in the Town of Gorey. It is understood that, amongst other places, the Courthouse would be suitable for the purpose. Accommodation would be required for a period of at least one year, and I am accordingly to enquire as to the terms and conditions on which a lease of the premises, excluding the caretaker's quarters, for one year, could be obtained. The following conditions, inter alia, would form an essential part of the lease:-

1. The Owners or Trustees of the premises to accept responsibility for the external maintenance of the building, including water and sanitary services.
2. The Owners or Trustees to be liable for the payment of all rates and taxes now, or in the future, assessable on the premises, or any other outgoings whatsoever payable in respect of the property or the rent thereof.
3. The Minister for Defence to have sole and exclusive use of the premises during the period of his tenancy, subject to use by the Wexford County Council as and when required for Court purposes, and when he may otherwise permit.
4. The Minister for Defence to accept liability for



"the payment of the electricity and water accounts during the period of occupation of the premises, except those incurred in respect of the supply to the Caretaker's quarters, which must be registered by separate meter.

5. The Minister for Defence to accept responsibility for the internal maintenance of the building, excluding the caretaker's quarters, during the period of tenancy.

"I am to request the favour of an early reply so that in the event of it not being possible to come to terms for the renting of these premises, negotiations may be opened with the owners of alternative premises."

Col. Quin proposed and Mr. Hickey seconded the following resolution:- "That the County Council cannot, in view of their own requirements, see their way to allow Gorey Court House to pass out of their possession."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Hickey, Jordan, Maylor, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman. (15)

AGAINST: Messrs. Glince, Colfer, Keegan, Kelly and Miss O'Ryan (5).

The following declined to vote:- Messrs. Armstrong, Culleton, Gaul and Hayes. (4).

Messrs. Brennan and D'Arcy (2) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

#### RECRUITMENT OF LABOUR

The following circular letter under date 5th June, 1934, (S.G.A./202) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and



"Public Health to refer to this Department's Circular letter SGA/202 of the 2nd June, 1933, on the subject of the recruitment of labour for works financed wholly or partly from Central Funds; and to state that the arrangements laid down are now superseded by the following arrangements as from yesterday:-

1. Recruitment through Employment Exchange ceases and no question arises as to whether men are registered or not at Exchanges.
- II. Applications for employment are to be made to the official in charge of the work.
- III. Those in receipt of unemployment assistance are to be employed before men not in receipt of unemployment assistance, it being understood that, where practicable, men longest unemployed will get preference. Men in receipt of unemployment assistance will have cards. The Local Officers of the Department of Industry and Commerce will assist the officer in charge of the works by letting him know, on request, whether the men selected for employment are in receipt of unemployment assistance and whether they are married or not.
- IV. Seventy-five per cent of the vacancies are to go to married men and twenty-five per cent to single men.

"As previously, men now in the employment of Councils and engaged in the improvement or Maintenance of Main Roads (to which the Main Road Grants are applicable) are not, if they should become unemployed, to be subject, in the event of their re-employment in the same capacity to the rules governing the recruitment and selection of men for works financed wholly or partly from Central Funds. Additions to this class will of course be subject to these rules."



GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS

Intimation was received that the annual meeting of the above would be held on 8th August 1934, and notice of any matters which the Council wished to have considered thereat should be forwarded the Secretary on or before 25th July, 1934.

Under date 30th May, 1934, letter was read from Secretary, General Council of Co. Councils that as regards their resolution that casual labourers' wages, wages paid for female labour and wages paid to boys between 14 and 18 years of age when they were exclusively engaged in farm work should be included for relief under the Agricultural Grant allocation of £300,000, the Department of Local Government and Public Health had replied that it would not be feasible to revise the scheme at this stage but that the resolution of the General Council would be borne in mind when the matter was again under consideration.

In connection with the application of this Grant letter was read from the General Council of County Councils that they had been definitely informed that any proposal to apply the share of a County in this Grant to the relief of Rates on Agricultural Land would not be in accordance with the law. The amount should be lodged in reduction of the Bank overdraft.

FORD OF LYNG DRAINAGE

The following correspondence was read in connection with above:- (Letter from Office of Public Works under date 16th May, 1934.)

"I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance to state that he has had under consideration the representations on the above subject made by the Members of the Deputation from your Council who waited on the Board on the 3rd instant; and that he is prepared to recommend a grant of £200 towards the work of



"remedying the flooded condition of the Ford-of-Lyng on the following conditions:-

1. That the Slob Commissioners also contribute a sum of £200; the joint contributions to be expended by the County Surveyor on behalf of the Commissioners of Public Works, under Minor Relief Schemes machinery.
2. That the Slob Commissioners through their Engineers come to an agreement with the County Surveyor on the subject of the precise works which are to be carried out, and that their Engineers assume with the County Surveyor a joint responsibility for the specification to be adopted.
3. That in the event of the sum of £400 not being sufficient in the opinion of the County Surveyor to relieve adequately the existing flooding, the Slob Commissioners undertake to complete the work at their own expense to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.
4. That the Slob Commissioners undertake for the future to keep the drains in good order and to repair at their own cost.

"If an agreement on these terms can be come to by the Council and the Slob Commissioners, I am to ask you to be good enough to have the necessary agreement prepared and executed as soon as possible and to notify us in due course so that the work may be proceeded with at an early date."

Copy letter under date 26th May, 1934 from Messrs. Meldon & Co., Solicitors for Slob Commissioners, was read:-

"We shall have a meeting of the Commissioners here on next Wednesday afternoon to consider the letter from the Office of the Board of Works to the Secretary of the County Council of which you sent us a copy.

"With reference to Condition No.3 of Mr. MacLoughlin's



"letter, the question of the expense of cutting the channel from the Canal to Rathdowney Bridge, which was advised by our Surveyor Mr. Delap, was the only matter on which it was agreed at the Conference that your Clients were to contribute £200 and our Clients a sum not exceeding £200 for the necessary work - Condition 3 however of Mr. MacLoughlin's letter seeks to put the liability on the Commissioners in the event of the sum of £400 not being sufficient, in the opinion of the County Surveyor, to relieve adequately the existing flooding to complete the work at their own expense to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

"The matter of any additional expense which might be necessary was not considered or discussed, as it was agreed, that nothing further should be done for one or two years about the second Channel advised by Mr. Delap until it was seen what the effect of making the first channel would be.

"We are confident that our Clients will not agree to Condition No.3 and we shall feel obliged if you will kindly let us hear from you by Wednesday next if the Condition is a sine qua non, as if it is, we wish to so inform our clients."

The following letter under date 9th June, 1934, was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"I am to refer to your letter of the 29th ultimo enclosing copy of a communication from Messrs. Meldon, Solicitors, to the Ford-of-Lyng Slob Commissioners, adverting to our offer to contribute a sum of £200 towards drainage work at Ford-of-Lyng, and taking exception to one of the conditions which we attached to the grant, viz:-

"(3) That in the event of the sum of £400 not being sufficient in the opinion of the County Surveyor to relieve adequately the existing flooding, the Slob Commissioners undertake to complete the work at their own expense to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

"I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the



"Minister for Finance to state that one of the members of the deputation which waited on our Commissioners stated on the occasion that the Slob Commissioners had agreed to expend more than £200 on the work, if necessary; and I am to say that it was on this assurance the condition referred to was made by us.

"Since the date of your letter, however, Messrs. Meldon have sent us a copy of the report of the Slob Commissioners' Engineer which sets out the specific work it was proposed to do and the benefits which are likely to accrue; and as the Parliamentary Secretary is now satisfied that the expenditure of the grant will have appreciably beneficial results he agrees to waive the condition quoted above.

"I am, therefore, to ask you to be good enough to bring the matter before your Council at as early a date as possible and to inform us of their decision so that arrangements can be made to have the work put in hands without delay.

"A copy of the report of the Slob Commissioners' Engineer is enclosed herewith."

The report of Mr. A.D. Delap, Engineer, referred to in this letter stated that the cure for the flooding was a cut from the canal to Rathdowney bridge which would lower the level there by  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet. The effect of this would be to lower the water surface at the Ford of Lyng bridge and Ballybro bridge to some slightly lesser extent and thus to reduce water level over all the area above Rathdowney Bridge which is at present flooded or waterlogged.

The Chairman said at the Conference between the representatives of the Co. Council and the Slob Commissioners he was certainly under the impression that



the Slob Commissioners agreed, if the £400 was not sufficient to obviate the flooding to put up any further money that was required.

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, said the matter was discussed but it was finally decided that everybody concerned would wait to see what would be the result of the work for the £400 as the Engineers were confidently of opinion that the expenditure of this sum would provide a remedy.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Gaul:- "That we suspend legal proceedings against the South Slob Commissioners in respect of the flooding at Ford of Lyng. That the suggestions contained in the letter from the Office of Public Works of 16th May, 1934, as amended by their letter of 9th June, 1934, be approved. That the County Surveyor communicate with the Office of Public Works in regard to carrying out the proposed works. That the Co. Solicitor be directed to prepare the necessary agreement in this matter and that the seal of the Co. Council be attached thereto.

"That this resolution is not to be regarded as, in any way, prejudicing any rights which the Co. Council hold in their proceedings against the Slob Commissioners."

#### SOUTH WEXFORD HARBOURS

Under date 26th May, 1934, letter was read from the Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture that the resolution passed by the Co. Council as to securing a Grant for dredging the harbours of South Wexford would have consideration.

#### EMERGENCY DUTY CRANE & GRAB COURTOWN HARBOUR.

Under date 9th June, 1934, the Department of Industry and Commerce, Lord Edward Street, Dublin, (T.I.D.1294/359) with reference to Emergency duty in connection with the importation of crane and grab by the Wexford County Council



for Courtown Harbour, wrote asking if the duty had been already paid, otherwise the Council should furnish the Department with copies of the quotations received from both British and non-British sources.

The County Surveyor said this was being done.

In connection with the dredging of Courtown Harbour basin, Mr. Corish mentioned that they expected the dredger of the Board of Works in Wexford town during the coming week and it might be well if the Council made application for its use for Courtown.

The Co. Surveyor said he was up in Arklow interviewing the Captain of the dredger and seeing about using it. Of course they would have a proper channel for her to get in, which was not sufficient at the present time. The crane, which they ought to have delivered a week ago, was not yet delivered. He wrote about it and they promised delivery this week. The local people were satisfied instead of making a shallow basin the whole way up, to make a deep channel the half way down so as a bigger vessel coming in could swing. He made no arrangements at present about the dredger, because he was not in a position to offer a free channel. The captain of the dredger said there was no difficulty of getting in if they got that channel. He hoped to arrange for that within the next fortnight.

Mr. Keegan said the County Surveyor was making them the same promise that day as he did at the last meeting.

In reply to Mr. D'Arcy the County Surveyor stated that the Crane was on order for five weeks. He had a letter from the firm stating that it would be delivered within one week from the 7th instant.

The Chairman pointed out that in his opinion all possible steps to secure the equipment had been taken.

The Co. Surveyor said that as the emergency duty would



come to close on £150, it was better to wait for a week or two if it could be saved.

Mr. Keegan contended that the securities of Mr. Donovan, Contractor for the dredging of the Courtown Harbour basin, were now released from their bond on account of the delay in carrying out the work.

The Co. Surveyor said this was a legal matter. The sanction of the Department to hold over the Grant to allow of the work being completed by September had been obtained. The difficulty of obtaining the services of the dredger and utilising them at this particular place had been explained in detail to the Sureties.

The matter dropped.

#### HAND-BREAKING IN QUARRIES

In connection with the resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Council, as to the submission by the County Surveyor of particulars regarding the cost of hand-breaking of quarry material, the County Surveyor submitted reports from the various Assistant Surveyors.

The following is a summary of these reports:-

In Mr. Treanor's district, the number of yards of material broken in Ballythomas Quarry was 400 and the men were paid at the rate of 3/6d per yard showing average earnings of £1:4:6d per week. In Comer, 150 yards were broken and the earnings of the men 17/6d per week. In Gorey Hill 250 yards were broken and the average earnings of the men £1:4s. There were 300 yards broken in Tara Hill where the average earnings were 16/-. He reported on other quarries where the earnings were £1:4s.

Mr. Ennis in his report stated that the machine breaking cost from 2/4d to 2/8d including dumping and shifting of stones. In Kiltrea 600 yards were hand-broken and the men's earnings 21/- per week, and as the stones must



be more finely broken in future, it would cut down their earnings. The material was put on third class roads and they gave up using it on main roads. In Carrigduff quarry the average earnings was 17/- per week and the stone was soft. Hand-broken material for rolling, for Ryland Quarry, was paid for at the rate of 3/6d per yard and the average earnings of the men were from 11/- to 17/- per week. In Monfin gravel pit 900 yards were taken out and in Clohamon gravel pit 1,000 yards were taken out, and bigger stones hand-broken. There was no use for hand-broken material in some of the quarries and the cost of the gauge recently broken would be extremely higher if the men were to have an opportunity of earning a fair wage. From this point of view of road-making, the products given from the machine and hand-breaking were quite different. In the case of the machine broken stone they were given a graded choice of material for the varieties of use in modern road-work, and in handbreaking their great trouble was to get a gauge of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch stone and three-inch stone and chippings.

Mr. Birthistle reported that at Trinity Quarry with 148 cubic yards scabbelings men earned about 18/- per week. Kilmore - 425 cubic yards of sea stone - average earnings 12/- to 15/- per week. Seaview Quarry - a loose soft stone - always worked by hand - average earnings 25/- per week.

Mr. Cullen reported that 10/- per week was the average earnings in Ballymurray, and 15/- per week in Ballyvaldon (sea stones); 13/- to 18/- per week in Clonhaston; 15/- to 18/- per week at Dunanore; Edenvale 18/- to 22/- per week. Barmonney £1 to 25/-. Carrigbawn - 15/- per week, Tomgarrow 15/- per week.

Mr. O'Neill reported that in his area in Burkestown and Haggard Quarries the average earnings were 30/- per week and in Palace Quarry 25/- per week (piece work).



Mr. Colloton - Where is this report going to lead us?

The Co. Surveyor said he wanted to point out that, where possible, they were carrying out hand-breaking in quarries and certainly, as regards the men generally, it was not very remunerative.

The matter ended.

#### CARNE PIER

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Gaul:- "That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to carry out the repairs to Carne Pier, reported by him to the meeting of Co. Council on 14th May, 1934."

#### ROAD MATTERS.

Letter from Mr. J.R. McDonald, of Ballywater, Kilmuckridge was read asking if Mr. T.F. White would be granted permission to erect gate at eastern end of Ballinoulart road to prevent trespass of livestock. The only alternative to this would be a wire fence along the sand banks for about three miles. *and* the gate would not interfere with the passage to and from the strand.

The Co. Surveyor submitted report from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, of the district, who with Mr. Smyth, M.C.C. had been instructed to act as a Committee in this matter. Their report stated that to make road diversion at the place it would be necessary to acquire portion of lands of two separate holdings. The amount asked for by the land holders to provide a site for the roadway was out of all proportion to the value of the land, so much so as to make it impossible to recommend the adoption of the scheme to the Council. It was decided to make no order on the matter.

Under date 5th June, 1934, Mr. D. Connolly, Secretary, Crossabeg Fianna Fail Cumman, forwarded resolution from that body, asking for the reconstruction of footpath from



Ferry carrig to Enniscorthy, as owing to the amount of traffic the road was very unsafe for pedestrians, particularly children, who had to attend school in Kyle. A footpath would provide a badly needed safeguard and the work would relieve unemployment in the district. They also recommended that a larger percentage of stone breaking in the different quarries should be broken by hand to counteract unemployment.

The Co. Surveyor stated that in his opinion it would cost at least £1000, to reconstruct this footpath.

Mr. Colleton - People near towns will not use footpaths.

Co. Surveyor - That of course is because the road is more attractive.

Mr. McCarthy held that even if this footpath was reconstructed people would not walk on it, in preference to the concrete road.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded a resolution that the matter be referred to the new County Council.

Passed.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall that the following applications for improvement of lanes etc. be scheduled for consideration under Minor Relief Schemes Vote:-

Devereux's Lane (Garrymoyle); Ballyclemock Lane and Askakeele Lane (Carnew).

In connection with an application for repair of main drain in several townlands commencing at Ballygullen Bridge, and ending near the village of Camolin - a length of about two miles - it was decided that it be scheduled under Minor Relief Schemes.

The Co. Surveyor pointed out that unless the Grant was available, it would not be possible for the Co. Council to undertake this work as they had no legal power to do so.



### CURRACLOE ROADS

Under date 30th May, 1934, letter was read from Mr. J.P. O'Brien, General Manager, Irish Tourist Association, that the representations of the Association regarding attention to Tourist Roads had not been very successful. They were not dropping the matter however, and were seeking a definite answer before next week. If any assurance of interest was received he would communicate with the Council.

### BOARD OF HEALTH AND PAYMENT FOR COTTAGE PLOTS

Under date 23rd May, 1934, the Secretary, Co. Board of Health, wrote that in reference to the complaint of Rate Collector E.J. Murphy, as to payment for Cottage Plots the temporary Solicitor to the Board was endeavouring to speed up the work of land transfer for the purpose of cottage building, and since his appointment no unavoidable delay had occurred.

### BOILER OLD UNION BUILDINGS

Under date 9th June, 1934, the Secretary, Co. Board of Health, wrote that the Board proposed to instal temporarily at the District Hospital, Gorey, a boiler, owing to the fact that the present boiler had been damaged. There was such a boiler in the old Union Buildings which was suitable. The Board requested the permission of the Co. Council to transfer the Union Boiler to the District Hospital.

Mr. Gaul proposed and Mr. Armstrong seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That County Board of Health be informed the Co. Council have no objection to the transfer of old Union Boiler at Gorey to the District Hospital there provided this proposal obtains the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health."



### PLACING POSTERS ON ROADS

Mr. Walsh called attention to the practice of pasting advertising posters on roads. Horses shied from these and injury to life and limb might occur. The Council should take some notice of the matter.

He proposed that an advertisement be issued in the local papers that any person found pasting advertising or other posters on public roads be warned that proceedings will be taken against them by the Council.

Mr. Cooney seconded the resolution which was adopted.

### TINACREE QUARRY

Letter was read from Mr. P. Hughes, Hon. Secretary, Kilmuckridge Fianna Fail Branch, as to new lane to Quarry at Tinacree and asking if a grant had been ever received.

The Co. Surveyor stated that no money was yet available.

### POISONS & PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

Mr. Gaul proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That Licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act, 1908, be issued to the following:-

NEW LICENCE: P.J. O'Connor, 39, North Main Street, Wexford.

RENEWALS: James J. Codd, 7, Court Street, Enniscorthy.

Laurence Harpur, North Main Street, Wexford.

John Roche, Merchant, Camolin. Nathaniel Tackaberry, Bunclody.

Myles Byrne, Market House, Main Street, Gorey.

Michael R. Moran, Hardware House, Castle St., Enniscorthy.

Daniel Keating, Merchant, Quay Street, New Ross, provided no objection be received from Civic Guard Authorities.

### "J.K.L." CELEBRATIONS

The Secretary mentioned that in connection with the "J.K.L." celebrations in New Ross, a special train would leave North Station, Wexford, on 17th June, 1934, at 10.20 a.m., arriving in New Ross at 11.30 a.m. and would return at 7.30 p.m.



CHAIRMAN RETURNS THANKS

At the conclusion of the business, the Chairman said he wished to thank each and every member of the Council for the courtesy they had shown him during his term of office. He was very much obliged to them indeed and he was sure that any little differences which had cropped up during the life of the Council were now forgotten. He hoped the next County Council would get on as well as the one which was now relinquishing office.

*Michael Doyle*



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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING HELD ON 10TH JULY 1934

MINUTES

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

N. J. Frizelle,  
Secretary Wexford Co. Council



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The first meeting of the newly elected County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on Tuesday 10th July, 1934.

Present - Messrs D. Allen, James J. Bowe, P. Colfer, John Connors, R. Corish, C. Culleton, Wm. Cullimore, John Cummins, John Day, Ml. Doyle, Col. Gibbon, W.P. Keegan, J.P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, Jas. Lawlor, Thos. J. Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, Philip Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col. Quin, Ml. Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth, Malachi Sweetman and Jas. E. Walsh.

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

All the Councillors subscribed Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Mr. M. Doyle, outgoing Chairman, presided for the election of Chairman.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr. Cummins proposed the election of Mr. Denis Allen as a fit and proper person for the chairmanship of the County Council. Mr. Allen had represented Wexford County as a T.D. in the higher assembly and was chief whip of his party. That, in his (Mr. Cummins') opinion was sufficient recommendation for his appointment as Chairman of the County Council. He (Mr. Cummins) missed some of the old familiar faces of men who were members of the Council for many years, and he was sure many other Councillors missed them also. They had great wisdom and knowledge and experience which they brought to the Council Chamber, and their help and advice in the administration of the affairs of the County was most valuable. While he regretted the absence of those old familiar faces, he was glad to welcome there the new men - the new blood - for he believed it was a wholesome thing to put new blood into every organisation. They were meeting on a very auspicious occasion, and there were differences amongst them he was sorry



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to say. He would appeal, however, to the general body of the Council to leave whatever differences they had outside the Council and if they did so it would show a great spirit of brotherhood and charity. We are today, continued Mr. Cummins, in a bad position throughout the country and the only chance I see of pulling the country together is by unity amongst us. If the Wexford County Council gave the lead in this respect today, I believe all Ireland would follow tomorrow.

Miss O'Ryan - I rise to second the election of Mr. Allen as chairman and in doing so, I believe we are putting forward a man standing for Nationality in every sense and one who has worked for the progress of the country., He has been tested and never found wanting and if his record on the County Council is as good as his record to the country, in the past, none will regret putting him forward.

Mr. Walsh - I propose that Mr. Michael Doyle, the outgoing chairman, be elected. He has a record of public life in Wexford second practically to none in the county at the present time. He had also been a member of the Dail and gave good service to his county there. We all know the knowledge he brought to bear on the administration of the Council and the perfect impartiality he showed in the chair for the last six or seven years. He got through a good deal of work and you all know him as well as I do.

Col. Quin seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Mr. Allen: Messrs Allen, Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, O'Ryan, Redmond Michael, Redmond Thomas, Ronan and Sweetman - (14).

For Mr. Doyle: Messrs Bowe, Connors, Day, Gibbon, Kinsella, Maylor, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Quin, Smyth, and Walsh - (12)

Mr. Doyle did not vote.



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In declaring Mr. Allen elected, the outgoing Chairman Mr. Doyle, said - I have great pleasure in declaring Mr Allen elected as Chairman, and I assure you he will have my warm support as an individual member of the Council. We had quite well known what was coming off today and anticipated it. I have no regrets whatever in leaving the chair. I hold that during my time in the chair I did my utmost for the County Council as a whole and the members individually. One thing I do regret was the allusion at a public meeting in Gorey, stating that a certain political circle did not get fair play at this Council heretofore. That I resent and resent very warmly. It came from one of the members of the Council - Mr. Keegan - and I must say if every any gentleman on the County Council got fair play, during my term of office, or took up as much time as Mr. Keegan did, you would want a meeting of the County Council three times a week. I do not want to hold any ill-feeling to Mr. Keegan or others, but I hold that during my term of office, each and every individual got fair play. I join in the hope that the Council will, as Mr. Cummins said, unite and do the best they can for County Wexford. We are in a critical position today and I hope it wont be any more critical this day twelve-months.

Mr. Allen then took the chair and presided for the rest of the business.

In returning thanks for his election Mr. Allen said he hoped, with the co-operation of all the members to carry out his duties. He appealed for that co-operation. "Many of you" he continued "have more experience in matters of the County Council business than I have but with goodwill and co-operation, I am sure we will get through the business in the best possible manner. I thank you, especially the proposer and seconder, for electing me to the great honour of the chairmanship of the County Council.

Mr. Culleton proposed that Mr. Corish be elected vice-



chairman. It was not, he said, necessary for him to point out the suitability of Mr. Corish who had administered the affairs of the town of Wexford in a manner not equalled by any predecessor. Everyone admitted, from the way he represented the county in general, that he was an admirable representative.

Mr. Kelly seconded the proposition.

Mr. Doyle proposed Mr. Thomas McCarthy for the vice-chair and went on to say that he was a man of experience, not only in the Wexford County Council, but outside of it in his own urban area.

Col. Gibbon, in seconding the proposition, said Mr. McCarthy was a past chairman of the County Council and belonged to the party which had the largest individual representation on the Council at the present time. "The Labour Party" proceeded Col. Gibbon "have only four members on the Council, and I think, therefore, that Mr. McCarthy is entitled to the vice-chair."

A division resulted as follows:-

For Mr. Corish: Messrs Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, O'Ryan, Redmond Ml., Redmond Thos., Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman - (14).

For Mr. McCarthy: Messrs Bowe, Connors, Day, Doyle, Gibbon, Kinsella, Maylor, Murphy, O'Byrne, Quin, Smyth and Walsh (12).

Mr. McCarthy did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr. Corish elected.

In returning thanks, Mr. Corish said he did not think he would get many opportunities to preside but if ever called upon to do so, he would endeavour to be impartial and give fair play to everybody.

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee:- Col. Quin proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

"That the Finance Committee consist, as in the past, of 10 members," viz., Chairman, Vice-Chairman and eight elected



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members."

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

"That the members of the Finance Committee be appointed on the same basis as at last election, viz., equal representation as far as possible to be given to the four districts of the County."

Miss O'Ryan in opposing said that they should aim at obtaining the service of men who would give a guarantee to attend the meetings/<sup>and</sup>for this reason she proposed the following resolution:-

"That the members of the Finance Committee be appointed irrespective of district units."

Mr. Corish seconded.

A vote was taken on this motion with the following result:-

For: Messrs Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, O'Ryan, Redmond Ml., Redmond Thos., Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman - (14).

Against: Messrs Bowe, Connors, Day, Doyle, Gibbon, Kinsella, Maylor, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Quin, Smyth and Walsh. - (13)

[The Chairman declared Miss O'Ryan's motion carried.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the appointment of Mr. Culleton, but the latter declined to act.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the election of Mr. Kelly.

Passed.

Mr. Maylor proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the appointment of Mr. O'Byrne.

Passed.

Mr. Lawlor proposed and Mr. Redmond seconded the appointment of Miss O'Ryan.

Passed.



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Mr. Sweetman proposed the appointment of Messrs Keegan, Colfer, and Cullimore.

Miss O'Ryan seconded.

Passed.

Mr. Doyle proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the election of Mr. Wm. Kinsella.

Passed.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kinsella seconded the appointment of Mr. Doyle.

Passed.

These with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman brought the members of the Committee to that agreed to viz., 10.

Mr. Corish then proposed and Mr. Sweetman seconded the following:-

"That the following act as members of the Finance Committee until their successors have been appointed and taken office:- Miss O'Ryan, Messrs Keegan, Cullimore, Colfer, Kelly, Doyle, O'Byrne, Kinsella and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, of the County Council for the time being."

Committee of the Board of Health and Public Assistance: The following were elected:-

The Chairman representing Gorey Electoral Area, on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Keegan.

Mr. Lawlor representing Enniscorthy Electoral Area, proposed by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Ronan.

Mr. Colfer representing New Ross Electoral Area, proposed by Mr. Corish and seconded by Mr. Culleton.

Miss O'Ryan representing Wexford County Electoral Area on the motion of Mr. Cullimore seconded by Mr. Sweetman.

The following were appointed on the group basis:-

Mr. Jas. E. Walsh, by group consisting of Messrs Maylor, Doyle, Walsh, McCarthy and Murphy.

Col. Quin, by group consisting of Messrs Bowe, Quin, Kinsella, Day and Smyth.



R. Corish by group consisting of Messrs Kelly, Ronan, Culleton, Lawlor and Keegan.

J. Cummins by group consisting of Miss O'Ryan, Messrs T. Redmond, Colfer, Sweetman and Cullimore.

The remaining two members of the County Board of Health were elected by the following who were not concerned in any group :- The Chairman, Messrs Connors, Corish, Cummins, Gibbon, S. O'Byrne and Redmond - 7.

Mr. Ronan, proposed by Mr. Corish and seconded by Mr. Ml. Redmond.

Mr. McCarthy proposed by Col. Gibbon and seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the following members of the County Council constitute the Committee of the County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance, to hold office until their successors have been appointed and taken office:-

Messrs Allen, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Lawlor, McCarthy, O'Ryan, Quin, Ronan and Walsh - 10.

Mental Hospital Committee:- In connection with the appointment of the members of the Mental Hospital Committee, Mr. Doyle said that, unless the United Ireland Party, received a representation of six members they would not take any part in the appointment of the Committee.

Mr. Sweetman proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following resolution:- "That the following Councillors be appointed members of Mental Hospital Committee:- Messrs Lawlor, Keegan, Ronan, Cummins, Cullimore & Sweetman."

Passed.

Mr. Culleton proposed and Mr. Lawlor seconded the appointment of Messrs Corish, Colfer and Kelly.

Passed.

Col. Gibbon proposed and Col. Quin seconded the appointment of the following:- Messrs Doyle, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Bowe,



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Maylor and Smyth.

Passed.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the appointment of Rev.J. Codd, Adm. Enniscorthy.

Passed.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the appointment of Mr. James Armstrong, Glasslacken, Bunclody. Passed.

Mr. McCarthy proposed and Col. Quin seconded the appointment of Rev. Canon Squires, Monart, Enniscorthy. Passed.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the appointment of the following:- Messrs E.P. Crowe, Ballinvalley, Monamolín and Seumas Molloy, Corah, Bunclody. Passed.

County Committee of Agriculture: Letter under date 3rd July, 1934, was read from Mr. J.J. Bergin, Maybrook, Athy, Hon Sec. to Irish Fruit Growers' Association, asking the Council when appointing the new County Committee of Agriculture to consider sympathetically the appointment of at least one person in the County who is engaged in fruit production on a commercial scale.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin, seconded by Mr. Redmond:- "That the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture consist of 16 members of whom 12 are to be County Councillors."

The Secretary called attention to Section 15 of the Agriculture Act 1931 as regards the qualifications for the appointment of members of the Committee.

The following appointments of County Councillors on the Committee were agreed to:-

Mr. Sweetman, proposed by Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Lawlor.

Mr. Kelly, proposed by Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Ml. Redmond.

Mr. Kinsella, proposed by Mr. Maylor and seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.

Mr. O'Byrne, proposed by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Walsh.



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Mr. Doyle, proposed by Col. Gibbon, seconded by Col. Quin.

Mr. Allen, proposed by Mr. Lawlor, and seconded by Mr. Ronan.

Mr. Colfer, proposed by Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Kelly.

Mr. Cummins, proposed by Mr. Sweetman, seconded by Mr. Colfer.

Mr. Maylor, proposed by Mr. Bowe seconded by Mr. Kinsella.

Mr. Ml. Redmond, proposed by Mr. Cullimore, and seconded by Mr. Corish.

Mr. Lawlor, proposed by Mr. Thos. Redmond and seconded by Mr. Corish.

Mr. Keegan, proposed by Mr. Cummins and seconded by Mr. Sweetman.

The following additional members were appointed:-

Mr. E.P. Foley, Crossabeg. Proposed by Miss O'Ryan and seconded by Mr. Colfer. Elected on a show of hands by 20 in favour.

Mr. Daniel O'Gorman, Kellystown, Adamstown, proposed by Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Ronan. Elected on a show of hands by 14 in favour.

Mr. Martin Mullally, Foulksmills, proposed by Mr. Sweetman, seconded by Mr. Cullimore. Elected on a show of hands by 14 in favour.

Mr. Patk. Buckley, Clonroche, proposed by Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Colfer; elected on a show of hands by 14.

The following candidates were defeated:- Mr. James Hall, Tobergal, Boolavogue, proposed by Mr. Cummins and seconded by Mr. Keegan, six in favour and eleven against, on a show of hands.

Mr. Wm. Thorpe, Knockroe, New Ross, proposed by Mr. Maylor and seconded by Mr. Day. On a show of hands 13 were for and 14 against.



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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture be appointed the Executive Committee of the Wexford County Council for administration of business under the Contagious Diseases of Animals Acts."

County Wexford Vocational Education Committee: The Department of Education (Technical Instruction Branch) wrote under date 20th June, 1934 (4264-34) calling attention to Section 9 (2) of the Vocational Education Act dealing with the appointment of 14 members of the Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee at the annual meeting of the County Council and of whom not less than five nor more than eight shall be members of the Council.

The Secretary, for the guidance of the meeting, read Sub-Section 4, Section 9 of the Vocational Education Act of 1930.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the following resolution:- "That of the fourteen representatives of Wexford County Council on County Wexford Vocational Education Committee eight be County Councillors."

Passed.

Mr. Lawlor proposed and Mr. Ronan seconded the appointment of the following:- Miss O'Ryan, Messrs Keegan, Cummins, and Thos. Redmond."

Passed.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the appointment of Messrs Kelly and Colfer.

Passed.

Mr. O'Byrne was proposed by Mr. McCarthy and seconded by Mr. Walsh, and the proposal was adopted.

Mr. Doyle was appointed on the motion of Mr. Kinsella seconded by Col. Gibbon.

The following proposals were made as regards the appointment of six non-members of the Council.

Rev. J. Butler C.C. Wexford, proposed by Miss O'Ryan and seconded by Mr. Corish.



Unanimously elected on a show of hands.

Rev. W.B. Furlong, Rector, Bannow, proposed by Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Ml. Redmond.

Elected on a show of hands, 14 in favour, eleven against.

Rev. John O'Connor C.C., Duncannon, proposed by Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Colfer. Elected, 15 being in favour.

Seumas Doyle, Ballyrankin, Strahart, Ferns, proposed by Mr. Sweetman and seconded by Mr. Ronan. Elected by a show of hands, 14 being in favour.

James J. Ennis, Ford of Lyng, Tagoat, proposed by Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Kelly. Elected on a show of hands, 14 being in favour.

Andrew McCann, Newbridge, Camolin, proposed by Mr. Lawlor, seconded by Miss O'Ryan. Elected on a show of hands, 15 being in favour.

The following candidates were defeated on a show of hands in each case:-

Mr. Kehoe N.T. Glynn, proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Murphy. 9 in favour, 13 against.

Rev. Archdeacon Willis, Rector, Gorey, proposed by Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Maylor, 12 for and 14 against.

Mr. Cullimore proposed and Mr. Sweetman seconded the appointment of Rev. L. Allen C.C. Boolavogue, Ferns, but the proposition was withdrawn.

County Library Committee: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That the County Wexford Library Committee consist of 22 members of whom 8 are to be County Councillors."

The following were appointed on the Committee:- Miss O'Ryan, Messrs Cullimore, Cummins, Keegan, on the motion of Mr. Sweetman, seconded by Mr. Ml. Redmond.

Messrs J.P. Kelly and C. Culleton, proposed by Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Colfer.

Col. Gibbon proposed by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. McCarthy.



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Mr. O'Byrne, proposed by Col. Gibbon, seconded by Col. Quin.

Miss Fennell, High Street, Wexford, and J.F. Heffernan, "Free Press", Wexford, proposed by Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Cullimore.

On a show of hands 19 were in favour of Miss Fennell and 22 in favour of Mr. Heffernan.

Miss Kathleen A. Browne, Rathronan, Castle, Bridgetown, proposed by Col. Quin, and seconded by Mr. O'Byrne. Elected on a show of hands by 14 to 13.

Very Rev. Patrick Murphy, M.SS. Enniscorthy, proposed by Mr. Sweetman, seconded by Mr. Thos. Redmond. Elected on a show of hands, 16 being in favour.

Rev. J. Sinnott, Adm., Wexford, proposed by Mr. Corish, and seconded by Mr. Culleton. Elected on a show of hands, 23 being in favour.

Mr. E.P. Foley, Crossabeg, proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. Colfer. Elected on a show of hands, 14 being in favour.

Rev. J. O'Connor C.C., Duncannon, proposed by Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Kelly. Elected on a show of hands, 14 being in favour.

Seumas Doyle, Ballyrankin, Strahart, Ferns, proposed by Mr. Cullimore, seconded by Mr. Sweetman. Elected on a show of hands, 14 being in favour.

Rev. J. Butler C.C., Wexford, proposed by Col. Gibbon, seconded by Col. Quin. Elected on a show of hands, 20 being in favour.

Mr. Patrick Tobin, Bohreen Hill, Enniscorthy, proposed by Mr. Lawlor, seconded by Mr. Ronan. Elected on a show of hands, 23 being in favour.

Mr. James Shortle, Castlebridge, proposed by Mr. Sweetman, seconded by Mr. Cullimore. Elected on a show of hands, 15 being in favour.



Mrs. M. O'Connor, 4 North Main Street, Wexford, proposed by Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin. Elected on a show of hands 14 being in favour.

Mr. John Fitzpatrick, Moorfield, Ballymore, Killinick, proposed by Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Kelly. On a show of hands 12 were in favour and 12 against.

The Chairman decided to take a poll which resulted as follows:-

For: Messrs Colfer, Connors, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, O'Ryan, Redmond Michael, Redmond Thomas, Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman - 15.

Against: Messrs Bowe, Day, Doyle, Gibbon, Kinsella, Maylor, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Quin, Smyth and Walsh - 12.

The Chairman declared Mr. Fitzpatrick elected.

John J. Kelly N.T. Taghmon, proposed by Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Corish. Elected on a show of hands, 14 being in favour.

The following candidates were defeated:-

Rev. W.B. Furlong, Rector, Bannow, proposed by Col. Gibbon and seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, 13 in favour and 14 against on a show of hands.

Mr. Wm. Thorpe, Knockroe House, New Ross, proposed by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Day, 13 for and 13 against, the Chairman giving his casting vote against.

Scholarship Committee: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the Scholarship Committee be formed of seven County Councillors including the Chairman and Vice Chairman and ~~five~~ <sup>added</sup> members."

The following County Councillors were appointed on the Committee:-

Miss O'Ryan on the motion of Mr. Sweetman, seconded by Mr. T. Redmond.

Mr. Ml. Redmond on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Corish.



Mr. J.P. Kelly, proposed by Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Colfer.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne, proposed by Col. Quin, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Doyle, proposed by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Walsh.

Mr. Corish proposed the election of the following:-

Very Rev.J. Doran, President St. Peter's College, Rev. Bro. Foran, Superior Christian Bros. Schools, New Ross, and Rev. T. Talbot, Rectory, New Ross.

Mr. Kelly seconded. Passed.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution:- "That the County Wexford Branch of the National Teachers Organisation be requested to submit the names of two teachers, one being a lady teacher, to this Council, for appointment on the Scholarship Committee."

passed.

Old Age Pension Sub-Committees: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon, seconded by Col. Quin:-

"That the following be re-elected as members of No. 1 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee:-

Very Rev. M. Hickey P.P. Clongeen,

Rev.M. Keating P.P., Carrig-on-Bannow.

Mrs. Handcock, Laurel Grove, Tullicanna, Ballymitty.

Very Rev. P. Doyle P.P., Rathangan, Bridgetown.

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

Mr.P. Hayes, Kilmannon, Cleariestown.

Col. C.M. Gibbon, Sleadagh House, Murrintown.

Miss M. Browne, Rathronan Castle, Bridgetown.

Rev.J. Cullen C.C., Mulrankin, Bridgetown.

Mrs. McCutcheon, Wellingtonbridge.

Mrs. Fardy, Wellingtonbridge.

Mr. John Batterton, Bridgetown.

No. 2 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Kelly:



"That the following be re-elected as members of No. 2  
Old Age Pension Sub-Committee:-

- Rev. Wm. Harpur P.P., Chairman.
- Very Rev. T. Canon Cloney P.P. Templetown.
- Very Rev. J. Canon Redmond, P.P., Horeswood.
- Rev. J.C. Canon Ludgate, M.A., Fethard-on-Sea.
- Rev. Edward Doyle, C.C., Gusserane.
- N. Howlett Esq. P.C., Ramsgrange.
- Rev. Bro. Theodore, D.L. The Monastery, Ramsgrange.

and that Mr. Colfer, Co. Councillor, be appointed to the  
vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Frank Doyle, Boderan.

Passed.

Col. Gibbon proposed and Mr. Mayler seconded the following  
resolution which was adopted:- "That Mr. Philip Murphy,  
County Councillor, be appointed to the vacancy on O.A. P. Sub-  
Committee caused by the death of Mr. Michael Cloney, Dungulph  
Castle."

No. 3 Sub-Committee: The following resolution was adopted  
on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Sweetman:- "That  
the following be appointed as members of No. 3 O.A. P. Sub-  
Committee:-

- Rev. Thomas Scallan P.P., Taghmon.
- Rev. Patrick Browne, C.C., Barntown.
- Miss N. O'Ryan, M.C.C., Tomcoole, Taghmon.
- John R. Cullen, Brownscastle, Taghmon.
- Wm. Bennett, Taghmon.
- Frank Fitzgerald, Taghmon.
- John White, Maxboley, Ballymitty.

and that Rev. J. Nolan C.C., Bree, and Mr. Daniel Murphy,  
Whitechurch, Glynn, be appointed to the vacancies caused by  
transfer from the district of Rev. R. Hickey C.C., Barntown  
and Rev. T. Talbot, Rector, Horetown.

No. 4 Sub-Committee: The following resolution was proposed  
by Col. Quin, seconded by Mr. Smyth:- "That the following



members of O. A. P. Sub-Committee No. 4 be re-appointed:-

Very Rev. Dean Rossiter, P.P. Gorey.

Very Rev. Archdeacon Willis, B.D., Rectory, Gorey.

Rev.N. Murphy P.P., Kilanerin, Gorey.

J.E. Cooke Esq., Chemist, Gorey.

J. Connors, William Street, Gorey.

Thos. J. Doyle, Main Street, Gorey.

Thos. Williams, Main Street, Gorey.

Mr. J. O'Byrne, The Avenue, Gorey.

Jas. Redmond, Georges Street, Gorey.

Mr. Keegan proposed that the following be ~~re~~-appointed as members of this Sub-Committee:- Messrs Peter Connolly, Gorey, Kyran McNeill, Courtown Harbour, Ml. Noctor, Gorey, Charles R. O'Carroll, Chemist, Gorey, to replace Messrs J. Connors, William St. Gorey, Thos.J. Doyle, Main Street, Gorey, Thos. Williams, Main Street, Gorey and James Redmond, Georges Street, Gorey.

Mr. Ronan seconded the proposal which was adopted:-

On a show of hands 14 voted in favour of Mr. Keegan's proposal and 13 against.

This Sub-Committee is now composed of the following:-

Very Rev. Dean Rossiter, P.P., Gorey.

Very Rev. Archdeacon Willis, Rectory, Gorey.

Rev.M. Murphy, P.P, Kilanerin, Gorey.

Messrs J.E. Cooke, Chemist, Gorey.

Sean O'Byrne, M.C.C., Gorey.

Peter Connolly, Gorey.

Michael Noctor, Gorey.

Charles R. O'Carroll, Chemist, Gorey.

Kyran McNeill, Courtown Harbour.

No. 5 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee: Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution:- "That the following members of No. 5 O. A. P. Sub-Committee be re-elected:



Rev. J. Wadding C.C., Enniscorthy,  
R.J. C. Tyndall, Enniscorthy.  
W.K. Stamp, Enniscorthy.  
T. McCarthy, Enniscorthy.  
Jas. Lawlor, Coolree, Ballindaggin.  
Aidan Stafford, Clonjordan, Enniscorthy.  
James Cline, Caim.  
Robert Rackard, Killanne.  
Rev. J. D'Arcy C.C. Kiltaly.

m The following amendment was moved by Mr. Kelly and  
seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That O. A. P. Sub-Committee  
No. 5 be composed of the following:-

Rev.J. Wadding C.C. Enniscorthy.  
Rev. Canon Squires, Monart.  
James Lawlor, Coolree, Ballindaggin.  
Myles Moore, Gurrawn, Rathnure.  
Patrick Tobin, U. C., Enniscorthy.  
John Larkin, Coolycarney, Ballindaggin.  
J.P. Kelly, Kilpierce, Enniscorthy.  
Rev.J. D'Arcy, C.C., Kiltaly.  
Thomas McCarthy, M.C.C., Enniscorthy.

On a show of hands the proposal of Mr. Kelly was  
passed by 14 to 13.

Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No. 6:- The following  
resolution was proposed by Col. Quin, seconded by Mr. Mayler:-

"That the following members of O. A. P. Sub-Committee  
No. 6 be re-elected:-

Rev.J. Butler P.P. Newtownbarry.  
Rev.J. Rossitter, P.P. V.F., Ferns.  
Rev. J. Ffrench, C.C., Ferns.  
Rev. Canon Fry, M.A., Rectory, Newtownbarry.  
Matthew Hughes, Ryland Street, Newtownbarry.  
John Nolan, Ryland Street, Newtownbarry.  
John Connors, Kiltomas, Ferns.



John Pender, Ferns.

James Hall, Boolavogue, Ferns.

Mr. Ronan proposed that Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No. 6 be composed of the following:-

Rev. J. Butler P.P., Bunclody.

Rev. J. Rossitter P.P. V.F., Ferns.

Rev. C. Ffrench C.C., Ferns.

Rev. Canon Fry, Rector, Bunclody.

Matthew Hughes, Ryland Street, Bunclody.

John Nolan, do. do.

D. Creane, Kilmyshal, Ferns.

P. Ronan, M.C.C., Ferns.

Thomas Keyes, Ferns.

Mr. Ml. Redmond seconded, and on a show of hands 14 - a majority - voted in favour of Mr. Ronan's motion, which was declared carried.

Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No. 7: The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Kinsella, seconded by Mr. Day:- "That the following members of Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No. 7 be re-elected:-

Archdeacon Cleary P.P. New Ross.  
Rev. T. Talbot, M.A. The Rectory, Rosbercon.

P.N. O'Gorman, Rosbercon.

William Thorpe, Knockroe House, Palace.

James Walsh, Donard, Clonroche.

John Murphy, 4 John Street, New Ross.

Edward Colfer, South Street, New Ross.

Thomas Cooney, Robert Street, New Ross.

James E. Walsh, Trinity House, New Ross.

On a show of hands the motion was carried, 14 voting in favour.

Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No. 8: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Col. Quin:

"That the following members of No. 8 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee be re-elected:-



M.M. O'Donoghue, Castle Talbot, Blackwater.

Owen Leacy, Blackwater.

David Kavanagh, Garryhubbock, Screen.

John O'Brien, Killeigh, Blackwater.

Patrick Adams, Ballyhaught, Blackwater.

Mogue Brien, Killeigh, Blackwater.

William Devereux, Ballina, Blackwater.

John Corrigan, Ballycognigar, Blackwater.

Rev. N. Redmond, C.C., Blackwater.

STRIKING OF RATE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That we hereby allow and make the rates as set out and assessed in the Rate Books for each collection district for this County, our Secretary having certified at foot of said Rate Books that the Rate, in so far as the value of the hereditaments now in force therein is concerned, is in conformity with the Valuation, and in accordance with the Instructions of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and that occupiers of Agricultural Land be given such relief in respect of Rates on Agricultural Land as has been provided by the Oireachtas for the financial year ending 31st March, 1935, such relief to be given away by way of abatement, or by means of credit notes, or as may otherwise be determined by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health."

"And that Drainage Rates for Drainage Districts of Kilmannock and the Sow as agreed to by the Council on 9th April, 1934, be also struck.

"That the following sums as agreed to at meeting of County Council held on 9th April, 1934, be demanded from the Urban District Councils in respect of financial year 1934/35:

"Enniscorthy.....	£3,224: 12: 8d.
New Ross .....	£3,056: 7: 1d.
Wexford .....	£6,423: 0: 0d.



COUNTY COUNCIL STAFF - OFFICE HOURS

Mr. Corish moved and Mr. Keegan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That, in conformity with Notice of Motion given by Mr. Gaul, Ex-County Councillor, the resolution of the Council fixing the hours for the attendance of County Council staff during "Summer" time from 10 a.m. to 6 for first five days of the week and from 10 to 1 p.m. on Saturday, be rescinded and that as from Monday 16th July, 1934, the County Council revert to the original hours for their staff, viz., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the first five days of the week and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays."

OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINE.

Application was received from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs for permission for the erection of an overground telegraphic line from entrance to Agricultural Show Grounds, Enniscorthy, to a point on Ross Road opposite Carley's Bridge Woollen Factory.

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

"That the permission requested by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs for the erection of overhead telegraphic line as set out in their application under date 9th July, 1934, be granted and it be suggested to them that the telegraph poles should be "lathed" as particularly in hot weather, the creosote oozes through the poles."

COURTOWN HARBOUR CRANE & GRAB.

Under date 3rd July, 1934, the following resolution was received from the Courtown Harbour Committee and which was adopted at the meeting on 3rd July, 1934:-

"In view of the continued delay in the erecting of the steam crane on the South Pier and the consequent loss by import and export trade to our harbour - we consider that a full explanation be given by the County Surveyor to account for this delay. We may mention that rails have been laid and every-



thing is in readiness for the erection of the crane. We feel confident that you will give this matter, which is of vital importance to Courtown Harbour, your immediate attention."

The Secretary stated that Mr. Corish, the County Surveyor and himself had been in constant correspondence with the Department of Industry and Commerce, in an endeavour to have the crane and grab referred to in the resolution imported free of duty.

Mr. Corish mentioned that in his opinion the necessary permission for this purpose would be issued very shortly.

Mr. Keegan on behalf of the Courtown fishermen stated he was satisfied with the explanation and asked Mr. Corish to see if it was at all possible to expedite the issue of the permit.

BUS SERVICE TO CURRACLOE.

Mrs. B. O'Connor, 4 North Main Street, Wexford, submitted memorial from a number of people in Wexford town asking the County Council to extend permission to the Irish Omnibus Company to run a bus service to Curracloe Strand.

The County Surveyor said he would object strongly to the I. O. C. buses of the ordinary type running over the road to Curracloe, as they would certainly cause great damage.

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

"That the County Council will raise no objection to a bus service being established between Wexford town and Curracloe, subject to the type of bus to be utilised receiving the approval of the County Surveyor."

SANCTION TO CONTINUED SCHOLARSHIPS

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

"That continuing Secondary and Vocational Scholarships be approved to the following pupils:

Ellen Sinnott, Broadway.

Kathleen Ennis, Drinagh, Broadway.

Brigid O'Donnell, Fort, Duncannon.



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Margaret D. O'Leary, Castleboro, Clonroche.

Alice M. Devereux, Grange, Broadway.

Kathleen O'Regan, Ballybro, Tagoat.

Eileen O'Neill, Bushville, Tagoat.

James Meyler, Blackhall, Glynn.

Edward P. Rossiter, Rathmore, Broadway.

Thomas Butler, Mountainmuck, Glynn.

Patrick Doyle, Drimmagh, Rosslare.

Dermot S. Fenelon, Ballycowan, Rosslare.

The question of agreeing to continuing bursaries in the cases of James A. Forde, Delta Cottage, Gorey, and Peter and James Doran, both of Main Street, Gorey, was adjourned pending report from Headmaster of School.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurers' Advice Notes for the following were examined and signed:-

£8,705: 0: 9d - Ordinary Payments.

£20,845:10: 0d.- Transfer to Public Bodies and

£4,000: 0: 0d. transfer Loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

#### HOLIDAYS OF COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Application was received from Dr. Bastible, County M. O. H. for a fortnight's leave beginning 9th and ending 23rd July, 1934.

Under date 6th July, 1934, the Secretary, County Board of Health, wrote that that body had approved of the request of Dr. Bastible and also that during the period of leave, Dr. J.W.Roche would act as substitute."

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

"That the application of Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, for a fortnight's leave, beginning 9th and ending 23rd July, 1934, as recommended by the County Board of Health be granted. Dr.J.W. Roche to act as substitute at remuneration agreed to by County Board of Health."



POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Ml. Redmond:-

"That, provided no objection be received from the Garda Siochana, licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908, issue to the following:-

New Licences: John Murphy, Arthurstown.

W.R. Hamilton, Bullring, Wexford.

Renewals: Ml. Cullen, Taghmon.

Ml. Furlong (Furlong & O'Hanrahan)  
Ironmongers, New Ross.

Edward Redmond, The Harrnow, Ferns.

Henry Hill, Ballycanew.

E. Connolly, Bunclody.

LOCAL SERVICES (TEMPORARY ECONOMIES ACT) 1934.

The Secretary stated that the following deductions would be made from the salaries of officials in accordance with the above act:

		£.	s.	d.
Dr. Bastible	.....	47:	0:	0d.
W. F. Barry	.....	41:	2:	5.
N.J. Frizelle	.....	24:	13:	0.
C.H. Richards	.....	24:	15:	0.
T.A. Frizelle	.....	23:	17:	5.
T. Treanor	.....	21:	0:	0.
R.J. Ennis	.....	14:	8:	9.
J.H. Cadogan	.....	13:	16:	8.
J.F. Birthistle	.....	13:	15:	0.
Thomas Cullen	.....	13:	15:	0.
P. O'Neill	.....	13:	15:	0.
Miss N. Connolly	.....	12:	10:	0.
J. Elgee	.....	12:	10:	0.
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		£276:	18:	3

No return had been received from Miss O'Ryan, County Analyst, as to her fees from other local authorities, but her



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case would be brought ~~Before~~ the next meeting of the Council.

#### RENOVATION OF COUNTY HOME

The following notice of motion which had been given by Mr. James Gaul, was circulated to the County Councillors on 16th May, 1934:- "That the County Council consent to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of £3,683 (Three Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Three Pounds) to carry out essential repairs and renovations to the County Home."

By permission of the meeting the motion was moved by Col. Quin who regarded it as a matter of urgency. He held that the County Home would tumble down unless the repairs were carried out at once.

Mr. Kelly seconded.

Miss O'Ryan proposed :- "That the application of Co. Board of Health for permission to borrow £3,683 to carry out repairs to the County Home be adjourned in order that the newly appointed Board of Health be given an opportunity to consider the details of the proposed expenditure."

Mr. Redmond in seconding said the new Council should not make a start by being too generous with the money of the rate-payers.

Col. Quin and Mr. Doyle said that the old Board of Health had most carefully considered every item of the proposed repairs and were satisfied that these were necessary and that they should be carried out without delay.

After further discussion the amendment was withdrawn and the resolution adopted nem con.

#### CAMOLIN WATER SUPPLY.

The following notice of motion which had been given by Mr. James Hall, was circulated to the members of the County Council on 16th May, 1934:-

"That the County Council consent to the borrowing by Co. Wexford Board of Health ~~and~~ of a sum of £2,600 (Two Thousand Six Hundred Pounds) for the purpose of providing a Water Supply



for Camolin."

By permission of the meeting this motion was moved by Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Ronan and adopted.

#### REPLIES TO VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was decided that the following replies to votes of condolences passed by the Council, be inserted on the minutes of the day:-

Acknowledging the sympathy of the Council in the death of Mr. Ml. Cloney, Dungulph Castle, Templetown, his brother, Rev. Canon Cloney P.P., Templetown, wrote as follows:-

"I trust you will be able to convey to the County Council - if possible to each member of it - expression of our deep gratitude for the vote of condolence to Mrs. Cloney, Dungulph, and myself. It is indeed something well calculated to lessen our sense of loss to be assured of the sympathy of the members of your Council and to have a tribute paid to the memory of husband and brother such as your letter conveys. Your personal tribute to Michael's memory, I need not assure you, evoked our sincerest gratitude. Mrs. Cloney and I ask you to express to the staff of your Council - to every member of it - our most grateful acknowledgments of their sympathy and our best wishes."

From Mrs. Roche, widow of the late J.J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford :-

"Mrs. Roche and family return most sincere thanks for your vote of sympathy in their recent bereavement and are also deeply grateful for your kind expressions of appreciation."

From Miss B. Moore, sister of the late Mr. T. Moore, Co. Surveyor's Department:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th inst. notifying me of the resolution of sympathy adopted by your County Council on the death of my brother Tim R.I.P. I wish to thank the Council very much and assure them that it lessens my grief somewhat to know that he was so greatly esteemed. I also desire to thank you for the very high tribute you paid to my



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brother, in your letter, on behalf of yourself and the staff of the Council. I know he took a deep interest in his work and always had the highest regard for yourself and the staff and everyone connected with the Council. Such sympathy as you have conveyed to me is very comforting in the great loss I have sustained."

*Dennis Miller*



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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 30th July, 1934.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman (presiding); also Messrs. James J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, R. Corish, Christopher Culleton, William Cullimore, John Cummins, John Day, Michael Doyle, Col. C.M. Gibbon, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, William Kinsella, James Lawlor, T.J. Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, Philip Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth, Malachi Sweetman and James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

THE LATE MRS. SEAN T. O'KELLY

Mr. M. Sweetman proposed a vote of sympathy with their colleague, Miss N. O'Ryan, Mr. Sean T. O'Kelly, Minister for Local Government and Dr. Ryan, Minister for Agriculture, on the death of Mrs. O'Kelly. They all knew what the Ryan family had done in the national movement. Those who had been working with her in that cause knew the tremendous loss which Mrs. O'Kelly's death meant to them.

Col. Quin seconded and suggested that the motion be extended to all the members of the family.

Messrs. Culleton, Cummins and Doyle associated themselves with the motion.

The Secretary said that the death of Mrs. O'Kelly was deplored by many who did not even know her, and was a sad blow to all who had the happiness of her friendship. By her demise there had been lost a talented Wexford lady. Acute political differences made no change in her kindness of heart or in her



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great fraternal charity. The sympathy of the whole country would be extended to Mr. O'Kelly and the Ryan family in their great loss.

The motion was adopted in silence.

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

##### TENDERS COMMITTEES:

###### Enniscorthy District

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution:- "That the Tenders Committee of Enniscorthy District consist of the following Councillors:- Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Kelly, Kinsella, Lawlor, McCarthy, Ronan and Sweetman."

Passed.

###### Gorey District

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the following Councillors be appointed as Tenders Committee for Gorey District:- Messrs. Allen, Connors, Keegan, O'Byrne, Quin, Ronan and Smyth.

###### New Ross District.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Sweetman:- "That the following Councillors act as Tenders Committee for New Ross District:- Messrs. Colfer, Cummins, Maylor, Murphy, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond and Walsh.

###### Wexford District

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Ml. Redmond:- "That Messrs. Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Day, Doyle, Gibbon and O'Ryan be appointed as members of Wexford District Tenders Committee."

##### DRAINAGE COMMITTEE:-

###### Enniscorthy District

On the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. O'Byrne



the following were appointed as Representatives of Enniscorthy District on the Drainage Committee:- Messrs. Kinsella and Lawlor.

#### Gorey District

Mr. Meyler proposed and Mr. Connors seconded the appointment of Messrs. O'Byrne and Smyth as Representatives of Gorey District on Drainage Committee.

Mr. Culleton proposed and Mr. Ronan seconded the appointment of Mr. Keegan and Mr. Smyth.

Mr. O'Byrne withdrew his name and Messrs. Keegan and Smyth were then appointed.

#### New Ross District

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Walsh seconded by Mr. Ml. Redmond:- "That Messrs. Colfer and Maylor be appointed to represent New Ross District on Drainage Committee.

#### Wexford District

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the following resolution:- "That Mr. Corish and Col. Gibbon be appointed on Drainage Committee as Representatives of Wexford District."

It was pointed out that as the Chairman and Vice-Chairman (Messrs. Allen and Corish) were ex-officio Members of the Drainage Committee it was unnecessary to move the appointment of Mr. Corish.

Mr. Sweetman then proposed that Col. Gibbon and Miss O'Ryan be the representatives for Wexford District on Drainage Committee.

Mr. Cullimore seconded and the motion was adopted.



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ANCIENT MONUMENTS COMMITTEE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That the following be appointed as Members of Co. Wexford Ancient Monuments Committee:-

Rev. T. Byrne, P.P., Piercestown, Wexford; Senator Kathleen A. Browne, Rathronan Castle, Bridgetown, Seumas Doyle, Ballyrankin, Strahart; J. Cummins, Co. Councillor, E.R. Orpen, Monksgrange, Killanne, Enniscorthy, with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Co. Council as Ex-officio Members."

REPRESENTATIVES ON CO. COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL

Mr. T. Redmond proposed and Mr. Ronan seconded the following resolution:- "That the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Mr. Sweetman be appointed representatives on Co. Councils' General Council."

Col. Gibbon proposed the appointment of Mr. Doyle.

Mr. Corish seconded.

Mr. McCarthy proposed and Mr. Bowe seconded the appointment of Mr. O'Byrne.

After discussion it was agreed unanimously that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman should be regarded as elected.

Mr. Maylor asked Mr. Sweetman to withdraw his nomination. Messrs. Doyle and O'Byrne had given faithful service as their representatives on the General Council for many years past.

Mr. Cummins also asked Mr. Thos. Redmond to withdraw his nomination of Mr. Sweetman in favour of Mr. Doyle.

Mr. Thos. Redmond said he could not agree with the principle that because a man had so many years' experience on a Committee he should be continued for all time.

Mr. O'Byrne having withdrawn in favour of Mr. Doyle a show of hands as between Mr. Doyle and Mr. Sweetman was taken. Each Candidate received thirteen votes.

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of Mr. Sweetman whom he declared elected.



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REPRESENTATIVE TOURIST ASSOCIATION

On the motion of Mr. Ronan seconded by Mr. Culleton it was decided to appoint Mr. R. Corish as Representative of Co. Council on Irish Tourist Association Board.

REPRESENTATIVE ON IRISH PUBLIC BODIES

MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

On the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Keegan it was decided to appoint Mr. John P. Kelly as representative of Co. Council on above Insurance Company.

VACANCY ON MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Corish said that at last meeting of Mental Hospital Committee the resignation of Mr. James Armstrong had been received. He proposed that Wm. Quirke, Friary Place, Enniscorthy, be appointed to the vacancy.

Mr. Kelly seconded.

Mr. Doyle proposed and Mr. Day seconded the appointment of Mr. William Thorpe, Knockroe, New Ross.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR QUIRKE:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Kinsella, Lawlor, Ml. Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman. (14).

FOR MR. THORPE:- Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Day, Doyle, Gibbon, Maylor, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Quin, Smyth and Walsh. (12)

(Miss O'Ryan was not present when poll was taken)

The Chairman declared Mr. Quirke elected.

RESIGNATION FROM CO. COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

Mr. Patrick Buckley, Clonroche, wrote that while thanking the Co. Council for his appointment as a Member of Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture he regretted that he could not see his way to accept the position.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the appointment of Mr. Owen McCoy, Oylegate, to the vacancy.



Mr. Kinsella proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the appointment of Mr. Aidan Mernagh, Cylegate.

Col. Quin raised the question as to Mr. McCoy being concerned with agriculture in any way.

The Chairman said that Mr. McCoy was keenly interested in inland fisheries a matter which would be dealt with by the Committee of Agriculture from time to time.

On a show of hands thirteen voted for each candidate.

The Chairman gave his casting vote to Mr. McCoy who was declared elected.

(Miss O'Ryan was not present when vote was taken.)

OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE NO.4.

Very Rev. Canon Rossiter, P.P. Gorey, wrote he did not find it convenient to attend the meetings of above Committee and resigned Membership.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution:- "That Very Rev. Canon Rossiter, P.P., be asked to reconsider his resignation as member of Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No.4. The Council would point out that meetings are held infrequently and are of short duration."

Passed.

"AUTHORISED" COMMITTEES

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Ronan seconded the following resolution:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction Finance Committee, Library Committee and Tenders Committees as "authorised" Committees under Local Government Act 1925."

Mr. Doyle proposed and Col. Quin seconded as an amendment "That the Minister be requested to sanction only the Committees which were "authorised" in the life of the late Co. Council viz. Finance and Library Committees."

The Chairman took a show of hands on the amendment with



the result that twelve voted for and thirteen against.

He declared the amendment lost.

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

#### SCHOLARSHIPS - SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL

##### SCHEME.

The Secretary reported that 26 Candidates sat for examination for Scholarships under above Scheme of which the following 14 qualified in order of merit:-

James Patrick Brennan, 3, Pearse Street, Gorey.	771 Marks.
Joseph Finn, 16, Main Street, Gorey.	685 Marks
Patrick James Byrne, 12, Pearse Street, Gorey.	667 Marks
Bridget T. Doyle, Drimmagh, Rosslare.	659 Marks
Edward Kelly, 10, Grattan Terrace, Gorey.	655 Marks
George Swords, North Parade, Gorey.	623 Marks
Hubert Sheil, 5, Pearse Street, Gorey.	603 Marks
Edwin Fintan Todd, Kilrane.	594 Marks
Edward Kavanagh, Ballare, Broadway.	587 Marks
Patrick Cousins, St. Iberius, Broadway.	571 Marks
Gerald Wm. Fenelon, Church View, Tagoat.	545 Marks
Sean Doyle, Duncannon.	543 Marks
Mary T. Mulligan, Craan, Craanford.	540 Marks
Patrick Oliver Donnelly, Hilltown, Ballymitty.	519 Marks

The Scheme provided for the award of three Scholarships for boys, -three for girls and three bursaries. Successful candidates residing in Gorey could be awarded Bursaries only.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That in view of report from Office of National Education under date 26th July, 1934, Scholarships tenable at approved Secondary Schools be awarded the following:-

~~Edwin Fintan Todd; Edward Kavanagh;~~  
~~Patrick Cousins; Bridget T. Doyle and~~  
~~Mary T. Mulligan.~~

and Bursaries to the following:-

~~James Patrick Brennan, Joseph Finn,~~  
~~Patrick James Byrne, Edward Kelly,~~  
~~George Swords and Hubert Sheil.~~

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That in view of the satisfactory report from Superior of Gorey Christian Brothers



"continuing Bursaries be awarded to James H. Forde, Delta Cottage, Gorey, Peter Doran and James Doran both of Main Street, Gorey, and that the Department of Education be requested to sanction this proposal."

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 11th July, 1934, the Secretary, University College, Dublin, wrote that the following University students had passed their Term examination:-

James J. Donnelly; Thomas Walsh, Wm. F. Redmond,

Johanna Cooney, John J. Murphy, Patrick Doyle,

Mr. Tobin, Mary F. Kelly, Barbara Lowe and John Dunphy.

Reports in the cases of James Kenny and William Meyler would be forwarded after the Autumn examinations.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That continuing University Scholarships for year 1935 be awarded the following:-

James J. Donnelly; Thomas Walsh, William F. Redmond;  
Johanna Cooney; John J. Murphy; Patrick Doyle;  
James Kenny and William Meyler (National University, Dublin)  
and Elizabeth Hogan (Galway University)."

#### RATE COLLECTION No.7.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice stood in the name of Mr. Lawlor:- "That Mr. John Deegan, at present Temporary Collector for No.7 Collection District, be appointed Collector and that he be given two years to obtain the necessary marks so as to qualify in the Irish language."

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, stated that when this notice was received he had written to Mr. Lawlor that according to Standing Order No.29 such a proposal could not be moved until the lapse of a period of six months in view of the previous decisions of the Council.

Mr. Lawlor said he would withdraw his motion.



The Chairman said he would declare the motion out of order.

Miss O'Ryan said it was not a statutory obligation on the Council or a rule of the Department of Local Government that an examination should be held for the position of Rate Collector. No examination was necessary in the case of Mr. Deegan as he had proved himself competent for the position during the last seven or eight years. A man who could carry out his duties with satisfaction for the period would certainly be expected to make a better Rate Collector than one who succeeded at an examination of a couple of hours' duration. She proposed the following resolution:- "That the position of Rate Collector for No.7 District be advertised and an examination be arranged for in connection with same, but that any officer who has been in the employment of the County Council for more than twelve months as Rate Collector and who has given satisfaction in the discharge of the duties be not required to sit for such examination."

Mr. Sweetman seconded.

Col. Quin said the Council were strong for Irish, but now they were asked to decide it was not necessary for Mr. Deegan, Rate Collector. This action on the part of the Council made them look absolute fools.

Mr. Doyle held that Miss O'Ryan's motion was out of order. Col. Gibbon's motion that the new Council should arrange for a new examination was passed by the old Council and until that had been rescinded Miss O'Ryan's proposal could not be accepted. The old Council had done their best to have Mr. Deegan permanently appointed without an examination on two occasions, but the Minister refused point-blank to agree. They were now seemingly looking for a third refusal.

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, considered that the decision of the Council to arrange for a new examination should be



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rescinded before Miss O'Ryan's motion could be regarded as in order.

Miss O'Ryan held this was not the case as her motion provided for an examination.

The Chairman decided he would put the motion and the Minister could rule on whether or no it was in order.

A poll was then taken with the following result:-

FOR:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, O'Ryan, Ml. Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman. (14).

AGAINST:- Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Day, Doyle, Gibbon, Kinsella, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Quin, Smyth and Walsh. (13)

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

#### STOPPAGE OF OFFICIALS' SALARIES

The following Notice of Motion stood in the name of Mr. Kelly:- "That the salary stopped from Messrs. T. Cullen (Assistant Surveyor) S. Hayes (Clerical Assistant Co. Council Office) and D. Radford (Clerk in Co. Surveyor's Department) during internment in 1922 -23 be paid subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health."

The Secretary pointed out that, according to Section 7 (1) of Local Government Act 1933 payment of these salaries should have been made by 13th October, 1933.

Mr. Kelly said he was aware of this but, notwithstanding, he asked that the resolution should be adopted.

Mr. Michael Redmond seconded the resolution.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR THE MOTION:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, O'Ryan, Ml. Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman. (14)

AGAINST THE MOTION:- Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Day, Doyle, Gibbon, Kinsella, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Quin, Smyth and Walsh. (13).



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Mr. Kelly said that the Wexford County Council was the only Council in the Free State which did not pay their officials in the same circumstances.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 21st JUNE, 1934:- The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting of 21st June, 1934, were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 21st June, 1934.

Present:- Messrs. J.J. Culleton, James Hall, John P. Kelly and Sean O'Byrne.

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

The chair was taken by Mr. Hall, on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4828:17:1d was examined and signed.

#### CO. SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT

The Department of Local Government & Public Health (Roads) wrote (R/RS/32) - 18th June, 1934 - that the Minister had sanctioned the proposal of the Co. Council to promote Mr. D. Radford on probation for a period of twelve months to the Chief Clerkship in the Co. Surveyor's Office at his present salary of £157:10s. per annum with annual increments of £10 subject to good and satisfactory service rising to a maximum of £312 per annum. A report should be furnished Department at the end of Six months and at the end of twelve months.

The Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (R/RS/32) -(18th June, 1934)- that before a permanent appointment could be made to the junior Clerkship in the Co. Surveyor's Office it would be necessary to advertise the vacancy. A copy of advertisement agreed to in the case of another County was enclosed and could be suitably amended to meet the present case.

The following draft advertisement was, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly approved and recommended to the County Council for sanction:-



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Male Clerk required for Co. Surveyor's Office

"Notice is hereby given that the Wexford County Council will at meeting to be held on 13th August, 1934, take steps to appoint a junior clerk for County Surveyor's Office.

"Applications will be considered from those only who produce satisfactory evidence in writing of having practical experience of clerical work including costing in Co. Surveyor's Office or office in which similar work is done. Salary £156 per annum rising by annual increments of £7:10s. to £234 (subject to satisfactory service).

"Applications with testimonials must reach the Undersigned before 6 p.m. on 10th August, 1934."

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That Mr. O'Kennedy's services be retained for temporary junior Clerkship in County Surveyor's Office at remuneration of £3 per week until permanent appointment has been made."

REVISIONS OF VALUATION

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the various applications for revisions of valuation as submitted by our Secretary to this meeting be approved and transmitted to the General Valuation Department."

DUPLICATE PAY ORDER

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly and adopted:- "That duplicate Order for No. 3035 issue from Subsidiary A/c for £3:17:10d to John Doyle, 46, Irish Street, Enniscorthy, as original issued on 7th June, 1934 appears to have been lost in post. That estoppel be placed on original."



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CONTINUED ILLNESS OF MR. R. MALONE, V.S.

Certificate was read from Dr. W.F. Walker, Springfield, Portlawn, Co. Waterford, that as Mr. R. Malone, M.R.C.V.S., was still under medical treatment and unable to resume duty he required another month's sick leave.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That Mr. R. Malone, M.R.C.V.S. Wexford, be granted sick leave for a further month as from 24th June, 1934, and that Mr. Frank Staples, M.R.C.V.S., be continued in office as locum tenens for Mr. Malone during the period."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That in view of report from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, certifying that Thomas Moran, Clonoe, Camolin, had proved title to plot on which he was erecting house the Council be recommended to advance loan of £80 to Mr. Moran on the usual conditions under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The following applications for Committal to Industrial Schools were referred to the Co. Solicitor:-

Elizabeth Ryan, illegitimate daughter of Kate Ryan, Rathgarogue (New Ross District Court).

Laurence McGuinness, Abbey View, New Ross. (New Ross District Court).

James Murphy, Kilcarbery, Enniscorthy, and

Matthew Kavanagh, Enniscorthy, (Enniscorthy District Court).



CRIMINAL INJURY APPLICATIONS

Applications for Compensation for Criminal Injury were received from the following and referred to the County Solicitor to defend:-

Sylvester Kavanagh, Adamstown, £1:10s. (damage to cycle)

Aidan Kenny, Drumderry, Clonegal. £15 (damage to fox covert)

R.W. Hall Dare, Bunclody. £18 burning ten acres of heather.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 21st June, 1934, be received and confirmed."

MEETING 10th JULY, 1934:- The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting of 10th July, 1934, were submitted as follows:-



A meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on Tuesday 10th July, 1934.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman of the Co. Council, presiding; also, Miss N. O'Ryan, Messrs. R. Corish, P. Colfer, J.P. Kelly and Sean O'Byrne.

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4798:1:11d was examined and signed.

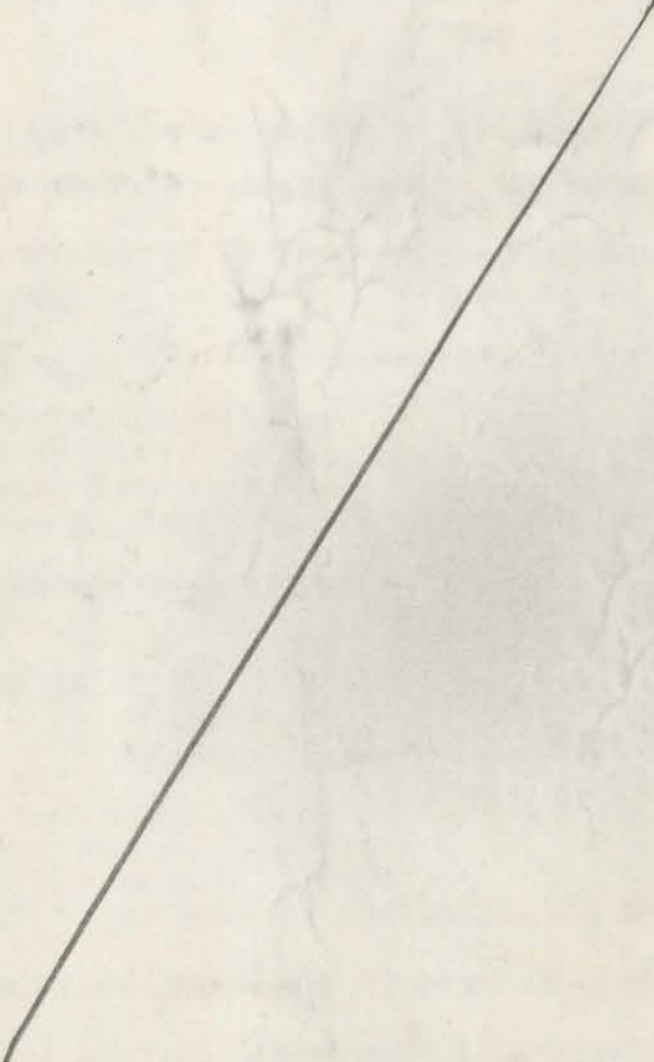
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 10th July, 1934, be received and confirmed."

MEETING 27th July, 1934:-

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 27th July, 1934, were submitted as follows:-





A meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 27th July, 1934.

Present:- Mr. Denis Allen (Chairman) presiding; also:- Miss N. O'Ryan, Messrs. R. Corish, W. Cullimore, J.P. Kelly, Sean O'Byrne, William Kinsella, W.P. Keegan and Patrick Colfer

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6631. was examined and signed.

#### FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COUNCIL

The Assistant Secretary submitted Statement of the financial position of the Council as follows:-

Overdraft.....£23536.

Amount paid for liabilities  
in respect of year 1934/35  
against which Poor Rate has  
not yet been put into Collection.....£24,000

Due by Urban District Councils  
at 31/3/34:-

	£	s	d.
Enniscorthy (2)	2279	5	0
New Ross (2)	2165	2	2
Wexford (8)	4076	15	9
	.....£8521:2:11d.		

Amount of outstanding Rate  
which Rates Inspector considers  
will be collected when warrant  
for 1934/35 is put into collection...£10,000.

The Assistant Secretary reported that £14092:16:9d had been received from the Department in respect of Local Taxation Grants absorbed in Guarantee Fund to meet arrears of Annuities that had been funded. Were it not for this receipt, the Overdraft would have been close to the sanctioned limit of £40,000.

The amount of Co. Council Loans (including new Loans



(sanctioned and not yet received) was £53,477; £20,000 of this sum was earmarked for advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The meeting did not consider any extension of overdraft was required for the period ending on 30th September, 1934.

RATE COLLECTION

OUTSTANDING RATES:- The Assistant Secretary reported that the total amount of rate outstanding including arrears, which it was proposed to carry forward for collection with 1934/35 Warrant on Certificate of Rates Inspector, was £17,953:18:3d or 14.3 per cent of Warrant for 1933/34. The amount carried forward last year was £9458:1:8d, representing 9.4 per cent. of Warrant for 1932/33.

The amount to be carried forward in each Collector's District is:-

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
	£ s d.	
E.J. Murphy	195:13:11	3.3
J. Curtis	389: 6: 5	6.1
D. Kenny	375: 2: 3	6.8
M. Kehoe	350: 1: 2	7.0
J.J. O'Reilly	468: 3: 1	7.3
J. Deegan	702: 4: 2	8.9
P. Carty	564:17: 0	10.3
M. McCarthy	799: 7: 9	12.5
J. Flood	647:13: 2	14.0
P. Doyle	999:16: 5	14.7
S. Gannon (No.10)	656:13: 2	15.4
J. Cummins	982: 6: 4	15.5
P. Nolan	1352: 0: 0	16.0
A. Dunne	1486: 1: 3	16.0
S. Gannon (No.6)	672:13:10	17.4
J.J. Sinnott	1326:18:10	18.9
M. Murphy	864:15: 3	19.3
W. Cummins	1289: 7: 9	22.3
J. Quirke	2124:14: 9	22.6
W. Doyle	1706: 1: 9	27.7
	<u>£17953:18: 3</u>	<u>14.3</u>

The Chairman stated that the Collection in the present year was continued to a later date than last year. If the Collection in the present year had ceased a month or six weeks earlier the difference in the outstanding amounts for the two



years would have been much greater.

Mr. Colfer stated that Collection for year 1932/33 was considerably advanced through the issue of Credit Notes in that year.

The Meeting compared the amount outstanding in each Collector's District with the amounts carried forward last year, and noted that in Collector Quirke's district, the amount carried forward showed 10.9 per cent increase over last year and in Collector M. Murphy's district, 8.4 per cent increase.

Miss O'Ryan stated that she understood that Collector Quirke had obtained a number of Court decrees which had not been executed. This had a very adverse effect on his Collection.

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, stated that the Sheriff had, in two or three cases, endeavoured to sell stock seized on foot of Court Decrees but without success. This happened in connection with seizure made on the holding of Agnes Murphy at Galbally, E.D., Ardavan, Castlebridge, and at Mr. T. Brien's, Ballyhire.

The Chairman considered there would be a better chance of a sale if the seized stock were taken for sale to a pound and notice given to the public generally that a sale was about to take place.

Mr. Keegan stated that the circumstances regarding the seizure at Ballycarney on the holding of James Bolger, Coolnahorna, in Collector Deegan's district, should also be inquired into.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Miss O'Ryan, that a Report be furnished to the Minister for Justice regarding abortive seizures in the cases referred to as such abortive seizures had very adversely affected the Rate Collection, and that copy of this Report be also



forwarded to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

As regards Collector M. Murphy's district, the Rates Inspector, Mr. O'Reilly, said he was of opinion Mr. Murphy delayed too long in taking proceedings. The Rates Inspector stated that in the early stages of the Collection there was some opposition to the payment of Rates in this area, but this opposition was later abandoned.

It was decided Mr. Murphy be instructed to institute proceedings more promptly against defaulters.

It was also decided that Collectors Quirke and Murphy be instructed to attend next meeting of the Finance Committee.

PART PAYMENT OF RATES:- It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman, that the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to a continuance of the present system in operation in the County for the acceptance of part payments in cases in which a year's arrears are due.

It was further decided that the Minister be requested to approve of an extension of the present system so as to allow of the acceptance of part payments in cases in which a half year's arrears are due, provided the full amount of the half year's arrears outstanding be paid.

PRINTING OF LISTS OF OUTSTANDING RATES:- It was decided that quotations be invited for the printing of lists of outstanding rates for the use of Councillors in each area subject to cost not exceeding £15.

IRRECOVERABLE RATES:- The following list of Irrecoverable Rates was approved:-

No.	Name of Collector	Amount
		£ s. d
1.	James Quirke	76:16:1
2.	William Doyle	93: 9:3
3.	Philip Doyle	27: 9:4
4.	Michael McCarthy	97:11:6
5.	Patrick Nolan	140:13:5
6.	Sean Gannon	59:18:9



No.	Name of Collector	Amount		
		£	s	d
	Carried Forward.	495	18	4
7.	John Deegan	71	7	5
8.	Joseph Cummins	22	14	8
9.	John Flood	43	8	11
10.	Sean Gannon	25	16	11
11.	Walter Cummins	8	3	11
12.	Matthew Murphy	10	4	2
13.	John J. O'Reilly	15	16	1
14.	Denis Kenny	9	8	5
15.	Art Dunne	182	8	9
16.	John J. Sinnott	8	19	6
17.	Edward J. Murphy	25	19	8
18.	Maurice Kehoe	9	1	9
19.	John Curtis	21	14	5
20.	Patrick Carty	39	18	7
		<u>£991: 1:6</u>		

APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE FEES:- Letter was read from Mr. James Quirke, Secretary, Co. Wexford Rate Collectors' Association, applying for payment of balance of poundage on lodgments to date and also payment of poundage deferred during the past year.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Miss O'Reyan, that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction payment in full to Rate Collectors of balance of poundage on lodgments to close of the Collection, and that the Minister be also requested to approve of payment of poundage deducted on first moiety and arrears in the case of 19 Collection districts.

APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF RATES:- Application received from Mr. Nicholas Furlong, Iona Hotel, Rosslare, for refund of £4:10:4d rates paid by him on vacant house at Rosslare Strand, was adjourned pending further particulars from Rate Collector.

The following letter from Mr. Art Dunne, Rate Collector, together with Certificate from Mr. J.J. O'Reilly, Rates Inspector, was submitted:-

"Mr. Wm. Bryan, Ballinakill, E.D. Ballycanew, 15 and 116, was not allowed £1 additional Agricultural Grant on first £10 of Valuation, as his holding was grouped in mistake with that of



"Mary Bryan, E.D. Killenagh (for year ending 31/3/34). As he has paid rates in full he is entitled to a refund of £1."

The Rates Inspector reported that the circumstances were as set out in letter from Collector Dunne. William Bryan was entitled to the £1 refund.

It was decided that the £1 applied for be granted.

Application was received from Mr. Matthew Murphy, Rate Collector, for refund of £3:7:7d rates lodged in June, 1933, by him for Edward Kinsella, Ballynaglogh, which he had been unable to recover from the ratepayer, although he took Court proceedings for the recovery of the amount. The Sheriff had returned the decree marked "No Goods".

The meeting considered they could not refund amount applied for in this case.

#### ELECTORS' LISTS

Mr. Keegan stated that Mr. Art Dunne, Rate Collector, should be asked for an explanation as to why a number of names of Local Government Electors were omitted from Electors' Lists in his area.

It was decided that the names of the persons omitted from the Register be forwarded to Collector Dunne, that he be asked for an explanation in the matter and also that Collector be instructed to exercise more care in the preparation of future lists .

#### APPLICATION FOR REMUNERATION -

##### MR. DENIS RADFORD.

The following letter from Mr. Denis Radford, Senior Clerk, Co. Surveyor's Office, was read:-

"I have acted in a temporary capacity, as Senior Clerk, County Surveyor's Office, since illness of Mr. Moore (R.I.P.) from March last, at my own salary of junior Assistant.

"The salary attached to the temporary Senior position was



"fixed at the meeting of your Council on 14th May, 1934, and I wish to make application for the arrears of salary due to me since acting in the senior capacity."

Mr. Radford's salary as Junior Clerk was £157:10s. The salary of the former senior Clerk, the late Mr. Moore, was £206.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Cullimore that subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, extra remuneration at rate of £48:10s. per annum, be paid Mr. Radford, from 29th March 1934 (date of the late Mr. Moore's illness) to 18th June, 1934; amount £10:17:11d.

#### MALICIOUS INJURY APPLICATIONS

Application for £20 for compensation for malicious injury to stock in his shop, received from Mr. Peter Smith, Rafter Street, Enniscorthy, was referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Mr. D. Corish, District Court Clerk, New Ross, reported that application was being made for the Committal of Bridget Whitty, aged 3 years 9 months, illegitimate child of Bridget Whitty, Irishtown, New Ross, to an Industrial School.

Notification was received from Mr. John Leacy, Inspector, N.S.P.C.C., regarding proposal to commit Annie Nolan, Grahormack, 13 years, illegitimate child of Annie Nolan, whose address was unknown, to an Industrial School.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor.



TEMPORARY VETERINARY INSPECTOR

Under date 13th July, 1934, the following letter No.L.1978-34, was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letter of the 22nd ultimo relative to the absence through illness of Mr. R. Malone, M.R.C.V.S., Local Authority Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts and Bovine Tuberculosis Order for the Wexford district, I have to state that the Minister for Agriculture will offer no objection to the continued employment of Mr. Frank Staples, M.R.C.V.S., during the period of absence recommended in the Medical Certificate furnished in respect of Mr. Malone's illness nor to the payment of Mr. Staples for acting as substitute for Mr. Malone during that period. The payment to be made to Mr. Staples should not of course exceed the rate paid to Mr. Malone for duties under Diseases of Animals Acts and Bovine Tuberculosis Order.

"It is noted that Mr. Staples took up duty as Local Authority Veterinary Inspector for the Wexford District on the 26th May last."

It was decided that, as Mr. R. Malone, M.R.C.V.S., is not yet fit to resume duty, to appoint Mr. F. Staples, M.R.C.V.S., as substitute for a further month.

USE OF GOREY COURTHOUSE

The following was read from Captain Robert Lambert, Area Administrative Officer, Foresters' Hall, Wexford:-

"As I have arranged to attest a number of men in Gorey on Friday, August 10th, for the Volunteer Force, the Court-house being the most suitable for this purpose, I am to request permission from the Co. Council to use this building on that date."

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Keegan, seconded by the Chairman that Captain Lambert's application be agreed to.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. T. Redmond, seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 27th July, 1934, be received and considered:"

OUTSTANDING RATES:- In connection with seizure on lands of Agnes Murphy, Rate Collector Quirke, reported that the amount of decree was £125:5:10d. The seizure was made in April last and no person attended the sale of the stock which was held on the lands.

In the case of John Bolger, Coolnahorna, Rate Collector Deegan, reported that the seizure was made in April last. No bids were made. The Collector had been informed by Mr. O'Flaherty, Solicitor, that he had received £19 on foot of this decree from the Sheriff during the past week.

Rate Collector Nolan reported that in the case of Peter O'Brien, Ballyhire, Kilrane, the amount due was £237:11s. When the Sheriff put the stock up for sale the only persons present were the Sheriff, his two men, the Defendant and the Rate Collector.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Colfer that copies of the letters from Rate Collectors as to these seizures be forwarded to the Department of Justice and Department of Local Government and Public Health.

IRRECOVERABLE RATES:- The Secretary stated that, since the meeting of the Finance Committee, a number of Collectors had succeeded in securing further payments from ratepayers in arrear.

Lists of Temporary uncollectible and Irrecoverable Rates for 1933/34 warrants were approved as follows on the motion of the Chairman:-



No.	Name of Collector.	Temporary Uncollectible Rates.			Irrecoverable Rates.			ed."
		£.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
1.	J. Quirke	21	24	7: 1	77	3	9	
"	2. W. Doyle	17	06	1: 9	93	9	3	
"	3. Philip Doyle	9	99	16: 5	27	9	4	
"	4. M. McCarthy	7	99	7: 9	97	11	6	
"	5. P. Nolan	13	03	1: 5	140	13	5	
"	6. S. Gannon	6	72	13:10	59	18	9	
"	7. J. Deegan	6	64	14: 4	71	7	5	
"	8. J. Cummins	9	82	3: 1	22	14	8	
"	9. J. Flood	6	46	14: 8	43	8	11	
"	10. S. Gannon	6	56	12:10	25	17	3	
"	11. W. Cummins	12	89	7: 9	8	3	11	
"	12. M. Murphy	8	64	15: 2	10	4	3	
"	13. J.J. O'Reilly	4	14	6: 7	15	16	1	
"	14. D. Kenny	3	75	2: 3	9	8	5	
"	15. A. Dunne	14	86	1: 3	182	8	9	
"	16. J.J. Sinnott	13	26	18:10	8	19	6	
"	17. E.J. Murphy	1	95	13: 7	26	0	0	
"	18. M. Kehoe	3	50	11: 2	9	1	9	
"	19. J. Curtis	3	87	9:10	21	14	5	
"	20. P. Carty	4	96	5: 9	39	18	9	
		£17	74	2: 5: 4	£99	1	10: 1	

It was also agreed to strike off the sum of £5:0:3d as Irrecoverable in District No.9 for 1932/33 Warrant.

PRINTING LISTS OF OUTSTANDING RATES:- The following tenders were received for printing lists of Rate Defaulters:-

"The People" Wexford...£15:18:6d.

John English & Co., Wexford. £22:10s.

"The Echo", Enniscorthy. £29.

Redmond Bros. Enniscorthy. £30.

Col. Quin proposed and Mr. Kinsella seconded the following



resolution:- "That the Quotation of "People" Newspapers for printing lists of defaulting ratepayers at £15:18:6d be accepted."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR THE MOTION:- Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Day, Doyle, Gibbon, Keegan, Kelly, Kinsella, Meyler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, Ml. Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Ronan, Smyth, Sweetman and the Chairman. (22).

AGAINST:- Messrs. Cummins, Murphy and Walsh. (3).

Messrs. Colfer and Lawlor (2) did not vote.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

POUNDAGE FEES:- Under date 26th July, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (F.34689/34 Loch Garman Pd) that the Minister was not prepared to sanction payment of poundage to Thomas Rowe, Ex-Rate Collector, on the amount of Kilmannock Drainage Rate collected by him having regard to the large sum outstanding in respect of year ended 31st March, 1933, but would raise no objection to a payment not exceeding £10 in respect of the sum collected.

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Keegan it was decided that £10 be paid Mr. Thos. Rowe in accordance with the decision of the Minister.

CO. SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT:- Under date 25th June, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (R/RS/32) approving of the draft advertisement for vacancy in Co. Surveyor's office. Mr. O'Kennedy could be retained in a temporary capacity in the office up to the 13th August, 1934.

TEMPORARY VETERINARY INSPECTOR:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Keegan:-  
"That in view of the length of his service and to the fact that Mr. R. Malone V.S., has never had any previous sick leave we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to allow the Co. Council to make an ex gratia grant of the amount of Mr. Malone's salary during his illness even though he is only a



"part time" officer."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 27th July, 1934, be and are hereby confirmed."

#### CAMOLIN PARK ROAD

The following under date 11th June, 1934, (21109-34 Estate of I.L.C. W.H. Foster - Co. Wexford Record No.E.C.4198) was read from the Irish Land Commission:-

"With reference to your letter of the 14th April forwarding copy of resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council on the 9th idem, I am desired by the Land Commission to state that you have been previously informed that they are prepared to contribute a sum of £500 towards the construction of the road through Camolin Park provided it is constructed and maintained by the County Council and that a sum of not less than £1,000 is spent on its construction. I am to add that they cannot alter the terms under which they propose to grant this amount."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sweetman seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That in view of the fact that in the reconstruction of the road at Camolin the greater portion of the expenditure will be incurred in making good damage done by the Forestry Department we request the Irish Land Commission to provide a grant of £750, the Co. Council to provide a sum of £250 towards cost of reconstruction of said road."

The Chairman said that if the road could be reconstructed it would be a great convenience to the people of Ballyduff district and cut off a big "round" into Camolin, besides allowing them to bring heavier loads. In addition it would relieve unemployment which was unfortunately acute in the area.

Mr. Doyle objected to the motion.

The Chairman decided to take a show of hands which resulted



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in 15 voting for the motion and 9 against.

The Chairman declared the proposal carried.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following letter under date 25th July, 1934, (H.89235/34 - Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to the application of the Wexford County Council for sanction to a loan of £10,000 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to request that he may be informed if the Council have endeavoured to obtain this loan in the open market, and if so, with what result."

Mr. Corish said it appeared to him that with the new proposals of the Government the Rate of Interest under Local Loans Fund would be less than they would have to pay for money obtained on the open market and in consequence there did not appear to be anything to be gained by advertising for the money. This would hold up applicants at the most suitable time of the year for building.

Mr. Doyle proposed and Mr. Walsh seconded the following resolution which was adopted after some discussion:- "That the Co. Council advertise for the £10,000 loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. That result of advertisement be submitted to next meeting of the Finance Committee."

#### WEEKLY PAYMENTS TO ROAD WORKERS

Mr. Culleton brought forward the question of paying road and quarry workers weekly but the Chairman ruled that the matter could be raised only on notice of motion.

Mr. Culleton said he would give this for next meeting of the Council.



CORONER FOR SOUTH WEXFORD

Under date 2nd July, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.82769/34 Loch Garman Sd) that the Minister had sanctioned the salary of the Coroner for South Wexford at £125.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

((OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES) ACT, 1926

Under date 2nd July, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote asking for payment of £152:7:6d amount assessed on Wexford County under above Act for year ended 31st March, 1934.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the Council pay at next meeting the assessment under Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926, for year ended March, 1934, viz. £152:7:6d."

ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT

The following under date 24th July, 1934, (SGM/201/34) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (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 £14,593 has been provisionally allocated to the Council out of the above-mentioned Grant for Main Road Improvement as follows:-

1. Link Road L.29. Gorey to Wexford
 

(a) Gorey Railway Bridge towards Ballykale.	£.
Roll and surface dress, two miles	2,400.
(b) At Ballyedmond, 10 miles south of Gorey; 16 miles from Wexford. Work similar to (a)	1,600.
(c) From Garrylough Cross towards Castlebridge (20 miles from Gorey). Work as at (a).	2,600.
  
2. Link Road L.29. Wexford-Kilmore near Kilmore Village. Two miles to be widened and surfaced and about 520 lineal yards to be widened only - centre already done. Old width only from 12 to 14 feet. Work commences 8 miles south of Wexford. Rolling, binding and spraying with bitumen...

2,393.



	£.
Carried Forward.....	8,993
3. Link Road L.33.Ferns-Bunclody 200 perches near Tombrack Bridge to Tombrack Cross. Two miles west of Ferns. Rolling, binding and spraying with Bitumen.....	1,000
4. Link Road L.30.Enniscorthy-Borris Road No.37. About one mile from near end of Road No.263 towards Wheelagower Cross. 7 miles west of Enniscorthy. Rolling, binding, and spraying with bitumen.....	1,100
5. Link Road.L.159. New Ross-Duncannon Road No.63. About 2 miles,Slaght Cross to near Whitechurch (5 miles south of New Ross). Tar macadam rolled and sealed.....	2,400
6. Wexford Urban. New surfacings, new paths and kerbs as approved.....	1,100
TOTAL.....	<u>£14,593</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 on behalf of the Minister 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. The arrangements regarding employment are as set out in Circular Letter SGA/202 of the 5th June, 1934.
  5. Forms No. 11 enclosed should be completed by the County 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 Col. Gibbon the Co. Surveyor said that the proposals set out in the letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health were drawn up by the Chief Engineer of the Department in consultation with him (County Surveyor).

Miss O'Ryan complained that no provision had been made to finish the work on the Taghmon-Wexford road, while another important link road the Barntown road was not provided for. Proposals for repair of these roads had been going on for a very long time.

Mr. Doyle said the road from Tagoat to Lady's Island and down to Carne was one of the worst roads in the County and something should be done with it.

Mr. Culleton contended that the portion of the Kilmore road to Ballynaas needed more urgent attention than that which was covered by the Improvement Grant.

The Co. Surveyor denied this.

Mr. Smyth said if the Gorey-Ballycanew road was done in tar macadam, animals could not travel over it.



Mr. Doyle considered that it would be more like business if men were employed in repairing the road to which he had made reference instead of cleaning up ditches and following mowing machines cutting away weeds which he regarded as useless work. He directed the attention of the District Surveyor as well as that of the County Surveyor to this matter. If the men were engaged in procuring material for roads instead of making avenues for certain people it would be more to the advantage of the Council.

The Co. Surveyor did not agree that the work which was being carried out was worthless. It was essential to clean off the weeds and growths from the margins. If this was not done the whole of the drainage became blocked.

Mr. Doyle said no drainage could be blocked on the road to which he referred.

Mr. Culleton objected to the employment of mowing machines to cut away weeds at road sides. This work should be done by the men.

Col. Gibbon said all this could be considered when the Road Works Scheme was next before the Council.

Mr. Connors said that horse traffic was impossible on the trunk road from Scarawalsh to Ferns, and farmers were obliged to go a round of five or six miles to avoid it.

The Co. Surveyor said this road was done some years ago. Fine chippings were put on but were washed off by the rain.

Mr. Thos. Redmond complained that the New Ross area was very much neglected as regards road grants. Only two miles of road were proposed to be repaired although the road was in a bad condition and was very much used by the people of New Ross for five or six months of the year.

The matter dropped.



### MAIN ROAD UPKEEP GRANT

Under date 3rd July, 1934, (RGM/201/54) the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote that the main road upkeep grant for 1934/35 would be £11605, being 40% of the expenditure on main roads, viz. £29014.

### BALLYTEIGUE DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

The following under date 7th July, 1934, (11761/34) was read from Office of Public Works relative to Ballyteigue and Kilmore Drainage District:-

"With reference to the resolution adopted by your Council on the 14th May requesting that a Grant be provided for the deepening of the Section of this District between Ballybyrne Bridge and Kilmore we beg to inform you that no funds are available out of relief grants for the execution of works in existing Drainage Districts.

"If your Council and the rated occupiers of the affected lands desire to have a drainage scheme carried out it is open to them to proceed by petition under the Arterial Drainage Act 1925 for the constitution of a new Drainage District.

"In this connection we enclose for the information of your Council an extract from our circular letter which sets out the basis on which the Minister for Finance is prepared to make free grants towards the cost of drainage schemes under the Act. Forms of petition together with copies of a memorandum explaining the provisions of the Act are also forwarded herewith."

Col. Gibbon - Refer it back to the Board of Works to consider it. It is ridiculous to ask for a new drainage district to be set up on top of two others.

Proceeding, Col. Gibbon referred to the history of Ballyteigue drainage scheme, and said that in the 'eighties the Board of Works did not dig deep enough with the result that the drainage was not sufficient. Every other Drainage Board in the county, he continued, received a grant with the exception of this one, which was more deserving than the others considering the majority of the persons affected were small holders. Unless something was done, to assist them, the whole area would go back, for they cannot carry on tillage at present on account of



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flooding. Mr. Corish was fully aware of the case and he (Col. Gibbon) appealed to the chairman to help them to get a grant for that portion of the county. They looked for an employment grant for that drainage area and also for the harbour for Kilmore and other harbours, such as Courtown, could get grants, and there is nothing available for this portion of the county.

Mr. Keegan - Courtown got no grant.

Mr. Corish said that Ballyteigue drainage had occupied the attention of the Co. Council for a long time. For a considerable portion of the year a good deal of the land in that stretch of the country was under water. There was a meeting held there at which four T.D.s and Co. Councillors attended to have this matter properly put before the Minister for Local Government and the Board of Works, and recently the matter was resurected by representations made to the Board of Works. The local T.D.s waited on the Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. Flinn, and pointed out the necessity of giving a grant. He (Mr. Corish) thought it desirable that the drainage committee be called together to go into the whole matter and try to get something done to counteract the letter received. It was very desirable for the Committee to meet, for the work certainly required to be done, and done urgently, and his experience from the interview they had with Mr. Flinn was that there was no use in making any application unless the drainage committee examined the matter thoroughly. He proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Culleton and adopted:- "That a meeting of Drainage Committee be held in Co. Council Chamber, Wexford, at 2 p.m. on 11th August 1934, to consider the question of making representations to Government Departments as regards improvements at Ballyteigue and Kilmore Drainage District.



FORD OF LYNG

The following under date 27th July, 1934, was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"With reference to your letter of the 13th instant and previous correspondence, I am desired by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance to state that he is satisfied with the terms of the draft Agreement forwarded to you by Messrs. Meldon & Company, Solicitors, on the 14th inst., a copy of which was sent to this Office.

"I am accordingly to state that the work may proceed as soon as the Agreement is completed. I enclose a copy of the advance notification of sanction which has been addressed to the County Surveyor."

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, said he expected he would have the agreements sealed by Fishguard and Rosslare Railway Company and signed by Mrs. Waller within the next few days when the work could start.

PROPOSED 'BUS SERVICE TO CURRAOEOE

The following report was read from Co. Surveyor:-

"As directed by the County Council, I arranged an interview with Mr. Lacey, representing the Irish Omnibus Company, and Mrs. O'Connor, Wexford, regarding the running of a 'bus to Curraeoe over Wexford Bridge. On 26th instant we met, in my Office, and the Mayor, Ald. Corish, was also present. It appears that the 'bus Company wish to run one of their heavy 30 seater buses which, fully loaded, must weigh close up to seven tons. This, I consider, would be absolutely out of the question. The Wexford Bridge, as the Council is generally aware, is a timber structure, built upwards of seventy years ago, and was not calculated to take such heavy weights. Moreover, at the time of its construction, mechanically propelled vehicles of present-day nature were not in existence. Some thirty, or more, years ago By Laws were adopted, limiting the weight to go over the Bridge of mechanically propelled vehicles to two tons, and though the County Council has waived this to a certain extent, I do not consider it would be advisable to extend limit of weight up to seven tons as requested. After a lengthened discussion it was decided that the Bus Company should run their bus via Crossabeg and Castlebridge, and it was suggested that some improvement work should be carried out in haunching the small bridge at Ballyboggan which, at present, has a very steep rise. This route was used by the U.S.A. Seaplane Station during the War for their heavy lorries and was in places badly cut up. Compensation was obtained for the damage, and heavy bottoming was put in in weak places; so that, I believe, the road, though narrow in places, is capable of standing the traffic with possibly some extra material and attention from time to time.

I wish to point out that some years ago, by direction of the County Council I made general inspection and submitted figures in regard to the building of a new bridge on the old site opposite



"the Courthouse, and at that time when prices were very high, my estimate ran to about £100,000. I believe that now a satisfactory bridge could be erected at this place at a very much reduced cost, and there is no doubt that the requirements of the large area around Blackwater, as well as the direct route from Wexford to Gorey will necessitate a new bridge in the future."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That a sum not exceeding £30 be provided from appropriate Contingency Fund for 'haunching' and improving of bridge at Ballyboggan, Castlebridge, in connection with Bus service Wexford-Curraclloe."

#### ROAD MATTERS

The Chairman said in order to facilitate the business of the Council, members who wished to raise any question about roads should send a brief letter to the Secretary embodying their views in time for mention of the matter on agenda paper. It was unfair to the Council and to the Co. Surveyor to be raising without previous notice, a number of matters in connection with roads. Of course this need not apply to questions of urgency and in respect of which it was not possible to give previous notice.

#### GOREY COURTHOUSE.

An application was received from Gorey Town Commissioners for the use of room in Gorey Courthouse (formerly used for Technical classes) for the holding of their meetings. The only accommodation they had was a small room in Market House not large enough for meetings and unhealthy.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That the Gorey Town Commissioners be allowed to hold their meetings in Gorey Courthouse on condition that they are prepared to vacate the premises on demand and be responsible for any injury to them arising out of occupation by the Commissioners."



SCREENINGS FOR BALL-ALLEY

Mr. Thomas Quigley, The Harrow, Boolavogue, wrote that an effort was being made to erect a ball-alley in Boolavogue. Owing to the difficulty of raising funds the Committee asked the permission of the Council to obtain free from Carrigeen Quarry, Ferns, sufficient screenings to be used in the erection of the alley.

The Co. Surveyor said the Ball-alley Committee were asking for the quarry dust which could not be used for road repair. Sometimes the Council had to pay for the removal of this stuff and occasionally they received a small sum for it, He did not object to the application being granted.

This was agreed to on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Colfer.

ERECTION OF SHELTER PORCH

Mr. James Moran, Tullicanna, Ballymitty, wrote asking the permission of the Council to erect a Shelter porch to his shop premises at Tullicanna. The projection from present front wall would not exceed four feet six inches.

The Co. Surveyor said that the house was 30 feet from the centre of the road and the porch was outside the line of the road. This would not cause any obstruction. On account of the road facing them the premises were greatly exposed.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That as regards application of Mr. James Moran, Tullicanna, Ballymitty, as to erection of shelter porch to his house no action be taken by this Council."

CO. BOARD OF HEALTH AND OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

Application was received from Co. Board of Health asking the Co. Council to provide in old Council Chamber Office accommodation for Mr. R.J. Shortall, Superintendent, Assistance Officer.



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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Cummins:- "That the application of Co. Board of Health for Office accommodation in Co. Council Buildings be adjourned. That, in the meantime, the County Surveyor communicate with Mr. Flood, Engineer to Co. Board of Health relative to the advisability of converting the "Marshelsea" block at Co. Hall into administration section for Co. Board of Health."

#### POISONS & PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the following licences issue under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908, provided no objection be made by the Garda Síochána:-

NEW LICENCES:- Ml. Browne, Clonroche and Wm. J. Haughton, Ferns.

RENEWALS:- Joseph Kehoe, Blackwater, Joseph Crangle, (Bolger & Co.) Ferns, Francis Daly, (Enniscorthy Co-operative Society) Joseph O'Malley, (Donohoes Ltd.) Enniscorthy.

#### BALLINOULART ROAD

At Co. Council meeting of 11th June, 1934, application was received from Mr. T.F. White asking for permission to erect a gate at eastern end of Ballinoulart Road No. 352 to prevent the trespass of live stock. The road ended at the sea.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, reported that if the permission were given, no serious inconvenience would be caused to the public. It might, however happen that objection would be taken by the local residents and he (Mr. Treanor) recommended that Mr. White be asked to obtain consent of users of road as a condition to permission being given.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Cummins:- "That Mr. T.F. White be informed the Co. Council would be inclined to favourably consider his application for erection of gate at Ballinoulart Road



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"provided he furnishes the written consent to this course by the local users of the road."

#### RIGHT OF WAY

Mr. David Doyle, Torduff, Killena, Gorey, came before the meeting in reference to a laneway to his house. One hundred yards of this was done by the Co. Council and the lane was constantly used by the public to draw gravel and sand from the seashore.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said the place was used as a public road and he suggested that the piece of the lane to which Mr. Doyle referred should be brought before the Council when the Road Works Scheme was under consideration with a view to having it added to the existing contract.

This was agreed to.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

It was decided that next meeting of the Finance Committee should be held on Friday 10th August, 1934, at 2.15 p.m.

#### COUNCIL OF MUNICIPAL BODIES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Cullimore:- "That the Co. Council Chamber /be placed at the disposal of the Council of Municipal Bodies for meetings on 11th and 12th September, 1934."

*Dennis Allen*  
13th Aug '34



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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

1934.

MEETING 13th AUGUST, 1934

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 13th August, 1934.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman, (presiding), also Messrs. James J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, R. Corish, Christopher Culleton, William Cullimore, John Cummins, John Day, Michael Doyle, Col. C.M. Gibbon, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, William Kinsella, James Lawlor, T.J. Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, Philip Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth, Malachi Sweetman and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor, Assistant Surveyors R.J. Ennis, J.F. Birthistle and P. O'Neill, were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6255:3:7d was examined and signed.

#### DEATH OF MR. PHILIP LENNON

Mr. Cummins said it was his sad duty for him to announce the death of a Republican soldier, Phil Lennon. When the call to arms was given, Phil Lennon joined the Volunteers and proved himself a true soldier of the Republic. For doing so he was arrested and imprisoned in an English dungeon. While there he, with the other loyal men, went on hunger strike. On his release he stood to the Oath against enemies of the country from without and false <sup>friends</sup> ~~enemies~~ within the country. He stood firm to the oath to the end of his life. His interment would take place that day with all the military honours that the I.R.A. could confer on him. He left behind him sisters and brothers and a multitude of friends to mourn his loss. Concluding, Mr. Cummins proposed that a vote of sympathy be tendered to the members of his family and relatives and that the meeting stand adjourned



when business which could not be postponed had been transacted.

Mr. M. Redmond, seconding, said that he was a colleague of the late Mr. Lennon on the Co. Council in 1920. He believed that Mr. Lennon's death was due to his sacrifices in the cause of Irish freedom.

Mr. O'Byrne, associating himself with the resolution, said he also was a colleague of Mr. Lennon on the Council and knew the work which he did against ~~the~~ foreign enemies of the country.

Mr. Corish, on behalf of the Labour Party, associated himself with the vote, and said that those who were in the fight for freedom knew what Mr. Lennon had gone through. He thoroughly agreed with Mr. Redmond when he said that Mr. Lennon's young life was shortened by the hardships which he endured in the Black and Tan regime.

Mr. T. Redmond said he knew Phil Lennon since his boyhood days. When he came to New Ross first he threw himself into the work of the Gaelic League. Later on he joined the Volunteers and organised the New Ross area of South Wexford. Everyone who knew him, even those who did not join the movement and did not agree with his activities, believed Mr. Lennon was a man of honest and fearless character. It was one of the saddest duties of his (Mr. Redmond's) life to have to associate himself with the resolution.

Mr. Keegan said that Phil Lennon was as well known in North Wexford as in South Wexford, which was saying a great deal.

Mr. Doyle said he had the pleasure of being associated with Mr. Lennon on the Council. He knew him before there was any political split and he did a man's part and did it extremely well.

The Secretary said that Mr. Lennon, when a member of the Council, always took a very sane impartial view on all matters



relating to the affairs of the Council, and he was extremely sorry to hear of his death which would also be regretted by the entire staff.

The motion for adjournment after necessary business had been transacted was then put and passed.

#### VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

The following replies in connection with the lamented death of Mrs. Sean T. O'Kelly were, on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan directed to be inserted on the Minutes of Meeting:-

"Mr. Sean T. O'Kelly, desires to convey to the Members of the Wexford County Council the expression of his sincere thanks for the sympathy extended to him by them on the occasion of his recent bereavement."

Miss O'Ryan, Co. Councillor, wrote:-

"Will you please convey to the Members of County Council and your Co. Committee our sincere thanks for their kind vote of sympathy passed with us in our recent bereavement. I am so grateful to proposer and seconder, Mr. Cummins, Mr. Doyle and all those who paid such tribute to my dear sister's memory, R.I.P.

"I am particularly grateful to you, Mr. Friselle, for your very touching references to her memory. Also thank the members of your staff for me."

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:- The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 10th August, 1934, were submitted:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 10th August, 1934.

Present:- Messrs. Patrick Colfer, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly and Sean O'Byrne.

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

On the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Keegan, the chair was taken by Mr. O'Byrne.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3724:0:4d was examined and signed.

#### ELECTORS' LISTS

It was stated that 25 or 26 names had been omitted from current Local Government Electors' Register in the town of Gorey and it was decided that Rate Collector Art Dunne be summoned to the meeting of County Council on 13th August, 1934.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 10th August, 1934, as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby confirmed."

"That the Question of complaints as to preparation of Electors' Lists for Gorey Town be referred to meeting of Finance Committee on 24th August, 1934, and that Collector Dunne be directed to attend."

#### DRAINAGE COMMITTEE

The following report of Drainage Committee was approved on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"A meeting of the Drainage Committee was held in Co. Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 11th August, 1934.

"Present, Messrs R. Corish, presiding, Mr. William Kinsella and Col. Gibbon.

"The Co. Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor, Mr. Birthistle Assistant Surveyor, with Mr. N. White, Secretary to 1855 Drainage Board and Mr. P. White, Secretary to 1885 Drainage Board, were also present.

"Letter from Office of Public Works under date 7th July, 1934, (11761/34) as to both drainage districts was read.

"This pointed out that no funds were available out of relief grants for existing drainage districts and therefore the resolution of the Co. Council of 14th May, 1934, could not take effect as regards their request for a State Grant for the deepening of the Section of the Drainage District between Ballybyrne Bridge and Kilmore (1885 Section). If the Council and the Drainage Ratepayers desired to have a Scheme carried out it was open to them to proceed by petition under the Arterial Drainage Act 1925 for the constitution of a new drainage district.

"The following is a brief sketch of the districts:-

"Previous to 1855 the upper portion was flooded every tide



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"and in that year drainage works were adopted and a drainage Board formed. The works were completed in 1857 and were found fairly effective for 18 or 20 years, in fact until the channel outside Gull Bank began to silt up. This silting grew worse and worse each year with the result that the ponding back of the water counteracted the flow from the upper reaches of the system. A canal was dug in 1885 to replace the old sluices. A second drainage board (1885) formed and the ratepayers affected by it have up to a short time back contributed drainage rates to both boards.

"The works carried out in 1885 maintained the drainage until about ten years ago when the drain was found to be again filling up. Since then very little has been done for the maintenance of the system.

"About two years ago the place was inspected by an Engineer from the Office of Public Works and it was ascertained from his report that in the work of 1885 humps of rock were not taken out to the depths shown on the plans resulting of course in obtaining a level of water much less than that considered necessary by the Engineers who drafted these plans. It is obvious that so long as the portions of rock referred to remain in the channel the drainage cannot be really effective. It is estimated that this work and the cleaning up of the drain would cost about £2000 and the drainage ratepayers are not able to provide that sum. About 1800 acres of suitable tillage land is embraced in the area and approximately 200 ratepayers are concerned, of whom 90 per cent are very small holders.

"The position is somewhat complicated by the fact that when the Solicitors who acted for the drainage tenants of 1885 (and who were heretofore paying to both schemes) in regard to the purchase of their holdings, approached either the Land Commission or the Office of Public Works as to whether the



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"tenants could be compelled to pay to both Boards they received the calculations for the Rates under the 1885 Scheme only and consequently the tenants refused to pay Rates to the older Board as they believed they were not liable.

"The Office of Public Works were asked by the 1855 Board to send an official to go into the existing situation but took no steps in that direction probably on the ground that they were not the Department concerned.

"The result is that the tenants for both boards have not made any contribution to the older one for two years.

"The Co. Surveyor stated that the present proposal was to grade the rock between cross section No. 8 and between cross section No.12, and taking low water mark and existing Cill level of the sluice Chamber as points for the grading. To have the remainder of the drain between cross section No.12 to cross Section No.1 and Ballybyrne Bridge cleaned out to even grade. The total length to be dealt with is approximately two statute miles. He believed this work could be carried out for the £2000 mentioned.

"The following recommendations were agreed to:-

1. That the Commissioners of Works be requested to take the necessary steps for the amalgamation of the two districts of Ballyteigue and Kilmore.

2. That the Co. Council press for a State Grant of £2000 to save the area from becoming derelict. We would point out that in the Parish of Kilmore practically 75% of the land is under tillage and it is a serious handicap to the drainage ratepayers to have about 1800 acres, which in the past yielded good crops, flooded for five or six months of an ordinary year. The application of the Council for £2000 will not be sufficient to have drain deepened to the extent contemplated by the original plans. In other districts in which drainage ratepayers were not satisfied with the work carried out, the Board



"of Works came to their assistance in a generous manner and we would request similar treatment for Kilmore - a district of small holders who have always adopted the policy of "National Self Sufficiency".

3. We request Mr. Corish, T.D., to bring to the special attention of the Office of Public Works these recommendations and also to endeavour to arrange for a visit from one of their Engineers to inspect the drainage systems in conjunction with the County Surveyor and to have a copy of his report transmitted to the Council.

4. That a copy of this report be furnished to the T.D.s., for Wexford County and they be requested to lend their assistance to the County Council in having the requests embodied therein carried out.

"In conclusion we would point out that unemployment is acute in the district and that any State Grant which is furnished for the renovation of the drainage district would be spent in labour."

Col. Gibbon said that a meeting of the Drainage ratepayers was held on Kilmore Quay after the meeting of the Drainage Committee when the matter was fully discussed and it was decided to ask the County Council to treat the matter as one of urgency.

It was also decided that copies of report be forwarded to the Department of Local Government and Public Health and to the Office of Public Works.

Messrs. James Monaghan and Patrick Roche, two of the drainage ratepayers came before the meeting and having read the report stated that it would have the support of the ratepayers concerned.



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APPOINTMENT JUNIOR CLERK

CO. SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT

The following applied for above position:-

1. Forde Wm. P., 2, Slaney Street, Wexford.
2. Larkin John J., 7, Lower Church Street, Enniscorthy.
3. Meyler George F., B.A., Dodona, Ballycanew.
4. Murphy Nicholas F., 4, Abbey Street, Wexford.
5. O'Brien John F., Allenstown, Broadway.
6. O'Kennedy John, Co. Surveyor's Office, Wexford.
7. O'Leary M.J., 3, St. Endas Terrace, Wexford.
8. O'Shea James, Rosbercon, New Ross.
9. Sedwards Walter, 4, Riverview Terrace, Carcur Rd., Wexford.

Mr. Corish proposed the following resolution:- "That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, John O'Kennedy, 2, Lambert Terrace, Wexford, be appointed Junior Clerk in Co. Surveyor's Department, salary £156 per annum rising by annual increments of £7:10s. to £234 (subject to satisfactory service)."

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the motion which was adopted nem con.

The following is the application of the successful candidate:-

"I beg to apply for the position of Clerk in the County Surveyor's Office.

"As most of the Members of the Council are aware I passed an Examination in Accountancy. For some months past I have been employed in the office of the County Surveyor and have gained practical experience of the clerical work including costing in that office.

"I would refer you to the Co. Secretary and Co. Surveyor as to my character and ability.

"If appointed I will do my best to discharge the duties with general satisfaction."



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MEN EXECUTED IN 1923

The following motion of which previous notice was given stood in the name of Mr. Ronan:-

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health a railing be erected around the plot at County Hall, Wexford, where men were executed in 1923, and that a slab be inserted in the wall denoting the place, this slab to contain the names of the executed men and the date of their execution."

Mr. Ronan proposing the motion said that at the rear of the Council buildings three men, James Parle, Clover Valley, Taghmon, John Creane, Clonerane, Taghmon, and Patrick Hogan, Wexford, walked out in the grey dawn from their dreary cells and bravely stood with their backs to the wall before a firing squad and offered up their young lives on the altar of sacrifice for the country which they loved above all earthly things. They gave their lives in a noble cause, which could claim countless heroes all down through the centuries and in which men at all times were found to come forward to do and dare and make, if necessary the supreme sacrifice.

"Those three men followed in the footsteps of many who went before and they did not hesitate to die in the same old cause," proceeded Mr. Ronan. "It is sad to think that the place where they stood, that the very ground on which they fell, and into which their hearts' blood flowed, the blood of three of the noblest and bravest of Wexford's soldier sons - yes 'tis hard to think that this hallowed spot could be the property of the premier body of the Model county for some years and be treated in such a way as it has been. It has been said that we are an ungrateful people to those who fought and died for us and I think there is a large amount of truth in it as such a place would not get the same treatment in any other country."



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Instead those men would be regarded as national martyrs, and the spot where they fell would be honoured and held almost sacred. But how different here! It is our duty now to see that this place is properly protected and in order that posterity may see and know the place where those three men, whose names will be recorded on the golden pages of Irish history as martyrs in their country's cause, poured out the last drop of their hearts' blood in order that the last strong link of that galling chain which has bound us for seven long centuries might be smashed and Ireland might be free. It is surely not too much to ask the people of their native County to have a railing erected around the spot where they fell and a slab be placed on the wall recording in simple language, their names, the date of their deaths and the cause for which they died. I would also propose that the cells where they spent the last night of their earthly existence when they prepared to meet their God, and out of which they walked on that last fateful journey, should be preserved as a monument to their memory, and that the names of each be placed over the doors of the cell which contained their deathbed. It is surely not too much to ask of their fellow-countrymen that they at least preserve the memory of those three gallant men of whom we feel proud. Future generations will also be proud to belong to the same County that gave birth to such men as they.

Mr. Colfer seconded the motion which passed nem. con.

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL  
SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following motion of which he had given previous notice stood in the name of Mr. Doyle:- "That the decision of the Council, giving (under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme) three additional Bursaries, be rescinded, and that the Scholarship, which would have been given a third girl if qualified, be granted to Gerald Fenelon, Church View, Tagoat, being the next qualified boy on the list that passed the Examination for Scholarships."



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It was stated that Mr. W.E. Godfrey, Solicitor, (Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey) was appearing for Mr. Fenelon and Mr. Fintan M. O'Connor, Solicitor, (Messrs. M.J. O'Connor & Co.) Wexford, for Messrs. Kelly, Swords and Sheil, to whom three Bursaries had been awarded.

The Chairman said he was inclined to rule that the two Solicitors be not heard. The Council had their own Solicitor and they were well able to deal with the matter. It was creating a precedent at Council meetings to have Solicitors appearing on opposite sides.

Mr. Ronan proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following resolution:- "That the Council decline to hear Messrs. Godfrey and O'Connor, Solicitors, appearing in connection with vacant scholarship under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme."

A show of hands was taken with the result that 13 voted in favour of the resolution and 12 against.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The following letter was read from Mr. Wm. Fenelon, (father of Gerald Wm. Fenelon):-

"I observe that your Council has awarded five Scholarships and six Burses. The Scheme provides for Six Scholarships and three Burses and in the circumstances as my boy has passed the examination and has qualified for sixth place, I would respectfully request the County Council to award him a Scholarship, thereby complying with the provisions of the Scheme, so far as the number of Scholarships are concerned.

"Trusting the matter will receive your immediate attention."

The following under date 4th August, 1934, was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"Referring to our interview as to this, I have now looked further into the matter. The position is, the County Council were in a position to grant three Scholarships to Boys and three to Girls, and also three Bursaries. There is no sex distinction



"as to Bursaries.

"Three Boys qualified for Scholarships, and they were granted to the first three Boys who were qualified under the Scheme, and as a result of the Examination.

"Only two Girls qualified at the Examination, and they were granted the Scholarships. This left one Scholarship vacant.

"Paragraph two of the Scholarship Scheme is as follows:-

"In the event of lack of competition for Scholarships or Bursaries by Boys or Girls, the Council shall have power, should they so desire, to award their Scholarships and Bursaries to the best Candidates, irrespective of sex."

"The County Council were of opinion, that as there was a vacant Scholarship for Girls, they were entitled to deal with the fund so rendered available for the Provision of extra Bursaries and accordingly, they awarded the three Bursaries as provided by the Scheme and three additional Bursaries, that is, six in all, to the best qualified Boys who had qualified for the examination.

"In my opinion, the County Council were quite correct in acting as they did as the effect of Paragraph two of the Scheme is, that when there is an unallotted Scholarship as has happened in this case, the sum available for same falls into a common Account, and as such, the County Council can deal with same under the Powers contained in that paragraph by awarding same as Bursaries in the manner they have done to the best qualified Candidates all of whom had high marks, and they are in no way bound to apply the funds available from lack of qualified Girl Candidates for Scholarships to Scholarships for a different sex.

"I would point out, there is no sex restriction in dealing with Bursaries contained in the Scheme and the County Council can grant Bursaries to any one sex or to divide them between the sexes as they may wish (as in Paragraph two, Bursaries are mentioned) - The Council are at liberty to deal with the money available for want of competition for either Scholarships or Bursaries to the best qualified Candidates.



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"Under the last Clause of the Scheme it is provided:-

"That in the event of any dispute or difference arising in connection with the Scholarships or Bursaries, or with the Holders thereof, or Candidates therefor, the decision of the County Council shall be final and binding, subject to the approval of the Minister for Education".

In moving his motion Mr. Doyle said that the Scheme provided for the award of six Scholarships and five only were awarded. He contended that in accordance with the Scheme six Scholarships should be given.

Col. Gibbon seconded.

The Chairman pointed out that the Scheme provided for three Scholarships for boys which had been awarded and three for girls. The three Scholarships for boys had been awarded but there were only two girls available for the three scholarships as a result of which the Council awarded the vacant Scholarship in accordance with paragraph 2 of the Scheme to the best candidates who happened to be candidates to whom, on account of their residences, Bursaries only could be awarded.

After a long discussion Col. Quin proposed and Mr. Cummins seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That a vote be taken on resolution of Mr. Doyle as to allotment of vacant girl's scholarship under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme."

The following is the result of the vote:-

FOR THE RESOLUTION:- Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Culleton, Day, Doyle, Gibbon, Kinsella, Meyler, Murphy, Smyth and Walsh. (11)

AGAINST:- Messrs. Colfer, Cullimore, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, M. Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman. (14).

Mr. Corish did not vote.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

The Secretary stated that the Scholarship and Bursary Holders already agreed to proposed taking them as follows:-

SCHOLARSHIPS: Edwin F. Todd, Christian Brothers, Wexford.



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P. Cousins and Edward Kavanagh, St. Peter's College, Wexford.

Bridget T. Doyle and Mary T. Mulligan, Loreto Convent, Wexford.

BURSARIES:- James P. Brennan, P.J. Byrne, Joseph Finn, E. Kelly,  
George Swords and Hubert Sheil at Christian Brothers Schools, Gorey.

RATE COLLECTION DISTRICT No.7.

The following under date 11th August, 1934, (G.102903/34 -  
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  
6th instant regarding the appointment of a Rate Collector for  
District No.7, and to state that he is not prepared to agree to  
the terms of the draft advertisement and conditions of appointment  
approved in the Department's letter of the 21st April last being  
varied by relieving existing officers of more than 12 months'  
service who become candidates, from the obligation of presenting  
themselves for the examination which the Council propose to hold."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the  
Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That the Minister for Local  
Government and Public Health be requested to reconsider his  
decision conveyed in letter of 11th August, 1934 (G.102903/34 -  
Loch Garman Fa) refusing to relieve officers of more than twelve  
months' service who become candidates for Rate Collectors for  
No.7 District from the obligation of presenting themselves for  
examination. This Co. Council have no doubt as to the fitness of  
Mr. John Deegan for the position the duties of which he has  
efficiently discharged for several years past."

TEMPORARY RATES INSPECTOR

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of  
Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That Mr. J.J. O'Reilly,  
be continued in office as Temporary Rates Inspector as from this  
date and until his successor is appointed. Salary £3 per week with



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"Vouched travelling expenses not exceeding £2:17:10d per week."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Ronan:- "That we request the Local Appointments Commission to notify to the Council previous to meeting of 10th September, 1934, the name of the selected applicant for the position of Rates Inspector. The new Rate is about to be put into collection and it is essential that the new Rates Inspector take up duty as soon as possible."

#### SEIZURE FOR RATES

The following under date 8th August, 1934, (46/37) was read from the Department of Justice:-

"With reference to your letter of the 6th instant and enclosures regarding the abortive sales of cattle seized by the County Registrar for County Wexford on foot of Execution Orders in respect of rates, I am directed by the Minister for Justice to state that the matter has been referred to the County Registrar with a suggestion that a further attempt should be made without delay to execute in these cases. It is hoped that in the event of any seizures being made successful sales will follow."

The Secretary stated that the Rate Collectors concerned had been directed to re-lodge the decrees.

#### FOOD & DRUGS ACTS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That Garda James Duffy, 7580, Gorey, be appointed Ex-officio Inspector under Food and Drugs Acts for the administrative Area of Wexford Co. Council."

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 9th August, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote that advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts had been agreed to in the following cases for houses being erected at Killoggy, Ferns, amount in each case being £175:10s., viz:- Mrs. Mary Fortune, Edward Moran, Andrew Holden,



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Michael Colfer, John Bailey, Peter O'Brien, Michael O'Brien and Nicholas Breen.

The following under date 10th August, 1934, was read from Department of Local Government & Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the Rate of Interest on loans advanced out of the Local Loans Fund to Local Bodies for Housing Schemes (including advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts), public health works, arterial drainage schemes, and other approved works has been under review, and the Minister for Finance has now determined that Interest on all issues made from the Fund on or after the 1st October, 1934, will be charged at the rate of  $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ ."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Ml. Redmond:- "That the Government be requested to make retrospective the new rate of Interest for advances to Public Bodies from Local Loans Fund including all advances to County Councils under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

#### ROAD MAINTENANCE GRANT

Under date 4th August, 1934, the Department of Local Government & Public Health wrote (R.G.M.32) that a payment under above Grant of £2672 had been made to the County Treasurer on 3rd August, 1934.

#### Co.MEDICAL OFFICER - LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The following under date 7th August, 1934, was read from Secretary, Co. Board of Health, Wexford:-

"At the meeting of the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance on July 27th last a letter was received from the County Medical Officer of Health, Dr. C. Bastible, intimating that he found it impossible to take up duty, and requested the Board to arrange with the County Council for the granting of the balance of his annual leave of four weeks. He nominated



"Dr. M.J. Bastible, D.P.H. to act as locum. I would be glad if you brought this matter before the County Council. I will have query form completed in respect of Dr. Michael Bastible and forwarded."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Ml. Redmond:- "That the County Medical Officer of Health (Dr. Chris. Bastible) be allowed to take the balance of his annual leave of four weeks and that Dr. Michael Bastible, D.P.H., be appointed to act as locum tenens for the period."

#### ILLNESS OF MR. R. MALONE, M.R.C.V.S.

Under date 2nd August, 1934, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.2287-34) asking to be informed as to the date when Mr. R. Malone was likely to resume duty.

The Secretary said he had asked for the information.

#### ANALYST'S REPORT

Report of Analyst for the quarter ended 30th June, 1934, was submitted and from which it appeared that 140 foods, 46 drugs and 6 waters were analysed. The following were adulterated:-

2 milks, 3 whiskies; 1 separated milk, Five samples of water, two for Board of Health and three for Wexford Urban Council were condemned.

#### POISONS & PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That new licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to Wm. Armstrong, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy; Patrick Healy, North Main St., Wexford; D.J. Kelleher, (Wexford Timber Co.) Wexford; and renewal of licence to Gerald Murphy, Tacumshane, provided no objection be made by Garda Síochána."

*D. Kelly*

*10th Sept-34*



SCREEN BALL-ALLEY

Under date 3rd August, 1934, Mr. Patrick Hearne, Hon. Sec., Screen Ball-alley Committee, wrote on behalf of the Committee asking the permission of the County Council to erect ball-alley just inside road fence at Screen Village.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

MILL OF RAGS, DUNCORMACK

The Chairman said he had been interviewed by a deputation from Duncormack District as to a very bad corner at the Mill of Rags. It was an obstacle to the farmers carting beet and the deputation wanted the Council to have an improvement effected at the place.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

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The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 10th September, 1934.

Mr. Denis Allen (Chairman) presided: also present:- Messrs. James J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, R. Corish, Christopher Culleton, William Cullimore, John Cummins, John Day, Michael Doyle, Col. C.M. Gibbon, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, James Lawlor, T.J. Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, Philip Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth, Malachi Sweetman and James E. Walsh.

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

Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £1262:10:4d for fixed items, Salaries, Superannuations etc. and for £132:13:10d for miscellaneous payments were examined and signed.

#### THE LATE MRS. SEAN T. O'KELLY

The following reply to vote of condolence by the County Council with Dr. Ryan, Minister for Agriculture, in the death of his Sister, Mrs. Sean T. O'Kelly, was directed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Sweetman to be inserted on the Minutes of the day:-

"Dr. Ryan, has asked me to refer to your letter of the 7th August and to thank the Members of the Wexford Co. Council, Wexford Co. Committee of Agriculture and yourself for the expression of sympathy conveyed therein on the death of his Sister, Mrs. Sean T. O'Ceallaigh."

#### VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

A vote of condolence to Mr. J.F. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, in the death of his mother was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Culleton.

Col. Gibbon proposed and Mr. Doyle seconded a vote of



condolence with the relatives of the late Mr. John Joyce,  
Butlerstown Castle, a former Member of Wexford Board of  
Guardians.

CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MEETING 24th AUGUST, 1934:- The Minutes of this meeting were  
submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in Co. Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 24th August, 1934.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman, County Council, (Presiding) also Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, Wm. Cullimore, Michael Doyle, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella and Sean O'Byrne.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6201:15:10d was examined and signed.

#### WORKMENS' COMPENSATION ACT 1934

##### POLICY No. 1108539

The following under date 11th August, 1934, was read from Messrs. McDonagh & Boland, 51, Dame Street, Dublin, Insurance Brokers:-

"Further to our letter to you of the 24th ult., we have now gone fully into this matter with the "Ocean" Company who have now agreed to include the revised benefits under the New Act (excluding Medical and Surgical Fees) at a rate of 30/-% as against the present rate of 27/6%, the rate of 1/6% for Common Law Liability remaining as before. You will observe that these terms are a considerable concession on the general increase set out in the Company's circular letter which we sent to you.

"To include your liability for Medical and Surgical fees the above rating would be amended as follows:-

Common Law Liability.....1/6% (as before)

All Others.....37/6%.

"So far it has not been possible to obtain any concession



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"in the Insurance Companies' general increase of 25% for Medical and Surgical Fees Cover but we shall wire you on next Monday morning letting you know whether we have been able to do so or not."

Under date 13th August, 1934, Messrs. McDonagh and Boland wrote confirming wire quoting workmen's Compensation at 30/-% excluding Medical Fees and 37/6% including.

The Secretary stated that at the 30/-% Rate the Increase over accepted figures would be £52:10s and at the 37/6% Rate the increase would be £210.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Cullimore:- "That quotation of "Ocean" Insurance Company at 1/6% Common Law Liability and at 30/-% for all others, excluding Medical Benefits be recommended to the Co. Council for acceptance. The increase over quoted figures based on wage roll is 9% for 30/- rate and 36% for 37/6 rate which the Committee regard as exorbitant. Unfortunately they appear to have no option but to recommend the Co. Council to accept the rate at 30/-%."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., be recommended, in view of the manner in which public bodies are being mulcted by Insurance Companies, and particularly in connection with Workmen's Compensation Act 1934, to undertake business under Workmen's Compensation Insurance generally. By so doing they would save considerable sums for local bodies."

#### INSURANCE STEAM CRANE COURTTOWN HARBOUR

The Co. Surveyor submitted letter from New Ireland Assurance Company, Dublin, that insurance for steam crane at Courttown Harbour could not be regarded as coming within an extension of present policy for steam rollers etc. The steam crane Insurance should be covered by a motor policy for which



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they submitted the following quotations:-

Anyone Accident £500 and unlimited number for year £4.

" " £1000, unlimited for year.....£5;

" " £2000, " " " .....£6:10s.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the Co. Council be recommended to insure steam crane at Courtown Harbour with New Ireland Assurance at £5 covering liability of £1000 for any one accident and unlimited for any one year."

#### COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

##### REFORMATORY & INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL SYSTEM

Under date 22nd August, 1934, the Secretary, County Councils' General Council enclosed the terms of reference to above Commission and asked for suggestions relative to the various heads.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer to ask Mr. Corish to obtain all information possible in the matter at the meeting of the Executive Committee of General Council of County Councils on 30th August, 1934.

##### RATE ABATEMENT - AGRICULTURAL LAND

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That allowances as set out on foot of each claim Abatement Form in connection with Rates on Agricultural Land be and are hereby agreed to the total number of claims being 3927 and the number of employees concerned 7878 (2601 Male relatives and 5277 male employees). The total valuation on which abatement of rates will be made by reason of amount of employment afforded is £85,171."



### RATE COLLECTION

By directions of a recent meeting of Finance Committee Mr. James Quirke (No.1 Collection District) came before the meeting in connection with the large amount of Rate carried forward in his district. The amount of Warrant was £8546 and the "carry forward" £2124.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Quirke said he had no explanation to make in the matter only that he did his best. The Chairman said that some explanation was due as to why Mr. Quirke could not collect over £2000.

Mr. Quirke said he had large amounts on decrees from the previous year. There was about £800 of a carry-over last year and there was double that for this year and there was £600 in decrees. Farms were not derelict but it was a grass district and there was nothing on them. He did not think there were people on the list able to pay if they had been proceeded against. He did not take out any decrees this year. Some of the persons against whom decrees had been obtained could have paid.

The Chairman asked the Collector if he had ever seized under his own warrant and Mr. Quirke said he had not money enough to do that as the Co. Registrar would hold him responsible for any expenses incurred in seizures. The reason he did not take out decrees this year/<sup>was</sup> because those obtained last year had not been executed.

Mr. Keegan - Can a Rate Collector seize furniture or other property as well as cattle.

Mr. Elgee - Yes.

Mr. Keegan - Something should be seized besides cattle. Any Rate Collector can walk into a man's house and say "all here in mine until the rates are paid", so we should get away from cattle.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Elgee said that the Rate



Collector was empowered to seize motor cars or furniture.

Mr. Elgee said he had several decrees for Mr. Quirke but the difficulty in getting them executed was owing to the expense and for which the Collector would be liable.

Some names of outstanding ratepayers were mentioned to Mr. Quirke and who the Finance Committee considered should be able to pay but Mr. Quirke denied this.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Elgee said that any seized goods should be offered by public auction.

The Chairman said they should ascertain, if, in the event of seized goods not being sold at a public auction could they subsequently be disposed of privately.

After further discussion Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Cullimore seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That Mr. Quirke, Rate Collector, submit to next meeting of the Finance Committee two lists of outstanding ratepayers, one of ratepayers who could be made pay and the second of people who were actually unable to pay.

Collector M. Murphy (Collection District No.12) also came before the meeting in connection with the large amount of "carry forward" in his case, viz: £865 out of a warrant of £4060

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Murphy said he had never seized on his own warrant: he had approximately £500 in decrees for rates of 1933/34. Three of these decrees were executed. In one a "nulla bona" return was made. He proceeded by examination Order against the ratepayer, and the District Justice made an order for payment at the rate of £1 per month, but nothing had been paid. In the two other cases the examination Orders were dismissed. If he seized stock on his own warrant he could not make sale of them. He was afraid that the collection would be very poor this year as the corn crop in his district was a failure.



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Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Cullimore seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That Rate Collector M. Murphy be directed to furnish for next meeting of the Finance Committee two lists of outstanding ratepayers (a) those who are able to pay and will not offer to do so and (b) those who are really unable to pay."

Collector Art Dunne (No.15 District) was also before the meeting as to the close of warrant for 1933/34, the amount of which was £8389 and the "carry forward" £1486.

Mr. Dunne was questioned closely as to the circumstances of several people on arrears' list who according to some members of the Committee were really in a position to pay. He had made one seizure on his own warrant but not in connection with the rate for last financial year.

Mr. Keegan said that in one case rent and rates had been paid over to a land-lord for a house, but this man had paid only portion of his rates to the Rate Collector.

In another case Mr. Dunne said he was informed by a Solicitor who was acting for him and for the ratepayer that nothing could be paid until a settlement of a law case had been arrived at.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Cullimore:- "That Mr. Dunne be directed to prepare two lists of outstanding ratepayers (a) those who are able to pay if pressed and (b) those who are really unable to pay.

The Secretary stated at the last Co. Council meeting Mr. O'Byrne handed him a letter from Leonard Carty, Glendoran, Gorey, stating he had paid Rate Collector Dunne, £10:1:2d rates and for which he had not been given official receipt. He (Secretary) communicated with Mr. Dunne in the matter and directed the Rates Inspector to make further enquiry.



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Under date 13th August, 1934, Mr. Dunne wrote that the amount in question was left at Mr. O'Byrne's on 31st July (not 21st of that month) as he Mr. Dunne was not in his office. As books had been closed he asked Mr. Carty to take the money back a few days later but Mr. Carty asked him to keep it as he would spend it if he got it back. On the 10th August, 1934, he again saw Mr. Carty and told him he was not in a position to give him a receipt and he said it did not matter for Mr. Dunne to keep the money and to give him a receipt when he (Mr. Dunne) was in a position to do so.

The Rates Inspector who had been instructed to investigate the matter produced the following letter from Mr. Carty under date 13th August, 1934:- "In connection with Rates due by me I left money at Mr. Dunne's office on the 31st July. Mr. Dunne was not then in the office and when I met him later he told me the Collection was closed. He requested me to take the money back and I asked him to hold money over for me until he got new books."

The Secretary stated the books were taken up on 23rd July, 1934.

The Committee considered it unnecessary to make any order in the matter.

#### ELECTORS' LISTS

Mr. Keegan produced a list of 29 Electors for Gorey Urban District who he said were not described as Local Government Electors on current Electors' Lists although entitled to the qualification.

Mr. Dunne, Rate Collector, admitted that some of the names should have been described as local Government Electors. Three were under age.

It was decided that Mr. Dunne be supplied with copy of the list and furnish his explanation for each case.



REFUND OF RATES

In connection with application by Messrs. M.J. O'Connor and Company, Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of Nicholas Furlong, Rosslare, for refund of £4:10:4d rates on a vacant house, Messrs. O'Connor & Co., wrote under date 1st August, 1934, that Mr. Furlong was unable to let the house as he could not find a tenant for such a large unfurnished place. In reply to query from Finance Committee that if the house was useless to him he should sell it, Mr. Furlong had recently assigned the house to his sister. There was no question but the refund was due to Mr. Furlong.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Cullimore:- "That in conformity with the advice of our Solicitor, refund of £4:10:4d rates on vacant house at Rosslare be made to Nicholas Furlong."

RATE COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE

The following letter under date 13th August, 1934, (G.102905-34 - Fa Loch Garman) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Cullimore, it was decided that copy should be furnished Rate Collectors:-

"In reply to your letter of the 6th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is not prepared to vary the decision conveyed in this Department's letter of the 8th June last regarding poundage on the first moieties of the 1933/34 warrants.

"As regards poundage on the second moieties, it is noted from Form 61 for last month that the warrants have been disposed of in a most unsatisfactory manner. In all but seven cases the amount carried forward to the warrant for the current year exceeds 10% of the entire warrant. In this connection particular attention must be drawn to the unduly large percentages carried forward in the districts of J. Quirke (22.5%) W. Doyle, (27.7%) and W. Cummins (22.25%). These figures indicate clearly that the collection of the rates has not been prosecuted with the necessary diligence and before expressing sanction to the payment of poundage on the second moieties, I am to state that the Minister will expect the Council to take such steps in connection with the collection of the rate in the current year as will ensure reasonable progress on the part of the Collectors. The Council should keep constant and close



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"watch on the progress of the collection in each district and immediate disciplinary action should be taken in any case in which a Collector fails to apply himself diligently to his duties. In so far as the Minister is concerned, I am to make it quite clear that in future his sanction to interim and to final poundage will only be given when the prescribed conditions have been fully satisfied. Poundage on the second moieties of the 1933/34 warrants may be paid as follows:-

"(a) full normal poundage to Collectors

J. Deegan (7), J.J. O'Reilly (13),  
D. Kenny (14), E.J. Murphy (17),  
M. Kehoe (18), J. Curtis (19), and  
P. Carty (20).

"(b) normal poundage less 15% to all other Collectors, save

"(c) Collectors J. Quirke, W. Doyle and W. Cummins, who may only be paid poundage less 20%."

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

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

"In view of the fact that in consequence of the trouble with Dublin daily Newspapers, advertisement for loan of £10,000 to Wexford County Council under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, has been published locally only, and also as we have been informed another Co. Council having made exhaustive inquiries to secure loan of £15,000 in the open market have accepted an Insurance Company for loan repayable in 30 years at 5% we again request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to consent to the issue of loan now applied for, viz. £10,000 from Local Loans Fund. By obtaining advance in this manner the Council will have five years longer for repayment and save  $\frac{1}{4}\%$  Interest.

"The best period of the year for building is passing and numerous enquiries from persons anxious to secure advances under Small Dwellings Acts are being received weekly by the Council."



GOREY COURTHOUSE

Under date 17th August, 1934, Mr. F.M. Mulrennan, 4, Charlotte Row, Gorey, wrote applying for use of Gorey Courthouse, for the night of 13th September, 1934, in connection with a dance which was being held for a charitable object.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "The Finance Committee regret they cannot see their way to allow the use of Gorey Courthouse for dance on 13th September, 1934, as Courthouse can only be used for such functions in connection with matters concerning the Co. Council or any of its Committees."

COMPLAINT BY HAULIERS

Complaint made by Wm. Hayes, Campile, on behalf of hauliers in his district as to distribution of work and reply of Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, were referred to Co. Council meeting.

APPLICATIONS COMPENSATION FOR CRIMINAL INJURY

The following applications for Compensation for Criminal Injury were referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, to defend:-

Edward Brennan, Ballyduff, £200. (burning of local Hall);  
Trustees of Hall £200;  
Patrick Fortune, Corah, Ballycarney, £20. (six cocks of Hay);  
Eileen O'Kennedy, Tellerought, £12 for destruction of fence.

MOTOR DRIVING LICENCE HOLDERS

Mr. R.A. Small, York Street Livery Garage, Proud's Lane, York Street, Dublin, wrote offering to supply motor driving licence holders to the Co. Council free of charge.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Kinsella seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That offer of Mr. R.A. Small to supply holders for motor driving licences free of charge, be accepted provided these are made and printed in Ireland.

"That we suggest the size of holder should be reduced to



"four inches by three inches to enable it to be kept in ordinary pocket wallet.

INTER-OFFICE TELEPHONE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by the Chairman:- "That the Co. Surveyor be empowered to procure Chad Valley telephone installation between Co. Council Chamber and Co. Secretary's Office at cost not to exceed £3:10s."

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WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION:- Mr. Corish said that arising out of the Minutes of Finance Committee he wished to stress the point that as well as Councils being saddled with greater liability the Compensation had been reduced from 35/- to 30/- weekly. That was the greatest draw on the funds of Insurance Companies. They have received very considerable sums from local authorities and as it appeared the Companies are taking an unfair advantage as regards recent legislation the public authorities of the Country should press on the Irish Mutual Assurances to deal with this class of business.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th August, 1934, be and are hereby confirmed."

MEETING 7th SEPTEMBER, 1934:- The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of above meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in Co. Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 7th September, 1934.

Present, Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding, also Messrs. Patrick Colfer, R. Corish, Wm. Cullimore, Mr. Doyle, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly and Sean O'Byrne.

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

All the Rate Collectors were also present for portion of the proceedings.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £5156:5:0d were examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

THE NEW COLLECTION:- The Chairman said that as they were about to start a new Rate Collection he thought it would be well for the Members of the Finance Committee to have a talk with the Collectors and explain to them what was expected from them by the Council. They should fix some date by which the first moiety would be collected and he suggested the 30th November.

Mr. Colfer said that in the rural areas very little would be collected until after the Harvest.

The Chairman said the Harvest had finished but Mr. Colfer said this did not apply generally to the South of the County.

After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Corish:- "The Finance Committee considers that a sum equal to the first moiety of Rates and arrears should be lodged by 31st December, 1934."



In connection with the issue of Credit Notes for rebate of rate on Supplementary Agricultural Grant, the Chairman considered it would be a great mistake to have the Credit Note in respect of First Moiety available up to 31st March, 1935, because this would act as a deterrent to the Collection of First Moiety.

Mr. Corish proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That we request the Department of Local Government and Public Health to allow the Wexford County Council to fix the 31st December, 1934, as the last day on which Credit Notes in respect of First Moiety of Rates will be honoured, any presented after that day for said Moiety to be regarded as invalid."

The Rate Collectors then attended.

The Chairman addressing them said that the Council expected the Collectors to get to work as soon as possible and to proceed as fast as possible. The Council he said had fixed the 31st December, 1934, as the latest date on which the first Moiety of Rate and arrears can be lodged and as regarded the issue of Credit Notes, provided the Minister agreed, the Credit Note in respect of first Moiety would not be available after the last day of the year but the Second Credit Note would run up to the 31st March, 1935. The Meeting would be glad to consider any matters which the Rate Collectors desired to lay before the meeting but he wished to again impress on them that the Council expected results immediately..Previously some of the Collectors were slow in starting with the result that for the whole year round the Collection was backward and dragged on in those particular districts. They were expected to get to work at once. If they could get most of the collection for First Moiety done in the early part of the year they would find it easier to get in a large proportion of the rate. Between this and the end of the year it would not be so difficult



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to get in the rates as during the Spring Period. They should lose no time whatever in starting and should bear in mind that the Land Commission would be collecting their Annuities in November and December and it was up to the Collectors to do their level best to get in all the money possible before then.

Collector Joseph Cummins, (No.8 District) who acted as spokesman for the Collectors, said they were dissatisfied with the present position. For the last two years they had a most difficult job - probably the most difficult in the County. They all did their honest best to collect the rates but the Law had almost broken down: ratepayers expressed dissatisfaction with them, they were abused and derided but they claimed to have done their very best. And having done this they did not expect to be "cut" in their poundage. They certainly did not expect to be paid on what they did not collect but in all fairness they should be paid on what they lodged and in this matter they felt they had a genuine grievance. They knew the Council were favourable and there should be some way out. The Department of Local Government were not unreasonable. As for seizures there would be no one found to purchase the Stock seized and the Rate Collectors were not in a position to guarantee the consequent expenses. He would ask the Chairman to put the case before the Minister for Local Government personally. It might be said they were not carrying out the terms of their appointment but at the present juncture anyone who expected that the Collectors could do this was living in a fool's paradise. As regards seizures, last week a seizure of 20 or 30 head of cattle did not realise the £6 expenses. In this case the Collector had utilized the law as far as it was possible but he got nowhere. In spite of incidents such as this the Collectors had been "cut" in their poundage and it was safe to say that some of them would not have £1 a week to live on. That was a poor



position in which to put a Collector. He would appeal to the Chairman to raise the matter of restoring the "cut" with the Minister for Local Government who he was sure would take a reasonable view of the matter.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, in reply to the Chairman said that if the Sheriff engaged men for a seizure and as a result the Sheriff might be out of pocket he would expect such expenses to be repaid by the Rate Collector.

Mr. Nolan, Rate Collector, (No.5 District) said that seven cows, a yearling and a horse which had been seized by him realised only £6:9s. while the expenses were £7 or £8, in addition to Solicitor's expenses. Last April or May he seized cattle and as they could not be sold they were returned.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Nolan said that in regard to the last mentioned seizure the Stock were not taken off the land.

The Chairman said that he understood any stock seized should be put into the public Pound and if that was not done it was doubtful if the Collector could be held responsible for the expenses.

Mr. Doyle said in the case referred to by Collector Nolan there was stock on the land for three or four years but the arrears were allowed to accumulate for a number of years up to £275 and no move was made to get the rate when it was much smaller. There was little possibility of recovering the full amount.

Mr. Nolan said the ratepayer had paid £50. He had seized 16 head of cattle and was able to dispose of eight only. The second eight were left on his hands for five or six weeks and he had to return them. There was about £200 due for rates on this particular holding previous to his appointment as Collector. In another case he obtained a decree for £70 but the Sheriff was unable to find anything to seize on the place. He tried for an Examination Order



but could not get it. The place was situate at Ballyknocken, Lady's Island.

The Chairman said that where a Rate Collector allowed arrears to accumulate he was inviting trouble. Regarding the lists of defaulting ratepayers which had been furnished County Councillors there was a large number, which to his knowledge could have paid. He would say to the Rate Collectors that if they had been more active they would have been able to obtain rates from a number of people whose names appeared on the outstanding list. These people had this year to pay the arrears and the current rate in addition so it could be seen if the Collectors are at all dilatory an arrear which will never be wiped off accumulates. If they had to bring the law into operation it would be much better to deal with cases of persons owing a small amount than to bring it into operation against people who owed £300 or £400 and who had nothing. That would be only throwing away good money and losing the rates also.

Mr. Doyle said if the Chairman's statement was correct it was the Rate Collectors who were to blame.

The Chairman said if the Rate Collectors acted a little oftener on their own it would have a great moral effect as regards the collection of rates over the whole County.

After further discussion Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted: "That the attention of the Department for Local Government and Public Health be called to the request of the Council on the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the "cut" in Rate Collectors' Poundage should be restored. That our Chairman be requested to interview the Minister, explain the many difficulties with which the Collectors had to contend, and endeavour to induce the Minister to take a favourable view of the request of the Council."



The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Colfer and seconded by the Chairman:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to approach the Department of Justice with a view to the adoption of an arrangement by which Rate Collectors will not be expected to guarantee the expenses of the Sheriff as regards seizures for Rates."

Mr. Doyle would not agree to the resolution. He would not advocate any more coercion on the unfortunate ratepayers. They had enough as it is.

The resolution was adopted, Mr. Doyle dissenting.

The Chairman said that some people who were able to pay took advantage of the fact that others were "hard set" to pay. These were the people the Rate Collector should be looking out for. The Rate Collector should know who was "hard set" and who were able to pay. Too many were now looking on rates as something which could be paid when they had paid everything else. They got this impression during these last couple of years owing to the disturbed state of the Country. If the Collectors set out right now and if the ratepayers are made to realise that so far as this Council is concerned they will see that ratepayers do their duty in the payment of their rates and will make no excuses in public or otherwise for Rate Collectors who fail to carry out their duty, the collection will be successfully carried out. It had been injured in the past by Councillors making excuses for ratepayers and Rate Collectors.

Mr. Dunne, Rate Collector, (No.15 District) submitted lists of outstanding ratepayers in his district setting out (a) the names of those able to pay and (b) those who in the opinion of the Collector were unable to pay.

It was decided that the Chairman and Mr. Keegan should examine both lists and submit their observations to next Finance Committee Meeting.

Two similar lists were submitted by Collector Quirke (No.1 District) and referred for examination to Miss O'Ryan



and Mr. Kinsella who were asked to furnish report in the matter to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

Mr. M. Murphy (No.12 District) was asked to submit similar lists but as he had dealt with only certain ratepayers the lists were referred back to him with a direction to submit them in full detail.

POUNDAGE ON CREDIT NOTES:- Mr. O'Byrne proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution:- "That poundage be paid collectors on amount of credit notes and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction this proposal."

Passed.

RATE COLLECTION DISTRICT No. 7:- The following under date 31st August, 1934, (G.108,988/34 - 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 advert to your letter of the 20th instant regarding the appointment of a Collector for District No.7 and to state that he is not prepared to alter the decision conveyed in this Department's letter of the 11th instant."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cullimore:- "That as Rate Books have been issued to Collectors including Collector Deegan we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to allow the Council to continue in office for the present collection, Mr. John Deegan, Temporary Rate Collector for No.7 District: otherwise the collection will be held up."

RATE COLLECTOR O'REILLY:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That Collector Art Dunne (No.15 District) be continued as Temporary Rate Collector for No.13 District for current rate or for such period as Mr. O'Reilly holds the position of Temporary Rates Inspector, subject to sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to the approval of the Sureties of Messrs. Dunne and O'Reilly."



RATE COLLECTOR GANNON:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That Collector Gannon be continued as temporary Rate Collector for District No.6 for Collection of rate and arrears in respect of financial year 1934/35."

PRINTING CREDIT NOTES:- The following tenders were received for printing Credit Notes:-

- "The Echo", Enniscorthy.....£4:17:6d
- Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy.....£5:10:0d
- Messrs. J. English & Co.....£7: 0:0d
- The "People", Wexford.....£8:10:0d
- The "Free Press", Wexford.....£10:0:0d.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That the tender of "The Echo", Enniscorthy, at £4:17:6d for printing of credit Notes be accepted, provided the work is delivered as required by County Secretary."

ELECTORS' LISTS - PREPARATION OF

The Chairman said they had received complaints as to the preparation of Voters' lists which were not as complete as they should be. These complaints came from more than one District. They had a definite complaint from Gorey and Mr. Culleton at a recent meeting made a complaint as to portion of the list for Wexford District. The Council expected the collectors to be more careful in the preparation of these lists in the future. People resented very much being deprived of their votes on Election day and there was no reason why, if, Collectors, in the first instance, did their duty, that any citizen should not have the vote to which he was entitled. It certainly was very wrong to have him deprived of this vote through the negligence of a Rate Collector. No doubt some mistakes would be made but they could be brought down to the minimum and Rate Collectors should do this. Circulars had



been issued by the Department of Local Government that Rate Collectors would be suspended if the list was not in proper order. It was therefore up to the Collectors even for their own sakes to see that the name of every person entitled to vote appeared on the Electors' Lists.

Rate Collector Dunne supplied his observations to a list of 29 persons supplied by Mr. Keegan who, the latter contended, were deprived of Local Government Vote, The Collector held that of the 29, there were 20 who were not entitled to this Vote.

It was decided to refer Mr. Dunne's explanation to Mr. Keegan with a view to having the matter further discussed at next meeting of the Finance Committee.

#### AGRICULTURAL GRANT

Under date 22nd August, 1934, (Circular No. 24/16/34.A.) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote forwarding table showing the share of each County in the Agricultural Grant for the current year. The Grant was to be applied first to meeting the cost of the Primary and Secondary (Employment) Allowances, and the balance remaining by way of Supplementary Allowance at a flat rate in favour of that portion of the land valuation that received no relief out of the Primary and Secondary Allowances. The total amount of the Grant is £80,969.

In reply to the Chairman the Secretary said that the amount of rate for Primary and Secondary Grant was  $6/0\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £. and for the Supplementary Grant  $3/8\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £.

#### SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

The following under date 31st August, 1934, (F. 34927) was read from the Department of Education:-

"I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, and subsequent letter and enclosure of 14th instant, relative to the proposal of your Council to award additional bursaries in connection with the above-mentioned scholarship Scheme. I am to send you the accompanying copy of a letter which has been received from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors, Wexford, on the subject. I am to point out that it is not the function or province of the Minister for Education to



"decide legal difficulties arising out of the interpretation of the Scheme, and that his approval or opinion would not validate action taken by the Council, which a court of law might hold to be illegal.

"In the circumstances, therefore, I am to request you to refer the matter to the Council's legal adviser for his further consideration, and for submission to Counsel, if this is considered necessary.

"I am to add that the award of the five scholarships to the candidates who secured fourth, eighth, ninth, tenth and thirteenth places on the order of merit list, and of the three bursaries to the candidates who secured first, second and third places may be approved. The approval of the proposed additional bursaries is deferred pending further consideration, and reply to this communication."

In their letter to the Department of Education, Messrs. Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, contended that if the Council decided to make the award of the vacant scholarship they should award it as a Scholarship that was to say if they were going to make the award they should award six Scholarships and three bursaries and they had not the power, after the examination was over to award six bursaries and five scholarships.

The communication and enclosure from Department of Education were referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, who reported as follows under date 3rd September, 1934:-

"I have read the letter from the Office of National Education and the copy letter from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors, for Gerald William Fenelon, which accompanied same, and in my opinion, as I have already advised the County Council, they acted quite rightly in awarding (under the Provisions of Paragraph 2 of the Scheme) as Three Bursaries the amount available in consequence of a Girl's Scholarship being vacant, to the three boys who came fifth, sixth and seventh in the Examination Results, instead of awarding a Scholarship to a Boy who came eleventh on the list.

"The Scheme does not say that Six Scholarships shall be awarded, but that three Scholarships shall be awarded to Boys and Three to Girls which is not the same thing as Six Scholarships independent of the sex of the persons, and the Scheme sets out what is to be done if there is a vacancy for a boy's or girl's Scholarship as the case may be. The vacancy occurred in the present instance in the girl's section.

"To my mind, it would not be adhering to the provisions of the Scheme if the Council were to select the eleventh candidate on the list for an award, and pass over other candidates who had obtained higher places at the same Examination.

"The whole Principle of the Scheme is to secure Awards for the best qualified candidates, and the Council have carried this out."



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the second opinion of Mr. Elgge, Co. Solicitor, as to awards under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme be furnished to the Office of National Education and that they be requested to confirm the action of the County Council in awarding three bursaries to Messrs. Kelly, Swords and Sheil."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The President, University College, Dublin, submitted the results of Leaving Certificate Examination in connection with the above Scheme as follows:-

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME &amp; ADDRESS OF CANDIDATE</u>	<u>MARKS</u> <u>L. CERT.</u>
20th	Byrne James, Bayview, St. John's Rd., Wexford.	812
9th	Codd Anastatia, 27, William St., Wexford.	1109
1st	Cullimore Thomas, 15, Green St., Wexford.	1391
3rd	Delaney James J., 50, Parnell St., Wexford.	1238
15th	Doran James J., Palace East, New Ross.	934
16th	Ennis Susan Frances, 13, Grogan's Rd., Wexford.	927
13th	Forrestal Bridget, 10, South St., New Ross.	989
24th	Ffrench James, Ballyshane, Camolin. (Fail)	212
7th	Gantley William, 5, Quay, New Ross.	1172
21st	Hanlon James, 23, North St., New Ross.	704
6th	Kenny Patrick, Irish Street, Buncloody.	1195
14th	Lambert William Gerard, Sunnyside, Broadway.	962
19th	McCann Elizabeth, Motabower, Carnew.	851
22nd	McDonald Patrick Kevin, Kilmuckridge, Gorey (Fail)	628
11th	Murphy Laurence, Summerhill, Enniscorthy.	1072
23rd	Murphy Philip Ml., Knockreigh, Adamstown. (Fail)	517
17th	Murphy William A., Coolhull, Wellingtonbridge.	904
8th	O'Connor Margaret, Killeens, Wexford.	1115
4th	O'Sullivan Nora, Camolin.	1237
2nd	Power Patrick G.B., Chapel Railway Station.	1351
12th	Ronan Mary A., Drinagh, Broadway.	1023
10th	Sinnott Shane O'Neill, 7, Grattan Tce., Wexford.	1099
18th	Smyth Margaret Mary, 12, Wm. Street, Wexford.	884
5th	Tobin Philip, Bohreen Hill, Enniscorthy.	1210

The President of University College, Dublin, wrote that the best ten candidates in order of merit represented a very good average and the first four were especially recommended for award in their order of marks. If any of the four were ineligible or unable to proceed those following were recommended in so far as scholarships were available. The other candidates obtaining marks over 1000 total are 11th and 12th. From 13th to 17th they are between 900 and 1000 in



total, fair pass candidates. Only three of the 24 candidates failed the Leaving Certificate examination. The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That University Scholarships be awarded Thomas Cullimore, 15, Green Street, Wexford; Patrick G.B. Power, Chapel Railway Station, James J. Delaney, 50, Parnell Street, Wexford, who secured first, second and third places at the recent leaving certificate examination, and that fourth Scholarship be awarded William A. Murphy, Coolhull, Wellington-bridge (although he secured only seventeenth place at Exam) in view of the provision of the Scheme that the Agricultural Scholarship offered by the Council is to be awarded to successful candidate in examination irrespective of place obtained by him in results, provided he be entitled to award of Scholarship on marks obtained.

Under date 6th September, 1934, Mr. Michael J. Tobin, University Scholar, applied for an extension of his Scholarship to take lectures for the degree of Higher Diploma in Education and to complete the course for the B.Comm. Degree.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem. con:- "That an extension of one year be agreed in the case of University Scholarship held by Michael J. Tobin."

Miss Mary Kavanagh, Hollyfort, Gorey, wrote under date 6th September, 1934, applying for award of University Scholarship which was awarded to her in 1931 and reserved until she had completed her course as Teacher in the Training College. She had been unable to avail of the Scholarship last year as it was the Third year course of Lectures in the Training College,

It appeared that at the meeting of the Council on 14th September, 1931, four University Scholarships were awarded with the proviso that in the event of any of these



students failing to avail of award the vacancies should go to Joseph Flynn and Mary Kavanagh in the order named.

At the meeting of the Co. Council on 28th September, 1931, it was found that one of the successful candidates, Margaret O'Hanlon, had entered the Religious Life and the vacancy was offered Joseph Flynn at the meeting of the County Council on 12th October, 1931.

Mr. Flynn wrote that he was going to Rome to pursue his Ecclesiastical Studies and at the meeting of the Co. Council on 26th October, 1931, the following resolution was adopted:- "That vacant University Scholarship be offered to Mary Kavanagh, Hollyfort, Gorey, who has been decided by the Academic Council of University College, Dublin, as eligible for the award of such Scholarship.

The following resolution was adopted at the meeting of the Co. Council on 14th December, 1931:- "That University Scholarship awarded Miss Mary Kavanagh, Hollyfort, Gorey, be held over for her until she has completed her training for the position of National Teacher."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That in compliance with resolution of the Wexford Co. Council adopted at the meeting of the Council held on 14th December, 1931, the Council be recommended to approve of Mary Kavanagh, Hollyfort, Gorey, taking up her University Scholarship for present year."

ILLNESS OF MR. R. MALONE, M.R.C.V.S.

The following letter under date 24th August, 1934, (L.3554-34) was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letter of the 7th instant embodying resolution of the Wexford Co. Council in regard to the case of Mr. R. Malone, M.R.C.V.S., I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that he will offer no objection to payment of salary to Mr. R. Malone as Local Authority Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts and the Bovine Tuberculosis Order for the Wexford District for a maximum period of three months from the date on which he ceased to do duty in that capacity on account of illness. Please state the initial date of his absence on sick leave and also when it is expected that he will be able to resume duty."



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cullimore:- "That a further month's sick leave as from 22nd August, 1934, be granted Mr. R. Malone, M.R.C.V.S., on production of Medical Certificate, and that Mr. F. Staples, M.R.C.V.S., Wexford, continue to act as substitute for Mr. Malone during that period at rate of remuneration already agreed to.

"That the Department of Agriculture be requested to sanction this proposal and that Mr. Malone be requested to state when approximately he will be able to resume duty."

#### LOAN - SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

A long correspondence between Thomas Whittaker, Carrick Chambers, 51, Fountain Street, Manchester, and the County Secretary, was read. The former wrote that he had Clients with substantial funds who were prepared to invest with Local Authorities for periods of up to 40 years and asked to be allowed to submit an offer. The Co. Secretary wrote that the Co. Council were anxious to obtain a loan of £10,000 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts for 35 years. Replying to this Mr. Whittaker wrote that offers amounting to £250,000 had been made by his clients to Local Authorities in Ireland but other clients of his would be prepared to make loans to local Authorities subject to a "mutual" break every seventh year. Following this the Co. Secretary asked to be referred to any of the Local Authorities in Ireland to whom Mr. Whittaker's clients had advanced £250,000. In reply Mr. Whittaker wrote that his clients would not permit him to supply the names of the Local Authorities to whom loans had been advanced as these transactions were of a confidential nature.

The Finance Committee were of opinion that no advantage would be gained by continuing the correspondence with Mr. Whittaker.

Under date 30th August, 1934, the Department of Local Government & Public Health wrote (H.108078-34 Loch Garman)



that loan of £80 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts by Wexford County Council to Thomas Moran, Clonee, Camolin, had been sanctioned.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That the Co. Council be recommended to advance loan of £80 to Thomas Moran, Clonee, Camolin."

Report was read from Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, that the house proposed to be erected by Andrew Dwyer, Ballyoughna, Killenagh, under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts was value for £160.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman and adopted:- "That in view of report of Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, the Co. Council be recommended to advance, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government & Public Health, loan of £100 to Andrew Dwyer, Ballyoughna, Killenagh, for erection of house under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

GOREY HILL QUARRY  
CLAIM BY MISS PALMER.

Under date 4th September, 1934, Messrs. Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors, Gorey, wrote that in consequence of a "terrific" blast at Gorey Hill Quarry on the 30th August, 1934, considerable damage was done to the land and crops of their client, Miss Harriet E. Palmer, and she was put to considerable trouble in housing her cattle and endeavouring to have her lands cleared of stones. The damage was estimated at £12:15s. More serious than this, however, was the effect this blasting was having on Miss Palmer's dwelling house and out-offices, which received a very bad shaking on the occasion of the blast, referred to. Unless the damages were paid with £1:1:0d costs and the Council gave an undertaking to discontinue blasting in the Quarry the Solicitors would take such proceedings for the protection of their client's property as they may be advised.



The Co. Surveyor said he had asked Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District, to get Mr. G.W. Warren, Auctioneer, Gorey, to see the place before and after the blast and Mr. Warren reported that £1:10s. would be reasonable compensation. He (Co. Surveyor) had reported the claim to the Insurance Brokers on 6th September. On a previous occasion when Miss Palmer claimed for damage to her house and lands, Mr. Treanor had inspected the place and when the claim came before the Court the portion claiming for damage to the house was thrown out. She did get some compensation for the damage done by the stones to the surface of the land.

The Committee decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly, to leave the matter in the hands of the Insurance Brokers."

#### FOOD & DRUGS ACTS

Requisition for supply of various articles required by the Ex-officio Inspectors under above Acts from Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, was submitted.

In reply to query the Secretary said that the articles requisitioned would cost about £17 or £18. Some of them would be supplied from County Council Offices.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That articles requisitioned by Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, under Food & Drugs Acts be approved."

#### REMOVAL OF DRUM OF TAR FROM ROAD No.11

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, reported under date 3rd September, 1934, that on 1st September, 1934, Michael Boyle, Road Ganger, had reported to him that a drum containing about 30 gallons of tar was removed from a depot on the road at Whitemoor on the night of 30th or morning of 31st August. He (Mr. O'Neill) went to the road and with the Ganger had a look round but did not find any trace of the drum. Sometime later he secured some information and got in touch with the Garda



Siochana and on the 1st September, he was shown a drum containing some tar at the Garda Station, New Ross, and made a statement in the matter.

The Co. Surveyor said that he understood the Garda Siochana were proceeding against the person who (it was alleged) had taken away the tar drum.

#### GOREY UNION BUILDINGS

Under date 4th September, 1934, Patrick Dwyer, Gorey, applied for the use of a ward in Gorey Union Buildings for the drying of his tobacco crop for the month of October.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the application of Patrick Dwyer for accommodation in Gorey Old Union Buildings for the drying of his tobacco crop be referred to the County Board of Health."

#### APPLICATION CRIMINAL INJURY.

The following application for compensation for criminal injury was referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, to oppose:- Margaret Dempsey, South Main Street, Wexford, £2:2s. damage to shop window.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASE

Under date 4th September, 1934, the District Court Clerk, New Ross, wrote that application would be made to New Ross District Court for the committal to St. Aidan's Industrial School of Margaret Patricia Carroll, aged about 6½ years, illegitimate child of Rose Carroll at present employed as maid in the Auxiliary Hospital, New Ross.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, be directed to oppose the application for the committal of Margaret Patricia Carroll to Industrial School."

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ILLNESS OF MR. R. MALONE, V.S.

Under date 7th September, 1934, Mr. R. Malone, M.R.C.V.S., wrote apologising for the delay in replying to query as to sick leave which occurred as his doctor was away for summer holiday. The latter had now recommended that he (Mr. Malone) apply for a further three months' leave.

The following Medical Certificate under date 3rd September, 1934, was read from Dr. D.F. Walker, Springfield, Portlaw, Co. Waterford:-

"I certify that Richard Malone, Esq., V.S., who has been ill for the past three months and unable to work is still under medical treatment. He has made some improvement but is not yet able to carry out his duties and in view of the advent of Winter and probably bad weather I recommend that he be granted an additional three months' sick leave."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That a further three months' sick leave as from 22nd August, 1934, be granted to Mr. Malone, Veterinary Inspector, to this Co. Council, in accordance with Medical Certificate and that Mr. F. Staples, V.S., act as substitute during the period, remuneration for his services to be at the rate already agreed to, and that the Department of Agriculture be requested to sanction this proposal."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 7th September, 1934, be and are hereby confirmed."

LOAN FOR CO. BOARD OF HEALTH

Mr. Lawlor moved the following of which he had given previous notice, and which was circulated to the Co. Councillors on 8th August, 1934:-

"That permission of the Council be granted to Co. Wexford Board of Health to borrow a sum of £12,000 (Twelve Thousand Pounds) for the purpose of erection of Labourers' Cottages."

Mr. Ronan seconded.

Mr. Doyle asked what was the £12,000 for. Was it in



connection with plots which were in the possession of the Board of Health but which had not been built on.

The Secretary stated the Board of Health had in July, adopted a resolution directing that the 57 to 60 fenced Labourers' Cottage Plots in Enniscorthy area be built on, and the estimate of their Engineer for the work was £12,000, amount of proposed loan.

Col. Quin objected to the motion. They had decided to build cottages up to £100,000 and calculating on that the Board should have £20,000 or £25,000 left, from the old scheme. In those circumstances he could not understand why a new loan was necessary.

Mr. Doyle suggested that the following addition should be made to Mr. Lawlor's motion:- "That the £12,000 to be borrowed is to be taken into consideration at the time the new scheme for cottages is under consideration when Enniscorthy area shall be granted only their proportion of the number of houses less the number that would be represented by the £12,000 now sought for. But this proviso is not to be taken as applying to any scheme for the erection of houses in villages contemplated by the Government."

Col. Gibbon seconded Mr. Doyle's motion which was adopted on a show of hands 16 being for and 6 against.

Mr. Lawlor's motion was then agreed to with the addition suggested by Mr. Doyle, Col. Quin dissenting.

#### PROPOSED WEEKLY PAYMENTS

The following motion of which he had given previous notice stood in the name of Mr. Culleton:- "That the Road and Quarry workers be paid weekly in future."

In moving his motion Mr. Culleton said he would include in it all employees of the Council who were paid by the hour. The County Council workers were a satisfactory body which deserved consideration but the system of paying them fortnightly could not be said to be satisfactory. From personal



experience he could prove that Council workers who on their first employment might have to wait for three weeks for their pay suffered great hardship though it was stated by some Councillors they did not. It was said it would be difficult to alter the present system but he could not see that this was insurmountable as a subsidiary or petty cash account could be established to meet weekly payments.

Mr. Kelly, in seconding the motion, said that he would like to point out that in the north of the County, even when a man got his cheque under the present system, it was about four o'clock in the evening, and in the winter months that meant an extreme hardship, because it would be night and his wife could not go five or six miles to a town for supplies. In the neighbouring County of Carlow, the cheques were all sent out to the ganger in one envelope, and the men maintained it was a much quicker and more economical system.

The Secretary said that the system mentioned by Mr. Kelly had obtained in Wexford for a considerable time but the Auditor of the Department of Local Government and Public Health objected to it and in consequence a Pay Order was now sent to each employee of the Council after Finance Meetings.

Mr. Culleton complained that a receipt stamp had to be affixed to a Pay Order and the Council should make the men an allowance for this as their wages were supposed to be paid in full.

The Co. Surveyor admitted that the workers had a grievance. If a man started on Monday of last week he would have to wait three weeks for pay, but if he started this week he would only have to wait a fortnight. In regard to the first instance, after the first three weeks a man would get his pay regularly fortnight after fortnight, and if some provision could be made for advancing a man his pay for the first week he came into employment he thought that was all that would be necessary. If they were going to have weekly



payments they would have weekly meetings of the finance Committee and of course that would mean an extra day every week taken off the Assistant Surveyors' work, when they would otherwise be better employed.

Col. Gibbon said he thought the simplest way out would be to adopt the Co. Surveyor's proposal. He (Col. Gibbon) thought it was rather hard to keep a man out of his money for three weeks. He proposed that an Imprest Fund be created with the sanction of the Local Government Department and that the Co. Surveyor be authorised to draw on that fund to pay people in cases where hardships would be created.

Mr. Doyle did not think anyone was opposed to weekly payments, provided the cost was not exorbitant, but he thought the cost would be exceedingly great, considering the utility of the weekly payments. He would support the scheme if he knew the difference they would have in the cost of their clerical staffs - if not exorbitant, by all means let the men have weekly payments. However, he did not see that there would be very great hardship entailed if what the Co. Surveyor said were carried out, because he knew several employees on farms were affected by a similar system. No man engaged on his farm, for instance, got anything but a fortnightly payment. He seconded Col. Gibbon's motion.

In reply to the Chairman as to the extra work in the office consequent on weekly payments, the Secretary said he would certainly want one clerk to start with. The present staff were working up to full capacity.

The Chairman said he interviewed a number of road workers and the one grievance - in the case of coming in to work in the middle of a fortnight - was the only grievance they seemed to have. They would like to get weekly payments if they could but they said the objection in that connection was not a big one at all. The real trouble in the matter was they they would have to have finance meetings every week and he doubted



if Members would be prepared to attend weekly, and if they did, in addition to the clerk there would be extra travelling expenses for the finance Committee, and the day's work lost by the assistant surveyors.

Mr. Corish said his opinion was that there was a great deal of inconvenience caused to workers who were only paid each fortnight, and he suggested that some means should be devised by which men could be paid weekly, the same as in any other job. He did not see any reason why there should not be a special fund created. With regard to the question of the finance committee meeting every week, would it not be possible to have a sub-committee of the finance committee appointed from members who resided at convenient distances?

Mr. Cummins said there was not a road worker in his district but would like to get paid every week and the fortnightly system was not only a great inconvenience to himself but to the people with whom he was dealing.

The Chairman said that under the Public Bodies Order a sub-committee of the finance committee could not sign Treasurer's Advice Notes.

Mr. Corish - I do not believe they mean it to apply in that way at all - to keep a man from getting what he earns at the end of the week. I believe it is an inconvenience to everyone concerned.

The Chairman suggested that a sub-committee of the Council be appointed to go into the matter of the weekly payments and report to the Council.

Col. Gibbon said that ever since he became a member of the Council the subject had been brought up on at least two occasions. The Council went into the matter and referred it to the Secretary and the Co. Surveyor for report, and on each occasion found it impracticable.

Mr. Culleton said that even if a change of system meant the employment of an extra clerk he thought they should welcome



the increased employment. He admitted, as the Chairman had pointed out in reference to his interviewing workers concerned, that their principal grievance was in regard to what they called the "hanging" week, but they urged that the Council would, if possible, introduce a scheme to give weekly payments. With regard to a sub-committee not having authority to sign paying orders, as Mr. Cummins had said they were trying to do their best for the working people, and they had a sympathetic Government at present, and they should ask Mr. Corish to request sanction for such a procedure.

Chairman - They would have to pass legislation.

In reply to Mr. Doyle as to the cost that would be involved, the Secretary said there would be the double postage, two extra clerks and travelling expenses for the members of the Committee. The cost would be a lot more than £100.

Mr. Keegan - Would there be any possibility of holding the finance committee meetings only fortnightly, and having the committee make provision for the forthcoming week?

Secretary - The Department decided that every worker get a pay order and that must be backed by a treasurer's advice note which must be signed at a finance meeting.

Mr. Keegan - Would it be possible for the Committee to meet fortnightly and still make weekly payments?

Secretary - you can pay no road worker except through a finance committee.

The Co. Surveyor said that from time to time when there was a special hardship he had advanced the money out of his own pocket and got it back at the next finance meeting, but that could not be done wholesale.

Mr. Colfer - If you appointed a sub-committee of local members there would be no expense.

Secretary - But a sub-committee is not legal.

Mr. Colfer - I think we should try to make it legal.

Secretary - I recognise the hardship to the workers but



at the same time we have laws to keep inside.

The Chairman suggested that the matter be postponed pending the Department's decision on Col. Gibbon's amendment that an Imprest fund be created.

Mr. Culleton said that everyone seemed to agree that there was a hardship, and he would agree to an adjournment. He proposed that the Department be requested to state if it would be possible for a sub-committee of the finance committee to deal with treasurer's advice notes for the purpose of paying County Council employees on a weekly basis.

Mr. Kelly seconded and the proposition was passed.

Mr. Doyle said that in view of the adjournment he would ask the Secretary to ascertain the probable cost. There was no use in talking about it going to cost £100, it would cost £300 at least.

Chairman - £500 I think.

Mr. Culleton agreed to the postponement of further consideration of his motion as regards weekly payments and Col. Gibbon's motion as to the establishment of an Imprest A/c was also postponed.

#### CO.COUNCIL WORKERS & TRADE UNIONS

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Kelly:- "That on and from September 1st 1934, all regular road and quarry employees employed by the Co.Council be required to join an Irish Trade Union. That any worker who is over eight weeks in arrears in his union be dismissed unless he clears up his card. That no new worker be taken on the regular staff until he produces his trades Union Card to the ganger for inspection."

In moving the motion, Mr. Kelly said that in 1925, a similar one was passed by the Co.Council and enforced, and when the new council came into office in 1928 the resolution was rescinded. There were a number of road workers in the County who wished to be in a trades union and a number who did



not want to be. The argument put up by the people wanting to come into a trades union was that the men remaining out got the same concessions and for that reason they wanted to enforce it all round. A similar order, in accordance with his motion, was adopted by a number of public bodies, including the Dublin Corporation.

Mr. Culleton seconded the motion.

Col. Quin objected to the proposal most strongly because it attempted to turn the Council into a trades union. After all while the workers had their sympathy he thought it was not fair to force people to join a union. If a man, he continued, does not want to join a union, why should he be forced and why should we be forced to help that? We have nothing to do with a trades union and why should we be made into a trades union? I think it is most unfair and most abominable tyranny to force a man into a union.

Mr. Doyle - I also oppose the motion because I think the Co.Council should not be turned into a recruiting ground for any purpose such as is proposed by Mr. Kelly. We might as well turn around any say we will not employ anybody but a farmer for haulage work and we might as well put that forward as Mr.Kelly is doing with his motion. I say we have just as good a right to do that, and to turn the Co.Council into a recruiting shop for any union in the country is monstrous, and the resolution is one that should not have been brought forward.

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, said his opinion was that there was no power to dictate to any man as to whether he should belong to a union or not.

Mr. Sweetman said that in view of Mr. Elgee's opinion the resolution was out of order.

The Chairman said he considered the Council were bound to accept the opinion of Mr. Elgee in the matter but Mr. Corish questioned this.



Chairman - My belief is that the Co.Council as a Council would be stultifying itself in passing that resolution. We have no right to force workers to join a trades union, though, personally, I believe every worker in his own interest should belong to a trades union. The Council have no objection whatever to anyone belonging to a trades union, but I think the Council would be wrong to pass the resolution, even if we had the power to compel workers to join a particular union or otherwise. Proceeding, the Chairman said he would put the motion to the meeting.

Mr. Doyle - I must disagree with the people who are asking to put that resolution to the meeting. When you have it on the opinion of your solicitor, and if you think it is illegal, why should you put it? Proceeding, Mr. Doyle thought it was an extraordinary thing, having been guided by their lawyer's opinion and having adhered to his opinion in many things, to put such a resolution when it was illegal.

Chairman - Such a resolution was put before and carried here. It was rescinded by another resolution of the Council and I am taking that as a precedent for putting it now.

Mr. Keegan objected to the latter part of the resolution that a man should produce his insurance Cards to the Ganger. The latter should have nothing whatever to do with the employment of road workers or carters. The Council had adopted that rule and he hoped it would continue to hold.

After further discussion a poll was taken on the motion with the following result:-

FOR:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore and Kelly.(5)

AGAINST:- Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Cummins, Day, Doyle, Gibbon, Keegan, Lawlor, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Quin, Ml. Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Smyth, Sweetman, Walsh and the Chairman. (19).

Mr. Ronan (1) did not vote.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.



PROPOSED INCREASE OF WAGESROAD AND QUARRY WORKERS

The following motion of which he had given pervious notice stood in the name of Mr. Kelly:- "That the wages of all road and quarry workers on the regular staff be increased to 35/- per week, and that the working time be 47 hours."

Mr. Kelly said he would withdraw this motion and move it when the Road Works Scheme for next financial year was under consideration.

TWO MEETINGS ON ONE DAY

The following motion of which he had given previous notice stood in the name of Mr. Kelly:- "That in future, no two meetings of any Boards or Committees be held on the same day."

Mr. Kelly withdrew the motion as he said there was now no necessity for it as there were no two meetings of the Council or its Committees held on the same day.

CONTRIBUTION -  
TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF COUNCILLORS.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Kelly:- "That we ask the Minister for Local Government to introduce legislation at once whereby members attending any Boards or Committees will get paid travelling expenses when they attend 75% of the possible meetings within six months. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Minister for Local Government and to all the Co. Wexford T.Ds. That payments be made retrospective to members of Public Bodies elected or co-opted since January 1st, 1928."

Mr. Kelly said that it was grossly unfair that men who were elected to the Council for the first time in June last could not be made a contribution towards their travelling expenses because they could not perform an impossibility to comply with the law, viz. to attend 75% of the meetings held



during the half year. Although they attended every single meeting from the date of their election to the end of the half year they could not be paid a penny.

Mr. Corish seconded the motion which was adopted.

#### HOUSING ACCOMMODATION FOR FARMERS

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Lawlor:- "That we, the Wexford County Council, respectfully request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and the Executive Council, to introduce legislation whereby small farmers, holding up to 40 statute acres, would be entitled to have dwelling houses erected under the same conditions as applies under the present Labourers' (Housing) Acts. A certificate from the sanitary officer condemning their present dwellings and a statement of their inability to erect suitable dwellings themselves, are to accompany each application form. Copy of this resolution to be furnished to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and to each County Council in the Saorstát."

Mr. Lawlor said his reason for putting forward the motion was to call attention to the insanitary dwellings occupied by a number of small farmers who were unable to erect houses for themselves. None of the Acts at present in force applied to them, and these poor people had no money to start building. There were no funds made available to meet their case and some of them were living in very bad houses. He called the attention of the Council to the matter in the hope that the Government may do something for this class of person later on. In the parish he (Mr. Lawlor) lived in there were some wretched houses occupied by poor farmers with five and ten acres of land. He thought they should adopt the resolution, and it would probably create public opinion in the matter, and result in something being done by the Government for them. If some scale could be worked out as was worked in



connection with the dwellings for labourers it would be a great thing, and at a rental of 2/- or 2/6d per week, otherwise he was afraid these people would have to live in their wretched dwellings during their lifetime.

Mr. M. Redmond seconded the motion and said there was hardly anyone in the community at present as *badly* affected in the way of housing as was the small farmer.

Mr. Kelly - Cannot these people build houses under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act?

Secretary - Your loans are confined to houses subject to Government grants, and the reason for that was to ensure that a man applying for a loan was erecting a suitable house, and in addition you have the Government dealing with the plans and specifications. You have no concern with it, and I think it would be rather unwise for the moment to depart from that.

Mr. Kelly asked if the object of the motion was to give a man with forty acres of land a house and put him on the same plane as an agricultural labourer.

Chairman - If you pass the resolution it would do no harm, but I do not think it is feasible. A farmer with any size of a holding could get a loan under the Small Dwellings Act.

Mr. Lawlor - The loan is not all. He would not have the capital to start with and he will not get the loan until the house is up.

Chairman - He could apply to the Board of Works and have the house built on a charge on his holding.

Mr. Cummins - The charge would be too high.

After further discussion the motion was withdrawn.

#### PENSIONS FOR THE BLIND

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Lawlor:- "That we earnestly request the attention of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the fact that several claims for Blind Pensions have



"been provisionally passed by Enniscorthy and Killealy Old Age Pension Sub Committee (No.5) during the past two or three years and those persons are still awaiting medical examination by the Department's Officers. This constitutes a serious grievance as many of those people are destitute and the Department of Local Government and Public Health will not accept the Dispensary Doctors' Certificates. We earnestly request that the matter be attended to as soon as possible."

Mr. Kelly seconded.

Passed.

#### SLIPPERY ROADS

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Connors:- "That the Main Road leading into Ferns be treated to the extent of four feet wide on each side with light spraying of tar and chippings, to make it safe for horse traffic."

In moving his motion Mr. Connors said that every Councillor was aware of the very dangerous state of this trunk road between Ferns and Enniscorthy. Several complaints had been made in regard to it but nothing had been done. The farmers in the district could not do their business on account of its condition as they could not get their horses to keep their feet on it. Some men were obliged to go five miles of a round to get into town as horses were falling, cars injured and life and limb endangered. The road was impassible for horse traffic at the moment. Mr. Ennis had informed him he was not prepared to do anything to the road at present as he had no steam roller and no tar sprayer. He asked Mr. Barry, Co. Surveyor, for the sake of all the many farmers in the area to have something done. One could hardly walk on the portion of the road from the street of Ferns to the Rectory Gate.

Mr. Doyle seconded the motion.

Mr. Smyth supporting, said the Ballycanew road was being



repaired at present and he asked that some precautions should be taken to prevent the same state of things as existed at Ferns. He brought this up before but did not receive a definite answer.

The Co. Surveyor said that they were dealing with the sides of the road between Wexford and Rosslare so that horse traffic could use it with safety. They intended to continue that as far as they could leaving the sides rough.

The Chairman agreed with Mr. Connors as to the Ferns Road and pointed out that a big section of the road from Gorey to Enniscorthy was impassible for horse traffic and farmers attending Enniscorthy Fair from Gorey District had to go a back road the whole way and could not use the main road for drawing corn, coal or other supplies. Something should be done with that road to make it suitable for horse traffic. If the margin even at one side was treated it would be a help, but as he said something should be done and done speedily.

Mr. Keegan complained of the road from Gorey to Arklow but the Co. Surveyor said the complaints referred to roads on which there were hills while the Gorey-Arklow road was generally level.

Col. Gibbon said the problem applied all over the County and was not confined to an isolated case. They were tarring those roads under compulsion on the advice, and he used the word "advice" advisedly, given by the Inspector of the Local Government Department. They told the Council that unless they tarred these main roads the grants would be "cut". They should ask the Department to make an investigation into the matter. At one time they were going to experiment to see what could be done to make these roads safe for horse traffic, but he did not know what had been done. They should ask the Local Government Department for a definite report in the matter.

Col. Quin contended that the Gorey-Arklow Road would be



much better if the margins were removed. He had received several complaints from his workmen as to its slippery condition.

Mr. Walsh pointed out that more than one complaint in this matter had been made from Ross District. The hill at Knockmullen was almost impassible and the same could be said of the road from Mountgarrett Bridge. This caused a serious disadvantage to the town and to the surrounding districts, as people have to make long detours to carry on their business. Something should be done by the Government or by the Co. Council to relieve the situation.

The Chairman said it appeared to him there was entirely too much tar used on the roads. It boiled up through the surface giving one the impression that the road was really constructed with tar and not with stones.

The Co. Surveyor said that the road from Enniscorthy to Gorey was now beginning to become smooth. For a good while it had been the practice particularly on hills to have the sides finished with coarse material. If they did not use tar on these roads they would become pot-holed, after a very short time, and the surface deteriorated.

The Chairman asked if any funds were available to do the most dangerous places.

Mr. Redmond complained that going into the town of New Ross through the Maudlins the road was covered with loose stones which were dangerous to traffic.

Mr. Ronan supported the motion of Mr. Connors and also referred to the road from Ballycarney to Enniscorthy which was very slippery at Scarawalsh Hill.

The Co. Surveyor said the only thing could be done was to put on an extra dose of fine screenings. There were no funds to carry out a wholesale treatment of all the roads. They would put the "chips" on the sides of the road and leave it there.



Mr. Connors said this would be money thrown away, when they put the screenings on the road they were scattered in an hour's time.

Mr. Sweetman contended that if horses were properly shod they could use the roads with safety. Something might be done with the steep hills but it would be holding up progress if they went back to rough roads.

The Chairman said as the Co. Surveyor had no money to do what was proposed in Mr. Connors' motion there was no use in passing it.

After further discussion the Chairman put the motion which, on a show of hands, was adopted by 11 votes to 6.

The Chairman said they would give the Co. Surveyor instructions to do the bad parts of the road out of the Contingency Fund. He proposed the following resolution:-  
"That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be asked if they have any report on the investigation they made some time ago as to slippery roads and could it be furnished the Council."

Mr. Corish seconded the motion which was adopted nem.con.

#### EMPLOYMENT OF CO. COUNCIL WORKERS

Mr. Ronan said that with regard to the regular road and quarry workers, a certain number all over the county had been dismissed recently, and usually they were the men with the least number of stamps. He believed that that had been happening every year, and he did not think it was fair to the men. Some single men were kept on, while married men with very few stamps were being dismissed. He thought that if there was not sufficient money to keep the men on the whole crowd should work on until all were dismissed, or, if not, let them all work four or five days a week and give them all the same money.

The Co. Surveyor said it certainly would not be feasible to go ahead and work out all the job at once. As a rule the



men retained were the best men, and usually - he would not say always - they were men with dependents.

Mr. Corish - Married men were to get first preference always, weren't they?

Co.Surveyor - After all if we have men working with us twelve or fifteen years and doing good work it would not be good business to dismiss them.

Mr. Ronan - Why not employ all the men, say, for five days a week, instead of dismissing a couple of men, say, out of ten? Why not keep them on four or five days a week for the whole season?

Mr. Lawlor - This thing of dismissing men causes discontent.

The Chairman said he had had complaints about the same thing. He supposed it was compulsory on the Co.Surveyor, owing to funds, but he thought it would be better if he could devise some system - put them on a short week if there was no objection.

Mr. Sweetman thought that system would be very bad. A man working on short time could not get a job for the remainder of the time. He thought the Labour people would object to that. If a man lost a job he might be able to get a job somewhere else, but working five days a week he had a day to throw away. They would lower the standard of living among the workers.

Mr. Ronan said that, unfortunately, a man who was dismissed had nothing if he had no stamps.

Mr. Sweetman - He has a possibility of getting a job. I think you would have a much bigger outcry if you put them on a five-day week and reduced their wages accordingly.

Mr. Connors - Is it true you have men on direct labour that never drew any of this dole?

The Co.Surveyor said there were some men who got as much time as they could give them, though not the whole time



Mr. Connors - Are you aware that there are men that have no stamps?

Co. Surveyor - There are two ways of looking at the matter, and that is really the difficulty. One thing is the question of giving employment, and the other is a question of getting the work done. We have been trying to get the work done in the most efficient manner.

Mr. Corish said he had always been, and always would be, against the policy advocated by Mr. Connors. It was a vicious principle. He wondered how would Mr. Connors like to walk out of his employment and let some other one into it. He was against the principle of putting men out because they had insurance stamps on their cards. If that principle were started they would not know where it was going to end. No man was going to be sure of any job. There was something to be said for the point raised by Mr. Ronan, especially where single men were kept on, and he thought there should be an inquiry into the matter. He did not think the question of shortening the week would solve the question.

Mr. Keegan said there was a lot of discontent in the matter. Men had ten or twelve years' stamps. There was always work provided for a certain section of men. There was a certain amount of discontent in that way. Another thing he would like to know - there was a couple of thousand pounds being laid out at the moment on a road from Gorey railway bridge, and at present there was no hand-breaking. The people generally were of opinion, when £2,000 was mentioned for a short bit of road like that, that it was going to relieve a lot of unemployment. He thought it had relieved very little unemployment. It was what they called their own staff in the majority of cases, that were doing all the work. A number of men who expected hand-breaking on that work had been with him.

The Co. Surveyor said he would not consider hand-



breaking suitable for the work at all.

The Chairman said that two or three years ago the Council adopted a scheme of hand-breaking all over and it gave a huge amount of employment. It seemed that the Council had reversed that policy and had gone back to machine-broken stones. He thought they should advocate a system of, as far as possible, having stones broken by hand.

The Co.Surveyor said they broke a lot of stones by hand.

The Chairman proposed that a small committee go into the whole matter of short time, etc. with the Co.Surveyor and also with regard to the hand-breaking of stones, and see if more employment could be given through the money available.

Mr. Sweetman seconded, and the proposition was passed.

Mr. Meyler proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the question of employment of men, short time and hand-breaking of road material be referred to the Finance Committee."

#### HAULAGE WORK AT CAMPILE

The following relative to above was read:-

"I beg to bring before your notice the complaint of four or five hauliers in this district. Their complaint is that the haulage is not equally divided. One man, who is single, gets all the special haulage, as the records of Mr. O'Neill's books will show, and there is the continued employment of a man named James Grace, at 9/- per day, while we, as married men, only get about 30/- for the year all round. We say that employment should not be left to the local ganger who employs his favourites. We are small ratepayers, with three or four acres, and we beg of your council to make some arrangement so as the work will be equally divided, and each get a share. We also complain that one hauler is employed at the crusher every time it is at work in Campile quarry - a man by the name of Whelan, who is a blacksmith, with twelve acres. We complained of this case before, and there was no alteration for some time, but the crusher has been here now three times and the one man is employed with two horses."

The communication was signed "Yours fraternally" by William Hayes, on behalf of James McGrath, James O'Brien, Wm. Shannon and John McFarlane.

The Secretary said he acknowledged Mr. Wm. Hayes's letter but it was returned with "address not known".



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Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district, replied: Grace has been employed occasionally for a number of years as a labourer and a carter. He is at present employed in hauling tarred stones from the depots for spreading. He is, in my opinion, as much in need of some work as any of the memorialists, and he is far more efficient. Nicholas Whelan has been employed at the crusher in Campile quarry, and occasionally twice a year for the last eleven years, and he has given every satisfaction. Whenever there was need of a second carter, Wm. Shannon was employed. Shannon's son has the haulage of four roads, and James McGrath has the haulage for four roads. James O'Brien John McFarlane and Wm. Hayes have one road each. McFarlane was offered some haulage a short time ago, but refused it, as he said he was better paid by the local Co-operative Society. He is also contractor for a road, and his money is always deferred for want of work. The same remark applies to McGrath. All the carters get their share of any work under relief grants, or otherwise, in the district."

Col. Quin proposed that they accept Mr. O'Neill's report as satisfactory.

Mr. Redmond (Thomas) seconded the proposition, which was unanimously adopted.

#### OLD AGE PENSION SUB COMMITTEE No.4.

Under date 9th August, 1934, Very Rev. Dean Rossiter, P.P. Gorey, wrote that he was much obliged to the Co. Council for wishing him to continue membership of the local Old Age Pension Sub Committee No.4, but he would regard it as a favour if the Council would kindly consider the matter as settled by his previous letter.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Cummins:- "That we accept with regret the resignation of Very Rev. Dean Rossiter as member of Old Age Pension Sub Committee No.4 and that Rev. Owen Kavanagh, P.P.



"Ballygarrett, Gorey, be appointed to the vacancy."

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution:- "That Mr. James Connors, Gorey, be appointed a member of Old Age Pension Sub Committee No.4 vice Very Rev. Dean Rossiter, resigned."

On a show of hands 13 voted for the appointment of Fr. Kavanagh and 4 for Mr. Connors.

The Chairman declared Fr. Kavanagh elected.

#### TEMPORARY RATES INSPECTOR

Under date 31st August, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.109989/34 - Loch Garman) that the Minister raised no objection to the temporary arrangements proposed by the Council for having the duties of Rates Inspector carried out pending a permanent appointment.

#### MEN EXECUTED IN 1923

Under date 27th August, 1934, the Department of Local Government & Public Health wrote (G.108077/34 Loch Garman)

"With reference to your letter of the 17th instant transmitting a resolution of the Council directing the railing of a plot at the County Hall and the erection of a slab containing the names of the men executed on this spot in, 1923, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that this matter appears to be one for the County Council. The Minister was pleased to learn that the Council have decided to take this action."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by the Chairman:- "That the County Surveyor prepare the necessary plans etc. for railing round plot in which lie the bodies of the men executed in 1923 and also the slab for same."

Col. Quin said it appeared in the *P*ress that the resolution of the Council on this matter was passed unanimously. He, for one, did not want to say anything upon it at the time, as the people concerned were dead, but at the same time he would look upon himself as a coward for not having referred to it at that time. He thought the decision of the Council was casting a slur on the late



Government, for whom he had very great respect.

Mr. Keegan - It is rather an unusual motion that Col. Quin will not dissent from.

Mr. Cummins - It is a pity that you are not with us.

#### TURF DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Under date 20th August, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Combined Purchasing Section) wrote calling attention to the establishment of the Turf Development Board Ltd., whose function would be to encourage the production and consumption of turf throughout An Saorstát. The Board aimed at co-ordinating the production and distribution of turf and towards this end had set up in Turf producing districts Co-operative Turf Societies which the Minister for Industry and Commerce desired to be fostered to the greatest possible extent. Local Bodies could very materially assist this object by making arrangements to order their supplies of Turf through the Development Board which, in turn, would arrange for delivery from the local co-operative Societies. Before placing an order for turf the Local Bodies should communicate with the Secretary of the Development Board, 10, Hume Street, Dublin.

#### STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES

Under date 31st August, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (IR/45) that explosives required for quarrying road material could no longer be arranged for in Military Barracks and local authorities would have to make their own arrangements in the matter. The County Surveyor should report to the Council and make suitable recommendations having regard to the provisions of the Explosives Act 1875. Provision had been made in some Counties for the storage and distribution of explosives and Surveyors of adjoining Counties might make temporary arrangements for the joint use of an existing building



licensed for the purpose in any of such Counties until permanent arrangements could be made. The Co. Surveyor should report direct in this matter to the Department and if accommodation existed he should furnish particulars as to the control and distribution of the explosives.

Where buildings were proposed to be erected specifications and drawings for an explosive store and Detonator Annexe for the storage of one ton of explosives would be made available for Surveyors so far as was possible.

The Co. Surveyor said he had the plans in question from the time it was in contemplation to erect a store in the grounds of the County Hall. The Store was bound to be, by Law, a certain distance from any building and this was possible for a small Magazine until the Corporation erected a small "town of houses" outside the boundary wall of County Hall. It was now out of the question to secure a site on the premises. The only place available would be Kerlogue Quarry or possibly in Ballyboggan on the other side of the town. It would not be possible to join in with any other County as Wexford would be too far away from them and besides Wexford County probably used more explosives in the year than any three other Counties. He would submit a report in the matter to the next meeting of the Finance Committee. The explosives were stored at present in a very indifferent place in the old Military barracks and into which rats had broken. The Council were bound to put the Magazine away from any building and the only place available is Kerlogue Quarry. They should also see that the Magazine will be far enough away to prevent any injury taking place by an explosion in the quarry.

Adjourned to next meeting of Finance Committee for report of Co. Surveyor.



STOPPAGE OF SALARIES OF OFFICIALS

The following under date 18th August, 1934, (G.102900-34) was read from Department of Local Government & Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to advert to your letter of the 6th instant regarding the payment of withheld remuneration to certain officers of the County Council. I have to state that the Minister intends to bring forward proposals for amending the Local Government Act, 1933, Section 7, by extending the period within which payment may be made to officers whose cases come within that section."

ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT

1934/35

Under date 17th August, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) (S.G.M./32) wrote that the Minister had approved of the Scheme of road improvement proposed to be carried out by Wexford Co. Council under the terms of the Minister's letter (S.G.M./201) of 24th July last. The following Works Numbers had been assigned to the various sections of the Scheme:-

	<u>Grant.</u>
	<u>£</u>
M.851 (a).....	2400
M.851 (b).....	1600
M.851 (c).....	2600
M.852.....	2393
M.853.....	1000
M.854.....	1100
M.855.....	2400
	<u>£13493</u>

The arrangements regarding employment of labour were as set out in Circular letter S.G.A./202 - 5th June, 1934.

The Secretary reported that the Department of Local Government and Public Health had paid £4,650 on foot of this Grant.

AUTHORISED COMMITTEES

The following under date 6th September, 1934, (G.102907-34 - Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 6th ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he assents to the recognition of the



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"Tenders Committee as an "Authorised Committee" for the purposes of Section 63 of the Local Government Act, 1925.

"The Minister's approval to the recognition of the Finance and Library Committees was signified in this Department's letters of the 24th September, 1928 (Reference G.51635/28) and 10th October 1928 (Ref.G.68004/28) respectively."

#### FOOD & DRUGS ACTS

Under date 13th August, 1934, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.3434-34) that the following samples of butter taken up by an Officer of the Department at the end of July, 1934, had been certified by the County Analyst to be genuine:- Enniscorthy 4 samples; New Ross 4; Bunclody 3; Gorey 3. Total 14.

#### RATE INSPECTORSHIP

Under date 24th August, 1934, (L.A.22/7/34) the Local Appointments Commissioners wrote that every effort would be made by them to recommend a suitable person for appointment in time for the meeting of the Co.Council on 10th September 1934. Owing to pressure of work this may not be found possible in which event, the Commissioners will issue their recommendation at the earliest possible date after 10th September, 1934.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That this Council will expect the Local Appointments Commission to be in a position to make recommendation for appointment of permanent Rates Inspector by next meeting of Co. Council to be held on 8th October, 1934."

#### LOCAL LOANS FUND.

Under date 25th August, 1934, the Department of Finance acknowledged (F.60/9/33) the resolution of the County Council asking that the Rate of repayment of loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts should be made retrospective at 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ %



### CAMOLIN PARK ROAD

The Irish Land Commission wrote (A.&R.42206/34 - Record No.E.C.4198-Co.Wexford) that in connection with the resolution of the County Council they were prepared to contribute £500 towards the reconstruction of the road through Camolin Park provided it is constructed and maintained by the County Council and that a sum of not less than £1000 is spent on its reconstruction. They could not alter the terms under which they proposed to grant this amount.

Referred to meeting of County Council at which Roads Works Scheme for next financial year will be considered.

### CENTRAL SAVINGS COMMITTEE

Under date 4th September, 1934, the Secretary, Central Savings Committee wrote directing attention to the good work which they had accomplished and stated they intended sending to the Council each month a brief statement showing the sales and repayments of certificates etc. in Wexford County. If the Council agreed such statement be noted on the Minutes of their meetings it would appear in the local Press and in this way would help to focus public attention on the movement which had the unequalled approval of all classes irrespective of creed or politics.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Ronan seconded by Mr. Thomas Redmond:- "This Co.Council will be happy to have inserted on the Minutes of their meetings, particulars of the sales of saving Certificates and their repayment, as furnished by the Central Savings Committee."

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS UNION

#### POUNDAGE OF RATE COLLECTORS.

The following extract from letter of Local Government Officials' Union under date 14th May, 1934, which had been referred to the new Co.Council, but consideration of which was adjourned from the two last meetings, was read:-



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"Poundage Rate:- It has been intimated to my Union that the rate of poundage payable to some Collectors is on the basis of 5d in the £. while others are remunerated at the rate of 7d. On behalf of those on the lower scale I am to appeal to your Council that, apart from the unnecessary distinction created this rate is unduly low and incommensurate with the difficult and responsible work which is discharged by these officials. I am, therefore, to request that your Council will earnestly consider this representation on behalf of these lower paid Collectors with a view to instituting an uniform scale of 7d in the £."

Mr. Corish gave the following notice of motion for consideration at next meeting of the Council:- "That the Poundage Rate for all Rate Collectors in the service of Wexford Co. Council be fixed at 7d in the £."

HOLIDAYS OF CO.MEDICAL OFFICER

Under date 24th August, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.10898-34 Loch Garman Ae) that the Minister had approved of the temporary appointment of Dr. M.J. Bastible, D.P.H. as a substitute for a period of two weeks for Dr. C. Bastible, Co.Medical Officer of Health during the latter's absence on annual leave. The Minister would be glad to be informed of the remuneration to be paid Dr. M. Bastible for the discharge of the duties.

The Secretary, Co. Board of Health wrote under date 28th August, 1934, that the Board did not make any recommendation as to the amount of remuneration to be paid substitute for Dr. Bastible, Co.Medical Officer of Health, but the remuneration which had been paid at all times to substitutes had been at the rate of £10:10s. per week with vouched travelling expenses.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Col. Quin:- "That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, Dr. Ml. J. Bastible, substitute for Dr.C. Bastible, Co.Medical Officer of Health, be paid a sum of £27:18s. for salary at £10:10s per week with £6:18s. vouched travelling expenses, during the balance of annual leave of Co.Medical Officer of Health."



Under date 27th August, 1934, letter was read from Secretary, Co. Wexford Board of Health, that the Board had granted Dr. C. Bastible, Co. M.O.H., four weeks' special leave beginning on 24th September and ending on 22nd October, 1934, Dr. M.J. Bastible, M.D., D.P.H., was approved as substitute with remuneration at the rate of £10 per week subject to the ratification and approval of the County Council.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following motion "That we hereby confirm the recommendation of the County Board of Health as regards leave etc. of Dr. C. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health."

As an amendment Mr. Bowe proposed and Mr. Meyler seconded the following:- "That Dr. C. Bastible, Co. M.O.H., be granted special leave from 24th September to 22nd October, 1934, but that he provide a substitute at his own expense."

This latter proposal was agreed to without dissent.

IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION  
OFFICIAL GUIDE TO COUNTY.

Under date 18th August, 1934, letter was read from above Association for the authority of the Co. Council to issue the sole official Tourist Guide to the County under its auspices for 1935 and if the Council were agreeable for years 1935/36. Compliance with this request would not involve any financial responsibility on the part of the Council as the cost of production would be recouped from advertising Revenue. The material published in the Guide would be subject to the approval of the Co. Council.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the application of Irish Tourist Association for authority to issue the sole Official Tourist Guide to the County for 1934, 1935 and 1936 be agreed to provided the subject matter receives the approval of the Chairman of the County Council and that the guide be printed in Co. Wexford on Irish made paper."



POISONS & PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to the following:-

Renewal Licence: John Mythen, Blackwater.

New Licences:- Anastatia Somers; Coolgreaney; Buttle Bros. & Company, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy (D.W. Besanson).

Messrs. Armstrong, 20, Cathedral St., Enniscorthy, (Christopher Smithson).

HEALTH BOARD OFFICES

In connection with the proposal to provide new County Health Board offices in the County Hall, the Co. Surveyor reported that, as directed by the Co. Council, in company with Mr. Flood, Engineer for Co. Board of Health, he made an inspection of the old Marshalsea prison building at the back of the Co. Hall with a view to its conversion into offices for Health Board. He was satisfied that the work could be done and satisfactory office accommodation obtained. He estimated the cost at £3,000. He was informed that the matter was before the Health Board on a recent date, and he had a communication from the acting Secretary of the Board to whom he replied that without the direct authority of the Co. Council he could not proceed with the preparation of the plans. He now awaited instructions from the Co. Council.

Mr. Corish proposed:- "That the Co. Surveyor be asked to prepare the plans. The office accommodation for the Co. Board of Health was disgraceful, and he thought it very desirable to have the offices in the Co. Hall."

Mr. Kelly seconded the motion which was adopted.



COURTOWN HARBOUR

Under date 4th September, 1934, recommendation was received from the meeting of Courtown Harbour Committee asking the Co. Surveyor to name a date to receive a deputation with a view to having the necessary repairs effected to the Harbour Master's House and Store, and also to having the grounds outside the Harbour Master's house levelled and cleaned up for parking of buses and cars so as to relieve congestion in street and Square on Sundays.

Referred to Co. Surveyor to arrange for reception of deputation.

The following recommendation was received from the meeting of the Courtown Harbour Committee held on 4th September, 1934:-

"That the Co. Council be asked to fix a charge of Sixpence per horse load for the gravel which has been banked by the grab. Also to agree to a charge of twopence per horse load for gravel drawn off the South Beach. These recommendations are made with a view to raising revenue towards the cost of maintaining the grab."

The Co. Surveyor said that it was right enough to sell the gravel taken out of the channel by the crane and grab but the gravel on the foreshore was under the control of the Department of Industry and Commerce and the Co. Council had no authority to interfere with it.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That gravel at Courtown Harbour taken up by working of grab be sold, as recommended by Courtown Harbour Committee, to local people at 6d per horse load."

The following report in connection with the working of Crane and Grab at Courtown Harbour was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"I beg to report for the information of the County



"Council that the crane and grab has arrived in Courtown, and has been erected by our Machinery Overseer and helper. The machine appears to be very satisfactory, and I wish to commend the work of our Machinery Overseer in its erection, and also in starting the work of grabbing. I have now provisionally arranged with the harbour master and watchman at Courtown Harbour to take charge of the crane and run grab, and provision must be made for their remuneration. I believe that these men will be capable of carrying out the work, and I suggest that a small addition to their wages should be made so as to have them at all times available for running the crane when required. This arrangement should, in the first instance, be probationary for a period of three or six months, and if they continue satisfactory it would then be open to the Co. Council to permanently appoint them in charge. It will be necessary also to authorise me to deal with the running expenses, and in the next estimate provision must be made to cover same.

"I am now in communication with the Office of Public Works with a view to having the Fag-na-Bealach available to enter basin and complete the dredging of it as previously arranged. The entrance channel is now of a fair depth throughout, and will be sufficient for the entrance of the dredger in a week or so."

Col. Quin said that from an inspection of the working the crane and grab were not properly run. The jaws of the grab never came together and half the stuff fell out on the lift, in fact, only one bucket in five had a fair load. There was no system in the working and everyone was laughing at it.

Mr. Keegan praised the manner in which the crane and grab had been erected by the Machinery Overseer.

The Co. Surveyor said that as regards Col. Quin's remarks that the jaws of the grab were not closing and the stuff falling out, this was bound to happen where they were dredging stuff which was not uniform. Where they had to deal



with gravel of different sizes a stone very often got in between the teeth of the jaws and some of the stuff would drop out. This would happen with the most expert of operators. The Harbour Master and Watchman at Courtown would be able to operate the machinery with a little practice. They now had a channel of five to six feet minimum right through, and up to seven feet in places and all boats at the harbour were able to get in and out.

The Chairman agreed with the Co. Surveyor. The men were doing their work in a satisfactory manner and had dredged a large heap of gravel from the channel already. If they adopted the report of the County Surveyor they could allow the men three months in which to acquire a thorough knowledge of the working of the crane and grab.

The Co. Surveyor said that the sluices were now able to do effective work in scouring the channel while a ten foot rod failed to get bottom outside the Bar.

Col. Gibbon suggested that the Co. Surveyor should get regular monthly reports of depths in outer harbour and in the channel to see if they were getting value for the crane and grab.

Mr. Corish agreed with the remarks of Mr. Keegan as regards the work of Machinery Overseer and said it was a great pity the Local Government Department would not agree he should be placed on the permanent staff.

The Co. Surveyor suggested that the Harbour Master who had 15/- per week and a free house should receive 30/- per week and the Watchman, who was in receipt of £12 per month, receive 7/6d per week extra for working crane and grab and for working the sluices when occasion required.

Mr. Sweetman proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded:- "That the Harbour Master at Courtown (D. Murphy) and the Watchman (Andrew Byrne) receive as extra remuneration for the working of crane and grab and sluices at Courtown Harbour 15/-



"and 7/6d respectively per week over their present remuneration on the terms of letter of Co.Surveyor as regards probationary period of three months for work of crane and grab."

Mr. Corish proposed:- "That the Watchman at Courtown Harbour (Andrew Byrne) be paid 10/- extra for his work at crane and grab and sluices at this Harbour."

On a show of hands 13 voted for 7/6d per week and 8 for 10/- per week.

The Chairman declared Mr. Sweetman's motion carried.

In connection with the dredging of basin at Courtown Harbour the Co.Surveyor said the Board of Works dredger would not be available for four weeks; she drew about 8 ft. of water. The contract for the dredging of basin was £900 and he had spent about £440. The Government were making a 50% contribution to the work. The period for completion of contract had been already extended to the 30th September, but as they would not be able to get the dredger for a further four weeks another extension of time for completion was necessary.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the Office of Public Works be asked to extend the time for completion of contract for dredging basin at Courtown Harbour to the 30th November, 1934. That the Co.Surveyor make the necessary arrangements for securing the services of the dredger of Office of Public Works for said dredging."

#### BARNTOWN ROADS.

A communication was read from Barntown Fianna Fail Club stating that a deputation comprising E.Woods, P.Whelan and J. Cooney would attend to put before the Council their views on the state of two roads in Barntown area (No.771 and No.71).

The first two named members of the deputation attended.

Mr. Woods said the deputation attended on behalf of the people of Barntown. The foundation of the road from



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Shilmalier Commons to Barntown Castle turn was, he explained, in a bad condition and was flooded in rainy weather and the Winter. It was about one mile in length, and the big number of people who used it were complaining of its condition. To try and meet the situation extra tonnage had been provided but it was not sufficient. Rocks were protruding through the surface from  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch to  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches and some places the traffic could only use from 10 feet to 11 feet in width. There was only one drain on the lower side and that was neglected with the result that in Winter when the floods came down from the mountain the road was badly torn up. The road was only 300 yards from Carrigfoyle quarry so that if the Council would put the road into repair it could not cost much for material. The tonnage was only about 30 yards and did not meet the situation. The link road (No.71) from the Cross of Barntown into Wexford had been in very bad condition for the past twelve months. The drainage was poor and the rocks protruding through the surface - in fact there was general complaint in the district, about it.

Mr. Whelan endorsed what Mr. Woods said as to the condition of both roads. He asked the Council to make a ruling about employing local labour. In Windy Gap Quarry men had been brought five miles away from Kilmannon to work and the local men allowed to remain idle.

Another point he referred to was that on the road from Kingsford to Barntown Castle the water was flooding Mr. Cullen's out-offices.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the first road referred to was the old coach road to Taghmon, but now the road running by Knockeen was the one generally used. The old coach road was in bad condition but it was in as good a condition as they could keep it for the money. Though it was bad it was sound but very uneven - there could be no question about that. He was not aware of the flooding of Mr. Cullen's out-offices



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until that day. As regards road No.71 which was a main road it could not be done at once. Portion of it from the urban boundary was attended to and a quantity of material was in course of preparation to improve it further.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, referring to employment on the roads in Barntown, stated that Barntown was being well treated in that matter, and as Kilmannon was one of the poorest sections in his area, when there was a rush of work in Barntown area he employed men from Kilmannon section, who normally got work for about three months annually, and when a rush of work was on they were employed for five or six months of the year.

In order that the haulers who were now engaged on farm work in the Barntown area would be facilitated in this matter he was waiting for them for the past two months to get the material out on the roads. At the present time Barntown and district were better served than any other. Decent drainage work was done on the roads referred to. There were 300 tons of material ready to be put on the roads if the haulers were ready.

Mr. Ronan did not think it was fair that deputations should be heard when members of the council who could refer to general complaints made to them about the roads would not be attended to. People who had complaints should make them to the Council through their representatives.

Mr. Sweetman - The complaints should be put in writing.

After further discussion a motion was passed on the proposition of the Chairman seconded by Col. Gibbon, that in future matters of complaint as to roads and kindred matters be submitted in writing and referred to the Co. Surveyor for his report, which will be submitted to the Finance Committee in the first instance.

The Chairman said that the Barntown people seemed to have little grievance. The Co. Surveyor might put a little



more tonnage on the mountain road.

The Co. Surveyor said he would consider the advisability of increasing the tonnage when he was preparing his Road Works' Scheme.

Mr. Woods thanked the Council for the patient and extended hearing which they gave the deputation.

#### OUNAVARRA RIVER

Mr. Thomas Middleton, Secretary, Boira Drainage Committee wrote that at a meeting of Tenants adjoining the Ounavarra River it was decided to request the Co. Council to have made available a grant to finish the work on the river begun some time ago. Although a good deal had been done as regards cleaning up the sides and timber, the amount of the Grant did not allow of much work being carried out on the bed of the river which at present was in a bad state owing to accumulation of mud and weeds. If a Grant could be obtained to finish the work the money would be well spent as it would keep a large tract of land from being flooded to any great extent and would help to relieve the present unemployment in the district.

On the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly the following resolution was adopted:- "That application for completion of work at Ounavarra River be scheduled for consideration when the Minor Relief Scheme Vote is available."

#### POULDARRIG LANE.

Oylegate Fianna Fail Cumann forwarded memorial asking the Co. Council to consider the question of putting the lane known as Pouldarrig Lane in proper repair. It was in bad condition at present for want of material. A river crossed it at two points and in times of heavy rain it was dangerous owing to floods. This also could possibly be remedied. Some years ago the lane was inspected with a view to repair but it was afterwards understood the work could not, owing to lack



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of funds, be undertaken. If the Council would undertake to do the proposed work it would be of great benefit to the many families living on, or utilising the lane, and also to a number of local unemployed. The lane led to a quarry where material could be obtained free.

On the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly it was decided that application for repair of Pouldarrig Lane be scheduled for consideration when money under Minor Relief Schemes Vote becomes available."

#### ROADS IN BROADWAY DISTRICT

The following resolution was read from Broadway and Tacumshane Fianna Fail Cumann:- "That we the Committee and members of this Cumann, again remind the members of the County Council of the bad state of two byways leading from Aughmore Road to the public thoroughfare at Broadway. We ask that the necessary repairs should be carried out on these byways as soon as possible and that local labour be employed at the work.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Corish that the letter from Broadway and Tacumshane Fianna Fail Cumann be referred to Co. Surveyor for report.

#### KNOCKBRANDON LANE

Under date 25th August, 1934, Mr. Patrick Morris, Knockbrandon, Craanford, Gorey, wrote on behalf of the residents on above lane asking the Co. Council for a further grant towards repair of the land. The £100 spent under Relief Grant had not been sufficient to finish the work as part of the lane was continually under water in Winter so that drainage was badly needed. The residents thanked the Council for the money already spent.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Corish that application for further grant in connection with Knockbrandon Lane be scheduled for consideration when money under Minor Relief Schemes Vote is available.



KILLISK LANE

A memorial signed by 43 local ratepayers and users of Killisk lane - from main road in Tinraheen, The Ballagh, to the bogs in Killisk known as Sandy Lane was submitted asking the Co. Council to have the lane repaired under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

On the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly it was decided that application for repair of Killisk Lane be dealt with when money under Minor Relief Schemes Vote is available.

BREAKING ROAD MATERIAL BY HAND

The following resolution was read from Castlebridge Fianna Fail Cumann:- "That we respectfully request the County Council to have stones broken - if at all possible - by hand for road making in this district in order to relieve unemployment which runs to the number of 30 or 40 persons."

It was decided that the request from Castlebridge Fianna Fail Cumann be considered at next meeting of the Council.

OLD COACH ROAD BALLYBOY

A memorial was received from 31 ratepayers asking the Co. Council to put in repair either by contract or under a relief Scheme the Old coach Road through Ballyboy from Gaby's Cross to the turn at Lower Oulart.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly that this application be scheduled for consideration when money under Minor Relief Schemes Vote becomes available.

SCREEN BALL ALLEY

The County Surveyor reported verbally that the original site for this ball-alley would have obstructed the view of traffic and he could not approve of it. There was no objection to the alternative site selected by the ball-alley Committee.



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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That in view of the report of Co.Surveyor the Council will offer no objection to the erection of ball-alley at Screen on the alternative site selected by the Ball-Alley Committee."

MILL OF RAGS TURN

Mr. M. Redmond said that the turn at Mill of Rags near Duncormack railway station was certainly very dangerous. About fourteen wagons of beet would be loading there now daily. He suggested that the corner be remedied.

The Co.Surveyor said they brought that matter forward some years ago, and were not able to attend to the corner as they could not come to terms with a person concerned. He understood that now they could make arrangements. It would cost about £25 and he did not know if they had £25 to spare out of that section. If he could he would do it now and if not he would bring it forward as a special proposal.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. M. Redmond:- "That the work in connection with easement of corner at Mill of Rags, Duncormack be carried out immediately."

ABATEMENT RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND

The following resolution from Kerry Co.Council was read:

"That the Kerry County Council ask the Minister to amend the Act to read that any Farmer who gave employment for nine months of the year 1933 get the benefit of the Act; also where a Farmer employs labour in seasonal employment that he get benefit in relief of rates for such employment, and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to every County Council in the Free State."

On a show of hands three voted for the resolution and three against.

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the resolution which he declared carried.

*Denis Allen*  
8th Oct. 34



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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 8th OCTOBER, 1934.

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 8th October, 1934.

Present, Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding, also Messrs. James J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, R. Corish, Christopher Culleton, William Cullimore, John Cummins, John Day, Michael Doyle, Col. C.M. Gibbon, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, William Kinsella, T.J. Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, Philip Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Malachi Sweetman and James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and considered.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £20,003:11:1d was examined and signed.

#### THE LATE MRS. BIRTHISTLE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by the Chairman:- "That the following letter from Mr. J.F. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, in acknowledgement of vote of condolence adopted to him in the death of his Mother be inserted on to-day's meeting:-

"Please convey to the Wexford Co. Council at their next meeting my sincere thanks for their kind expression of sympathy on the death of my Mother.

"To yourself and the staff I also wish to offer my gratitude."

#### THE LATE MR. JOHN JOYCE, BUTLERSTOWN CASTLE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Kinsella:- "That the following letter from Mr. Wm. Joyce, Croase, Cleariestown, in acknowledgement of vote of condolence by County Council in



the death of his brother John Joyce, Butlerstown Castle, Broadway, be inserted on the Minutes of this day's meeting:-

"I am very grateful to the Co.Council for having so graciously passed a vote of condolence with me and the other members of the family on the death of my brother John.

"It is a great assuagement of sorrow to receive such great kindness from his acquaintances, and especially from your good self and the County Council.

"Will you be good enough to convey to the Council on behalf of myself and the other members of the family the expression of our great gratitude."

CONFIRMATION MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 24th SEPTEMBER, 1934:- The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 21st September, 1934.

Present:- Messrs. P. Colfer, M. Doyle, W.P. Keegan, J.P. Kelly and Miss O'Ryan.

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

On the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer the chair was taken by Miss O'Ryan.

After the reading of the Minutes and examination of payments, Mr. Allen, Chairman of the County Council, attended and presided for the rest of the meeting.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4,882:10:1d was examined and signed.

#### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction extension of period of Overdraft Accommodation of £40,000 to 31st December, 1934."

#### PART PAYMENT OF RATES

The following under date 15th September, 1934, (G.116174/34 Loch Garman Fa) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"In reply to your letter of the 4th inst. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he offers no objection to the continuance for another year of the system which has been in operation, by which, in cases where a year's arrears of rates are due, part payments are accepted.

"The Minister is not disposed to agree to extend the system further so as to allow of part payments where only a half year's arrears are due."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the Minister be



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"requested to reconsider his decision as regards acceptance of part payment of rates where only a half year's arrears are due. The Finance Committee are of opinion that by doing so he would considerably help the finances of the Council and facilitate a large number of individual rate-payers."

#### LIST OF OUTSTANDING RATES

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Miss O'Ryan that the list of outstanding rates in District No.12 (Collector M. Murphy) be referred to Mr. Kinsella, Co. Councillor, for his observations.

#### HAND-BREAKING - ROAD MATERIAL

In connection with this matter the Secretary read extracts from Minutes of Co.Council meeting of 11th June 1934, setting out the quarries in each Assistant Surveyor's district in which hand-breaking had been carried out. In most instances the men were unable to earn a living wage.

The Co.Surveyor said that where possible, from an economic point of view, hand breaking was carried out, but there were some quarries in which it was impossible.

Mr. Colfer said he had taken a keen interest in the matter of hand-breaking and particularly for the past five or six years he was an advocate for it, but he had to admit that it was only in <sup>a</sup> few quarries was it feasible. There were very large numbers of men who could not break stones to gauge but he was of opinion that in certain quarries the "scablings" could be broken by hand. After a blast the "scablings" were mixed with the bigger material and when fed to the breaker caused a very big delay: in fact where a large quantity had to be seen to, the men were half idle. If there could be an arrangement



by which the "scablings" could be broken by hand in the quarry this was as far as the Council could go. Of course these observations applied to the regular work of the Council and not to relief grants in regard to which hand-breaking, because of the employment it gave, should be adopted.

Mr. Keegan said that in regard to the improvement work on the Ballycanew-Gorey Road a number of people considered that in order to provide employment the material should have been broken by hand as had happened on a previous occasion. He was, however, informed that none of the material had been hand-broken; it was all done by machinery, and by what was described as the standing staff of the Council. This was very unfair when there were so many idle men some of them out of employment for a considerable time. Where there was such an amount of money coming into a town for a very short stretch of road something should have been done to meet the general unemployment in the district.

In reply to the Chairman, the Assistant Surveyors said they broke as large a quantity of material by hand as in other years. They were only too anxious - as they recognised how prevalent unemployment was - to get as many men as possible at work.

The Chairman said he saw in Dublin recently machines at work which provided chippings only.

The Co. Surveyor said that their use would make the cost higher - 10/- per yard - as against 7/- for chippings turned out by the Breaker. Jaws for the breaker gave service taking the County as a whole, for a month. In some quarries they wore out in a week and in Kerlogue he had to stop granulating the material as the jaws which cost £12 a set, lasted two days only.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "The Finance Committee are satisfied that so far as it can possibly be done the Assistant Surveyors have arranged for hand-breaking material for roads in the quarries in their districts but we suggest that for the future "scablings" in quarries should be set aside and broken by hand."

In reply to Mr. Keegan, the Co.Surveyor said that the average cost of material on the road and "all in" was 7/- per cubic yard. Where a big quantity was required such as on a Grant job the cost was about 5/6d per cubic yard as there was no double handling. For ordinary road maintenance however, the men had to bank up the stuff because the breaker would probably not be in the quarry at the time.

Where working on Grant working the stuff as it came from the quarry face was fed into the breaker and they saved in this way at least 1/- per yard.

Mr. Keegan asked if the Co.Surveyor would agree to give men who would be prepared to break material at 7/- per cubic yard an opportunity of so doing.

The Co.Surveyor said they tried this at Carrigbyrne quarry and it was not satisfactory.

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, said the men in Carrigbyrne quarry were never satisfied. They said that they were not allowed enough in the measurement. Although they offered to break at 6/6d per yard the material cost 7/6d.

Mr. Keegan said that was one quarry only. He would like to see the offer made in a general way and let the men break to the satisfaction of the Co.Surveyor at 7/- per yard. He believed they would earn plenty of money at it.

Mr. O'Neill said that in Carrigbyrne the wages worked out at 12/- per week.

Mr. Ennis pointed out that when men were put into a



quarry as suggested by Mr. Keegan they ran over its face.

In reply to Mr. Doyle the Co. Surveyor said that about 10% of all their material was hand-broken.

Mr. Doyle said that if the machines were not employed the men working at them and the eight or ten men with the breaker would be idle. What were the Council going to do about them?

The Chairman said that all the Council wished was to have hand-breaking carried out to the fullest capacity possible.

After further discussion Mr. Keegan gave notice of motion as follows:-

"I will move at the meeting of the Co. Council to be held on 8th October, 1934, that the County Council consider a proposal to offer to groups of workmen the opportunity to provide road material in Co. Council quarries at the same price as it is produced by machinery, all material so produced to be approved by the County or Assistant Surveyors."

#### EMPLOYMENT OF CO. COUNCIL WORKERS

In connection with the matter of employment of men, Mr. Doyle said that for many reasons the Council should not adopt what was known as the short week. First of all the men would be employed and would not be employed and in the long run the adoption of a short week would cause a good deal of discontent and disorganisation.

The Chairman agreed and said it would be better to have the men working on full time even if they were disemployed for longer periods. They could consider the question of disemployment of men who had a number of accumulated stamps on their unemployment cards.

Mr. Doyle mentioned that at a recent meeting of the Council a division was taken on this point and a motion such as that mentioned by the Chairman was not carried.



Miss O'Ryan considered it would be a very dangerous procedure to use up all Insurance stamps. If everything in the Unemployment Fund was paid out as quickly as it came in the fund would go bankrupt.

Mr. Colfer pointed out that very few men were affected by this accumulation of stamps. Probably only half the gangers and four or five others.

Mr. Keegan said that some gangers had ten or twelve years' stamps and he considered it was very unfair that men who were seeking employment for years should not be able to secure the earning of a shilling. In the Winter time he saw these gangers working by themselves on the roads, when they drew only labourer's wages.

The Co.Surveyor said that it was necessary in a large number of cases to retain the services of gangers as workmen because there were odds and ends to be done on the roads, and the gangers were the most suitable men for the purpose.

Miss O'Ryan believed that for odd jobs of this description it might be better to employ the gangers, but where two or three weeks' employment could be offered she would recommend the Co.Surveyor to take on ordinary workmen.

Mr. Doyle said this was not done at the present time.

The Co.Surveyor said he thought the matter was feasible and he would endeavour to arrange it with the Assistant Surveyors.

The Chairman said what the Council were anxious to get away from was the dissatisfaction as to employment which prevailed throughout the county and that when the men were paid off the gangers were retained. They would get over this dissatisfaction if some system could be devised whereby when men were discharged the gangers would have also to go, and that new men would be employed to do odd jobs.

Miss O'Ryan said she had no fault to find with the gangers but for the purpose of distributing employment she



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would appeal to the Co.Surveyor to see that the men who had no work should be employed.

Mr. Ennis said that excepting as regards main road work, the gangers were not kept on, when the other men were discharged.

The matter dropped.

COURTOWN HARBOUR  
WORKING EXPENSES OF CRANE & GRAB.

The Co.Surveyor stated that in his report to the last meeting of Co.Council, he had asked to be empowered to deal with the running expenses of Crane and Grab at Courtown Harbour. These would be the extra wages for the Harbour Master and Watchman, and also to cover purchase of coal, oil and sundries. He would bring into the Road Works Scheme a sum to cover these expenses for the next financial year, but he required the authority of the Council to deal with any which occurred between date of erection of grab and 31st March next.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Co.Surveyor be empowered to deal with the running expenses of crane and grab at Courtown Harbour between date when this machinery became operative up to 31st March, 1935, and that he be also empowered to include in Road Works Scheme a sufficient sum to cover working of crane and grab at this Harbour for next financial year."

PAYMENT OF ROAD WORKMAN

The Co.Surveyor submitted the following statement from R.J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, relative to report that a road workman named John Fortune, Tombrack, was paid for 18th August, 1934, although he was not working on that day:-

"John Fortune, Tombrack, was not working on Saturday, 18th August, the last day of the fortnight, and was paid for that day. He spent the day in Dublin at the league of Youth Convention. I have inquired into the matter. The facts are



"as follows:- "Fortune did not know till 11 p.m. on Friday night that he would be absent on the Saturday. He had been speaking to the foreman, John Kennedy, shortly before this.

"The Pay Sheets have to be posted in Ballycarney one and three quarter hours after the time of giving up work. On this occasion the foreman did not go home at all after giving up work, but went to the Chapel to go to Confession. The Sheets were partly written out on the Friday night, finished by the foreman's wife on Saturday and posted by her. I may say that it is his wife who usually does the sheets as he is not much of a writer. It would have been better, of course, if the sheets had been brought to the road and verified before posting. The foreman assures me, however, that he had no reason at all to suppose that any of his men would be absent.

"As soon as he discovered his error, Kennedy formed the intention of taking the equivalent amount off Fortune's time for the following fortnight. He states he so informed Fortune on the Monday. It would have been better had he written to me at once. I could have rectified the matter immediately. As it happened he forgot to adjust the man's time during the next fortnight. There is a certain amount of excuse for this as Fortune worked almost all of this & period under another foreman. The matter has been adjusted during the present fortnight ending the 15th September.

"I think it right to say that from my knowledge of the foreman, John Kennedy, for the last 13 years I would be extremely slow to believe that he would try to pay anyone for time which was not worked. He is one of the best men in the County to work himself, and get work done, but is not much of a clerk. Hence the mistake.

"John Fortune, the man concerned has been in charge of my tar boilers for the past 10 years, is an excellent man and not at all the type to look for any money which he had not earned.

"I have told the foreman that in future he should post the pay sheets in Ferns rather than in Ballycarney. This will give him more time to do them on the Saturday."

Miss O'Ryan said it appeared to be rather a loose proceeding on the part of the foreman to allow his wife to finish the clerical work at his Sheets as she would not know whether a man was working or not. It was only when the thing got noised about that the adjustment was made.

Mr. Ennis said that Fortune was only working with Kennedy two days in the fortnight ending 18th August as he was employed for the balance of the period under another Ganger. Were it not for that he considered the adjustment would have been made earlier.

Chairman - Fortune was really paid for two days for which he should not have received any remuneration. As he



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did not work on the 18th August he was not entitled to be paid for the holyday in the same week, viz. 15th August. This should be a warning to the foreman in the future because it was only through him that the Co.Council had any means of knowing who were at work. His (Chairman's) attention had been drawn to the fact of this man's absence and it was generally talked about around the country.

Mr. Keegan asked if the foreman were supposed to be working foremen.

Chairman - The big majority of them are.

The Co.Surveyor said they were supposed to be working gangers.

Mr. Keegan held that some of them in the district did no work.

The Chairman considered that the point raised by Mr. Keegan could be dealt with at another time.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following:- "That the attention of John Kennedy, Ganger, be drawn to the irregularity in the case of payment to John Fortune, for 15th August and 18th August, days on which he was not at work. We consider the matter very serious but in view of the Statement of Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, we decide to take no further action. We direct the Assistant Surveyors to call the attention of their Gangers to this case and to impress upon them the necessity of exercising extreme care, in the preparation of their pay sheets."

Passed.

#### QUESTION OF WEEKLY PAYMENTS

In reply to the Chairman, the Secretary said so far as the Co.Council Offices were concerned, the system of weekly payments, taking into account extra clerical assistance, postage etc. would entail an expenditure of at least £200.



The Co. Surveyor stated at present it took two days for the Assistant Surveyors to check over the fortnightly payments, and it would be a serious matter if they were to lose two days each week.

Mr. Colfer said that the men in permanent employment had no grievance whatever as to payments being made fortnightly but there was a grievance with men who first came into employment on the Monday previous to the meeting of the Finance Committee.

After discussion Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution:- "The Finance Committee recognise that in the cases of men entering employment on the Monday preceding the meeting of the Finance Committee, there is a definite grievance regarding the payment of wages as they might have actually completed work before receiving any remuneration. To meet such cases the Finance Committee recommend the Council to request the Minister to sanction the establishment of an Imprest A/c. up to £50, in the name of the Co. Surveyor."

Passed.

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Application was received from Miss Barbara Lowe, University Scholarship Holder, Faythe, Wexford, for extension of her scholarship in order to secure the higher Diploma in Education.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That, as provided by University Scholarship Scheme, extension of Scholarship for one year be granted to Miss Barbara Lowe, to allow her to secure Higher Diploma in Education."

Letters were read from James G. Delaney, 50, Parnell Street, Wexford, Thomas Cullimore, 15, Green Street, Wexford, and W.A. Murphy, Coolhull, Wellingtonbridge,



stating they intended to avail of University Scholarships at University College, Dublin.

#### DEPUTATION FROM WEXFORD HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

Under date 18th September, 1934, the Secretary, Wexford Harbour Commissioners, wrote that as regards the proposal for the improvement of Wexford Harbour, a deputation from their Board recently waited on the Minister for Industry and Commerce and discussed the financial details. It appeared from observations made by officials during this discussion that they considered the local bodies were not backing the scheme to a sufficient extent in as much as Galway Co. Council were financing their harbour scheme to the extent of 4d in the £. and Wexford only 1d in the £. The Commissioners had appointed the following deputation to await on the Co. Council to further discuss the scheme on the 8th October, 1934:- Messrs. R.W. Houston, J.J. Stafford, Ald. J. Billington and W.S. Kearney.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the Finance Committee recommend the Co. Council to receive and hear the deputation from Wexford Harbour Commissioners in regard to proposed improvement of Wexford Harbour."

#### ERECTION OF MAGAZINE FOR EXPLOSIVES

The Co. Surveyor stated it was absolutely necessary that the Council should provide a magazine for the storage of explosives. The old military barracks in which they were at present stored was about to be closed down and in addition it was an unsuitable place. Some years ago he had prepared plans for a magazine according to statutory requirements. At the last meeting of the Council he had considered that it might be possible to have the magazine erected at Kerlogue Quarry, but he had since come to the



conclusion that Ballyboggan Quarry would be more suitable. The objection to Kerlogue was that the quarry was near some houses and there was a good deal of traffic at the place with people walking along the head-land. In fact it was almost a public pathway there. It would cost about £70 to provide the magazine in Ballyboggan Quarry according to standard specification.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution:- "That the Co. Surveyor be empowered to have erected at Ballyboggan Quarry, magazine for the storage of Co. Council explosives, cost not to exceed £70."

Passed.

#### DEFECTIVE GULLET

Under date 21st September, 1934, the following report was received from Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor:-

"There is a defective gullet on above road (Coolcotts Lane) which is a distinct danger to the travelling public.

"The contractor, Patrick Devereux, Barntown, was notified by the ganger in the Section but has not attended to the matter.

"I have this day sent a ten day notice and would like to have permission from the Council to institute proceedings if such a course is found necessary.

"This Contractor was prosecuted last winter, but is not much improved."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by the Chairman:- "That Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, communicate with Patrick Devereux, Barntown, and inform him that unless he carries out the work of repairing defective gullet at Coolcotts Lane within the ten days mentioned in notice given him by Mr. Birthistle, he will be prosecuted."

#### HEALTH BOARD OFFICES.

Under date 20th September, 1934, the following letter was read from the Co. Surveyor:-

"I am at present engaged at measuring and preparing plans for the Health Board Offices in the Marshalsea



"Prison at the rear of the County Buildings. As the Council is aware I have already carried out two extensive jobs in connection with the alterations of the main building, and I have not received any fees for either of these works. Usually County Surveyors are paid a percentage on plans of a like nature, and as the Health Board Office construction is entirely outside the usual work proper to my office I ask that I should be allowed fees for same, and I shall be obliged if you will bring the matter before the Finance Committee."

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kelly, the following resolution was adopted:- "That we recommend the Co. Council to agree to payment of fees to Co. Surveyor in connection with the erection of new offices for Co. Wexford Board of Health, viz. 5% on contract for completed work of which 2½% is to be regarded as relating to plans and specifications."

#### MACHINERY OVERSEER

Under date 20th September, 1934, the following report was read from the County Surveyor:-

"The Machinery Overseer has applied to me for a fortnight's leave of absence, and as we can now arrange for the work proceeding I have acceded to his request. I now ask for the sanction of the Finance Committee to his wages running during the holiday period. I wish to point out that Mr. Murphy, who is a most efficient officer, is not paid for any overtime, though the amount of this in the course of the year is considerable, and I shall have full particulars for the meeting. I may note that Mr. Murphy is always available for attending to hurried jobs, and working overtime so that numbers of other men may not be rendered idle; in fact his working in this manner is a considerable saving to the County Funds."

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was decided that the application of Machinery Overseer as regards fortnight's holidays be agreed to.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, reported that the application to commit the child Margaret P. Carroll to Industrial School was heard at New Ross Court on 11th September, 1934, when it was found the wages of Mother were only 15/9d a month and there was ~~no~~ no one to look after the child. The District Justice committed it to the Industrial School and ordered that the Mother pay 6d a week as from the 1st October, 1934.



Mr. Doyle proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "The Finance Committee considers that the amount of contribution, ~~which~~ in the case of Margaret P. O'Carroll, who was committed to Industrial School at New Ross Court on 11th September, 1934, should have been at a higher rate in view of the fact that the mother is relieved of all responsibility for the child and is in earning."

The Inspector of the N.S.P.C.C., wrote he intended to apply at the childrens' Court in Wexford on 26th September, 1934, for the committal of James (aged 7½ years) and John Murphy (aged 5 years), Ballyteigue, Kilmore, to Rathdrum Industrial School. These were illegitimate children of Mary Margaret Murphy.

A resolution was adopted directing Mr. Elgee to oppose the application.

The District Court Clerk, New Ross, wrote that application would be made at New Ross on 25th September, 1934, for committal to St. Aidan's Industrial School of Mary Margaret Anderson, Mountgarrett, New Ross, aged about 9 years. She was one of five or six children - none of whom were working. Her father was also unemployed. His wife died about a month back and the children were in a wretched condition of poverty.

It was decided that the application be referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor.

#### TYPEWRITER FOR CO. COUNCIL OFFICE

The Secretary reported that the typewriter in typist's office required rather extensive repairs. It had been running for a great number of years and in consequence several parts would have to be replaced. He had received a quotation from the Lawson Supply Company, 44, Fleet Street, Dublin, for the supply of a new L.C. Smith machine at £25 (25% under the listed price). The old machine would be taken in exchange and a sum of £9 allowed for it.



The Secretary recommended the purchase of the new machine at £25 the old machine to be repaired and retained, to be employed particularly for cutting stencils which would save the wear and tear of the new machine to a very considerable extent.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the old typewriter in County Secretary's Office be repaired and retained and that new "L.C. Smith" machine at £25 be purchased."

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 21st September, 1934, be received and considered:"

PART PAYMENT OF RATES:- The following under date 9th October, 1934, (G.128018/34 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 receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo and to state that in deference to the resolution of the Finance Committee he approves of an extension in respect of the current year's collection only of the system of part payment of arrears to cases where only a half year's arrears are due. The decision on the subject as communicated in the final paragraph of the Department's letter of the 15th ultimo may accordingly be disregarded."

EMPLOYMENT OF WORKMEN:- The Chairman said they had an informal discussion at the last meeting of the Finance Committee. He expressed the opinion that if a system could be devised by the Co.Surveyor whereby all the men in one gang would be laid off when funds were depleted, it would be more satisfactory than the present system of discharging some men and retaining others. A good deal of dissatisfaction arose when three or four men out of a gang of twelve were discharged. He moved the following:- "That it be a direction to the Co.Surveyor that all workmen in a particular road section be laid off together where feasible and where funds are becoming depleted."

Continuing the Chairman said men were coming to him complaining that three or four were laid off out of one gang and he thought that some of them referred to a statement that the Co.Surveyor implied that they were the worst men, which they resented. Where men were employed over a number of years the best system to adopt was to continue them in employment while the money lasted and then allow them all to go.

The Co.Surveyor said that from an examination of the records in his office he found that generally speaking where two or three men were put off at one period, they were not the men disemployed at the next stoppage of work. He suggested



that he would bring his Record Book of employment to the next meeting of the Finance Committee, when the matter could be gone into exhaustively. From a discussion he had had with the Assistant Surveyors it appeared some men were kept on practically all the time because they were specially suited for something. It was a very difficult question to handle. He and his Assistants did not want to put off any man at all, though they were compelled to do so when money was not available. Naturally the man who was discharged had a grievance against the man kept on. When the Finance Committee considered the records he intended to submit to the next meeting, they would see that he and his Assistants were doing the best they could. Of course there might be a case of real grievance but taking it all round he did not see how the present system could be changed.

Col. Gibbon proposed that further consideration of the Chairman's resolution be adjourned until the Finance Committee had had an opportunity of going further into the matter.

Col. Quin seconded, but the proposal was subsequently withdrawn.

Mr. Keegan asked for an explanation in regard to the discharging of a ganger who had nine children and the employment of another who had twelve years' stamps.

The Chairman said that questions of this description could be dealt with at the Finance Committee.

Mr. Doyle said the Co. Surveyor admitted there were certain men who were put off, but why should he not change the whole number of men.

The Co. Surveyor said what he meant was that these men he referred to were the last to be kept on because practically every man was put off at some time.

Mr. Doyle said he knew several workers who were employed for the full twelve months.

The Co. Surveyor said what he meant to imply was that



while there was any work these men were not put off.

Mr. Culleton asked if the Gangers were employed all the year round.

The Co. Surveyor said not all, but some of them were.

Miss O'Ryan mentioned that at the Finance Committee the Co. Surveyor said it would be feasible to put on a man in place of the ganger for ordinary work.

Mr. Kelly said he knew Gangers who had ten or fourteen years' stamps and they were never put off.

Mr. Ronan pointed out that some men said they were always the ones to be dismissed while others were kept on for ten or twelve years. The greater grievance was the statement that they were disemployed because they were no good, which prevented them from getting work with farmers.

The Co. Surveyor said it was mentioned that a statement had been made that men were no good. If that expression was used it was used inadvertently because what was really meant was that the man disemployed was not as good or as suitable as the man kept on.

The Chairman deprecated the Council setting themselves up as judges of particular men. If they were going to advocate the survival of the fittest he did not know where it would lead them.

The resolution was then put and passed without dissent.

Miss O'Ryan moved:- "That where urgent work is needed in a particular area, the Assistant Surveyor for the District employ an ordinary worker instead of a ganger for ordinary work."

Mr. Bowe seconded.

Passed.

Col. Gibbon said the question of unemployment had been coming on at almost every Co. Council meeting since Grants had been available and there were always objections to the manner in which employment had been given. He thought it



might shorten the work of the Council in the future if they called a special meeting to consider unemployment for one whole day so as to get the matter definitely settled.

The Chairman said this was a question that they could talk over for a week and yet not arrive at a solution. The last Council had it under discussion a hundred times and could not solve it.

Mr. Culleton pointed out that World conferences had also attempted a solution without success.

HAND-BREAKING IN QUARRIES:- Arising out of Committee the following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Keegan:-

"That the Co.Council consider a proposal to offer to groups of workmen the opportunity to procure Road Material in Co.Council Quarries at the same price as it is produced by machinery, the material so produced to be approved by County Surveyor."

In moving his motion Mr. Keegan said that a good deal of discontent prevailed in the North of the County because the Co. Council did not try to meet the prevalent unemployment by some system of hand-breaking material in quarries. When he heard the statement of the Co.Surveyor that the cost of quarrying and breaking material ready for the breaker was 7/- per yard he was informed by expert quarry-men that they would be satisfied to prepare material at this figure to the satisfaction of the Co.Surveyor. He (Mr. Keegan) was dealing only with the North of the County and was not going to dictate to the rest of the County if his proposal did not suit them. He suggested that the Scheme he proposed should get a trial and that an expert quarryman be put in charge of each quarry. It might not be popular with gangers, Assistant Surveyors or even some Co.Councillors. But he was putting the Scheme forward in the interests of the working men and was confident that it could be worked successfully. With an



expert quarry man in charge they would be able to turn out suitable material and would be keeping the money in the Country. What was the good of Grants if they were going for imported material and imported machinery. They were always calling out for the use of Irish manufacture and they should try and keep Irish money for Irish workmen. If the County Surveyor, in quarries in which this proposed experiment was to be carried out, required fine material there would be no objection to the use of machinery to procure it.

Mr. Kelly seconded.

The Co. Surveyor said that the 7/- per yard mentioned was the average flat rate for all quarries. In some the cost was more than this figure and in others less so that if they allowed Contractors or workmen who could be regarded as little sub-contractors to provide material it is not at 7/- per yard they would be paid but at the normal cost of producing material in that particular quarry.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Keegan said his proposal included the provision of the necessary tools by the workers.

Mr. Sweetman pointed out the danger which would be caused by the use of explosives under Mr. Keegan's proposal.

Mr. Kelly said that in the Enniscorthy area there was a large number of men who were anxious to get work under the Scheme as proposed by Mr. Keegan. In Ballagh quarry which was situate in a district in which men with large families had not obtained any work for the past twelve months there was a large amount of scabblings which could be broken by hand, and he would be glad if an arrangement in that direction could be made.

Col. Quin said that the old Co. Council had adopted several resolutions directing that where possible quarry material should be broken by hand and although every one was in favour of it, it was found the men could not make a living wage.



Mr. Sweetman said that the Council should be very careful as regards putting men in a quarry as a completely free unit to use whatever explosives they liked.

Mr. Doyle thought the proceeding was a very dangerous one altogether for the reason that except they had very close supervision those people were going to take the easiest quarries and the easiest way of getting the stones, and he thought it would be a dangerous proceeding to allow explosives in the hands of ordinary labourers and ordinary gangers.

In reply to Mr. Corish, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, stated that the Council under Mr. Keegan's proposal would be bound to stamp the Insurance cards of the men and they would be responsible for any accident which occurred there. The Insurance Company would scarcely accept liability unless some of the Co. Council officials were in charge of the work.

Mr. O'Byrne wanted to have all the hand-breaking possible carried out in quarries but he opposed the proposal as he believed it would undermine direct labour system and reinstate the contract system. It would also be giving away control of the quarries. It would not be possible for the Assistant Surveyors to supervise all the small blasts under the proposal in fact their whole time would be gone looking after this matter.

Mr. Corish also expressed himself in favour of all the hand breaking of material that was possible, but he believed with Mr. O'Byrne if they allowed the proposal of Mr. Keegan's to develop, it might be that certain contractors would be creeping back into the quarries. He favoured the breaking of material by the men without the use of explosives. If, under Mr. Keegan's proposal, there was an accident, the Co. Council might not be held liable and the dependents of the insured man or men who were killed might find themselves



without compensation. He favoured continuance of the procedure as regards hand breaking which had obtained to the present viz., that explosives be used by Co.Council officials and the men carry out the hand breaking. Even if the latter cost a little more it would be money well spent.

Mr. Keegan was prepared to fall in with the suggestions of Mr. Corish, provided the Co.Surveyor would quarry stones at 2/- per yard. The Co.Surveyor submitted reports from the Assistant Surveyors relative to hand breaking in the quarries of their districts.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said he found the machine breaking cost on average from 2/4d to 2/8d per yard. This included dumping and shifting of stones in a quarry as well as breaking. In Kiltrea quarry the average earnings of the men were 21/- but as the stones in the future would have to be broken finer the earnings would be less. In Curraghduff the average earnings were 17/-. In Carrigeen, Ballyregan, Killabeg, Rathduff, Cherryorchard and Doran's Hill, it was not possible to arrange for hand broken material as the cost would be extremely high if the men were to have fair wages.

In Mr. O'Neill's District, it was found impossible to break by hand, material in Bridge or Boley quarries and hand breaking was not feasible in Ballygarvan, Ballykelly, Campile or Grange. In Burkestown, Haggard and Palace all the scabblings were broken by hand. Wages on a time basis in Burkestown and Haggard were 30/- per week and in Palace 25/- (Piece work).

In the district of Mr. Treanor, eight quarries were worked. Ballythomas and Ballyellis had all material broken by hand. Tara Hill and Clologue were not suitable for hand breaking. Some hand breaking was done in Gorey Hill, Bellcarrig and Carriganeagh. The average earnings in the seven quarries in which hand breaking was carried out



was £1:2s. per week.

The following quarries were worked in Mr. Cullen's district:-

Raheenahoun, average earnings 15/-; Tomgarrow, 15/-  
Tuberfinnick and Dunanore, 15/- to 18/-;  
Edenvale 18/- to 22/-; Brownswood and Barmoney £1 to 25/-;  
Carrigbawn 15/-; Ballyvaldon 15/-; Ballybuckley and  
Clonhaston, 13/- to 18/-.

A number of these were found unsuitable for hand breaking but in those in which hand breaking was carried out the average earnings was 15/- per week.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, reported that he had carried out hand breaking in the following quarries in his district:-

Trinity, Taghmon, Kilmore and Seaview. The average amount earned for the four quarries was 17/- per week.

Mr. Corish asked was there any possibility of allowing a few pence more per yard for hand-breaking. He considered this would be better than having money going out of the country for years, for stone breakers and other machinery.

The Co. Surveyor said if they could get an indication of what their/<sup>Road</sup>grant would be in the spring they could prepare their material during the winter months, but they did not get notification until March or April and it delayed their work. If they could get an indication of the grant they could prepare fifty per cent of the material.

In reply to Mr. Corish, Mr. Ennis said that generally speaking, with modern road making, they had very little use for hand-breaking. With regard to the cost, if they took a steam-rolling job costing £1,000, three miles from a quarry, there would be about seven per cent less paid in wages when they used a breaker than if they broke by hand.

Miss O'Ryan said that before they could support



Mr. Keegan they would want to be very clear as to where their responsibility as Co.Councillors would begin. Were the groups of men to be under some man directly appointed under the Council - a deputy surveyor or a ganger or some man of the kind?

Secretary - Mr. Keegan said he was prepared to accept that.

Mr. Keegan - I did.

Miss O'Ryan - Has the Co.Surveyor any man trained to take on a number of workmen for hand-quarrying?

Co.Surveyor - Of course our gangers are mostly so, and we have to have them certified by the police authorities before we can give them even 5 lbs. of gelignite for small blastings.

Mr. Keegan referred to the question of a group of men working Tara Hill quarry in charge of an experienced man.

The Chairman suggested that the stones should be quarried by the Co.Council and broken by hand.

The Co.Surveyor was agreeable to a trial being given in one or two quarries, but in regard to Tara Hill Quarry he thought Mr. Keegan would find that the men would not be able to get out material there without machinery. He suggested that they try Tara Hill.

Mr. Keegan - I am prepared to accept Tara Hill - the worst in the county.

Co. Surveyor - It is not the worst.

Mr. O'Byrne asked if the Council were to be responsible for the employment of the men. He believed it was going away from direct labour entirely if a group of men could decide to go in. If the County Council or the Surveyor could keep control he thought it was a good idea.

Mr. Culleton - I suggest that the Co.Surveyor try the experiment in the four areas.

Chairman - I suggest that the Co.Surveyor try it in



one area first.

After further discussion Mr. Keegan withdrew his motion and proposed instead the following which was seconded by the Chairman and adopted:- "That as suggested by County Surveyor groups of men be employed for carrying out hand breaking at 7/- per cubic yard in the quarries of Belcarrig and Tara Hill, the Co.Council to supply tools, gelignite etc. the cost of which is to be charged against the quarry. That (approximately) about 300 cubic yards of material be broken in each quarry, the men to be employed by the County or Assistant Surveyor and the material to be produced to the satisfaction of these officers. In the case of Belcarrig a quarry charge of 3d per cubic yard is to be provided for out of the 7/- per yard."

The Chairman said the Co.Council would be responsible for the stamping of the men's Insurance Cards during the period of the experiment.

WEEKLY PAYMENTS:- Mr. Culleton stated he raised this matter at the previous meeting and dealt with the grievances of the workers. In view of the information which had been received he presumed he could not bring it any further. Was it not possible to provide a subsidiary Account? At the present time a man who entered the employment of the Council on a Monday only received a fortnight's pay after three weeks.

The Secretary replied that the resolution of the Finance Committee asked the Department to allow an Imprest Account of £50 to meet such cases.

WEXFORD HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS:- The following deputation attended from Wexford Harbour Board:- Messrs. R. Houston, (Chairman) J. Billington, R. Moran, T.A. Furlong, W.S. Kearney and V. Stafford.

Mr. Houston said that the Co.Council had been good enough in March of last year to grant the proceeds of a



rate of 1d in the £. towards the improvement of Wexford Harbour, and of course they were very thankful to the Council for that. In order to proceed with the Scheme they had an interview with officials of the Department of Industry and Commerce who were very favourable to the Scheme, but said that the local authorities were not backing the Harbour Board strongly enough, inasmuch as Galway Co. Council was backing up the Galway Harbour Bill to the extent of 4d in the £. Of course, unless the Wexford Harbour Board got backed up to a further extent than 1d. in the £. they would have to drop the scheme altogether. They had had the harbour surveyed by Messrs. Grantham and Son, who were recommended to them by the Government as being one of the foremost harbour authorities in England or this country and they had had a report from them. Their report was £86,000 for the Scheme but the Board were not exactly satisfied with that and they called in a Dutch firm from Amsterdam <sup>which</sup> made a re-survey and had borings taken and the lowest estimate from them was £170,000. Having described the proposals, Mr. Houston said with the suggested improvements they would be able to bring in vessels from 2000 to 5000 tons the only kind of craft that it paid to run. This would be to the benefit of the whole community. They asked the Co. Council to give them a contribution of 3d in the £. which with the assistance of the contribution from the Government and Corporation would enable them to carry the scheme through successfully. Farmers would gain a great deal more by a reconstructed harbour in Wexford than they would pay in contributions. A farmer of £20 valuation for instance would pay 5/- a year towards the scheme but he would save a great deal more than this by having his feeding stuffs etc. imported at a cheap rate and by receiving a higher price for the stock sold by him for



export. Unless the scheme was carried out Wexford Harbour would have to drop back which would be a great loss to the County and to the Country generally. The Harbour Board had to discharge their men and at the moment were unable to meet their expenses. They had lost to the extent of about 40,000 tons of cargo a year for the past two years. Rosslare Harbour had gained about 80,000 tons of cargo which Wexford should, and would have had, if they had the facilities. There was great room at Wexford Harbour for development of berths; in fact there was not a harbour in Ireland that could be developed to the same extent.

Mr. Billington said that if the scheme was not carried out Wexford Harbour would be closed and imports and exports would have to go through another port and naturally this would be Rosslare. If this happened the Railway Company which owned Rosslare Harbour could increase freight to any figure they desired beyond the present figure of 2/6d per ton. Then again the berthage accommodation at Rosslare was only capable of dealing with one or two coal cargoes at the time. The two foundries in Wexford which imported between 3000 and 4000 tons of pig iron, coke etc. found it took all their time to keep going but if they had to use Rosslare port instead of Wexford they were certain to suffer. The scheme for £170,000 was recommended by the Government.

Mr. Houston in reply to the Chairman said he understood that the Government were prepared to contribute to the Scheme on a fifty-fifty basis.

Mr. Furlong said that in order that the Scheme could go through it was necessary to have a private Bill passed in the Dail. But before that Bill could be framed it was necessary the draughtsman should know the amounts to be contributed by the Bodies concerned. The contribution by the Government would, he believed, be largely influenced



by the amount of support the scheme received from the local Bodies. The Co.Council, they hoped, would contribute 3d in the £. which on the rural portion of the County would produce £4452, and the 1/- in the £. promised by the Corporation would bring in approximately £960.

Mr. Houston said that the Harbour Board would contribute according to their revenue as they made it.

Mr. Furlong said that the prosperity which would come to Wexford as the result of an improved harbour would be reflected throughout the whole County.

The Chairman suggested that the Harbour Board should prepare a Memorandum outlining the scheme and all the facts and figures in connection therewith for circulation to the County Councillors.

Mr. Walsh said they had been told that Wexford Harbour could only take a vessel of 300 tons or something like that, New Ross harbour could take in a ship up to 1000 tons. He was not saying that in a carping spirit with regard to Wexford. All the remarks that applied to Wexford Harbour would apply to New Ross Harbour - the farmers were also benefiting from it - and he thought the improvement of New Ross harbour to the point at which it would take the tonnage which Wexford would be able to take following improvements would cost much less money.

Chairman - We will consider that, too.

Mr. Corish gave notice of motion that the matter be considered at the next meeting and the Council raise 3d in the £. for forty years towards the cost of improving Wexford Harbour.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Corish asked the Council to agree to a special meeting that day fortnight for the purpose of considering the matter. There was a certain statutory period fixed by the Government in regard to the introduction of Private Bills. If they were to wait for the



ordinary Council meeting to be held on the second Monday in November it would mean twelve months' delay, and the Harbour Board wanted to know prior to the 1st November what position they were in.

It was decided to hold the special meeting as requested by Mr. Corish.

Mr. Houston returned thanks for the reception of the Harbour Board deputation and the manner in which they had been heard.

**MAGAZINE FOR EXPLOSIVES:-** The Co.Surveyor asked that the site of Explosive magazine should be left open as Ballyboggan quarry might not be available.

Mr. Kelly proposed and the Chairman seconded the adoption of the recommendation of the Finance Committee with the following addition:-

"If Ballyboggan Quarry is not available for erection of Explosive Magazine the Co.Surveyor be empowered to select another suitable position."

Col. Quin was against it. If there was any trouble the explosives could be rifled from the magazine and used for blowing up bridges.

The Co.Surveyor said that the magazine would have to be erected to the approval of the Government Department and it was not probable they would allow a magazine with 2000 lbs. of gelignite to be uncontrolled.

The resolution as amended was adopted, Col. Quin dissenting.

**DEFECTIVE GULLET:-** The Co.Surveyor said this gullet had been repaired and the road taken up from the Contractor under the 54 Section of the Grand Jury Act.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 21st September 1934, as submitted to this meeting be and are



"hereby approved with any additions which have been made to same by resolution at this general meeting of the Council."

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 5th OCTOBER, 1934:- The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 5th October, 1934.

Present: Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding; also:- Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Gorish, Wm. Gullimore, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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 £5005:3:7d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

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

<u>Name of Rate Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage collected</u> <u>1934/35 Warrant.</u> <u>Excluding arrears.</u>
S. Gannon (No. 6)	19.4
P. Carty	16.5
P. Doyle	14.0
J. Quirke	13.1
S. Gannon (No.10)	11.9
J. Cummins	10.2
J. Curtis	10.0
E.J. Murphy	9.1
P. Nolan	8.2
W. Doyle	7.1
J. Deegan	7.1
M. Kehoe	7.0
A. Dunne (No.15)	6.6
W. Cummins	6.4
M. Murphy	6.3
M. McCarthy	4.5
J. Flood	4.2
A. Dunne (No.13)	4.1
D. Kenny	3.6
J.J. Sinnott	3.4
	<u>AVERAGE . . . 8.5</u>

The Chairman said that the average ranged from 19% to 3.6%. The Collection in each district was as follows: New Ross 10.7; Wexford 9.4; Enniscorthy 9.4 and Gorey 4.4 per cent. In his opinion a much larger amount than £8816 should have been collected since the warrants were issued to the Collectors. Money would be procurable much easier



now, after harvest than at any other period of the year. The amount collected was very small when the season of the year was taken into account.

He proposed:- "That Rate Collectors who have not collected at least 8% of their warrants excluding arrears should be warned that the Finance Committee are not satisfied that they are discharging their duties in a satisfactory manner and unless considerable improvement be made by date of next Finance Committee drastic action will be taken against Collectors who, in the opinion of the Committee are not dealing efficiently with their collection.

Mr. Corish seconded the motion which was adopted without dissent.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That a return showing the amount of arrears of rate collected by each Collector be submitted in future to each meeting of the finance committee."

COLLECTION DISTRICT No.6.:- Under date 27th September, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.122028/34 Loch Garman Fa) wrote that the Minister sanctioned the continuance of the employment of Collector Gannon in respect of No.6 District for the current financial year.

COLLECTION DISTRICT No.7.:- Under date 25th September, 1934 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.122014/34 Loch Garman Fa) that the Minister approved of the continued temporary appointment of Mr. John Deegan for Collection District No.7.

COLLECTION DISTRICT No.13.:- Under date 24th September, 1934 the Department of Local Government & Public Health wrote (G.122013/34 Loch Garman ) that the Minister raised no objection to the arrangements proposed for the discharge of the duties of Rate Collector J.J. O'Reilly, Collection



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District No.12, while acting in the capacity of Temporary Rate Inspector.

EXAMINATION FORMS AGRICULTURAL LAND REBATE:- Under date 19th September, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circ.24/18/34) as to payment to Rate Collectors in respect of extra services which they had been called on to render in connection with the Scheme for the distribution of the agricultural Grant. Where a Collector had to prepare lists of holdings under and over £20 valuation etc. the Minister was prepared to sanction payment to each Collector of a sum not exceeding 5/- per 100 ratings and if Collectors made enquiries necessary to certify the correctness of claims for abatement of rates, of a sum not exceeding sixpence for each claim referred to and returned certified or reported on.

The Secretary stated that the lists of holdings under and over £20 valuation had been prepared in the Co.Council offices but the Collectors had certified the correctness of claims.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That in accordance with sanction set out in letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 19th September, 1934, (Circ.24/18/3) the following sums calculated at 6d per name be paid to Rate Collectors:-

<u>Collectors</u>	<u>No. of Forms Certified</u>	<u>Amt. @ 6d per Form.</u>
		£ s d
James Quirke	281	7: 0: 6
William Doyle	187	4:13: 6
Philip Doyle	227	5:13: 6
Michael McCarthy	211	5: 5: 6
Patrick Nolan	198	4:19: 0
Sean Gannon (No.6)	104	2:12: 0
John Deegan	335	8: 7: 6
Joseph Cummins	221	5:10: 6
John Flood	186	4:13: 0
Sean Gannon (No.10)	158	3:19: 0
Walter Cummins	219	5: 9: 6
Matthew Murphy	206	5: 3: 0
John J. O'Reilly	266	6:13: 0
Denis Kenny	242	6: 1: 0
Art Dunne	270	6:15: 0
John J. Sinnott	258	6: 9: 0
E.J. Murphy	258	6: 9: 0
Maurice Kehoe	215	5: 7: 6
John Curtis	267	6:13: 6
Patrick	266	6:13: 6



POUNDAGE:- The following letter under date 24th September, 1934 (G.123027/34 - Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 15th instant and to the further information furnished by Mr. Allen, Chairman of the Council, personally to this Department on the 20th instant regarding the Rate Collector's poundage fees, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has decided to sanction payment of poundage fees on the second moiety of the 1933/34 warrants on the following basis:-

- (a) Full normal poundage to each Collector who closed his warrant with a carry-forward not exceeding 12½% of his 1933/34 warrant.
- (b) Full normal poundage less 7½% in each case in which the amount carried forward was more than 12½% and not more than 20% of the 1933/34 Warrant.
- (c) Full normal poundage less 15% to all other Collectors.

"The sanction conveyed in the foregoing is to be regarded as a special concession for this occasion only and I am to intimate, for the information of both the Council and the Collectors, that in future the grant of the Minister's sanction to payment of poundage will be conditional on strict compliance with the requirements of the Public Bodies Orders.

"I am to add that the scale of poundage sanctioned in this Department's letter of the 13th ultimo may be regarded as cancelled."

The Secretary stated that in reply to letter from him as to the "cut" in poundage on first moiety the following under date 4th October, 1934, (G.128151-34 Loch Garman Fa) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to advert to your letter of the 27th ultimo and to state that the decision regarding first moiety poundage fees conveyed in this Department's letter of the 8th June last is not affected by the Department's letter of the 24th ultimo, which concerns second moiety fees only."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Minister be requested to sanction the restoration of 10% "cut" in poundage on lodgments equivalent to the first moiety and arrears of rates for 1933/34. This Committee would point out that in asking the Chairman of the Council to make representations to the Minister in the matter, <sup>they</sup> were anxious



"that the Collectors should not suffer financial loss in respect of warrant for last financial year. They would also point out that even if the "cut" of their poundage on first moiety be restored a number of the Collectors will lose portion of their poundage fees on second moiety.

"In the circumstances this Committee would be grateful to the Minister if he would reconsider his decision."

OUTSTANDING RATES:- Miss O'Ryan said she had gone through list of arrears in Mr. Quirke's District (No.1) and believed there was no case there-on which called for comment.

Mr. Kinsella said he had examined outstanding arrears of Mr. Matthew Murphy (District No.12) and believed that there was no ratepayer on the list who was in a position to pay at the moment.

As regards arrears in district of Mr. Dunne (No.15) Mr. Keegan said he was not at all satisfied with the return made by the Collector. He had no hesitation in saying that a very large portion of the rate outstanding should have been collected without difficulty.

He proposed:- "That as regards the closing of his warrant the Finance Committee call upon Collector Dunne (No.15 District) to exercise more diligence in his collection for the future. The Finance Committee must be satisfied that no money in future is brought into return of arrears which is, in the opinion of the members of the Committee, collectable."

The Chairman seconded and the resolution was adopted.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 2nd October, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.123304/34 Loch Garman) that the Minister had approved of the making by Wexford County Council of an advance of £100 under the above Acts to Mr. Andrew Dwyer in respect of house to be erected at Ballyaughna, Killena, Gorey.



Under date 25th September, 1934, the following was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 15th instant on the subject, 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 the sum of £10,000 for the purpose of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. The Minister is recommending the Commissioners of Public Works to issue the loan in question out of the Local Loans Fund."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That as soon as the <sup>under</sup> terms and conditions/which Loan of £10,000 is being advanced to the Wexford Co. Council from the Local Loans Fund are ascertained the Secretary advertise for applicants."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the Co. Council be requested to empower the Finance Committee to carry out all the details in connection with Small Dwellings Acts including approval of applicants."

Mr. Corish proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That in connection with applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts this Committee recommend that 90% of the value of house up to £250 be advanced and that as regards houses valued between £250 and £500 an advance of 90% be made on the first £250 and an advance of 50% on any sum over £250 up to £500. That no advance be made in the case of houses valued at more than £500."

"That we request the Department of Local Government and Public Health to allow the Council to advance amount <sup>to</sup> ~~of~~ each individual in four instalments, the Certificate of Assistant Surveyor to be provided to cover each instalment."

Miss O'Ryan referred to the difficulty of having title to sites proved in cases in which administration had not been taken out. It was very difficult to induce people to take out administration in order to allow them to sell a site for a house. It would convenience a number of people if a clear will



would be accepted as proof of title.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said that so long as the present Law in the matter was unchanged, Title would not be accepted unless supported by the Grant of Administration.

Mr. Thomas Moran, Clonee, Camolin, who had been granted loan of £80 for erection of house, applied for an additional loan of £20.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Finance Committee acting on resolutions already adopted in the case of similar applications are not prepared to recommend the granting of additional loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mr. Thomas Moran, Clonee, Camolin."

#### OVERDRAFT

The Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote under date 29th September, 1934, (G.127623/34 Loch Garman Fa) that the Minister sanctioned overdraft up to £40,000 on the accounts of Wexford Co. Council up to 31st October, 1934, on which interest could be paid at the agreed rate.

#### TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF MEMBERS

Under date 24th September, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.122016-34 Loch Garman C) as to contribution to travelling expenses of Co. Councillors etc. for attendance at 75% of the possible meetings within six months and stated that the resolution of the Council in the matter had been noted for consideration when the opportunity for legislation would arise.

#### APPOINTMENT JUNIOR CLERK CO. SURVEYOR'S OFFICE

The following under date 3rd October, 1934, (R/RS/32) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-



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"With reference to previous relative correspondence, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the appointment by Wexford County Council of Mr. John O'Kennedy as Clerk in the County Surveyor's Office, at a salary of £156 per annum rising by annual increments of £7:10s. to a maximum of £234 per annum."

#### ABSENCE FROM DUTY

The following report under date 2nd October, 1934, was read from the County Secretary:-

"I beg to report that Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant, Co. Council Offices, was absent from duty without leave from 22nd September, 1934, to 1st October, 1934.

"On 26th September, 1934, I received a note from Mr. P. McCabe, Westgate, Wexford, that on the previous Sunday in Dublin, Mr. Hayes had asked him to inform me that he could not be at business until 27th September, 1934.

"Mr. Hayes did not attend on that day, he did not resume duty until 1st October.

"I had no personal communication from Mr. Hayes during the period of his absence."

The following explanation under date 3rd October, 1934, was read from Mr. Hayes:-

"I have been requested by the Secretary to furnish you with an explanation of my absence from duty last week.

"The circumstances are that on Saturday, September 22nd after leaving work, I received word that my brother had met with a serious accident and that he desired to see me. When I met him he informed me that he had intended to go to Dublin on that evening to transact some important business of a private nature. As owing to his injuries he was unable to travel he asked me to act for him instead. I, accordingly went and on Sunday, September 23rd, finding that the business mentioned would take some days to transact I asked a friend of mine from Wexford to inform the Secretary on the Monday that I could not report for duty. Unfortunately this information was not conveyed until the 26th September. If the Committee so desire my friend will corroborate this personally.

"As the whole matter was so unexpected it was not through any fault of mine that there was any breach of discipline.

"There is a balance of annual leave due to me which I am willing should be set against the week I was absent.

"Regretting very much the inconvenience caused."

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That while this Committee regard the recent absence of Mr. Hayes from duty in a serious light they accept his explanation



"he to be informed he cannot in the future be absent unless with the permission of the Co.Council, the Finance Committee or the Co.Secretary."

#### ELECTORS' LISTS - GOREY URBAN

Mr. Keegan said he was not satisfied with the explanation of Mr. Dunne, Rate Collector, as to the preparation of Electors' Lists in Gorey Urban District as there were discrepancies in Mr. Dunne's statement. Having referred to these he proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Colfer and adopted:- "That Collector Dunne (No.15 District) be warned that if there is any further complaint against him in the future as to preparation of his Electors' Lists substantiated the Council will be asked to take the most serious notice of the matter."

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

Applications by District Superintendent Carberry, Enniscorthy, for the committal to Industrial Schools of Edward Murphy and Patrick Murphy, Co.Home, Enniscorthy, and Rory Whelan and Michael Whelan, Irish St., Enniscorthy, were referred to Mr. Elgee, Co.Solicitor.

Mr. Elgee reported that the applications in connection with John and James Murphy, illegitimate children of Margaret Murphy, Ballyteigue, Kilmore, came before the District Justice on 3rd October, 1934, and as it was proved that the only means of livelihood of the mother was 7/- per week home help the Justice decided there was no course open to him but to commit the children. He made no order for maintenance as the Inspector of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children stated that home help had been discontinued from the previous week.

Miss O'Ryan said this woman had been trying for a considerable time to get rid of her children and had now succeeded.



### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Miss Mary Kavanagh, Hollyfort, Gorey, wrote under date 1st October, 1934, thanking the Council for the award of University Scholarship but could not avail of it as she had to continue teaching in the Loreto Convent, 43, North Great George Street, Dublin, to pay back Training College fees. She would be grateful if the Council could allow her the University fees only as that would enable her to attend the evening lectures and would not interfere with her teaching.

Mr. Elgee, Co.Solicitor, to whom Miss Kavanagh's application had been referred wrote under date 3rd October, 1934, that he could not advise the Council, they were in a position to allow her to carry out her proposal as this would not comply with the provisions of the Scholarship Scheme.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee's opinion in the matter be conveyed to Miss Kavanagh.

### COMPENSATION FOR CRIMINAL INJURY

Application for compensation for Criminal Injury was received from Mrs. Elizabeth Parle, Monck Street, Wexford, for £10 injury to door and door casing.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, Co.Solicitor, to oppose.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 5th October, 1934, be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION - STATE OF:- Col. Quin asked was it true that a T.D. with £400 a year had not paid his rates and if so why were not proceedings taken against him?

The Chairman said that by the end of the year every person who did not pay would be prosecuted.

Mr. Cummins said a man with an income such as referred to by Col. Quin should be obliged to pay his rates. He had come through a Fair that day in which there were from 300 to 400 cattle and farmers owning them could not even give them away. There was no one to bid a penny for them. It would be a terrible thing to tell the Rate Collectors to extract money from these unfortunate men and allow a man with £400 a year to go scot free. As this matter was in Committee he thought Col. Quin was entitled to the information.

Mr. Keegan asked why should they single out any particular individual before others, because the man was in public life and had an assured income.

Miss O'Ryan protested against any names of defaulting ratepayers being mentioned. It was never done by the Council before. If this precedent was to be started now she would most strongly object to it as the question of arrears of rates was always discussed in general terms.

The Chairman said that the names of particular ratepayers were mentioned at the Finance Committee but at the Council meeting they spoke in general terms and gave general orders to the Rate Collectors.

Mr. Bowe considered that the Council should be given as much enlightenment as to the state of the Rate Collection as the members of the Finance Committee. There



should be no privilege to people who owed rates regarding their identity.

Mr. Sweetman said that recently every member of the Council was furnished with full details in connection with every ratepayer who owed money, so he would like to know what all this bluff was about, because every Councillor for his own district (if he had read the list furnished him) would know perfectly well who the defaulters were.

Mr. Doyle - The bluff in this case was raised by Mr. Sweetman's own side, and it is coming altogether from his own party.

The Chairman said, Rate Collectors had a duty to perform in respect of every individual ratepayer in the County, and if they did not perform that duty they would be brought to book. He said before and he now repeated it that while he remained in the Council everyone would get the same treatment, irrespective of their political opinions or otherwise.

Mr. Meyler said if everyone got the same treatment they would be satisfied but he pointed out that his name and the names of other Councillors had been mentioned at a recent meeting of the Council.

The Chairman pointed out to Mr. Meyler that these were mentioned owing to a circular from the Local Government Department asking for the names of any Councillors who owed rates, but in respect of the debates of the Council individuals should not be singled out for treatment over the general mass.

Col. Quin - Would prosecution be taken against any man who was able to pay and would not pay?

The Chairman said this matter was in the hands of the Rate Collectors and if these were not doing their duty the Council would take action against them.

Col. Quin asked would not the Council think a Rate



Collector was not doing his duty if he failed to proceed against a man with £400 a year.

The Chairman said the Finance Committee would go over the lists of defaulting ratepayers at some future date and if they thought it necessary the whole matter could come before the Council. If the Council were to go into the circumstances of every defaulting ratepayer they might sit there for a month.

Mr. O'Byrne said the Rate Collectors had instructions to proceed against any person they considered able to pay and if steps in that direction were not taken they could hold the Rate Collectors responsible.

The matter dropped.

**RATE COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE:-** The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. Corish:- "That the Poundage Rate for all Rate Collectors in the service of the Council be fixed at 7d in the £."

In moving his motion Mr. Corish said he was always opposed to the payment of different rates of poundage, and in proposing the motion he was acting consistently to the attitude he always took on this question. He considered that even the members who agreed to the lower rate would recognise that it was not commensurate with the duties which the Collectors had to perform in an abnormal period. At the present time it was necessary for a rate collector to call on ratepayers more frequently than in normal times. It was not equitable that one collector should be receiving only 5d in the £. whilst the collector in the next parish was getting 7d.

Mr. Kinsella seconded.

Col. Quin said that the Council were obliged to pay 7d to some collectors, because they were appointed at that rate but when new collectors were being appointed the rate was fixed at 5d. The result was that the 7d rate was being eliminated.

In reply to Mr. Kinsella the Secretary stated that eight



Collectors were in receipt of 5d in the £., one 6d in the £. and eleven 7d in the £.

Mr. Sweetman said that the cost of living had decreased. Whenever the position of rate collector had to be filled there were plenty of applicants but when the jobs were secured there was organisation to increase the remuneration. He knew the council were tied to 7d in the £. for some collectors, but having ~~in~~ regard to the decrease in the cost of living he did not see any injustice in the lower rate.

Mr. Doyle said that at the time some of the collectors were appointed the rates were only half of what they were now and the poundage at 5d was considerably more <sup>than</sup> that of the man who was getting 7d at the time of his appointment. Everyone knew that within the last ten or eleven years the rates levied were abnormally higher than in previous years. The increase in amount of rate was the reason for the decrease in the poundage.

The Chairman supporting the motion said he did not believe they would get the best results under the present system. The Council realised that rate Collectors had difficult duties to perform and it was up to the Council to give them decent remuneration. Some Collectors were only in receipt of £92 and £85 a year, which in view of the fact that their jobs were practically whole time was inadequate. In addition the collectors had heavy legal expenses and they complained that they could not be met out of the poundage which they received. By paying a low poundage fraud was being encouraged.

Col. Gibbon said that the cost of living when the Collectors were appointed was much higher than to-day and the actual remuneration which they were receiving at the



present time was greater in proportion.

Chairman - I think most of your Collectors were appointed about 1920 when the rates were about double what they are now.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR THE MOTION: Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Kinsella, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, M. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman. (14)

AGAINST:- Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Day, Doyle, Gibbon, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, Quin and Walsh. (10).

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The Secretary said that the proposal would have to receive the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS LOAN:- Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That in view of the large number of persons who are desirous of taking advantage of the loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts we request the Office of Public Works to advance without further delay the amount of this loan <sup>of</sup> £10,000 to the Wexford Co. Council from the Local Loans Fund."

ABSENCE FROM DUTY:- Col. Quin proposed:- "That salary of Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant, Co. Council Office, be not paid for the week during which he was absent without leave."

There was no seconder and the motion fell through.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME:- Under date 25th September 1934, Mr. Patrick G. Power, Chapel Railway Station, wrote that he did not intend to avail of University Scholarship as he had been called to De La Salle College, Waterford, to pursue a course of training for the position of National Teacher.

Miss Nora O'Sullivan, Camolin, who was next in order



of merit wrote that she would avail of the Scholarship and had decided to attend Cork University.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That vacant University Scholarship be awarded to Miss Nora O'Sullivan, Camolin candidate next in order of merit according to results furnished by the University Authorities, said Scholarship to be tenable at Cork University."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 5th October, 1934, be and are hereby confirmed."

#### AUDIT CO. BOARD OF HEALTH

Under date 11th September, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (A.114766/34) forwarding copy of their Auditor's report of his audit of the Accounts of above Body for the three half years ended 31st March, 1934, with the attested abstracts of accounts.

The Chairman mentioned that this report was considered by the last meeting of the Co. Board of Health.

#### OFFICE OF RATE INSPECTOR

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That we again request the Local Appointments Commissioners to inform this Co. Council as soon as possible when they intend recommending a person for the permanent appointment of Rates Inspector. This position has been open now for a very considerable time, and the Council feel that there should be no further delay in having it filled permanently."



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EMPLOYMENT OF DREDGER FOR COURTTOWN HARBOUR

The following under date 22nd September, 1934,  
(No. 20637/34) was read from Office of Public Works:-

"The Co. Surveyor, Mr. W.F. Barry, has been in communication with us regarding the hire of our dredger "Fag-an-Bealach" to dredge at Courtown Harbour.

"Before we will be in a position to agree to hire the dredger to your Council, we have to state that it will be necessary that a clear depth of 8 feet at high water over the bar and along the approach channel be maintained while the dredger is at the harbour so that there will be no risk of the vessel being detained beyond the necessary time by a sudden shoaling of the bar or channel.

"During the vessel's stay, the water in the dock will have to be retained at the highest possible level to give the necessary flotation as the dredger could not proceed daily to sea.

"The spoil, when dredged, could be dumped ashore over the quay wall, possibly most conveniently near the dock gates or adjacent to the boat house.

"If you will furnish us with an assurance that these conditions will be fulfilled, and when we are notified of lodgment of the charge for hire, we will despatch the vessel.

"It will, of course, be understood that we undertake no responsibility for the stability of the quay or dock walls.

"We have to point out, however, that as it is possible that the services of this dredger may be required on short notice for other works of an urgent nature, her despatch for Courtown Harbour will depend on whether she is available when the conditions above mentioned can be fulfilled.

"We have just received your letter of the 19th inst. giving particulars of soundings, which will receive attention."

The Co. Surveyor said the County Council had already paid the money for the hire of the dredger. He was in communication with the Board of Works, since last meeting of the Council, on several occasions, and had notified them that the minimum depth of 8 feet of water would be found in the channel. As he received no reply to his communications he mentioned the matter at the Finance Committee on the 5th October when he was directed to wire to the Board of Works. He did so but still received no information. That morning 8th inst. he had phoned the Board of Works



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and received the following over the 'phone:-

"Dredger at present working in Arklow and will be so engaged for several weeks. It will then be very late in the season and it will be up to the Co. Surveyor to see to the safe entrance of the dredger".

Continuing the Co. Surveyor said if dredging is to be postponed till the first of the Winter it will be risky in getting her to Courtown in the broken weather.

In connection with this matter the following was read from the Harbour Master, Courtown Harbour, under date 2nd October, 1934:-

"I have been directed by the Courtown Harbour Committee to submit the following to be read at next meeting of your County Council.

"Regarding the dredging operations to be carried out by the Fag-an-Ballagh in the inner harbour we shall be obliged for an explanation why this dredger did not arrive over the last spring tides. Depths were taken by Mr. McNeill, Engineer, Mr. Barry, Co. Surveyor and Mr. Treanor, and it was found possible to bring the dredger into the Harbour over a spring tide. The Harbour Master wired the Captain of the dredger giving the most suitable date as Monday, 24th September or Tuesday, 25th September, when there was a sufficient depth of water through the entrance channel and over the sill of sluice Gates for her to enter. It is important that this matter should receive consideration. Lord Fitzwilliam who has been here on several occasions during the last few weeks is anxious to start trading immediately. Captain Kearon of Arklow is also ready to start and at a special meeting of this body held on Monday, 24th September, 1934, he showed inquiries which he received for 35,000 tons of gravel and sand to be shipped to Bristol. He is prepared to ship this through Courtown. This trade is being held up owing to there being a insufficient water in the inner basin for berthing and swinging a vessel. In view of these facts we feel sure you will appreciate the importance of having the inner harbour made available for shipping without delay."

Mr. Keegan said the next suitable spring tide for the dredger to enter the harbour would be the 22nd or 23rd October but, if she came to Courtown then, the fishing season would be opened and her operations would hold up the unfortunate fishermen for the fourth year in succession. He believed the dredging would have to remain over until next Spring.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Ronan seconded the



following resolution which was adopted:- "That the County Surveyor communicate with the Courtown Harbour Committee and explain to them the position as regards the visit of the Dredger "Fag-an-Bealach" to Courtown Harbour to carry out the dredging necessary at the inner basin. That the Co. Surveyor be empowered to arrange for this work when he considers it desirable and that in the meantime he apply to the Board of Works for a further extension of the period for the completion of the work in order to ensure that the Government contribution will be available. "

#### ILLNESS OF MR. R. MALONE, V.S.

Under date 26th September, 1934, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L. 3554/34) approving of the continuance of the employment of Mr. F. Staples, M.R.C.V.S., as Veterinary Inspector for the Wexford District for the further period of absence, as recommended in the medical certificate furnished in respect of Mr. Malone's illness, same rate of remuneration to be paid to Mr. Staples as in the case of Mr. Malone.

Mr. Corish gave notice of motion for meeting of County Council on 12th November, 1934; "That in the event of Mr. R. Malone, M.R.C.V.S., agreeing to retire from office as Veterinary Inspector to the County Council the Department of Agriculture be requested to sanction payment of an ex-gratia grant for £100 to him."

#### APPOINTMENT - FOOD & DRUGS INSPECTOR

Under date 1st October, 1934, the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, recommended for appointment as Ex-officio Inspector under Food and Drugs Acts for the administrative area of Wexford County Council, Garda Patrick O'Toole (967) Wexford No.2 Station.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Corish



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seconded by Mr. Culleton and adopted:-

"That Garda Patrick O'Toole, (967) be appointed Ex-officio Inspector under Foods and Drugs Acts to act in the administrative area of the Wexford County Council."

#### SHEEP DIPPING TANKS

Under date 18th September, 1934, (G.1422/34) the Department of Agriculture wrote that no site should be selected for erection of Sheep Dipping tank if its use involved contamination of water for drinking or other domestic purposes, or fishing waters. Care was necessary in disposing of the residue from sheep dipping tanks, so that it could not injure animals or pollute streams.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution:-

"That as suggested by the Department of Agriculture copy of their letter of 18th September, 1934, (G.1422/34) be furnished lay sheep dipping Inspectors, for their information and that they be requested (when they become aware of farmers proposing to erect Sheep Dipping tanks) to call attention to the contents of this communication.

"That a short advertisement dealing with the matter be issued in the three local papers."

Passed.



### ERECTION OF PETROL PUMP

Mr. F.J. Murphy, Kilrane, Wexford, wrote that he was about to erect a petrol pump station, and in order to do so, he would have to remove 25 yards of road fence and bring wires across road for lighting purposes.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the District, stated he inspected the site and there was no objection. The place was off the county road.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the County Council will offer no objection to the erection of petrol station at Kilrane in accordance with application from Mr. F.J. Murphy, under date 20th Sept.1934."

### LIFEBUOYS AT HARBOURS ETC

The following resolution was received from the meeting of the Courtown Harbour Committee held on 2nd October:-

"That the County Council be asked if they have power to instal ten lifebuoys along the coast with a view to prevent further drowning accidents, as this Committee are of the opinion that had there been any means of life saving on the beach at Ballymoney, the late James Murphy would not have lost his life. It is suggested that three be placed at Ballymoney, one at Duffcarrig, six at Courtown and one at Poulshone. These could be taken in charge by some responsible person when the bathing season is over."

Under date 4th October, 1934, Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, wrote that the County Council had power to provide lifebuoys only at the harbours under their own control, and so far as Courtown was concerned this ran from the stone bridge over the river on the north to a short distance below south guiding wall. He did not believe that the six lifebuoys were necessary.

The Chairman proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Kelly and adopted:- "That the Courtown Harbour



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Committee be informed that the County Council have no power to supply life buoys, except to harbours under their control, such as Courtown. That the County Surveyor advise next meeting as to where in his opinion it is necessary that these lifebuoys should be provided for Courtown and how many he believes necessary."

The Chairman mentioned that it would take £2,000 to cover the whole coast with life buoys from Arklow Rock to Tower of Hook.

COURTOWN HARBOUR - SALE OF GRAVEL.

The following resolution was submitted from meeting of Courtown Harbour Committee on 2nd October, 1934:-

"Recommended that the sale of gravel raised by steam grab from the entrance of Courtown Harbour be left in charge of the Harbour Master or one of the Commissioners as this Committee consider it a hardship on Purchasers to have to get a postal order and write to the County Surveyor before being allowed to draw their supply."

The County Surveyor stated that the procedure outlined in the resolution obtained for the sale of quarry screenings but the Auditor objected and obliged the County Surveyor to adopt the present system of issuing orders from his office. A special account of the sales in connection with the screenings had to be kept for presentation to the Auditor. He feared that the Auditor would not consent to the adoption of the old system, for Courtown Harbour.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed that the Council ask the Department of Local Government and Public Health to allow orders to be issued and amounts accepted for same in respect of sale of gravel at Courtown Harbour by the Harbour Master who at present collected the dues at the port and also was under bond.

The Chairman said that a system of this sort would lend itself to looseness.



After further discussion it was suggested that orders be issued by Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district.

Mr. Treanor agreed to this course.

The County Surveyor said that in the letter from the Courtown Harbour Master regarding delay in obtaining the services of the dredger from the Board of Works reference was made to a proposal of Captain Kearon, of Arklow, shipping 35,000 tons of gravel from Courtown Harbour. He (County Surveyor) did not know if it would be up to the Ministry for Industry and Commerce to prevent the export of such a large quantity. He believed that this might affect materially the coast to the North which was a "walk" for the general public. If the gravel was taken out of the bights to the South pier, little or no shingle would travel up coast. The Council were anxious this northward set of the shingle should not be interfered with as otherwise they might be faced with serious coast erosion.

The Chairman proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution:-

"That the question of removal of gravel from Courtown Harbour for shipment, be left in the hands of the County Surveyor." *Passed.*

The County Surveyor said they had the instance of Rosslare shore where the action of the pier at Rosslare Harbour has prevented the travel of the shingle to the North which was why the shore at Rosslare became denuded. If such a large quantity as 35,000 tons was taken from Courtown Harbour the effect might be the same as at Rosslare.

#### PROPOSED ERECTION OF RURAL SCHOOLS.

The following resolution which was adopted at meeting of County Wexford Vocational Education Committee on 2nd



instant was submitted:-

"That, as it is the cheapest method and lightest on the rates, the County Council be asked to raise the sum of £3,500 to be given to the Vocational Education Committee as a grant for the erection and equipping of a Rural School at each of the following places, Adamstown, Kilmuckridge and Shielbaggan."

The following notice of motion was given in the matter by Miss O'Ryan:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on the 12th November, 1934, that the Council agree to raise a sum of £3,500 (Three Thousand Five Hundred Pounds) for the purpose of erecting and equipping a Rural School at each of the following places viz., Adamstown, Kilmuckridge and Sheilbaggan, said Loan to be obtained from the Local Loans Fund, the period of repayment being 35 years and the Interest  $4\frac{3}{4}$  %.

"This motion is contingent upon a guarantee from the Technical Instruction Department of the Department of Education to repay half amount of annuity each year during the period of the Loan."



In connection with his dismissal from Ryland quarry Michael Doyle Jun., Ballyprecus, Bunclody, denied the statement of Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, that he was found useless as a Road worker. He referred at length to his services as a worker on the roads and asked if he was found useless why did he get ten weeks' employment. Mr. Ennis had never complained of the manner in which his work had been carried out. In 1913 and 1914 he was in charge of the steam rolling carried out in Bunclody and gave satisfaction. He had been working in Ryland quarry for the past nine years as quarry man and road worker and no complaint had been brought against him. He considered he was not inferior to any of the other men working there, yet for the past five years he had been dismissed several times at short intervals when there was plenty of work available. When he was dismissed on 4th August with another man the latter was taken back, It was only fair that he should be given an opportunity of defending himself against a false statement. At the last stone breaking men were Brought from Kiltelaly a distance of six miles while he (who lived convenient to the quarry) was passed over. After working so long without a fault he did not think he was fairly treated.

Mr. Ennis said it was absolutely untrue for Mr. Doyle to say that the Ganger told him the road on which he worked was never better made, as the Ganger had complained about Doyle's inefficiency. Doyle was never on the regular staff and never got any work except quarry work when they were dealing with a grant. He had been taken on in semi-charity.

The County Surveyor said that Doyle got 20 weeks employment and the man he complained of as having been taken back got 21 weeks.

Mr. Ennis said that Doyle was a willing worker enough but lacked the bit of handiness necessary in a road worker.



He might have been employed 20 years ago as a time keeper in connection with steam rolling but he certainly was never in charge. He was previously a clerk.

Doyle came before the meeting and contended that the statements in his letter were true.

The Chairman informed him that he was not dismissed but had been discharged for the time being. The County Surveyor had received a general direction in that matter today.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That Mr. Doyle Jun., Ballyprecus, Bunclody, be regarded as a regular County Council worker in accordance with the resolution adopted at this day's meeting."

The Chairman said that so far as the returns showed Doyle was treated the same as any other County Council worker in the area. In fact he got more work than some of them for the first half of the year.

#### WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT 1934

Under date 12th September, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circ.81/34) calling attention to the provisions of above Act which came into operation on 1st August, 1934.

The Secretary stated that a copy of this circular letter had been forwarded Messrs McDonagh and Boland, Insurance Brokers, 51 Dame Street, Dublin, who replied that with the exception of medical benefit the Council were as fully covered by insurance as it was possible for them to be.

#### DANGEROUS CORNER ROSSLARE

The following under date 8th Sept, 1934, was read from Rosslare Strand Fianna Fail Cumann :-

"I am instructed by the Committee of the Rosslare Strand Fianna Fail Cumann to refer to your letter of the 19th May, 1934,



concerning a resolution passed at a meeting of the County Council held on 14th May, instructing the County Surveyor to make the dangerous turn at Etchingham's, Rosslare, safe for road users, and to state that these instructions have not been carried out."

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said he could not do any more at this corner beyond what had been done unless the necessary land attached to Cedar Lodge be acquired compulsorily. It would be a very expensive work.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That the County Surveyor be directed to include in next Road Works Scheme a proposal for easement of corner at Miss Etchingham's, Rosslare, and that the County Secretary inform the Rosslare Fianna Fail Cumann of this decision of the Council."

#### BURROW ROAD ROSSLARE

Under date 8th September, 1934, the following was read from Rosslare Strand Fianna Fail Cumann:-

"I am instructed by the Committee of the Rosslare Strand Fianna Fail Cumann to ask you to bring to the notice of your Council the present bad condition of the Burrow Road. This matter was the subject of correspondence earlier in the year and despite the fact that some repairs were carried out they proved to be entirely inadequate and the road is in an even worse condition than formerly.

"Over fifty yards of the road opposite Mr. Sinnott's is covered with sand to a depth of several inches and further down near the Burrow Bank there is no surfacing whatsoever, the road is in fact practically impassable at these points, and it is highly dangerous to cyclists. Several minor accidents have already happened and it is providential that they were not of a more serious nature.

"The approach of winter makes this matter all the more



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urgent as the condition of the road will certainly not be improving from this on. It will have to be repaired sometime and the longer it is left in its present state the more it will cost later."

The County Surveyor said that in the dry weather, particularly where this road juts out into the harbour it was not possible to keep it clear of sand.

Mr. Birthistle said he had twice cleaned the sand from this road recently and it was not possible to do anything else with it. The proposal for its maintenance was not sufficient to do the road. But it was now better than it was some years ago. He would do what was possible in the matter.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and the Chairman seconded the following:- "That letter from Rosslare Fianna Fail Cumann relative to the condition of Burrow Road Rosslare be referred to the Co. Surveyor for his attention."

#### FERNS ROAD

Mr. Connors asked was there any possibility that something would be done in regard to the road at Ferns which was impassable for horse traffic. A good deal of beet would be going to Ferns station from 1st November and something should be done to prevent horses falling on this road. Though the Council made an order in the matter at last meeting nothing had been done.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, said that he could not possibly do anything with this road until he had machinery available.

The Chairman said unless the cost was prohibitive the use of coarse chippings would help horse traffic on tarred roads.

Mr. Ennis said the coarse chippings were more expensive to produce and did not cover the same area. Better arrangements could be made if the Government gave the Council earlier



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intimation of their Road Grants. This information did not reach them until the second or third week of July.

Mr. Sweetman called attention to a letter which had appeared in the local press pointing out that if horses were properly shod so as to allow of the frog of their feet to develop they could travel safely over tarred roads. He then proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That application be made to the Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee for the services of Farriery Expert of the Technical Branch of the Department of Education for a couple of demonstrations for Ferns district as to "flat" shoeing of horses. That a copy of this resolution be furnished the Technical Instruction Branch of the Department of Education and Secretary to the Vocational Education Committee."

BY WAYS AT AUGHMORE

The following resolution was received from Tacumshane Fianna Fail Cumann:-

"That we, the Committee and members of this Cumann again remind the members of the County Council of the bad state of two by ways leading from Aughmore Road to the public thoroughfare at Broadway. We ask that the necessary repairs be carried out on these by ways as soon as possible and that local labour be employed at the work."

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted :-

"That by ways at Aughmore be considered for inclusion in Minor Relief Schemes when funds are available."

The County Surveyor said ~~he~~ wished to point out that a number of suggestions and applications for repair of lanes were submitted from time to time by local people and the Council decided to put them on the Minor Relief list. On the last occasion they received from this fund £2,000 and there had been already before the Council applications for about £6,000



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worth of work. He prepared a list of the various applications and those that were deemed to be the most suitable were selected unanimously by the Council and went on in the first instance. These he would call No. 1 class. Others came on in the 2nd class, and he was afraid this class would never mature. There was now a third class and if these were put on the work would not be carried out because the money would not be available.

#### OLD TURF ROAD KILTEALY

Mr. A. Skelton, Clologue, Kiltaly, Hon Sec. Turf Committee, wrote asking the County Council to recommend a claim for grant from the Minor Relief Scheme to repair the old turf road leading to Mount Leinster. Turf Bogs on the Wexford side. Another Turf Committee was bringing the matter before the Carlow County Council to have the Carlow Turf Bog road repaired. The small sum of £1,000 would do an excellent job, which they wished to have carried out this winter so that a supply of turf would be in full blast before next June.

Mr. Bowe said he had been talking to Mr. Skelton about this matter, and he (Mr. Bowe) considered it would be ridiculous to expect the County Council to put this road into repair. There were five or six roads going to the mountain and if the County Council repaired the one in which Mr. Skelton was interested, they would have applications from all the others.

The Chairman asked was it not possible for the Wexford people concerned in the matter to agree on one road.

Mr. Bowe said there was a sort of rivalry between the various parties up there.

The Chairman said it would be possible to obtain a special grant out of the Minor Relief Scheme for the purpose of opening turf roads provided that one particular road would serve the whole district. If the people concerned would agree on the one road the County Council would be prepared to recommend it to the Board of Works for a Grant.



Mr. Bowe said that the fact that the land had not been bought out and the place was still claimed by the landlord would complicate matters.

After further discussion it was decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by the Chairman that Rev. James D'Arcy C.C. Kiltale, be requested to call a meeting of the Wexford people concerned for the purpose of selecting for repair one of the several roads leading to Mount Leinster, in order to develop the turf industry there."

Mr. Ennis said that it was very much easier to make the road from the Carlow side and the length was much shorter. In his opinion £1,000 would not adequately reconstruct any road from the Wexford side.

#### TRENCHES AND BROKEN GULLETS.

The following was read from Mr. Edward Crosbie, Hon Sec Mayglass Fianna Fail Club:-

"We hereby make application for a grant to have trenches cleaned up on road between Turn in Sallystown and Turn in Mayglass.

"The trenches are filled in and there are a number of gulleys broken down with the result that the road is flooded continually. We are anxious to have this matter seen to at once before the coming winter."

Mr. Birthistle said this was a fourth class road on which there was a contractor who had carried out the work at the trenches. The gully was not large enough to take the water.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That the County Surveyor see what can be done in regard to improvements of gulleys on road between turn in Sallystown and turn in Mayglass."

#### FLOODING NEAR ASKAMORE.

Under date 29th September, 1934, Mr. Edward Doran, Askamore, Carnew, wrote that for a number of years the surface water off the road between the village of Askamore and his residence had



been flooding his premises but on the night of the 27th September the floods actually polluted the water which he had to use for domestic purposes. He requested that a small committee should be appointed to look into the condition of things. A committee of the old Council had already seen it.

The County Surveyor said he did not think the County Council were responsible for the main portion of the flooding at all. The stream running through Mr. Doran's land ran through a duck pond. This was really the cause of the flooding. The water from the road went as it always did. In any case he was of opinion that this was a matter for the Board of Health.

In reply to a query Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, said he went to Mr. Doran four or five years ago and pointed out how he could avoid pollution to his drinking water. If the course of the surface water from the road was to be changed a corner would have to be cut off and a deep sewer sunk and this would cost a lot of money.

The Chairman suggested that Mr. Treanor and Mr. Keegan should again examine the place and see if it would be possible to formulate a simple scheme to obviate flooding. Mr. Doran had complained to him (Chairman) that his outhouses were being flooded and his cattle were in danger of being drowned in the winter. He proposed a resolution asking Messrs Treanor and Keegan to look into the matter, as he suggested, and they might be able to present a report to the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

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

#### FLOODING AT CLONROCHE.

Mr. Michael Redmond said that the south side of Clonroche road was flooded, especially in the vicinity of Mr. Malone's licensed premises. He proposed the following



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resolution which was seconded by Mr. Corish and adopted:-

"That the Assistant Surveyor for the District report to next meeting as to the flooding in Clonroche, and what steps are proposed to be taken to remedy same."

#### ROADS IN BARTOWN

Mr. Corish said at last meeting complaint was made as to the condition of two roads in Bartown area, one the main road and the other running up from Bartown Castle towards the Catholic Church and it had been suggested to him that some of the Councillors should see these roads and report.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said it was not possible to do anything more than had been done with the last mentioned road. It was 500 % better than it had been. There were big rocks cropping up through it but it had been always that way and this condition of things was worse on other roads.

Mr. Corish asked if it would cost much to put the road in good condition and Mr. Birthistle pointed out that money was not available at the moment to do more than had been done.

The matter dropped.

#### AUGHNAMAULMEEN LANE

Mr. Peter Doran, Hon Sec. Rock Tavern Fianna Fail Cumann, forwarded the following resolution:- "That we call the attention of the County Council to the deplorable state of Aughnamaulmeen Lane and that they do all in their power to have the much needed repairs carried out as soon as possible." This would be a great benefit to the residents of this lane and also a great relief to the large number of unemployed in the area."

Bernard Kavanagh, Aughnamaulmeen, Carnew, wrote calling attention to the condition of this lane. There was a good deal of tillage land along the lane. The grant was passed



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for this lane long ago so the writers trusted it would be repaired as soon as possible.

The County Surveyor said that this lane was mentioned in connection with the Minor Relief Schemes Vote but no grant was ever given.

Mr. Treanor said that two years ago the lane was passed for a grant but it was not approved by the Board of Works. They were now making application to have it done under the next grant.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted :-

"That Aughnamaulmeen lane be recommended for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote when money is available under this Scheme."

#### DANGEROUS CORNERS NEAR BREE

Mr. Samuel Deacon, Clonmore, Bree, and Mr. Garrett Byrne wrote asking the Council to take immediate steps to improve the dangerous corners leading to Bree Village from Clonmore and at Clonmore Railway Bridge. Those corners are known to members of the Council as being very dangerous and as motor owners the writers earnestly request that they be attended to so as to prevent serious or fatal accidents.

Miss O'Ryan said there were no more dangerous corners in the county than on the whole way from Galbally to Enniscorthy. The corners between Galbally and Bree should be trimmed. All through the Barony of Forth an easement had been effected at every dangerous corner but one came out on the corners from Galbally to Enniscorthy at the risk of one's life. The corner at Ballymorris was particularly dangerous.

Mr. Cullen Assistant Surveyor said that trimming the hedge at Ballymorris would not effect any improvement. It would cost £20 to do a proper job there.



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Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That corner at Ballymorris and the two other corners on this road be covered by a proposal in the next Road Works Scheme."

FRONTAGE FOR SHOP

The County Surveyor submitted application from Patrick A. Nolan, Ryland Street, Bunclody, for permission to erect a frontage (to serve as shop) at his premises. There was already a wall erected around the house on the upper side and he intended, if granted permission, to bring the new erection in line with this. There was also a wall projecting some distance at the bottom of the street.

Mr. Ennis reported that the road at this point was straight - 26 feet wide. The distance of front wall of new building from centre of road would be 22 feet. There would be no practical objection to the erection of the building as it would be on the line of a number of existing walls and houses.

The County Surveyor pointed out that the statutory distance for the erection of any building was 30 feet from the centre of the road. There was no encroachment on any part of the surface in this case.

Mr. Ronan proposed and Mr. Redmond seconded the following resolution:-

"That as regards application of P.A. Nolan, Ryland Street, Bunclody, to erect frontage at his premises, the County Council take no action."

Passed unanimously.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCE.

The following resolution ~~was~~ adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That new licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to Mrs. Margaret Conran, Rathmure, Enniscorthy, report having been received from Garda Siochana recommending the granting of said licence."



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CINEMA LICENCE.

Application for licence for travelling cinema was received from Miss Esme Walshe, Clongeen.

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, reported that he had examined the cinema which was a collapsible wooden structure, with four exits. The projector was mounted on a carriage at the rere outside the cinema and was easily moved. He did not offer any objection to the issue of licence.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Cullimore:- "That Licence under Cinematograph Act 1909 issue to Miss Esme Walshe, Clongeen, Foulksmills, as the Garda Siochana do not object."

INERTITE FOR ROADS.

The Manager, Coollattin Estate Co., Shillelagh, Co. Wicklow, forwarded leaflets dealing with Inertite, an amalgam with bitumen, tar, asphalt, cement etc.

The County Surveyor said he got a direction some time ago from the Local Government Department to try "Inertite" on grant work at Carnew, but it required a special boiler for mixing. He did not think there was much in it.

The Chairman proposed that the question of the use of Inertite be referred to the County Surveyor for experiment when occasion arises.

Mr. Corish seconded the motion which was adopted  
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*Denis Allen*  
*12th Nov 34*



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 12th November, 1934.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs. J.J. Bowe, P. Colfer, J. Connors, R. Corish, C. Culleton, W. Cullimore, J. Cummins, J. Day, M. Doyle, Col. C.M. Gibbon, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, W. Kinsella, J. Lawlor, T.J. Maylor, T. McCarthy, P. Murphy, S. O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, P. Ronan, M. Smyth, M. Sweetman and J.E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes amounting to £29,898:15:10d (and which included payments to Road Contractors) were examined and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE -  
CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Meeting 19th October, 1934:- The Minutes of Finance Committee for this meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 19th October, 1934.

Present:- Mr. Denis Allen (Chairman, Co. Council), presiding, also Messrs. Patrick Colfer, R. Corish, Ml. Doyle, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4448:13:7d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

STATE OF: The following state of Rate Collection was submitted:-

<u>Collector's Name.</u>	<u>Percentage this year</u>
S. Gannon (No. 6)	32.9
E.J. Murphy	23.5
Patrick Carty	23.1
W. Cummins	22.2
Patrick Nolan	20.2
Joseph Cummins	20.0
John Curtis	19.8
Maurice Kehoe	19.5
John Deegan	18.8
Art Dunne (No.15)	18.4
S. Gannon (No.10)	17.9
Ml. McCarthy	17.9
Denis Kenny	17.5
Philip Doyle	17.2
James Quirke	16.3
Wm. Doyle	15.5
John Flood	15.2
Matthew Murphy	13.5
Art Dunne (No.13)	12.1
John J. Sinnott	9.5

The amount of arrears collected up to 13th October, 1934, is as follows:-



<u>Collector's Name</u>		<u>Amount of Arrears.</u>		
		£	s	d
1.	James Quirke	94:	3:	9
2.	William Doyle	60:	9:	10
3.	Philip Doyle	91:	4:	1
4.	Michael McCarthy	29:	19:	6
5.	Patrick Nolan	15:	5:	7
6.	Sean Gannon	3:	19:	11
7.	John Deegan	76:	9:	2
8.	Joseph Cummins	50:	13:	0
9.	John Flood	26:	13:	5
10.	Sean Gannon	24:	7:	1
11.	Walter Cummins		7:	4
12.	M. Murphy	13:	0:	10
13.	Art Dunne (O'Reilly's)	29:	17:	6
14.	Denis Kenny	8:	18:	3
15.	Art Dunne	73:	10:	4
16.	J.J. Sinnott	17:	4:	9
17.	E.J. Murphy	3:	15:	4
18.	Maurice Kehoe	9:	15:	8
19.	John Curtis	3:	14:	6
20.	Patrick Carty	40:	7:	3
TOTAL.....		£673:	17:	1

The Chairman said he questioned if the outstanding arrears would be collected if they were to judge by the Return submitted to the meeting. At the rate at which these arrears were coming in the Council could only expect to get about £3000 out of the £17,000 outstanding. He noticed that Rate Collector W. Cummins who had £1289 arrears had collected only 7/4d out of that. He considered the Return as very unsatisfactory. This was the best time to collect rates and he believed so far as arrears were concerned, if they were not got in now they would not be secured at all. He could not see how the Council could be satisfied with the collection to date with £600 arrears collected out of £17,742.

The Chairman said the collectors were getting in rates only from people in respect of which they never had any trouble in securing payment. It occurred to him it might be possible to suspend the collection of the ordinary warrant and concentrate on the arrears.

Miss O'Ryan said there were people who owed arrears of rates who were well able to pay.

Chairman - A few of the Collectors - only a few - made an effort to collect.



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The Chairman stated that the large "carry over" should not have happened because for three months before the elections and before the new Council came in the rate collectors did practically nothing. If they had carried out their duty the Council would not be anything like £17,000 in arrears.

Mr. Doyle said there was no meeting of the Council or the Finance Committee in the three months referred to by the Chairman in which the Collectors were not urged to do all they possibly could to collect.

Mr. O'Byrne said that Mr. Doyle's statement would be borne out by reference to the Minutes. These would show that resolutions as to collecting rates had been passed at every meeting.

The Chairman said that every Councillor was satisfied that a big lot of the arrears on the lists which had been supplied from each Collector's district, could have been got in without any difficulty. There was no doubt about that.

Mr. Doyle - The Rate Collectors always said they could not get in any more than what they were lodging. Some of the arrears in his opinion would be got in but he was very doubtful if anything like half would be collected.

Miss O'Ryan held that if the Rate Collectors were not able to collect the rates the Council would have to consider the adoption of some other system.

The Rate Inspector said that the collection of arrears had been held up awaiting the decision of the Local Government Department as to acceptance of part payments of Rates, where a half year's arrears were due.

The Chairman said it would be very advisable if the Collectors would seize on their own warrants which was a very ready and efficient method of securing payment.

Miss O'Ryan said in a great many instances what happened was the Rate Collectors obtained decrees but nothing was ever done on foot of them.



The Chairman said they should insist on and encourage the Rate Collectors to act on their own without going to the courts at all. Everything seems to prevent rates being collected through the Court, at least this was what happened in Wexford County. He proposed:- "That the Finance Committee direct Rate Collectors to use every means possible to push forward the collection of the rates, and more especially collection of the arrears. The Committee are greatly dissatisfied with the very small reduction made in their outstanding arrears and could not allow arrears of this magnitude to grow in future. Collectors should realise that the Finance Committee intend to see that a big proportion of the amounts outstanding must be collected and in this they should co-operate with the Committee."

Miss O'Ryan said it appeared as if the Collectors were taking the easiest way to get in what they could. They did not appear to realise that theirs was a serious job, and that it was their business to get in the money. If a Collector said he could not do this he should in conscience resign his position.

The Chairman said the Rate Collectors seemed to have a great objection to using their own Warrant to collect rates, although it was a very effective instrument. If they would only use it in a few instances a big proportion of ratepayers would recognise that they would have to pay.

Miss O'Ryan then seconded the Chairman's proposal which was adopted.

The Chairman proposed the following which was also seconded by Miss O'Ryan and adopted:- "That the Rate Collectors of the Co.Council be summoned to the next meeting of the Finance Committee."

#### CREDIT NOTES

The following under date 17th October, 1934, (G.122015/34 Loch Garman Fa) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and



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"Public Health to refer to your letter of the 15th ultimo regarding the period within which Credit Notes applicable to the first moiety of the rates can be realised and to state that whilst it is recognised that the proposal of the Council would, if adopted, have a good effect on the collection of the first moiety, the Minister cannot anticipate legal authority being obtained and is of opinion that the date of expiry of all Credit Notes issued this year should not be earlier than the end of the financial year."

Under date 9th October, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.129242/34 Loch Garman Fa) as follows:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 29th ultimo I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has deferred consideration of the proposal to pay Poundage fees on the amount of rates met by Credit Notes in the financial year 1934/35 until the warrants for the current financial year shall have been closed."

#### LOAN - SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following under date 18th October, 1934, (22311/34) was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"We beg to inform you that we have received a recommendation from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for a loan of £10,000 from the Local Loans Fund to your Council for the purpose of making advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

"The sanction of the Minister for Finance is required for each loan from the Local Loans Fund and we cannot at this stage anticipate the sanction of the Minister for Finance on your application for a loan of £10,000.

"If the Minister for Finance sanctions a loan from the Local Loans Fund it will be necessary for our Solicitor to prepare the Mortgage deed. There are, however, many loans already under consideration and the preparation of each Mortgage Deed is taken in turn.

"You will be notified in due course if the loan is sanctioned, but in any event an issue on foot of a loan cannot be made until the Mortgage Deed has been completed."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That Mr. Gorish, T.D., a member of this Committee, be requested to interview the Minister for Finance with a view to securing sanction to the loan of £10,000 to Wexford Co. Council under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."



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TOURIST DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "We recommend the County Council to sign and seal agreement to furnish for financial year 1934/35 Contribution of one farthing in the £. to Irish Tourist Association (Incorporated)."

SOW DRAINAGE WORK

Under date 18th October, 1934, the following was read from Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor:-

"The Co. Surveyor has placed me in charge of above Scheme since Co. Council took over from Board of Works. This Scheme comprises (approximately) eight miles River and twelve miles Drains, a total of twenty miles. To inspect River and drains entails a tramp of forty miles. I need not remark this extra duty burdens me with a considerable amount of extra work, altogether out of proportion to the amount expended by the Council in maintenance.

"I shall be glad therefore, if you bring this matter under the notice of your Council, who will I am sure make an allowance commensurate with my additional work."

Mr. Kelly served notice of motion to move at next meeting of the County Council:- "That a sum of £10 per annum be paid Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, in respect of the extra work which he has to perform regarding the maintenance of Sow Drainage area."

ABSENCE FROM DUTY  
MR. S. HAYES, CLERICAL ASSISTANT.

The following addressed to Co. Secretary under date 11th October, 1934, was read from Mr. P. McCabe, Westgate, Wexford:-

"I have seen a report in the Wexford "People" of 10th inst. with regard to a discussion by your Council in reference to Mr. Stephen Hayes, one of their officials.

"You are reported as saying that had I called to your office during official hours on Wednesday the 26th September, I would have seen you. As a matter of fact I called to the Co. Hall at about 4.15 p.m. on that day and was informed by one of the staff that you were away attending the wedding of Dr. Bastible. Therefore I could not see you in person and I sent you up a note which was delivered about 4.45 p.m. on the same day.

"I am annoyed that my name should have appeared in a false light.



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"I would be glad if you would kindly bring this letter before the Finance Committee some of whom I have already acquainted with the circumstances."

No Order.

#### LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COMBINED) PURCHASING ACT

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the assessment of £151:19:6d on Wexford County Council to meet expenses under above Act for year ended 31st March, 1934, be reported to the County Council for payment."

#### CRIMINAL INJURY CLAIM

Application by Patrick Fortune, Bungalow, Ferns, for £500 compensation for burning hay, barley, oats, etc., on an outfarm at Corah, Ballycarney, was referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, to oppose.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne that Mr. Elgee obtain any evidence that may be possible as regards the circumstances and particularly evidence of value.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION.

Under date 5th October, 1934, the Inspector of Wexford Branch of National Society for the prevention of Cruelty to Children wrote of his intention to apply at Ballycullane District Court for the committal of Mary Broaders (12 years) and Margaret Broaders (8 years) children of Mrs. Annie Broaders, Ballymitty, to an Industrial School. The application would be made under Section 58 (1) (B) Childrens Act 1908.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor.

#### ERECTION OF CORN STORE

Under date 5th October, 1934, Miss A. Somers, Merchant, Coolgreany, wrote that she had built a corn store on the road - side and was not aware it should have been 30 feet from the centre of the road until Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, called her attention to the matter. The store was



twenty-five feet from the road centre and she was going to alter the front by taking away the ditch. She could not continue the work without the permission of the Council.

Under date 15th October, 1934, Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that as the building did not cause any obstruction he would not recommend its removal since it was almost complete and he was satisfied that Miss Somers acted in ignorance of the regulations. She could, with advantage to herself, have built it much further away from the road.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "The Co.Council are recommended not to take action as regards the erection by Miss Somers, Coolgreaney, of a store within thirty feet of the centre of the road."

ERECTION OF HOUSE  
ENCROACHMENT ON ROAD 218.

Under date 15th October, 1934, Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, reported that on the 5th instant on inspection of above road he met James Fisher, Banogue, who had, without permission, erected within the statutory limits house on this road. Fisher said he was not aware of the regulation. The house in question was a small shed to build which it was necessary to remove road fence thus bringing gable of structure in line with fences. But as this was on a straight part of the road it offered no obstruction to the view.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the County Council be recommended to take no action as regards erection of house on Road 218 by James Fisher, Banogue, Gorey."

FLOODING AT ASKAMORE

The following report under date 15th October, 1934, was submitted from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-



"I made an inspection of the flooding at Askamore to-day when I met Mr. Doran I went into the matter very carefully and as a result report that to obviate flooding of his premises it will be necessary to divert water at two places, necessitating moving back two bad corners and laying two lines each 10 yards of 9" and 12" pipes. The land where corners to be taken off is very high over road level and very heavy cutting will be necessary. There are two owners concerned both of whom will give land required free of charge. Part of cuttings at corners will be through rock and trenches for pipes under road will also be through rock.

"I have gone into estimate and find that a sum of at least £65 will be required to carry out the proposed works."

Under date 15th October, 1934, Rev. Thomas Cloney, C.C., Askamore, wrote asking the County Council to have (1) two very dangerous corners on the road leading from Askamore to Carnew near Mr. Doran's at Askamore removed (2) to have the road immediately outside the Church gates at Askamore raised somewhat. The road is, at this point, considerably sunk in the centre, and this with a steep incline, made the approach to the church very dangerous in times of severe frost.

The Co. Surveyor said that Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, who had seen the place held the Council were not absolutely bound to do anything but the cutting of the corners and the other work would be a great improvement of the approach to the Church.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "We recommend the Co. Council to withdraw a sum of £65 from the appropriate Road Contingency Fund to obviate flooding at Askamore, also to secure easement of two dangerous corners and raise road adjacent to Askamore Catholic Church."

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 17th October, 1934, Miss Barbara Lowe, University Scholarship Holder, The Faythe, Wexford, wrote she was surprised to hear it was necessary for female holders of scholarships to reside in a hostel. She had already made arrangements to stay with her sister at 13, Grantham Street, Dublin. She was anxious to comply with the regulations of the County Council but as the College was open for a week she was



afraid there would be no accommodation available at the hostels.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Doyle:- "That the Co.Council be recommended to make no change in regard to the custom of seeing that female holders of University Scholarships reside in approved hostels."

#### DEFAULTING ROAD CONTRACTOR

The Co.Surveyor reported that John Kinsella,Ballyduff, Killena,had proved a defaulter on his Contract for Roads Nos.218 and 354. A Ten Day Notice had been served on him on 16th Oct. 1934.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.Kinsella seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Co.Surveyor take what steps he considers most advisable in respect of Road Contracts Nos.218 and 354 (John Kinsella,Ballyduff,Killena, Contractor)."

#### GOREY COURTHOUSE

Mr. James Forde,Hon.Sec., Gaelic League Branch, Gorey, wrote that it had been decided to hold a Ceilidhe on the night of 4th November,1934, and the Gorey Branch of the Gaelic League would be obliged to the Co.Council for the use of Gorey Courthouse for the occasion.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the Gorey Branch of Gaelic League be allowed the use of Gorey Courthouse for Ceilidhe for 4th November,1934, on condition that the Committee be responsible for the premises while in their possession and that they will surrender same in a clean and tidy condition."

#### DRAIN & SEWER AT KILLINICK

Mr. John O'Connor,Merchant, Killinick, wrote that Rate Collector Nolan called on him the previous day but he refused to pay his rates until the drain or sewer across the road was overhauled, and made sanitary. He went to great expense in having a cement sewer laid from the corner of his premises to



carry all the water on to the land. Now when it rained the sewer, he complained of, brought all the slush and dirt of a cow house right into his premises and this would have to be seen to before he would pay any more taxes.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That County Surveyor be asked to furnish report as to complaint made by John O'Connor Killinick, regarding defective sewer or drain adjacent to his premises."



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting of 19th October, 1934, as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin:- "That the Seal of the Wexford Co. Council be affixed to the Agreement with the Tourist Development Association in regard to the application of the sum provided by the Co. Council."

SOW DRAINAGE WORK: - Notice of Motion given by Mr. Kelly at the meeting of Finance Committee to pay Mr. Cullen a sum of £10 per annum in respect of extra work he had to carry out regarding the maintenance of Sow Drainage area, was moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Colfer.

Mr. Doyle said that Mr. Cullen was a "Whole-time" officer of the Council and he could not devote more than his whole time to his work as a district Surveyor. Inspection of this drainage area was portion of the duty of Mr. Cullen and where could he give any extra service when he was supposed to be whole time.

The Co. Surveyor said that inspection of this drainage area was quite different from an Assistant Surveyor's ordinary duty. There was a total of twenty miles to be dealt over which Mr. Cullen had to tramp in rubber boots through slob and mud, over hedges and ditches and across sodden land. This was not a duty imposed on Mr. Cullen when he was appointed and arose only within the last few years.

After discussion a poll was taken on the motion with the following result:-

For:- Messrs. Colfer, Culleton, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, O'Ryan, M. Redmond, T. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman. (12).

Against:- Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Day, Doyle, Gibbon, Kinsella, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Quin, Smyth and Walsh. (13)  
Messrs. Cullimore and Corish (2) were not present when poll was taken. The Chairman declared the motion lost.



ABSENCE FROM DUTY:- The Secretary said "This red herring of Mr. McCabe to cover his bungling in not informing me until Wednesday of Mr. Hayes's conversation on Sunday in no way affects the fact of Mr. Hayes's absence as Mr. McCabe wrote a note on Wednesday that Mr. Hayes would attend for duty the following day, Thursday. But Mr. Hayes did not attend on that day, nor on Friday, nor on Saturday, and sent no explanation himself or through Mr. McCabe of his continued absence.

"Officials in similar circumstances must communicate with me direct and not through intermediaries.

"The statement made at last meeting that there was no one in my office to take a letter written by Mr. Hayes is doubly incorrect as my staff were all at work when Mr. McCabe called and Mr. Hayes never gave any written explanation to anyone as to his absence.

"It has not reached the stage with me that I must consult with outsiders as to how the Co. Council office is to be run."

ERECTION OF HOUSES ETC. WITHIN 30 FEET OF ROAD CENTRE:- As regards applications of Miss Somers, Coolgreaney and James Fisher Banogue, Gorey, in respect of erection of buildings within 30 feet of the centre of public roads, Col. Quin and Mr. Corish considered that the Co. Council should take steps to prevent this occurring in future. Circumstances might arise in which it would be found that grave public inconvenience was caused by the action of the Council in the matter.

The Co. Surveyor suggested that people who wished to erect buildings at road sides should be obliged to furnish a detailed plan of the structure, but it was pointed out that there was no legal power to compel this to be done.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Col. Quin:-

"That, an advertisement be inserted in the local papers calling attention to Section 9 (2) of the Summary Jurisdiction (Ireland) Act 1851 under which any person who erects a house within 30 feet



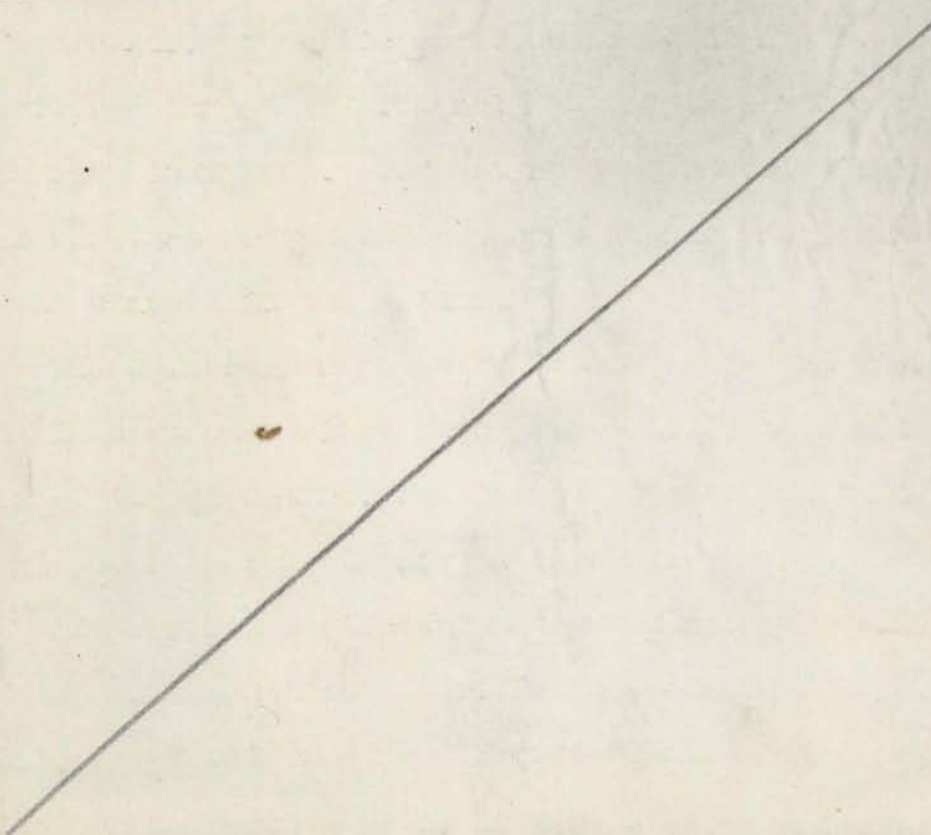
"of the centre of any public road, except in the streets of corporate or market towns, is liable to a fine of £10 and 10/- per week after conviction until the house is pulled down or removed."

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was then agreed to on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by the Chairman.

DRAIN AND SEWER AT KILLINICK:- The Co. Surveyor said he had had an interview with Mr. Flood, Engineer to the Co. Board of Health, as to whether this was a sanitary matter. Unfortunately the day he (Co. Surveyor) was to inspect the place, Mr. O'Connor's brother died. But he would see to it during the coming week.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of Meeting held on 19th October, 1934, be and are hereby confirmed."

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 2nd NOVEMBER, 1934:- Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of this meeting were submitted as follows:-





The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 2nd November, 1934.

Present, Mr. D. Allen (Chairman, Co. Council) presiding; also: Messrs. P. Colfer, W.P. Keegan, Wm. Kinsella, Sean O'Byrne and Miss N. O'Ryan.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor, Temporary Rates Inspector and Mr. J.F. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, were also present.

The Rate Collectors were also in attendance for portion of the proceedings.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4558:17:2d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

The following is the state of Rate Collection up to 1st November, 1934:-

Total Warrant and arrears.....	£122053: 3: 9
Lodgments+Credit Notes.....	25997:11: 9
Outstanding.....	<u>£ 96055:12: 0</u>

<u>Collector's Name</u>	<u>Percentage Collected</u>
S. Gannon (No. 6 District)	38.0
E.J. Murphy	31.9
M. Kehoe	31.5
J. Curtis	31.0
M. McCarthy	27.4
P. Nolan	26.0
P. Carty	25.6
W. Cummins	25.2
J. Cummins	24.7
J. Quirke	24.5
P. Doyle	24.3
J. Deegan	24.2
A. Dunne (No.15 District)	24.1
S. Gannon(No.10 District)	24.0
W. Doyle	23.9
J. Flood	23.6
D. Kenny	23.4
M. Murphy	20.7
A. Dunne (No.13 District)	17.5
<u>J.J. Sinnott</u>	<u>13.8</u>

Average 24.9% on current warrant including arrears.



The percentage collected at corresponding period last year was 28.0%.

The percentage collected in current year for each District is

New Ross .....	30.0%
Enniscorthy.....	25.8%
Wexford.....	25.2%
Gorey.....	19.7%

The Chairman said there was a great discrepancy between 38% the highest on the list and 13.8% the lowest.

The Secretary read Circular letter addressed by him to the Rate Collectors on 24th October, 1934, as follows:-

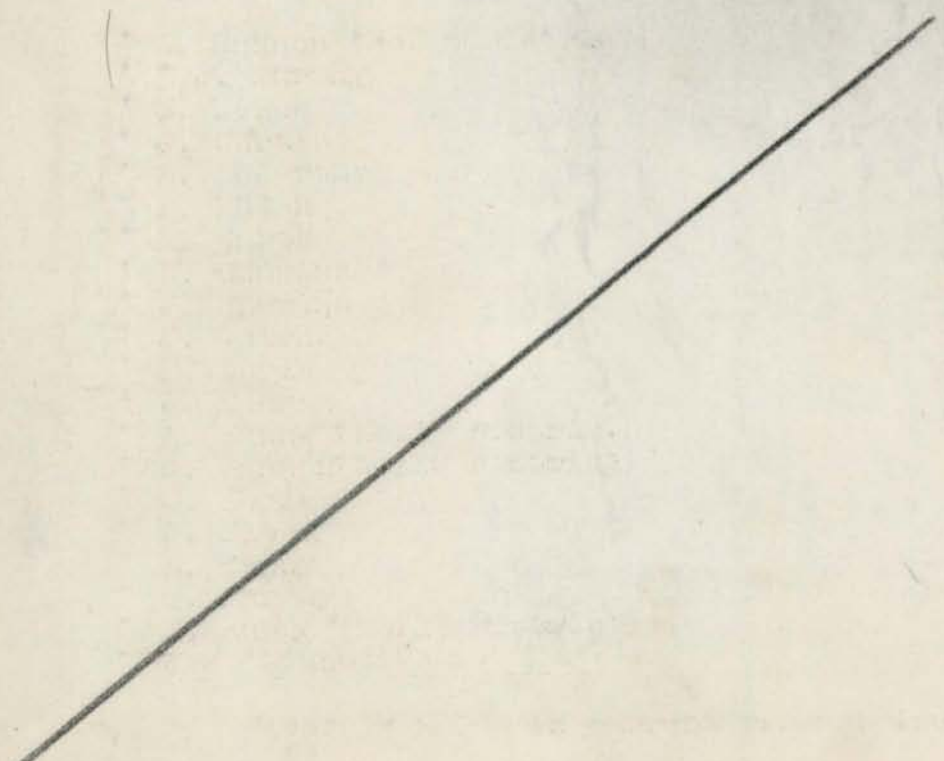
"I have to inform you that the Finance Committee require the attendance of Rate Collectors at their next meeting to be held on Friday, 2nd November, 1934, at 2.30 p.m.

"The Finance Committee are dissatisfied with the present position of the Collection and regard the fact that such a large arrear remains outstanding as indicating that the Collectors are not working as they should.

"The Committee want a special "push" made in the Collection of the arrears as unless the collectable amounts outstanding are obtained now it will be impossible to secure payment later on.

"The Finance Committee are determined that Collectors who wish to remain in office will carry out their duties in a whole hearted manner and use every effort to secure early payment, otherwise drastic steps will be taken against Collectors in backward districts."

The following gives particulars of arrears carried forward in each case with amounts lodged in respect of same:-





WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

ARREARS CARRIED FORWARD TO 1934/35 RATE

No.	COLLECTOR	1934/35 Warrant & Arrears	Total Amt. of arrears crd. fwd. to 1934/ 1935 Warrant	% represented by arrears on total Warrant for 1934/35.	Amt. of arrears lodged to 1st Nov. 1934.	% represented by arrears lodged to 1st Nov. 1934.	% on total Warrants for 1934/35 represented by arrears lodged	LODGED 2/11/1934.
		£ s d	£ s d		£ s d			£ s d
17	E. J. Murphy	5174:12: 3	195:13: 7	3.8	8:12: 1	4.62	.17	3:11: 8
19	J. Curtis	5580: 2:10	387: 9:10	6.9	28: 9:11	7.23	.50	
13	J. J. O'Reilly	5832: 4: 6	414: 6: 7	7.1	37: 8: 9	8.94	.64	
14	D. Kenny	4981: 3: 4	375: 2: 3	7.5	66: 7: 3	17.60	1.33	
18	M. Kehoe	4607:10: 5	350:11: 2	7.6	9:15: 8	2.86	.22	
7	J. Deegan	7631: 9: 4	664:14: 4	8.7	125: 0:10	18.82	1.64	2: 0: 7
20	P. Carty	4872:12: 7	496: 5: 9	10.2	49:11: 1	10.08	1.03	
4	M. McCarthy	6477:18: 6	799: 7: 9	12.4	63:17: 6	8.01	.99	4:10: 9
3	P. Doyle	6750: 5:10	999:16: 5	14.8	93: 1: 8	9.31	1.38	6: 2: 4
9	J. Flood	4234: 4: 8	646:14: 8	15.3	71:16: 1	11.14	1.70	
5	P. Nolan	8507:15: 5	1303: 1: 5	15.3	25:17: 2	1.99	.31	13: 7: 7
15	A. Dunne	9577:15: 9	1486: 1: 3	15.5	139:19: 2	9.42	1.67	
8	J. Cummins	6178: 1: 7	982: 3: 1	15.9	117: 6:11	11.91	1.90	
10	S. Gannon (No. 10)	4099: 0: 9	656:12:10	16.0	44: 5: 1	6.71	1.07	
6	S. Gannon (No. 6)	3849: 6: 3	672:13:10	17.5	3:19:11	.60	.10	
16	J. J. Sinnott	7476:19: 6	1326:18:10	17.8	47:11: 9	3.62	.64	
12	M. Murphy	4148: 0: 8	864:15: 2	20.9	31: 9: 6	3.59	.75	
1	J. Quirke	9941:19:10	2124: 7: 1	21.4	116: 8: 3	5.46	1.17	40:14: 4
11	W. Cummins	5882:15: 5	1289: 7: 9	21.9	70:13: 7	5.51	1.21	
2	W. Doyle	6249: 4: 4	1706: 1: 9	27.3	95:14:11	5.62	1.54	
TOTAL.		£122053: 3: 9	17742: 5: 4	14.5	1247: 7: 1	7. 0	1.02	<del>48:16: 9</del> 70: 7: 3

2nd November, 1934.



The Chairman said the Collectors had been summoned to the meeting as the Committee felt the Collectors were not doing what they should in regard to the collection of the arrears. It was generally believed that fully 60% of the £17,000 arrears was collectable if the Collectors had put their hearts into the work. The Chairman then went through the arrears' list in detail and said that £1317 only had been collected out of the £17,000 and taking this as the result of two months' work it was manifest that at the same rate of progress they would not be able to collect more than 25% of the arrears unless something was done to insist on their collection.

Mr. Colfer said that in his district with returns from beet and corn November would be a very good month and the arrears in it should be very substantially reduced.

Miss O'Ryan suggested that the Finance Committee should fix a definite date by which the arrears would have to be collected.

The Chairman proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con.:— "That the County Council be recommended to fix the 31st December, 1934, as the date upon which Rate Collectors should lodge the full amount of collectable arrears carried forward to the present collection. And that the first moiety of current rate be also closed at this date."

Mr. Colfer said that Collectors should discontinue the practice of obtaining decrees "by consent" as ratepayers were saved publicity and the decrees were found to be no good.

Miss O'Ryan suggested that a list of farms in respect of which rates and annuities have not been paid for two years should be compiled and the Land Commission requested to take over such farms with a view to their re-distribution.

Mr. O'Byrne said the proposal might be all right in certain cases but it would be a hardship to apply it as a general principle. There were many willing ratepayers who were hit only for the time being and who were quite willing to pay as soon



as there was any improvement in their circumstances.

The Chairman said that in Enniscorthy District 60% of the defaulters held a valuation of £10 and under. It was his belief that 90% of what rates these people owed were collectable. In his opinion they had now reached a stage that the less the Council have to do with the collection of rates the better for all concerned. They should let the Rate Collectors carry out their duties and let them prove to the Council that they took all steps possible to recover the amounts outstanding. The good paying ratepayers were saddled with about 2/- in the £. because of the very large amount of annuities and rate outstanding. The Council were sent there to do their best for the ratepayers and they should tell those who were meeting their liabilities that they were paying 2/- in the £. because their next-door neighbours were not paying rates and annuities. It was a well known fact that numbers of people who had paid were as badly off as those who were withholding the rates.

Some individual cases of ratepayers in arrear were then considered, and it was pointed out in the course of the discussion that unless the full amount of arrears was paid with the first moiety of current rate the ratepayer would not be able to take advantage of the first moiety credit note.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That in exceptional cases in which ratepayers are manifestly unable to clear off all arrears and first moiety by 31st December, 1934, the position as regards credit notes be considered before the end of the financial year, possibly at the meeting of the Finance Committee subsequent to the 1st March, 1935."

Addressing the Collectors, who were called into the meeting at this stage, the Chairman said the Finance Committee were not satisfied with the progress made in the collection of the arrears. This created a serious situation. When the Collectors had been last before the Finance Committee he told them and he now



repeated the statement that they should not have presented the Co. Council with such a huge amount of arrears. That 60% of this was collectable. The Committee had decided that the Collectors would be given up to 31st December, 1934, to get in all collectable arrears: otherwise they would have to account for their failure to the Co. Council. The Committee felt that most of the amount outstanding could have been collected if the Collectors had been more active in carrying out their duties. The Co. Council as the representatives of the Ratepayers could not stand for the large amount of arrears. Much of these were due by people who were as well able to pay as the people who had actually paid. There may be particular cases in which the arrears could not be collected but these could be very carefully considered and when the time came suitable arrangements could be made about them. He stressed the fact that a very large amount of the arrears was collectable and the Finance Committee would see it was got in. Only £1317 had been collected to date which represented a very poor result for two months. Per head of the Collectors it would be about £70 and the Finance Committee could not look on that result as a proper performance of duty. The attitude taken up by the Council was to do everything possible to help the Collectors to secure the remuneration due to them and to agree to increases of salary in cases in which they believed the Rate Collectors were not receiving a fair wage. But on the other hand they would insist on the Collectors carrying out, in the interests of the ratepayers of the County, their duty to the fullest extent. There had been slackness in the past. The Committee also called attention to the fact that in the three months of October, November and December, money would be more plenty than in the Spring, and it was up to the Collectors to see that no efforts were wanting on their behalf during these three months to get in the rates. Drastic steps would be taken against any Collector who was not carrying out his duty in a whole hearted way. He (Chairman) would much



prefer to see a Collector suspended than to have his poundage "cut" at the end of the year. In collecting the arrears some Rate Collectors said that the Chairman of the Council was responsible for pressing the Collectors. This was not the case. They were not collecting for the Chairman but for the Council to enable them to carry on the business for which they had been elected, and they had no authority to introduce the name of the Chairman or of any individual Councillor into the matter. The Collectors were responsible to the Council as a whole and not to an individual. These observations applied, in the knowledge of the Chairman, to a couple of Collectors. The Collectors had their Warrants and the Council would not do or say anything that would interfere with the Collection. If they wished for any public statement as to the duties of Rate Collectors and rate-payers the Council would make it; otherwise they would not interfere with the Collectors who had ample powers. If the machinery was not operating as it should the Council should be informed and they would endeavour to have it improved. The Collectors having accepted the position knew their duties and it was up to them to deliver the goods.

Mr. J. Cummins (District No.8) said that he knew the position of the ratepayers in his district, a great many of whom were carrying out their tillage on credit. If drastic steps were taken against them they would land in bankruptcy.

The Chairman would not accept this statement as generally applicable to Mr. Cummins' area in which resided the best off and most progressive farmers in the County; in fact he regarded this area as ideal from the point of view of a Rate Collector. He knew a good many of those whose names appeared on the outstanding list and he had no hesitation in saying that a big proportion of the amount was collectable.

Mr. Cummins said he would be able to collect some of the arrears but he would not get it all.



The Chairman observed that two thirds of the holdings on which rates were due in this district were under £20 valuation. It was a mistake for any Rate Collector to single out exceptional cases when their discussion should centre around the normal. It was quite wrong to plead exceptional cases in considering the general question.

Miss O'Ryan said they would not get very far if they kept their discussion to exceptional cases. A report had gone out that the County Council would be careless and would not press for arrears of rates only for the Chairman. But people who said this should remember that it was the settled policy of the party to which she belonged to make people pay their rates in order to maintain the public services in an efficient manner and if possible to have them improved. It was the duty of the Council to see that people paid their contribution towards the upkeep of these services and not to oblige certain ratepayers to pay three times over for their own rates for defaulting ratepayers, and for defaulting annuitants. The action of the Council in this matter should not be attributed to the Chairman. It was their settled policy. It appeared as if people would prefer to pay anything and everything but their rates.

Chairman - The position is up to the Rate Collectors. If they cannot do their job they should resign.

Miss O'Ryan said that the Council might be able to assist some Collectors who had decrees.

Collectors Quirke, Deegan and Nolan then gave their experiences of the execution of decrees.

In connection with this matter a questionnaire had been addressed to the Collectors asking (1) Total amount collected on foot of Decrees during year ended 30th September, 1934. State number of Decrees. (2) Value and number of Decrees lodged with Sheriff for same period. (3) Amount and number of Decrees obtained for same period and not lodged with Sheriff.



The following Collectors made a "nil" return:- J. Cummins, W. Cummins, William Doyle, John Flood and Sean Gannon.

The Chairman said that if the Collectors did not take out decrees and did not seize under their warrants they had not utilised any legal remedy to secure payment of rates.

On the suggestion of the Chairman it was decided that an advertisement be issued in the local papers calling attention to the dates on which rates were payable etc.

Mr. Keegan said that no Rate Collector should be appointed to a second area. One was enough for him and in some cases he was not able to deal with that.

The Chairman said it was the opinion of the Department of Local Government that if the areas were larger the Council could count on better results. At the first meeting after the 31st December next the Collectors would be present and would have to give a strictly accurate account in every case in which they failed to collect. The Collectors had up to then to show how they really regarded their duties and responsibilities. The Council would say nothing more to them but in the meantime they could utilise every power they had. After the 31st December the Council would take a very serious view of the case of any Collector who had not done his duty.

Miss O'Ryan then proposed:- "That a list of farms on which Rates and Annuities are in arrear for two years be compiled and furnished to the Land Commission with a view to their distribution to people who are prepared to work them."

Mr. Colfer seconded.

The resolution was adopted, Messrs. Kinsella and O'Byrne dissenting.



### RATES INSPECTOR

Under date 20th October, 1934, the Local Appointments Commission wrote (L.A.22/7/34) recommending for appointment as Rates Inspector to the Wexford County Council, Mr. John James A. Masterson, Drumsna, Co. Leitrim. The following is a summary of his qualifications:-

Date and Place  
of Birth:

10th November, 1908 : Co. Leitrim.

Qualifications  
and Experience:

D.Ph. Louvain, 1929 : H.Dip, Ed (U.C.D.) 1930. Professor of French, St. Mary's College, Rathmines, Dublin, 1929-30. Since 1931 he has been employed as part-time Teacher of Irish at Drumsna National School, Co. Leitrim. He has a good knowledge of Local Government Acts and Orders dealing with rate inspection. Knowledge of Irish: Competent.

Conditions of Appointment:

1. The post is whole-time, permanent and pensionable.
2. Salary scale: £200 by £10 a year to £250 a year with an allowance not exceeding £100 a year for vouched travelling expenses.
3. Age limits: 25 to 40 years on 1st August, 1934. Existing pensionable or pensioned officers of Local Authorities in Saorstát Éireann may deduct from their actual age any time they have spent in such service.
4. Qualifications: (a) Good general education particularly in Arithmetic and Book-keeping, (b) knowledge of the Public Bodies Orders and of the Local Government and other Acts which impose duties or liabilities on the Council, and (c) competent knowledge of Irish.

No person shall be deemed to be qualified for the position - (a) who is engaged in retail trade, or (b) whose wife or husband or any member of whose family with whom he resides is engaged in such trade; (c) who has within 12 months before his appointment or since his appointment received Home Assistance (d) who has been convicted of any crime, or who, within five years before appointment, has been adjudged bankrupt.

5. Duties: The person appointed shall perform the duties set out in accompanying memorandum.
6. The person appointed will be required to enter into a Fidelity Guarantee Bond in the sum of £500 with an approved Society.
7. Method of Appointment: (a) The Commissioners will investigate the qualifications of candidates with the assistance of a Board set up for that purpose and, subject to (b) below, the most highly qualified and suitable candidate will be selected and recommended to the Local Authority for appointment to the vacant office.  
(b) Candidates may be required to attend in person before the Board but the Commissioners will not be responsible



for any expense a candidate may incur in attending for interview.  
(c) The selected candidate must satisfy the Local Appointments Commissioners with regard to age, health and character.

Latest date for receiving completed application forms, which should be returned to the Secretary, Local Appointments Commission, 45, Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin, C.8., 3rd August, 1934.

DUTIES:

1. To check, each fortnight, in each of the four County Towns, the accounts of the Rate Collectors; to supervise the general work of these officers as to their methods of collection, and to take all possible steps to ensure that the collection is dealt with efficiently and in a businesslike manner.
2. To forward immediately after examination of the Collectors' accounts each fortnight the results of said checking on the appropriate forms, and to enter date of payment of each item in Rate Books.
3. To call the immediate attention of the County Secretary to the failure of any Collector who fails to attend for checking or who fails to produce his books or lodgment receipts for money which he has collected or whose accounts disclose any irregularities. Also to any other matter which, in his opinion, may adversely affect the Rate Collection in the area.
4. At the examination of the Accounts the Inspector shall
  - (a) ascertain the total amount of rates collected by the Collector since the last examination of accounts;
  - (b) examine the treasurer's receipts (Form 54) for all lodgments made by the Collector since such last examination.
  - (c) see that the entries in the blocks of the abstracts and report note (Form 55) include all sums in respect of which the corresponding receipt notes have been detached from the collecting book since such last examination;
  - (d) enter his initials in the prescribed space, in the used blocks of the collecting Book (Form 52)
  - (e) fill in the particulars required to be filled in by him in the Collector's Report Note (Form 55) sign and detach such report note from the block;
  - (f) carry the totals into the Balance Sheet (Form 56) which he shall initial, having first filled in the several other columns and inserted the date of examination.
5. To prepare necessary Returns of Poor Rate as required. To check Irrecoverable Rates List and Temporary Uncollectable Rates Lists and also lists of Small Dwellings furnished by the Collectors.
6. To check applications for Revision of Valuations.
7. To obtain from Rate Collectors lists of changes of names of Rated Occupiers and verify same to ensure that the correct names of Rated Occupiers are entered in Rate Books at the date when Rate is struck.



8. To keep diary with carbon copy, showing each day the work which has been carried out and the mileage covered.
9. To check Diaries of Rate Collectors.
10. To interview Ratepayers, in cases in which he considers this course advisable, as to the payment or non-payment of their Rates and to ascertain and record the dates on which they were called upon by the Collector of the District.
11. To collect and lodge with County Treasurer instalments of loans advanced by County Council to applicants under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
12. To carry out any further duties which may be assigned to him by the County Secretary, with the approval of the Finance Committee and Department of Local Government and Public Health.
13. To attend meetings of Finance Committee or County Council when required.

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That in compliance with the decision of the Local Appointments Commission the Wexford County Council be recommended to appoint as their Rates Inspector, Mr. John James A. Masterson, Drumsna, Co. Leitrim, at a salary of £200 per annum with increments of £10 up to £250 and vouched travelling expenses up to £100 per annum."

LOCAL TAXATION OFFICE

The following under date 30th October, 1934, was read from Mr. John J. Byrne, Hon. Sec., Wexford Branch, Local Government Officials Union:-

"I am directed by the above Branch to make application to Wexford County Council on behalf of Mr. P.M. Donohoe for extra remuneration for discharging the duties of Local Taxation Officer from 1st to 31st August, 1934.

"The union desired me to point out that Mr. Donohoe is only in receipt of a salary of £2:2:3d per week, which is not at all commensurate with the duties and responsibilities he was called on to undertake while acting as Taxation Officer.

"I am to add that Mr. Donohoe acted in a similar capacity for the past three years during the absences of the Taxation Officer, and the Union feels that it is only necessary to call the attention of the County Council to the matter in order to have him granted extra remuneration for his added duties and responsibilities."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That we recommend the



"County Council to agree to the payment of £1 per week as remuneration to Mr. P.M. Donohoe, Clerical Assistant County Council Office, for the four weeks during which he discharged the duties of Local Taxation Officer while the latter was absent on Summer leave. As Local Taxation Officer devotes his whole time to the duties of the Local Taxation Office we consider the remuneration proposed to be paid Mr. Donohoe should come from the Road Fund."

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 27th October, 1934, Miss Barbara Lowe, University Scholarship Holder, Wexford Co. Council, wrote that she would make arrangements immediately to return to Hostel in compliance with the decision of the Co. Council.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR COMPENSATION FOR CRIMINAL INJURIES

Applications were received from the following under above:-  
James Howlin, Corah, Ballycarney, £1:15s. (seven pairs of chickens)  
Trustees Collins Memorial Hall, Wexford, £7:16:6d (destruction of furniture). Michael Corcoran, Nash, £6:10s. (destruction of four windows at outfarm at Kilmannock). Thomas Underwood, Crescent Quay, Wexford, £30 (breaking plate glass window).

Referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, to oppose.

#### TYPEWRITERS IN CO. SURVEYOR'S OFFICE

The following under date 31st October, 1934, was read from the County Surveyor:-

"I have to report that the typewriters in my office need immediate repairs. The machine obtained in 1925 requires an extensive overhaul for the carrying out of which Messrs. Lawson submit quotation for £6:11s. In view of the high cost of these repairs, I consider it would be more economical to purchase a new machine. Owing to the large number of Forms which required to be typed a machine with a carriage 18" long is essential. I submit quotation from Messrs. Lawson for supply of such a machine at £32. This firm will take the old machine in part payment, allowing £7 therefor, so that the net cost of new machine will be £25.

"If this proposal be agreed to the second machine, when some minor repairs have been made to it, could be reserved for stencil work, and thus save considerable wear and tear on the new machine."



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That the Council be recommended to empower the Co. Surveyor to purchase new typewriter (L.C. Smith - 18" carriage) for use in his office at a cost of £32, old machine value for £7 being taken in part exchange leaving net cost £25. That the necessary minor repairs be effected to the second machine which can be used in the future principally for stencil work."

#### EMPLOYMENT OF MEN

Mr. Birthistle said that the cast-iron rule made by the Co. Council that all road workers in any section were to be employed and laid off at the same time could not be strictly adhered to without greatly interfering with the efficiency of the work when the money available was taken into account. He suggested that the procedure which he adopted of "rotating" the men when funds were running out would give much better results.

After discussion the following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by the Chairman:- "That the working out of the resolution of the Co. Council as to employment and "laying off" of road workers for each County Electoral area be placed in charge of the County Councillors representing those areas in conjunction with the Assistant Surveyors."



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 2nd November, 1934, be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION:- The Chairman suggested that the representatives of the Press be requested to publish the Minutes of Finance Committee which refer to the Rate Collection.

Mr. Thomas Redmond could not understand why the three other districts of the County were not so good as New Ross, whose ratepayers had no wonderful source of income. There was no way of accounting for this except that the Ross Collectors were more energetic.

Mr. Doyle objected to the publication of the Minutes as payment of annuities had been brought into them. It was not their business to talk about the collection of annuities and many people considered they had paid their annuities twice over.

The Chairman said there was no undue reference to annuities but the Finance Committee thought it well to bring to the notice of ratepayers what defaulters in annuities and rates were costing the County.

Miss O'Ryan said that people who were not paying their annuities were imposing an unjust burden on their fellows and the Finance Committee were quite right in protesting against that. If people would not work their land the Co. Council were quite right in asking that it should be handed over to people who would work it properly. She was in favour of giving the Minute of the Finance Committee to the Press so that the public would know that the Co. Council were really in earnest as regards the collection of rates and that they would make a genuine effort in this direction. She then proposed and Mr. Sweetman seconded the following resolution:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 2nd November, 1934, relative to the collection of Rates be handed to the Press."



Col. Quin said it was absolutely clear that the whole Council were in favour of getting in the rates otherwise the Public Services could not be carried on. If they howled a little less in public about the bad times the situation would improve. He did not think anyone had sympathy for the man who was in a position to pay and would not.

Mr. Doyle said there was a real threat in the resolution of Miss O'Ryan asking the Land Commission to take over the farms of people who held morally that they had paid their annuities over and over. Anyone who had to put 30 or 40 cattle through his hands had paid a great deal more than the amount of his annuity. He was as anxious as any other Councillor to see the rates collected.

Mr. Bowe also objected to the publication of the Minute as it requested the Government to confiscate the farms of people who were not able to pay their annuities.

Miss O'Ryan said that the Board of Health showed no compunction in taking up their cottages from people who would not pay their rents.

The Chairman took a show of hands on the resolution to publish the Minute when 15 voted in favour and no one against.

He then declared the resolution carried.

APPOINTMENT OF RATES INSPECTOR:- Mr. Cummins protested against the appointment of Mr. Masterson. It was an insult to the intelligence of the people of Wexford to say that no one could be found within its borders to qualify for the position. He was sure that forty competent young men could be found in the four districts of the County capable of carrying on the duties.

It was a terrible thing to appoint a man over the heads of the Council no matter what University degrees he had. He (Mr. Cummins) was against this procedure from the first and he was doubly against it now. What business had the Co.Council meeting at all if they were not allowed to appoint their officials

The Chairman said it was the law of the land. The Rate



Inspectorship was a scheduled appointment to be dealt with by the Local Appointments Commission and there was no use in kicking against it now.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was agreed to on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Miss O'Ryan, Messrs. Connors and Meyler dissenting.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 2nd November, 1934 be and are hereby confirmed."

#### ALL RATE COLLECTORS AT FLAT POUNDAGE RATE

The following under date 9th November, 1934, (G.137105/34 - Loch Garman Fa) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"In reply to your letter of the 31st ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is not prepared to sanction the proposal that poundage at the rate of 7d be paid to all rate collectors in the County, but in the cases of those collectors whose poundage rates are less than 7d he will be prepared to approve of a bonus to bring them up to 7d for the current year, if they lodge the equivalent of the first moiety and arrears before 31st December next and the whole warrant before 31st March."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That in consequence of the Co.Council recognising it will not be possible for the Collectors to close their warrants by 31st March, 1935, we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to allow the bonus to bring poundage fees up to 7d in the £. in the cases of all collectors receiving lower fees, who lodge first moiety and arrears by 31st December, 1934."

#### RATE COLLECTORS ON PROBATION

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That as Rate Collectors Denis Kenny (No.14) Maurice Kehoe (No.18) and John Flood (No.9) have carried out their duties during their probationary period in a satisfactory manner we request the Minister for Local



"Government and Public Health to agree to their permanent appointment."

IMPREST ACCOUNT -  
COUNTY SURVEYOR

The following under date 8th November, 1934, (R.M./32) was read from the Department of Local Government & Public Health (Roads):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 12th ultimo forwarding a resolution of the Co. Council relative to the establishment of an Imprest Account up to £50 in the name of the Co. Surveyor and to state that the Minister has sanctioned the establishment of an imprest account up to £50 in the name of the County Surveyor to meet payments for wages in the case of men entering employment on the Monday preceding the meeting of the Finance Committee."

KILCARRBERRY PREMISES & TOBACCO CURING

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Sweetman:- "That the seal of the County Council be affixed to the agreement entered into between the Co. Council of the one part, and Lieutenant Colonel Loftus Bryan of the other part, providing for the letting of premises situate at Kilcarrberry for eleven months at the rent of £27:10:6d for the period payable quarterly on the 30th September, 1934, 31st March, 1935, 31st June, 1935, and 30th September, 1935."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That in view of satisfactory report received from the Authorities, University College, Dublin, under date 17th October, 1934, continuing University Scholarships for third year be approved to James M. Kenny and Wm.A. Meyler."

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL  
SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The Office of National Education wrote under date 8th Nov. 1934, (F.37,739) that their Inspectors, owing to the increasing pressure of their ordinary duties, could no longer look after the



marking of Examination papers. They proposed this should, in future, be done by Extern Examiners appointed after advertisement by the Department. Extern Examiners mark the papers for Leaving Certificates, <sup>and</sup> for Intermediate Exam and the Department think the system will be equally successful with Vocational and Secondary Scholarships.

Department's Inspectors will still set the papers, superintend examination and do oral tests. It will be necessary for the Council to agree to recoup the Department Extern Examiners' fees at 1/- per paper.

The Council <sup>should</sup> agree to pay their proportionate share of any expenses incurred by Examiners in attending a Conference with the Department's Inspectors to arrange for the setting of a standard for each paper.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That this County Council agrees to be responsible for the payment of the fees of Extern Examiners for Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme, at 1/- per paper examined, and also for a proportionate share of the expenses of said Examiners in connection with Conference with the Inspectors of the Department of Education in preparation for said Examination."

#### ALLEGED ABSENCE OF WORKMEN

Under date 6th November, 1934, the following was read from Mr. P. Ronan, Co. Councillor:-

"It has been reported to me that Owen Doyle, the Ganger in Ryland Quarry was absent from the quarry on the afternoon of September 11th and that Peter Doyle was also absent on the afternoon of September 11th as well as the whole day of September 20th and the whole day of September 24th. Please see if they were paid for those days. In case they may deny they were absent there is evidence to prove they were."

Under date 10th November, 1934, letter was read from Owen Doyle that he would like to be present when the charges against him were made and to be faced with his accusers when he would make his defence.



The Co.Surveyor said he had investigated the statements in Mr. Ronan's letter on the 9th November, 1934, and in company with Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, interviewed the men. The absence of Owen Doyle on the 11th September was perfectly all right as he was working elsewhere. Peter Doyle denied he was absent that day and he also denied he was absent on the 20th September. He did admit he went away at 10 o'clock on the 24th September to a threshing but Owen Doyle disclaimed all knowledge of this. The latter took the time of the men in the morning and left the quarry before 10 o'clock to carry out other work. Owen Doyle, the Co.Surveyor said acted all right in the matter, but Peter Doyle should have notified the ganger of his absence on the 24th September. He did not handle the Pay Order because as was the case with a number of other men it was received by his wife and like them he did not know if he was over-paid. If the matter was referred to the Finance Committee Meeting he, (Co.Surveyor) could have the men in attendance.

Mr. Ronan said it had been reported to him that on the afternoon of the 11th September, Owen Doyle and Peter Doyle were drawing in their own corn; that on the 20th September, Peter Doyle was at John Doyle's threshing and that on the 24th September he was at Frayne's threshing at Cloneybyrne. From information received by him (Mr. Ronan) some of the people at these threshings were prepared to prove that Peter Doyle was there.

Co.Surveyor: Peter Doyle admits going away at 10 o'clock on the 24th September.

Mr. Sweetman said that it should be easy to secure information if Peter Doyle was at the threshings.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said that the accusation was semi-anonymous and he thought the ganger should be brought before the Finance Committee. It was not fair to ask a man where he was on a day two or three months back.



The people who made the accusation should come forward and prove it.

The Co. Surveyor said that on the 11th September, Mr. Ennis saw Owen Doyle engaged at other work.

Miss O'Ryan said that the principle in the matter was very serious. If it was possible that under the existing system a man could be absent from work without the knowledge of the foreman and if it was possible the man would be paid without working then the system needed amendment. This case should be investigated to the very bottom.

Col. Quin proposed:- "That Mr. Ronan secure a written statement in connection with the alleged absences of Owen and Peter Doyle from their work at Ryland Quarry and that a written statement in their defence be obtained from Owen and Peter Doyle. That both documents be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and that said Committee be empowered to summon to their meeting any of the parties concerned should they consider such a course necessary.

Miss O'Ryan seconded the resolution which was adopted nem.con.

#### DEFAULTING ROAD CONTRACTORS

Mr. J.F. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, reported the following Road Contractors to be in default in his District:-

(Road)	
780	H. Long, Seaview, Barntown.
917	John Furlong, Knocktown, Duncormick.
918	John Furlong, Knocktown, Duncormick.
746	Michael Dillon, Newbawn, Foulksmills.
747	Martin Kehoe, Loughnageer, Foulksmills.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, reported that Myles Sunderland, Kilcorral, Castlebridge, was a defaulting Road Contractor for Roads No. 5, 426 and 561.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, reported George Howlin, Ballyhighland, Killanne, a defaulting Contractor on Road No. 377 and James Leacy, Ballyeland, Davidstown, a defaulter on Road 407.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Cummins:- "That the Co.Surveyor be empowered to proceed against defaulting Road Contractors reported to this meeting, or, in the alternative, to take up under the 54th Section of the Grand Jury Act the roads in respect of which default has been made."

#### GOREY COURTHOUSE

Under date 8th November, 1934, Rev. Robert A. Parkhill, Methodist Minister, The Manse, Gorey, wrote on behalf of the officials of Gorey Methodist Church for the use of Courthouse, Gorey, on Tuesday, 13th November, 1934, for a Social evening for the Members of three "Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavour". They were prepared to pay a reasonable fee for the use of the building.

Mr. O'Byrne said there was a resolution on the books of the Council that the Gorey Courthouse could only be given to some organisation connected with the Co.Council or its Committees such as the Co.Committee of Agriculture and the Co.Vocational Education Committee. He held that until that resolution had been ~~rescinded~~ applications such as that of Rev. Mr. Parkhill for the use of the Courthouse could not be entertained.

It was decided that the application be refused.

#### NEW ROSS HARBOUR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

The following Deputation from New Ross attended in connection with proposals for the improvement of the Harbour at New Ross:- Capt. P.J. Roche, Mr.G. Dooley and Capt. Kearns, Harbour Master. (Harbour Board) Messrs. J. Murphy, P.C., D. Hanley and A. French, P.C. (Development Association); Messrs. P.N. O'Gorman (Chairman) W. Ronan and J. Murphy (Urban Council).

Mr. O'Gorman said that applications to Government



Departments for Grants to develop the Harbour had not been successful. They had the water in New Ross but not the proper facilities for discharging vessels. The tonnage had decreased from 80,000 in 1848 to 12,500 in 1934. This was caused by the fact that the day of the small vessel of from 150 to 300 tons had passed. It was only within the past few weeks a vessel of 700 tons could only be discharged on the rising water at high tide with the result that there was a heavy claim for demurrage. New Ross wanted a deep water jetty at the Kilkenny side of the river to connect with the Railway and the berths cleaned. Also a wall built about three miles down to divert the water at low tide into the particular place. These works would enable the harbour to accommodate steamers up to 3000 tons and would cost about £20,000. The deputation believed they would be able to carry out the entire project if they received a contribution of 1d in the £. from the Co.Council.

Mr. Dooley said that if money was to be got out of the rates New Ross should get its share. The water in New Ross was deep enough to take ships of 1000 tons but they could not be unloaded. In regard to the to the application of Wexford Harbour Board for a contribution of 3d in the £., to tax New Ross would be to make them pay for the development of a rival port, as the development was not going to be any benefit to anyone living within 15 miles of New Ross. The latter was the port for part of Co.Wexford and for Kilkenny and Carlow. It was a sad thing to see it sink into insignificance when they had the deep water river and when all they wanted was the development of the port for bigger ships.

Mr. Hanley, on behalf of the New Ross Development Association was present to support the claim of New Ross for the same facilities as were offered to Wexford. In connection with the development of industry a foreign firm had been recently recommended to try New Ross or Carrick-on-Suir as



suitable centres. Unfortunately the New Ross people were unable to furnish a satisfactory report as to their harbour and would probably lose their chance of securing a factory which would give much needed employment. Another reason why New Ross port should be developed was that it was the centre of a large distributing district over twenty-five miles in from the sea.

Captain Roche thanked the Council for their reception of the deputation and for the hearing which the latter had received.

The Chairman said this was the first time the question of the development of New Ross Harbour was before the Co.Council and he would guarantee that when the New Ross people produced facts and figures and report of Engineers their application would get every consideration. The Council had no power to strike a rate for the development of New Ross or Wexford Harbours. This would require new legislation. The Council had no actual data as to what the finances of the New Ross Scheme would run to.

Mr. Walsh said the New Ross deputation would be able to give the necessary figures and they had the reports of Engineers also. He suggested that the claims of both harbours should be considered together. New Ross did not object to the development of Wexford Harbour but wanted their share. It was not the first time that New Ross was before the Council. He had mentioned it when improvement of Wexford Harbour was first under consideration.

The Chairman said that the claims of Wexford had been very carefully and exhaustively considered by the old Council which decided to provide the equivalent of a rate of 1d. in the £.

Miss O'Ryan said what they wanted from New Ross was something in the way of a printed or typed report that could be circulated to the Co.Councillors. They had a report from Wexford which gave them a fair idea of what was required. If they had a similar report in regard to New Ross they would be



prepared to consider how much they could justly vote for New Ross. They were elected to see that every part of the County was developed in the interests of the people and the Council would consider the claims of Ross when they had received the necessary data.

Mr. Culleton said that improvement of New Ross Harbour would greatly facilitate the people of Kilkenny and he thought it only fair that Kilkenny Co. Council should make a contribution to that Harbour.

The Chairman said that until they had the reports of Engineers and Experts on the river and harbour development they could not consider the matter properly.

Mr. Doyle said the Council should take both projects together even if they had to adjourn the case of Wexford. They should adjourn until they had the data for New Ross and then consider both proposals together. He considered they were bound up in each other. Over and above everything it was a question for the ratepayers.

Capt. Kearns, Harbour Master, New Ross, said he had an estimate from an engineer of £4000 for a deep water jetty, £10,000 to make a connection with the railway and £6,000 for an abutment - total of £20,000 to put the harbour in a position to accommodate a ship up to 3,000 tons.

The deputation withdrew at this stage.

#### WEXFORD HARBOUR

The Chairman said they would now take up Mr. Corish's motion in respect of Wexford Harbour which was as follows:-

"That the Co. Council agree to raise the equivalent of a rate of 3d in the £. for forty years towards the cost of improving Wexford Harbour."

Mr. Corish in moving his motion said unless something was done for the harbour Wexford would go out of existence as a seaport town and no matter what the burden of taxation might be everyone would admit that would be a calamity. Some of those



present might remember when Wexford had a fleet of 200 Schooners and he remembered himself when they had 60. They had prosperity in the town then and which was reflected throughout the whole County and if Wexford Harbour was sufficiently improved, to take the present day tonnage that rightly belonged to the port, the ensuing prosperity would be again reflected through the County. Some people might say that the condition of Wexford Harbour was no concern of theirs but nobody would like to see the status of the town reduced to a fourth or fifth rate provincial centre, irrespective of the tremendous monetary loss which was sure to be inflicted on the ratepayers of the County. When the New Ross people submitted reports of Engineers in the way Wexford had done he would be prepared to give them his support but at the present the New Ross project should not cut across the proposals for Wexford. The latter were very urgent as unless a private Bill to give legal effect to the decision of the Council, if favourable, was lodged at once nothing could be done for twelve months. On the question of maintenance the firm which had advised the Wexford Harbour Commissioners, Messrs. Albetam, a Dutch firm of world wide reputation, had advised that this would not be a serious item of expenditure. With the type of mattress which was to be used the pressure would sink the whole structure to a firm foundation during construction and at which it would remain stable. There was no fear of the channel filling up as the ebb tide would <sup>be</sup> of greater strength than the incoming tide and would be sufficient to scour out the deposited mud. There would be no maintenance of the proposed walls, no dredging and no formation of a bar as the channel being carried out sufficiently into St. George's Channel would obviate the formation of a Bar. At present Railway freights to Enniscorthy and other Stations up the line were considerably higher than the rates which prevailed between Dublin and Wexford, because Wexford was a seaport town and a competitor to the Railway. If Wexford disappeared as a seaport



town they would pay a great deal more for the goods they imported than what was represented by their contribution of 3d in the £. He suggested after a close examination of the matter that the Wexford Harbour Board should contribute not £1000 per annum but £2000 and that the contribution of the County Council should be 2½d in the £. not 3d. With the improved harbour it was expected that the Harbour Board would be able to pay more than £2000 annually. He was prepared to have a Clause inserted in the Bill that the Harbour Board would contribute all their revenue less what was necessary to meet their ordinary expenses which showed that the Board had no desire to mulct any of the contributing bodies. Although the outer Bar was now in a good condition no one could say how long it would remain good. Unfortunately the inside harbour was so much silted up that a vessel drawing between nine and ten feet would be unable to get to the quay. Mr. Corish then dealt with the decrease in the trade of the Port and also with the various classes of ratepayers from £5 up and the several amounts they would be called upon to contribute. If people could be brought to realise what would happen if Wexford Port closed down they would not for a moment, hesitate to pay the amount of the necessary levy. With the improved harbour an annual tonnage of 97,000 was anticipated which at the minimum would give an income of £4,000. The Harbour Commissioners were anxious that the Co. Council would have efficient representation on their Board to safeguard the Council's interests.

Mr. Sweetman seconded the motion. From their geographical position and in consequence of their mild climate they should be able to develop a horticultural trade of considerable value. Co. Wexford was one of the most go-ahead and prosperous Counties in Ireland capable of considerable development, but without a deep sea water harbour at Wexford this would be only a dream. They were asked to-day to do what should have been done years ago. They saw Wexford getting none of the new factories and she could never count upon any of them until they had a deep water



harbour capable of dealing with present tonnage of ships and not the 200 or 300 ton boat which was the mainstay of their carrying traffic years ago. They had also in Wexford the makings of an industrial community which would be a great asset in the future. He had been told by the Development Association that offers for the establishment of factories in Wexford could not be availed of on account of the conditions of the Harbour. Owing to the cost of the maintenance of Rosslare Harbour it was a doubtful proposition even with the receipts from passenger traffic. He could foresee the Great Western Railway Company of England closing Rosslare Harbour and if Wexford was not improved in the meantime they would be completely without a port. Every year with South Easterly Winds more of the old Bar at the Fort was being washed away and it was possible that as time went on they would lose, if something was not done, not only the harbour but the very capital of the County which would be swallowed up by the sea. He believed that in assisting Wexford Harbour they were carrying out what was their duty to the ratepayers. He considered that the districts of New Ross and Gorey should not be asked to pay as high a rate as Wexford and Enniscorthy say 2d. in the £. for New Ross and Gorey and 2½d for Enniscorthy and Wexford. After the 40 years' life of the loan the Harbour Board should be able, owing to increased prosperity, to pay back every penny of the money contributed by the County Council. He thought it would be the duty of the Harbour Board to agree to this.

Mr. Culleton supported the project. The spending of £100,000 in wages would practically solve the unemployment situation in the town. About 200 men would be employed for two years and this was a factor which should weigh with the Council. Mr. Kelly also supported the project. He was of opinion that with an improved Harbour the river traffic for coal, wheat etc. in barges would revive and provide considerable employment.



Mr. Thomas Redmond proposed that the whole matter be adjourned to a special meeting to be fixed by the Council. The special meeting which had been arranged had never been convened.

The Secretary said that the meeting in question had not been held as the Harbour Board had not their full data ready until the present meeting.

Mr. Doyle seconded Mr. Redmond's motion for adjournment. The question was so enormous that the ratepayers should get every opportunity to consider it. The  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £. would mean an imposition of £4,000 a year and with that amount to be tacked on to their ordinary rates the ratepayers were entitled to give the matter every consideration. He would go so far as to say that a plebiscite should be taken at meetings throughout the different Baronies and that it should be advertised in the Press so that no one would come there in the dark. All the Co. Councillors did not understand at the moment the views of the ratepayers and to give everyone a chance of arriving at a considered opinion he supported the proposition for adjournment. Ample time should be given to the people to decide through the means of parochial meetings whether they were satisfied to be taxed to the extent of  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £. for 40 years.

Mr. Walsh said he would be very much in favour of supporting Wexford Harbour but he did not think any sane man would consider the utility of developing one harbour in the County as against another. He was prepared to vote for the development of both harbours but if the projects were put up separately he would be reluctantly compelled to withhold his vote from Wexford.

Col. Gibbon would like to know how far the falling off in tonnage in Wexford was due to the worsening of facilities at the Harbour and how much was due to the policy that, rightly or wrongly the Government was pursuing, of restricting their imports and exports. He thought that fuller figures should be given in regard to imports to the County by rail and otherwise the



the diversion of traffic from Wexford to rail and to New Ross Port and let them see how they were affected by the economic policy.

Miss O'Ryan said that unless they decided on the Wexford Proposals now there would be a delay of a year which might kill the harbour altogether. If New Ross came on with as full and clear a statement as Wexford she was sure the Council would not turn it down. The Council had never considered matters of this kind except from a County point of view.

Col. Quin said they should have further information on both schemes which should be considered together.

The Chairman said that the New Ross people were doing an injustice to themselves. They were raising a red herring for other people who did not wish to support Wexford or New Ross. If New Ross put up a case backed by expert advice he would use his influence in support of it in the same way as he supported Wexford. He suggested that the proposer of the motion for adjournment should withdraw his motion and let the people who wished to block both schemes deal with such a motion.

Mr. Keegan said he would not vote in favour of Gorey paying a higher rate than 2d in the £. Dublin Port was nearly as convenient to Gorey as Wexford.

Mr. Cummins considered that owing to the amount of money at stake a special meeting should be held though he was in favour of the Wexford project.

Mr. Corish said the special meeting arranged for had not been held as the Wexford Harbour Commissioners had been asked to supply further information. If Mr. Redmond withdrew his motion there would be a clause put in the private Bill which would enable the Co.Council to do something for New Ross if they so wished. He thought the best interests of New Ross would be served by allowing his notice of motion to pass. Wexford's urgency was much greater than that of New Ross whose proposal he



### RURAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

The following motion by Miss O'Ryan ~~was~~ circulated to County Councillors on 9th October, 1934, was moved by her:-

"That a sum of £3,500 be raised by loan for the purpose of erecting and equipping rural schools at Adamstown, Kilmuckridge and Sheilbaggan, money to be borrowed from Local Loans Fund for 35 years at 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ %, motion being contingent on Department of Technical Education agreeing to repay half amount of annuity during the existence of the loan."

In moving her motion Miss O'Ryan said that if the Vocational Education Committee borrowed the money the whole repayment would have to come out of their funds; by the County Council borrowing it half the amount would be repaid by the Department of Education. She added the following to the motion:- "And that the amount of said loan be repaid from the funds of the Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee".

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

### ILLNESS OF MR. R. MALONE, M.R.C.V.S.

Mr. Corish asked that the following notice of motion which stood in his name should be adjourned to next meeting:-

"That in the event of Mr. R. Malone, M.R.C.V.S., agreeing to retire from office as Veterinary Inspector, the Department of Agriculture be requested to sanction payment of an ex-gratia grant of £100 to him."

### SLIEVEGAR RIVER

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. Bowe:-

"That a footbridge be erected over the Slievegar River at Slievegar, Kiltaly. That a fence be erected on the side of the road between the Blessed Well at Ballybrennan and Wilton."

The Co. Surveyor said that this work was brought into the Provisional Road Works Scheme and would be considered at Road Works meeting. It had been before the Council on a couple of occasions and put off for lack of funds.

In the circumstances Mr. Bowe withdrew his motion.



EMPLOYMENT OF DONKEYS

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

"That road-workers using their donkeys and carts  
"in spreading stones or chippings on roads be paid  
"a uniform rate of 6d per yard, this rate to apply  
"to the entire County."

Mr. Kelly said in certain parts of the County men were paid 1/- per day for their donkey and car and in other parts 6d per yard. A number of men had informed him they should not be asked to spread stones for 1/- per day when others were being paid 6d per yard. The men getting 6d per yard would spread eight yards in the day which left them in a much better position than if paid at 1/- per day.

The Co. Surveyor considered the present arrangement should not be interfered with; the two rates arose owing to the spreading of tarred stones and ordinary road metalling.

Mr. Birthistle said when they had to employ men at different periods on a road, if they agreed to the Sixpence per yard the man first employed would try and spread all the material possible to the loss of those succeeding him.

Mr. Ennis was also against any change in the existing system.

The Chairman said that in view of the statements made by the Surveyors he would advise the Council to adhere to the present system and recommend Mr. Kelly to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Kelly agreed.

WEEDS AND AGRICULTURAL SEEDS  
(IRELAND) ACT 1909

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by the Chairman:-

"That in compliance with the resolution of Co. Wexford  
"Committee of Agriculture the Wexford Co. Council adopt  
"a resolution under Section 1 (3) of the Weeds and  
"Agricultural Seeds (Ireland) Act 1909 and request the  
"Department of Agriculture to issue the necessary Order  
"under Section 1 (1) of said Act to oblige farmers to  
"destroy noxious weeds on their holdings."



In moving his motion the Chairman said that a number of farmers had approached him and asked him to endeavour to prevent their land being destroyed by weeds from their neighbours' fields situate often nearly a mile away. This Act brought no hardship to any farmer; it meant only a day in the year to cut his thistles.

Col. Quin seconded.

Mr. Doyle said that a similar proposal had been before the Council several times and it had been always rejected. They had coercion enough in the County without the Co.Council starting it.

Mr. Sweetman said that Mr. Cosgrave, late head of the Government, said that Wexford - a progressive and up-to-date County - should do something to get rid of the excessive amount of weeds to be seen all through it.

Mr. Smyth held that the Co.Council were the worst offenders for their roads were covered with weeds.

The Chairman said that if the motion was adopted the Co.Council would have to fall into line with the farmers.

After further discussion a vote was taken on the resolution with the following result:-

**FOR:** Messrs. Colfer, Connors, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, M. Redmond, T. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman, Walsh and the Chairman. (17)

**AGAINST:** Messrs. Bowe, Day, Doyle, Gibbon, Kinsella, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy and Smyth. (9).

Mr. Cullimore (1) was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

#### MEN ARRESTED FROM BLACKWATER DISTRICT

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. T.J. Mayler:-

"That the Government be asked to release immediately  
"the Blackwater Prisoners who are Farmers and Farm  
"Workers as their services are now required for the  
"work that is necessary to be done by Farmers at  
"this season of the year."



The Chairman said he would not accept this motion; it was contentious and had nothing to do with the business of the Council.

Mr. Mayler - I accept your ruling but I do not think this is in any way political and I would ask you to let it go to the meeting.

The Chairman said it was a matter for the Chair to decide whether it should be considered and he had given his ruling against.

The matter dropped.

#### AUDITOR'S REPORT CO. VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Department of Local Government and Public Health forwarded under date 11th November, 1934, (A.145299/34) copy of their Auditor's Report on his Audit of the Accounts of County Wexford Vocational Education Committee for the three years ended 31st March, 1934.

Attested Abstracts of the Accounts accompanied the report.

#### OFFICES FOR CO. BOARD OF HEALTH

In connection with the proposal of Co. Council to pay fees to the Co. Surveyor for preparation of plans, specifications etc. for new offices, County Board of Health, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (3rd November, 1934) - (P.136458/34 Loch Garman) that the Minister awaited the receipt of plans etc. as prepared by the Co. Surveyor relative to the consideration of the proposal of the Co. Council in the matter.

#### ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT

The Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (S.G.M./32 - 5th November, 1934.) that a payment of £1730 had been made in respect of the Road Improvement Grant 1934/35.



### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

Under date 2nd November, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.147269/34 - Loch Garman Fa) that the Minister sanctioned the continuance of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £40,000 on the Council's Accounts up to the 31st December next, Interest thereon to be paid at the agreed rate.

### BALLYTEIGUE AND KILMORE DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

The following under date 31st October, 1934, (18327/34) was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"We have considered the recommendation of your Council's Drainage Committee conveyed in your letter of 17th August last and in reply have to state that

- "1. We have no power to amalgamate the two Districts of Ballyteigue and Ballyteigue and Kilmore.
- "2. No funds are available out of relief grants for the execution of works in existing Drainage Districts as pointed out in our letter of 7th July last."

Col. Gibbon said that work at this drainage district was urgently needed. The people there had always raised their drainage rate and paid their way. It was the only drainage district in the County which had maintained its drains. That they were not now in proper order was due to the fault of the Public Works Department which did not carry out in 1885 the work according to plan.

### TELEGRAPHIC LINE

An application was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts & Telegraphs for the permission of the Co. Council to erect an overground telegraphic line from junction of Waterford Road to New Ross Bridge on the Rosbercon side.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Thomas Redmond seconded by Mr. Michael Redmond:-

"That the application of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs for permission to erect an overground telegraphic line from Junction of Waterford Road to New Ross Bridge on the Rosbercon side be granted."



### CENTRAL SAVINGS MOVEMENT

Letter was received from the Secretary, Central Savings Movement Committee stating the Sales of Savings during the month of August 1934, were £1,172: already invested £256,003; repayments to end of month £87,074, leaving a balance of £170,101 remaining invested. The gross sales represented an investment of £2:13:8d per head of the County population and the number of savings Associations in the County 109.

### GENERAL COUNCIL OF CO.COUNCILS.

Notification was received that a meeting of the Co.Councils' General Council would be held on Thursday 6th December next and that any matter the Council wished to have placed on the Agenda Paper should reach the Secretary before the 21st November, 1934.

### COURTOWN HARBOUR

#### REPAIR OF BUILDINGS

The following recommendation under date 6th November, 1934, was read from the Courtown Harbour Committee:-

"That we recommend that the Harbour Master's Office, Store and dwelling-house be put in repair."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by the Chairman:- "That the recommendation of Courtown Harbour Committee in respect of repair of Harbour Master's Office, Store and dwelling house be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration."

### GO.LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Rev. T. Talbot, The Rectory, New Ross, forwarded the following resolution:-

"At a meeting of the Ferns Clerical Association it was noted with regret that there is at present no Protestant Clergyman amongst the Members of the County Library Committee and we would ask that this should be considered."

Col. Gibbon said he was prepared to resign his membership of the Committee to allow of Rev. W.B. Furlong, Rector, Bannow, taking his place.



Miss O'Ryan proposed that the Library Committee be requested to submit a recommendation as to the appointment of a Protestant Clergyman on the Committee.

Mr. Ronan seconded the resolution which was adopted.

#### ANALYST'S REPORT

It appeared from the report of Co.Analyst for period ended 30th September, 1934, that 183 foods had been examined, 51 drugs, 1 sheep dip and 5 waters. Two samples of Butter were found to be adulterated and four samples of water submitted by Co.Board of Health were condemned viz.:— Ferrycarrig, Raheenahone, Riverchapel and Kildealy.

#### FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Mr. Sweetman proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution:— "That the Co.Surveyor be empowered to purchase six Minnimax Fire Extinguishers at 25% under the standard price, total cost £20:5s. net."

Passed.

#### ROAD MATTERS

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Miss O'Ryan that the following applications in connection with roads, lanes, etc. be referred to next meeting of Finance Committee for consideration:— (1) Old Road from Enniscorthy to New Ross. (2) Roads, lanes and bridges, Craan, Kilbranish, Mandoran and Killanure. (3) Road at Nook Bay. (4) Planting trees at Gorey Bridge. (5) Chapel Lane, Craanford. (6) St. Helen's Harbour. (7) Footpaths Camolin. (8) Camolin Park Road (James Hendrick). (9) New Ross Development Association and Slippery Roads. (10) Dangerous turn Motabeg Mill. (11) Millquarter Lane. (12) Rathduff Lane. (13) Flooding at Clonroche Village. (14) John Browne - Seaweed blocking road. (15) Askamore Millrace (16) Tincurra Lane. Also Resolutions from Fianna Fail Cumanns re dismissal of workmen.



OLD TURF ROAD

In connection with the proposed reconstruction of old turf road the following resolution was submitted by Mr. Bowe from meeting held on 9th November, 1934, in Kiltale Hall:-

"That this meeting again calls the attention of the Co. Council to the fact that very large areas of excellent turf exist in the neighbourhood of Kiltale and accordingly requests the Council to press forward their claims for grants under the Minor Relief Schemes, sufficient to fully develop these natural resources."

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kelly that this resolution be referred for consideration to next meeting of Finance Committee.

ARKLOW HARBOUR.

In connection with above the following under date 10th November, 1934, was submitted from Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor:-

"As instructed I have again looked into the questions of the appointment of Commissioners for Arklow Harbour. As before mentioned the Appointment of Commissioners is governed by the Arklow Harbour Act 1882.

"Under that Act a sum of £20,000 was borrowed from the Board of Works; the Interest on which loan was apportioned in certain shares between part of the Co. Wicklow, the Town of Arklow and the Barony of Gorey in this County, and was to be repayable within a period not exceeding 50 years. On the completion of the Works at the Harbour the Board of Works made an Order declaring the sums to be repayable by the Baronies.

"The Board of Works before each presenting Sessions made out a Certificate for each Barony chargeable, specifying the amount then payable.

"Sec. 10 of the Act provides for the appointment of the Commissioners as follows:-

1. By the Treasury.
2. By each Barony upon which any Charge is imposed by the Act.
3. By the Town Commissioners of the Town of Arklow.

"The first Appointments held for five years.

"There is nothing in the Act setting out how long the appointment of a Commissioner for the Barony of Gorey was to last, beyond the words in Sec. 10 "by each Barony upon which any Charge is imposed under this Act", and from this it would seem that once the Charge was paid off, and the Barony ceased to be liable for same that then, the right (which if in existence would be vested in the Co. Council as the Successors of the Grand Jury) of appointing a Commissioner lapsed, and as far as I am aware or can ascertain no Commissioner has been appointed by the County Council for a number of years past, but taking the matter as a whole, the position is not at all clear, and I do not find myself in a position to give a definite opinion on the questions raised"



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That Counsel's opinion as to the power of the Co. Council to appoint a representative on Arklow Harbour Board be obtained."

#### POISONS & PHARMACY ACT 1908

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Murphy seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That new Licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 be issued to John Murphy, Arthurstown, and renewal of licence to Anastasia O'Donnell, Taghmon."

#### PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That proposals for payments (including payments to Road Contractors etc. as certified by the Co. Surveyor) submitted to this meeting be and are hereby agreed to and that Pay Orders for same be issued."

#### RELEASE OF PRISONERS

A resolution from the Republican Prisoners Dependents Committee calling on all public bodies in the County to demand the release of all Republican Prisoners was read.

The Chairman said he declined to accept this resolution as it was contentious and outside the business of the Council.

*D. Allen*  
16 Dec '34





WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

20th NOVEMBER, 1934.

M I N U T E S.

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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

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A special meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 20th November, 1934, for the purpose of considering motions for the improvement of Wexford and New Ross Harbours.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding, also Messrs. J.J. Bowe, P. Colfer, R. Corish, C. Culleton, W. Cullimore, J. Cummins, J. Day, M. Doyle, Col. C.M. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, J.P. Kelly, J. Lawlor, T.J. Maylor, P. Murphy, S. O'Byrne, Miss O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth, Malachi Sweetman, J.E. Walsh.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor, Mr. McAteer (Messrs. McAteer & McEntee, Consulting Engineers to Wexford Harbour Commissioners) Captain Kearns, Harbour Master, New Ross, and Mr. Wm. Friel, Engineer to Waterford Harbour Board and Consulting Engineer to New Ross Harbour Board, were also present.

Mr. Thomas McCarthy wrote that owing to an important business engagement he would be unable to attend the meeting.

Under date 19th November, 1934, the following from P.J. Kavanagh, Tomcoyle, Kilanerin, Gorey, on behalf of a number of ratepayers was read:-

"I am requested by a large number of farmers and ratepayers of this Gorey Rural Area to protest against the proposed levy on the rates for Wexford Port or any other port. I am sure your Council is fully aware of the financial position of the farmers at present, and, judging from the state of the rate collection to date we cannot as ratepayers but protest. I am sorry that the notice is not longer to give the people a chance of expressing their opinion on such a large expenditure on their behalf.

"To my mind it will not take any organisation to cry this down at present and we beg of your Council to adjourn this matter until there is a better prospect of being able to bear this burden."

The following motion which was seconded by Mr. Sweetman at last meeting of the Council on 12th November, 1934, and had been adjourned to present special meeting for consideration, stood in the name of Mr. Corish:- "That the Council agree to raise the equivalent of a rate of 3d in the £. for Forty years towards the cost of improving Wexford Harbour."



In dealing with his motion Mr. Corish said he originally moved that a levy of 3d in the £. for the improvement of the harbour at Wexford should be raised, but on further examination and owing to the burden which would be imposed on the ratepayers, the Harbour Board went fully into the matter and agreed to contribute £2000 towards the project instead of £1,000. In view of this he had decided to amend his motion and would ask the Co.Council to agree to a levy of 2½d in the £. He did this also because New Ross had entered the field and the reduced proposal now put before the meeting for Wexford would enable New Ross to get its share and both schemes could be met by a levy of 2½d, or a ½d less than was proposed under the original motion. Wexford Urban ratepayers would be contributing 1/2d or 1/3d in the £. towards the improvement of the Harbour.

Mr. Sweetman seconded.

Mr. Keegan said that half Gorey district wanted to know from him what was to be done about the expansion of Courtown Harbour as in 1912 the Co.Council had decided on an expenditure of £16,000 for its development. This part of the County in North Wexford should get its share as the development of Courtown Harbour was over due.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Keegan said that £16,000 would be the least that was wanted at the moment for the Courtown project.

Mr. Thomas Redmond stated that as proposer of the motion to adjourn consideration of the Wexford proposals his attitude appeared to be misunderstood by some members of the Council. He wished to see these proposals for Wexford go through and he believed the ratepayers would not complain of the few shillings they would have to pay for the preservation of the port. He had been informed by a former County Councillor that he might as well be idle as trying to get anything for New Ross but he (Mr. Redmond) considered that statement exaggerated, and he



could not believe that the Council ever took such an attitude towards this part of the County, the ratepayers of which had always done their part and very often more than their part. He would support the Wexford Scheme but not at the expense of New Ross. He realised that if New Ross was not dealt with now they might as well ask for the moon as for a levy in its favour, while the Wexford scheme was being carried out. He asked Mr. Corish to add to his motion that an extra levy of Seven-sixteenth of a Penny in the £. to carry out the New Ross Scheme be agreed to.

This would allow of the two schemes being considered to-gether. He would emphasize the fact that as New Ross proposed to borrow the necessary sum for the development of the Harbour for 25 years instead of 40 years it would save the Council a sum of £2,500 and after all the £703 per annum which New Ross asked for was very small compared with the large levy necessary for the Wexford project.

The Chairman pointed out he had already decided that the motion for Wexford and that for New Ross should be taken separately. He considered the Ross people were over suspicious in this matter. He could not believe that the Council would think in terms of parishes any more than the old Council - to give them their due - did. The old Council had been always prepared to consider any project put before them from the point of view of the whole county and the present Council would now consider the Wexford Scheme on its merits and when finished with Wexford they would deal with New Ross in the same way.

Mr. O'Byrne wished to see Wexford improved but in his opinion taking into consideration the benefits which they would derive from the work the levy of 1d in the £. voted by a previous Co. Council should be the full amount raised off the people in Gorey area and he proposed a resolution to this effect.

This resolution was not seconded.



In reply to Col. Quin, who raised the question as to the Council having been supplied with insufficient data, Mr. Sweetman pointed out that the Council would have to obtain legal power to vote money to either harbour and as a very substantial contribution was asked for from State funds, the Government would have to be satisfied of the feasibility of the proposals.

Miss O'Ryan backed up the statement of the Chairman that the Council should look on proposals such as they were discussing from the point of view of the whole county and not from small portions of it. They should be prepared to consider such a project in a broadminded way and not as to the little benefit it might be to people living in their own particular areas.

Mr. Culleton supported this view. There should be no such thing as South or North Wexford. If proposals were for the general good they should receive general support.

Col. Quin mentioned that at the last meeting Mr. McCarthy had suggested the Council should employ independent expert advice. At present they had only reports of people who were potential contractors.

The Chairman pointed out that Mr. McAteer was a member of a firm who were in this matter acting as consulting engineers to the Harbour Board.

Col. Quin said that Mr. McAteer had not been called in by the Co. Council. So far as he had read the Engineer's report he was not satisfied and there was nothing to convince him that the whole of the £170,000 to be spent on the scheme might not be washed into the sea.

Mr. Doyle opposed the motion and said the Council had no power to grant money for such a proposal. They could only recommend, and he did not know if a resolution in favour would be binding on the ratepayers.



The Chairman said that if the Council's action was translated into legislation it would certainly be binding.

Mr. Doyle said that in the South of Wexford nine miles from the town they had a splendid harbour in Rosslare, where vessels could come and go at any stage of tide and where they had the best facilities for the shipping of cattle in all Ireland. He failed to see that anyone was suffering from the condition of Wexford Harbour. Exports were all going through Rosslare and even with the improvement of Wexford, Rosslare would still hold its fast traffic. Rosslare was at his (Mr. Doyle's) door and he considered he would be a bad citizen if he supported Wexford as against Rosslare. The position of workers would not be affected one iota. They were asked to spend £170,000 on a harbour without a guarantee that the project would afford satisfaction. People who understood the harbour very well, held that the mouth could not be settled. A small majority of the old Council had voted for a levy of 1d. in the £. for this project. They had arrears of rate of £16,000 or £17,000 and with the extra £5000 that would be necessary for the Wexford proposal, where was the money to come from, when the people could not pay the present abnormal rates? They had a scheme of sewage for Rosslare which would cost Wexford Rural District £9,000. 'Some time ago they asked Wexford Corporation to assist them as this Scheme would be more of benefit to the people of Wexford town than anyone else. The answer of Wexford Corporation was "Not a brass farthing".

Mr. Corish said the Corporation had passed a resolution that if they had the power to strike a rate in aid of the scheme referred to by Mr. Doyle they would do so.

Mr. Doyle denied this but Mr. Corish persisted.

Mr. Doyle continuing held that the County rates could not stand this new imposition, a fact which would be realised by anybody who understood the position. A meeting of ratepayers in his district had passed a resolution against the project. It



had been stated that Rosslare was a private harbour but no one had ever been refused facilities there, and half of Wexford's Merchants were shipping coal into it. They would never be able to get ships of the same tonnage into Wexford as into Rosslare, which did not cost a farthing to the ratepayers.

Col. Gibbon contended that the Scheme of the magnitude of Wexford had not been put before the Council in sufficient detail to make it right for them as a public body to vote away such a large sum of money. He was informed by a deputation which waited on him that there were a great many omissions in the Wexford report, and further information should be produced. Vital points should not be dealt with by verbal statements given in a debate. He was not in a position to criticize the technical side, but the report did not refer to the material of which the very extension walls were to be composed. As regards the movement of the bar and silting, they would be justified in viewing the position with grave concern in view of what had happened in Courtown and Arklow. There was a good deal in the proposal of Mr. McCarthy that the Co. Council should have obtained an independent Engineering report. Mr. Corish made a statement that if the Government put up a big amount they would take pains to examine the plans. While the slob-lands were being reclaimed it was believed the work would cause an improvement in Wexford Harbour but the opposite effect occurred. They had no assurance that the new proposal would not allow Rosslare spit being further washed away. Having referred to other points of the Scheme, Col. Gibbon went on to say there was nothing stated in the report regarding maintenance. He understood from Mr. Corish and also from Mr. McAteer that there would be no maintenance. This was somewhat optimistic. Then he would like to know if the £170,000 covered everything. If unforeseen difficulties were met would the contractors be entitled to extras or would the matter be covered by the Contract. He was told that the Contractors were to maintain this scheme for a year, but there was nothing in



the Report about this. Even if the scheme were feasible the Council could not exclude the economic side of the situation. From the point of view of economics was it right to spend such a large amount for the results anticipated. The present was a very hard time and it was on the economic side that the report was most deficient. Only three years' particulars of tonnage had been given and the explanation given for this was that the figures were obtained in a hurry. They should be in a position to see how far trade had dropped owing to the economic policy of the Government and not owing to any difficulties in the Port. If the drop was solely due to the state of Wexford Harbour, Rosslare should show a greater increase in tonnage than it did, and the decrease in Wexford should be much greater than what they were told. The figures of tonnage for the last twenty years should have been submitted instead of for three abnormal years when they had a State policy for the restriction of imports with the result that exports were also restricted. While he was fully impressed with the necessity for something being done for Wexford town and port he thought they should not commit themselves to a large expenditure on these grounds. It was extremely difficult for one to support the scheme on the trade of three abnormal years. This trade should come via Rosslare, Wexford, New Ross or by rail or motor lorry and he considered particulars of the trade under all these headings for 1934 should have been also submitted to them. There was talk of an enormous expansion of trade at Wexford port but where did this trade exist or from what source was it to come. There was only 80,000 tons last year into the two ports, Wexford and Rosslare. He was in favour of a levy of 1d. in the £. if there was any chance of putting Wexford Port into a reasonable condition but he required more convincing than had been offered in the report under discussion.

Mr. McAteer said he was employed as a consulting Engineer to the Wexford Harbour Board. He examined the scheme on his own judgment and the report he made would be exactly the same as he



would have made to the Wexford County Council if employed by them. He was not affected by financial considerations in the matter. He was definitely certain of the matters in the report. It would be recognised that it could not cover all details but he had personal discussions with the Harbour Board and Harbour Master about the project and covering details which did not appear in the report. The method of construction and maintaining the proposed walls was exactly on all fours with the experience gained in the erection of such walls in 300 ports. It was possible that owing to an abnormal gale which might occur once in thirty years certain repairs would have to be carried out. Stones would be moved but to no great extent and no serious breach would occur in the walls. The question of tidal movements would be an expensive investigation but the time to carry these out was during the period when the work was under construction when they could secure the necessary data. There would be no necessity to hold up the Scheme because whatever the result the channel could be designed to suit the conditions. Having explained a number of further points in connection with the Scheme Mr. McAteer said the Albemarle Company were definitely prepared to take all risks of encountering rock and every contractor would be obliged to do the same. He was satisfied the scheme was feasible and could be carried out for the money.

Mr. Smyth said he had the opinions of a large number of ratepayers in his district and without exception they were entirely opposed to the proposal. In that portion of the area of Gorey described as the Maccamores the proposed 2½d in the £. would really be an equivalent of a 5d rate in other portions of the County owing to the high land Valuations, and he was quite certain that any benefits accruing from this Scheme would not be reaped by the people of his district.

The Chairman said the Government had in contemplation a revision of the land of Ireland.

Miss O'Ryan failed to see the probability of the trade of



Wexford being diverted to Rosslare as they should bear in mind that Rosslare was a private Port in respect of which freights on commodities could be increased. If Wexford Harbour were allowed to silt up no vessels of any size would enter and the Railway Company having a monopoly at Rosslare would probably increase their rates. The discharge of boats in Rosslare which should probably belong to the Port of Wexford meant that bread was being taken from the mouths of people in the town.

The Chairman said that when the scheme was first mooted, he approached it from the point of view of the ratepayers, and also as to the advantages it might confer upon the general community and if it was to their interest and prosperity. A levy of 2½d. in the £. was a heavy impost but he was convinced and many large farmers to whom he had spoken also, admitted that the amount expended to save the Port would be more than recouped to the farmers and ratepayers. Some years ago an agitation was the means of inducing an enterprising Wexford Firm to start a cattle boat and he was perfectly convinced that this boat saved thousands of Pounds to the farmers. From this example he was quite satisfied that if Wexford was maintained as a suitable port, it would be in the interests of the farmers. There would always be an export of cattle from Ireland and if this was to be confined to Rosslare, they would pay and pay very dearly for it. Within the present year a Bill for the revaluation of land would probably be passed and one of the first areas to be revalued would be the Maccamores referred to by Mr. Smyth. Gorey Barony had paid 1d. in the £. for 40 years for the reconstruction and improvement of Arklow Harbour and the farmers had derived very little benefit though they did not complain or grouse. They would be now prepared in the interests of the County to pay a rate of 2½d in the £. Coal, Timber etc. could be imported cheaper through Wexford than through Dublin. If Wexford Harbour was unsuitable for such



imports, these commodities would be much dearer and he was quite positive that in any development of the harbour ratepayers generally would get a return to justify the amount of rate they were called on to pay. It appeared to him there was a great future for the County and Country and they should be prepared to take a national and progressive outlook and not hesitate raising money for national purposes. They had been elected Councillors to do their best in the interests of the general community and they should be prepared to take that responsibility. It would be very easy for any group to hold large meetings for or against the proposal but it was up to the Councillors to take responsibility themselves. He was quite convinced that if they refused the money asked for they would do greater harm to the County as a whole than could possibly be represented by any small rate levy.

Mr. Corish pointed out that the Wexford Harbour Commissioners were not tied to Messrs. Albetam. They would issue advertisements and take tenders. He could not understand that Mr. Kavanagh in his protest against the levy should complain he did not have sufficient time to deal with the matter. It was over two years since the project was first before the Council and the present proposals were under attention for the past two months. As for the reference of Mr. O'Byrne that the proposal would not be of much benefit to Gorey, Wexford Port was a serious competitor to the Railway and in consequence Railway rates charged to farmers living near stations up the line were greater than the rates to Wexford. He had not the slightest doubt that if Wexford port was not available railway freights would be much higher. The increased cost for timber and cement imported through Waterford and other ports would be reflected in the prices paid for houses for agricultural labourers. He admitted that Wexford town benefited more than any other part of the County but the Urban ratepayers



were prepared to pay a rate of 1/2d or 1/3d in the £. which included the 2½d levy to be paid by the Council. Mr. Corish then quoted figures of the amounts to be paid by ratepayers of certain valuations in the rural district and by ratepayers of the same valuation in Wexford Urban area, from which it appeared that the latter would be paying more than six times over those in rural districts. Not alone were the individual ratepayers of Wexford contributing a much greater sum than those of other areas but Wexford town was paying 9d in the £. on their gross valuation for the assistance given to the unemployed, and this burden was not imposed upon any other portion of the County. For this purpose they had to raise a sum of £810 and part of this money went to unemployed labourers in the Urban areas of Enniscorthy, New Ross and Gorey and also in the rural districts. He could not understand what further details Col. Gibbon required as every question he raised had been fully answered. The scheme would take two years to complete and during that period there would be an average of 200 men per week employed which would go a long way to relieve the taxpayers of the County. It was manifest this was a scheme which would help people in many directions. Some years ago a great deal of the legitimate trade of the port had been diverted to Rosslare owing to the uncertainty of the channel but the merchants concerned had signed statements that they would bring their business back to Wexford if the channel was made navigable. In consultation with the merchants it appeared that the potential imports to the port would be 97,000 tons per annum which would bring in a revenue of £5,000 a year and after the normal maintenances of the harbour had been met the balance would go to the reduction of the County Council levy. The harbour Commissioners were also offering representation for two or three of the Co. Council Members on their Board, in order to see that the revenue of the Board was properly applied. Cargoes which went to



Rosslare and should have come to Wexford had been of very little benefit to local people. Wexford men were brought down in lorries to discharge coal boats and people of the locality said this trade was a nuisance to them. One boat could only be discharged at a time except at the berths kept by the Railway for their passenger steamers. A boat of 4,000 tons discharged at Rosslare last week and was held up owing to the fact that the Railway had not sufficient wagons. He considered that New Ross harbour was entitled to development in the same way as Wexford.

After further discussion the following motion was moved by Alderman Corish and seconded by Mr. Sweetman:-

"That the produce of a rate of  $2\frac{1}{4}$ d in the £. on the Valuation of the County Wexford be allocated for improvement of Wexford Harbour for the life of loan which Wexford Harbour Commissioners propose borrowing, viz. 40 years. This proposal is conditional on the Wexford Harbour Board contributing to the repayment of this loan each year a sum of not less than £2000 or any greater sum represented by the amount of their annual revenue less the sum required for their ordinary working expenses. The difference between £2000 and such greater sum is to be applied to the reduction of the liability of the Wexford County Council. Also on the understanding that a total contribution of  $1\frac{1}{2}$ d or  $1\frac{1}{3}$ d in the £. on the Valuation of Wexford Urban District (which includes this Urban District's share of Co. Council levy) be contributed by Wexford Corporation annually during the life of said loan; on the promised State contribution being forthcoming and that the necessary legislation to enable the Co. Council to make their proposed contribution under Statute be passed."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Cullimore, Gibbon, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, O'Ryan, T. Redmond, M. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman, Walsh and Chairman. (16)



Against:- Messrs. Bowe, Day, Doyle, Maylor, Murphy, O'Byrne, Quin, and Smyth. (8).

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

#### NEW ROSS HARBOUR

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. Cummins:-

"That the County Council agree to strike a rate  
"of One Penny in the £. for the development of  
"New Ross Harbour."

Mr. Cummins by permission of the meeting withdrew his motion and substituted the following:-

"That a rate of seven-sixteenths of One Penny  
"be agreed by Wexford County Council to be  
"raised off the County at Large for the  
"improvement of New Ross Harbour."

Mr. Cummins said he was not going to deal with the matter at length. Everything in connection with the motion had been so well said at the previous meeting of the County Council that the Members were fully conversant with the matter.

Mr. Thomas Redmond in seconding said that every Councillor who was in favour of the Wexford motion would be in favour of the present proposal.

The following statement was submitted by New Ross Harbour Commissioners:-

"The Scheme is divided into four parts viz:- 2 detached 100 ft. x 60 ft. Jetties, one 2100 ft. long Dredge Cut, one Weighbridge, and the necessary legal and Engineering Expenses, which come in round figures to £20,000.

"It is proposed to apply for a loan under the Public Works Loans Act of 1882 and 1887. As the amount to be borrowed is under £100,000 the interest will be at the rate of 3½% per annum and it is proposed to borrow for a term of 25 years. Provided the Government Grant is based on that under which the Wexford Scheme is framed, the ~~annual~~ sum to be guaranteed by the three Bodies will amount to, in round figures, £13,300.

"The proposed contribution of the three Bodies for the period of 25 years is allocated as follows:-



	£	s	d
"New Ross Harbour Commissioners.....	20	0	0
"New Ross Urban District Council	75	0	0
"Wexford County Council	703	0	0
	<u>£798</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

"The Wexford County Council are asked to provide the sum of £703 per annum towards the Scheme. The amount is approximately equal to a rate of 7/16th of one Penny in the £. The total sum allocated £798 is considered sufficient to repay principal and interest on the Annuity system at the end of the period.

"The New Ross Harbour Commissioners are not required to undergo the expenses of a Private Bill in the Oireachtas as they can procure the necessary powers for the contributing Bodies to levy rates under Provisional Orders."

The following under date 19th November, 1934, was read from Mr. William Friel, Consulting Engineer, New Ross Harbour Board:-

"I beg to report that in accordance with your instructions I prepared the accompanying plans and estimates for the following work:-

"To erect on the east quay two detached 100 feet long by 60 feet wide reinforced concrete jetties and necessary contingent work.	£12,988
"To take borings over site of proposed jetties	£ 200
"To salary of Resident Engineers while work is in progress	£ 280
"To cost of dredging a cut 2,100 feet long to an average depth of 11 feet below L.W.O.S.T.	£ 3,750
"To supplying and fixing a 20 ton weighbridge in a suitable position	£ 500
"To engineering fees etc.	£ 600
"To Legal expenses etc.	£ 300
"To Contingencies, Provisional Orders etc.	£ 1,000
TOTAL.....	<u>£19,618</u>

"At present owing to the shallow depth of water which exists alongside existing quay wall, and the impossibility of dredging deep enough close to the quay wall, because its foundations are not carried down sufficiently far, the jetty scheme is suggested to give better accommodation for ships of modern tonnage and when erected will enable vessels to berth at an early state of any tide and when berthed, lie on an even keel, and discharge with the ship's derricks at any state of the tide which is an essential condition if rapid discharge and low freights are to be obtained.



"The reinforced jetties after being built would require practically no upkeep with the exception of coating the timber fenders with some wood preservative every second or third year at a trifling cost."

The Chairman said that as regards the Wexford proposal the town was contributing 50% of the total charge and it was up to New Ross to do likewise. The securing of a contribution from Kilkenny and Carlow County Councils had not been adverted to although it was certain that a large number of ratepayers of those Counties derived a substantial benefit from New Ross port. He suggested they should appoint a small Committee and adjourn for an hour to enable the Committee to make a report. New Ross had not furnished details to the same extent as Wexford had done neither were their financial proposals as generous. He believed it would help to safeguard the interests of the County if they had the report of a small Committee in the matter.

Mr. Cummins objected. After the proceedings that day and those of the last County Council meeting he could not see anything to be derived from the appointment of a Committee.

Col. Gibbon said there was not as much expedition required in dealing with this proposal as with the last which had to go before the Dail for legislation. It would pay them well to adjourn the matter to next meeting and allow New Ross Harbour Board to consult the neighboring Councils of Kilkenny and Carlow.

Mr. Walsh said that the Chairman had pointed<sup>out</sup>/that the figures of proposed contribution from New Ross Harbour Board and New Ross Urban Council were very small but both Bodies were prepared to increase these figures to the level of Wexford's percentage.

Col. Quin wanted further details and plans. The thing should not be rushed and the County Councils of Kilkenny and Carlow should help.

Mr. Friel, Engineer, explained in detail the work which was proposed to be done at New Ross.



Miss O'Ryan proposed:- "That the Co. Council agree to strike a rate not greater than Seven-sixteenths of One Penny in the £. to repay loan for development of New Ross Harbour, conditional on New Ross Urban Council and New Ross Harbour Commissioners, combined, paying 50% of the loan charges and the County Councils of Carlow and Kilkenny 25% ~~each~~ of the balance."

Mr. T. Redmond said that Kilkenny did not come into the picture at all as they used the port of Waterford and Carlow derived very little benefit. After all that had been said and done it was unfair to penalise Ross because of its geographical position.

Mr. Walsh made a statement on similar lines and pointed out that the administrative area of the County Wexford embraced in addition to New Ross town a large area in Rosbercon on the Kilkenny side of the river.

Mr. Doyle said the resolution could now be put. It was only people playing to the gallery who asked for further details. The vote of a single Co. Councillor would not be changed by the report of any Committee. Every man had his mind made up and it was only a make-shift business to ask for a Committee.

Mr. Sweetman said he would vote against the proposal unless Kilkenny and Carlow County Councils were approached for a contribution. If these Councils turned the application down it would not be the fault of the Wexford County Council. There was no use in anybody suggesting that New Ross port was no use to a substantial number of ratepayers in Kilkenny and Carlow. Large numbers of people from these areas could be seen at the New Ross fairs and markets.

The Chairman said that the resolution could be passed in the form submitted by Miss O'Ryan. There was no reason why the County Councils of Kilkenny and Carlow should not be approached for a Grant.

Mr. Smyth said that portion of Kilkenny was alongside New Ross Harbour and if it was decided to ask Gorey to contribute



to this proposal there was a much stronger reason for asking Kilkenny and Carlow to provide some of the money.

The Chairman said that in putting forward the claim for a State Grant the application would be strengthened if they could say that contributions would be forthcoming from Kilkenny and Carlow. The wider the area they could prove to receive benefit the better it would be for the Harbour Board in approaching the Government.

Mr. Sweetman held that the Government would turn down their application unless the Harbour Commissioners of New Ross were able to prove that all the local bodies concerned were supporting it.

After further discussion Miss O'Ryan amended her resolution to read as follows:- "That the Wexford County Council agree to strike a Rate on the County-at-Large not greater than seven-sixteenths of One Penny in the £. towards the repayment of loan of £20,000 to be raised for the development of New Ross Harbour conditional on New Ross Urban Council and New Ross Harbour Commissioners, combined, paying 50% of the cost of repayment of said loan."

"That the New Ross Harbour Commissioners be requested to approach the County Councils of Kilkenny and Carlow with a view to securing contributions from these bodies towards the project. If these applications be successful, it is understood that any amounts received from these bodies will be applied to the reduction of the liability of Wexford County Council.

"This resolution is further contingent upon the necessary legislation to enable Co. Councils concerned to make contributions of this nature, being passed."

The Chairman seconded this motion.

Mr. Cummins having withdrawn his proposal in favour of Miss O'Ryan's a vote was taken on the latter with the following result:-



FOR:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Ml.Redmond, Thos.Redmond, Ronan, J.Walsh and the Chairman. (15)

AGAINST:- Messrs. Bowe, Doyle, Mayler, Murphy, Quin, Smyth and Sweetman. (7).

DID NOT VOTE:- Col. Gibbon (1). Mr. Day (1) was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR

Mr. Corish proposed the following which was seconded by the Chairman:- "That we request the Minister for Industry and Commerce to consent to the removal from foreshore of Courtown Harbour of a reasonable amount of gravel for export as this would be of considerable benefit to the locality and would not be detrimental to the harbour in any way.

Col. Quin held that the present being a special meeting of the Council they could not deal with the matter. It should also have been set out on Agenda paper.

The Chairman held that as the Co.Council were not assuming any responsibility under the resolution it was in order.

He then put it to the meeting and declared it passed, Col. Quin dissenting.

*D. Allen*  
14th Dec '34

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 14th DECEMBER, 1934.

M I N U T E S

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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

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The Monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 14th December, 1934.

Mr. Denis Allen, (Chairman), presided. Also present Messrs. J.J. Bowe, P. Colfer, J. Connors, R. Corish, C. Culleton, J. Cummins, M. Doyle, Col. C.M. Gibbon, W.P. Keegan, J.P. Kelly, W. Kinsella, James Lawlor, T.J. Maylor, T. McCarthy, S.O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Patrick Ronan, Thomas Redmond, Michael Redmond, M. Smyth, M. Sweetman and J.E. Walsh.

The Co. Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor and the five Assistant Surveyors of the County Council were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £10,836:16:9d was examined and signed.

#### PROTEST AGAINST CHANGE OF DATE OF MEETING

In connection with the change of monthly meeting of County Council from 10th to 14th December, 1934, by directions of the Chairman the following under date 5th December, 1934, was read from Col. Quin, Co. Councillor:-

"Your letter re change of time for Council meeting received. I think it is most uncalled for to change the time of the meeting like this. It should only be done by the whole County Council. It is inconvenient for me personally and I would like to protest most strongly against it."

Mr. Doyle said that complaints had been made to him about the alteration of the meeting. It was an inconvenience to other members as well as Col. Quin. For instance, it was an inconvenience to himself. He thought the changing of a meeting was a job for the whole Council and not for the Chairman or individuals.

The Chairman said he was approached by some members who asked if it would be possible to have the meeting fixed for



some other day instead of Monday as they wished to attend a meeting at New Ross on Monday at which the Minister for Industry and Commerce was to be present.

Mr. McCarthy said he had no objection to facilities being granted to members of the Council who wished to attend any function on the occasion of the visit of a Minister to the County, but he agreed with Mr. Doyle that a fixed meeting of the Council ought not to be changed without the consent of the Council as a whole, and he doubted that the Chairman had any power to change the date of a meeting. According to their Standing Orders there was a fixed meeting to be held on the second Monday of the month, and no Standing Order could be changed except in accordance with conditions laid down in the Standing Orders.

Secretary - Of course it is also understood that the Chairman can call a meeting at any time.

Mr. Cummins contended that the Chairman had no authority to change the meeting.

Mr. Walsh thought it was mentioned at a meeting of the Health Board that Mr. T. Redmond and himself would be at the meeting in New Ross.

Mr. Doyle - The matter has been aired now, and I am quite satisfied.

Mr. T. Redmond - How many members of the Council have been inconvenienced by the postponement of the meeting?

Mr. Cummins - Everyone here; here is one.

Mr. Corish - The Chairman did his best to oblige everyone.

The Chairman said it might convenience any group of members at any time to have a meeting postponed, and if it could be done he thought it should be done at all times. At least four members of the Council mentioned the matter of a postponement to him. Mr. Walsh was the first to ask him if anything could be done, and Miss O'Ryan, Mr. T. Redmond and



Mr. Corish mentioned the matter to him also.

Mr. Doyle - I thought the whole Council appealed to you, and instead of that there were only four out of the twentyseven and the County Council had not even an invitation to the thing.

Mr. Keegan said that the ten members of the Finance Committee could not be inconvenienced by attending on Friday as they would be there that day anyhow.

After further discussion the matter dropped.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 16th NOVEMBER, 1934:- The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on the 16th November, 1934.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman, Co. Council, (presided) also Messrs. P. Colfer, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4197:6:6d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

STATE OF: The following shows the condition of the Rate Collection to 16th November, 1934:-

<u>Name of Rate Collector</u>		<u>Percentage 1934/35</u>
		<u>Rate Lodged</u>
		<u>15/11/1934.</u>
1.	S. Gannon (No.6)	43.4
2.	J. Curtis	40.5
3.	E.J. Murphy	40.2
4.	M. Kehoe	39.8
5.	W. Cummins	32.5
6.	P. Carty	32.3
7.	J. Flood	31.9
8.	J. Deegan	31.1
9.	D. Kenny	30.7
10.	P. Nolan	30.4
11.	P. Doyle	30.0
12.	J. Cummins	29.8
13.	M. McCarthy	29.7
14.	S. Gannon (No.10)	29.5
15.	A. Dunne (No.15)	29.4
16.	J. Quirke	29.2
17.	W. Doyle	27.4
18.	M. Murphy	26.9
19.	A. Dunne (No.13)	26.0
20.	J.J. Sinnott	19.7
Average...		31.5

As compared with the corresponding period last year the Collection was 2.2 per cent behind.

Particulars of arrears of Rate collected to 16th Nov. 1934 were also submitted. The total amount was £1861:0:10d.



ALLOWANCE ON RATE PAID:- The Secretary stated that Mr. A.H. Boxwell 6, Utility Gardens, West Road, Dublin, in returning claim form for abatement of rate on Agricultural land had included a holding the property of his son, who was a minor and who held under a Will which had been produced. Mr. Boxwell now asked that the Council should allow the difference between the amount of Supplementary and the amount of primary Grant which his son would have received were it not for the mistake.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That a sum of £2:6:3d the difference between the amount of Supplementary Grant for relief of rates on agricultural land, and the amount of the Primary Grant, be allowed Mr. A.H. Boxwell, 6, Utility Gardens, West Rd., Dublin, on behalf of his son, a minor."

POUNDAGE ON CREDIT NOTES:- Under date 9th November, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circ. 24/19/34) that in some Counties Credit Notes had not been utilised, the abatement for agricultural grant having been shown on the Demand Note and, in these Counties, poundage as heretofore, would be paid only on the net sums collected and lodged. The Minister had decided that a uniform practice should be followed and poundage paid only on the net rates collected irrespective of the method by which the several allowances are given. Collectors, therefore, would not be paid poundage on any of the allowances whether shown on the Demand Notes or given by way of Credit Notes.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to reconsider his decision refusing to agree to the payment of poundage on amount of credit notes to the Rate Collectors of Wexford Co. Council. The Collectors have small Poundage fees and as they will have a certain amount of trouble in regard to credit notes we consider the Minister should agree to this request."



"CUT" IN COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE :- Under date 9th November, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote that with regard to the request of the Co. Council as to restoration of the ten per cent reduction of poundage on the first moiety and arrears of the 1933/34 Warrant in view of the fact that over six months elapsed between the earliest date 15th November, 1933, on which a Collector lodged the equivalent of the first moiety and arrears, and the latest date, 18th May, 1934, and that only one-third of the Collectors had lodged by the 1st March, 1934, the Minister could not agree that a reduction of poundage should not be made. He was, however, prepared to revise his decision contained in the Department's letter of the 8th June, 1934, to the following extent:- "That Poundage to the following Collectors who lodged in the months of February and March, 1934, shall be at the normal rate less 5 per cent viz. M. McCarthy, P. Nolan, S. Gannon (No. 6 and No. 10) J. Deegan, J. Cummins, J.J. O'Reilly, D. Kenny, A. Dunne, M. Kehoe, J. Curtis and P. Carty.

This communication means an increase of £49:14:5d to the Collectors whose names appear in the letter of the Department.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That in reference to Department's letter of 9th November, 1934, (No. G.132503 & G.137103) we point out to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health that in certain areas in County Wexford the method of Farming does not allow of early payment of first Moiety of Rates and in consequence we are of opinion that poundage withheld in respect of 1933/34 Warrant should be paid to Collectors especially when the Collectors are making a determined effort to get in rates and arrears. If the Minister can see his way to agree to the request of the Co. Council in this matter it would be a great encouragement to the Collectors to leave no stone unturned to secure a satisfactory collection for 1934/35."



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URBAN DISTRICT DEMANDS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That Enniscorthy Urban District Council be called on to transfer to the County Council without delay the balance of Demand of the Co.Council for year 1933/34."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote under date 10th November, 1934, (H.149403-1934 Loch Garman) that the Minister for Finance had sanctioned the loan of £10,000 from the Local Loans Fund to the Wexford Co.Council for the purposes of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, the loan to be repaid on the annuity system within 30 years with Interest at the rate of  $4\frac{3}{4}\%$  per annum. The Deed of Mortgage would be prepared by the Commissioners of Public Works. Application for sanction to the making of individual advances by the Council should be made on the specified forms.

Miss O'Ryan was in favour of dividing the loan into four equal divisions for the four districts of the County. The aim of the Co. Council was to help people all over the County to build as many houses as possible.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That the Co.Council be recommended to allocate £2,500 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts for each of the four districts of the County. That if any of the said districts is not prepared to take advantage of the full amount the balance be allocated to other districts as the Co.Council shall determine."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That 25% of the loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be allocated by the 31st December, 1934, 25% by the 28th February, 1935, and the remaining 50% by the 31st March, 1935. That a period of six months be allowed for



"proof of Title where this period in the opinion of the Finance Committee appears essential."

"That our Secretary advertise for applications: only those from persons who have been residing in the Rural Districts of the County for the past twelve months will be entertained up to the 31st March next.

"Applications for unallocated amounts for each district from persons residing in Urban districts and who wish to erect houses in Rural Districts will not be accepted or considered until after 31st March 1935."

In the case of John Hackett, Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge, to whom a loan of £175 had been sanctioned, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that as requested by the Secretary he had asked Mr. Hackett if he intended proceeding with the building of his house but so far had not received a reply. The Mortgage in this case was completed on 11th November, 1933.

Mr. Colfer said that the delay in this case was caused by the difficulty of securing tradesmen. When they were available Mr. Hackett would proceed with the building.

It was decided to adjourn further consideration of the matter to enable Mr. Colfer, M.C.C., to have an interview with Mr. Hackett.

In the case of Ellen Casey, Ballinamona, Foulksmills, Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, reported that the house was almost complete but Mrs. Casey was not availing of £25 the second instalment of the loan in her case.

The Secretary also reported that the following advances which had been approved of would not be availed of:-

W. Orr, Haheenmoor, Killena, £50; P. Grant, Busherstown, Ballymitty, £50; Myles Byrne, Ballynahallen, Gorey, £140, and Mrs. O'Callaghan, Rosslare, £130. Total £395.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the sum of £395 from first loan of £10,000 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts



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"which has not yet been taken be re-allocated."

#### DRAINAGE AT ROSSLARE STRAND

The Co. Surveyor said he had been down in Rosslare that day and found that the drainage of a number of houses there were emptying into a road drain constructed to take off surface water only. Sewage was now being discharged into this drain constituting a nuisance at the end of the road from the railway Station.

The County Surveyor was requested to forward for consideration a Statement in this matter to the County Board of Health.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

Notification was received from the District Superintendent, Garda Siochana, that he would make application at Enniscorthy District Court on 29th November, 1934, for an Order under Section 17 (4) of the School Attendance Act 1926 for the committal of Patrick Vardy (11 years and 8 months) and Liam Murphy (12 years and six months) to an Industrial School.

Mr. Gregory, District Court Clerk, Wexford, wrote that application would be made at Wexford District Court on 21st November, 1934, for the committal of Richard Singleton, Wolfe Tone Villas, Wexford, to an Industrial School.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

Miss O'Ryan proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Keegan and adopted, Mr. Colfer dissenting:-

"That the Government Department concerned be requested to inform the Wexford County Council if steps are at all times taken to see that parents make the contribution fixed by the District Court towards the cost of the maintenance of Children committed to Industrial Schools; and if, when the circumstances of the Contributors improve, any attempt is made to secure a higher contribution."



ALLEGED CRIMINAL INJURIES

Application for £5:2:8d compensation for cutting telegraph wires at Ferns and Killila was received from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

Miss E.A. Poole, Ballyowen, Gorey, wrote she was applying for £20 for injury to a bullock; G.V. Maher, Ballinkeele, Enniscorthy, applied for £20 for damage to cottage windows, frames etc.

Referred to County Solicitor to defend.

ILLNESS OF MR.R. MALONE.V.S.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That subject to the sanction of the Department of Agriculture and to the production of Medical Certificate a further three months' leave of absence as from 22nd November, 1934, be granted Mr. R. Malone, M.R.C.V.S., Mr. Staples, M.R.C.V.S., to continue to discharge the duties in Mr. Malone's district in the meantime.

COURTOWN HARBOUR

The following was submitted from the meeting of the County Council held on 12th instant:- "That the recommendation of Courtown Harbour Committee in respect of repair of Harbour Master's Office, Store and Dwelling-house be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration."

Mr. Keegan said he did not know what repairs could be done at the moment or whether Mr. Murphy was to be Harbour Master or Crane-driver. He was on probation in the position for three months.

The Co.Surveyor - The driving of Crane is in addition to his duties as Harbour Master.

Mr. Keegan said it was believed that the Harbour would develop and if so he would not advise the Council to spend



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money on the present house occupied by the Harbour Master as it would be in the way of any development. It would be much cheaper to build a new house than to repair the existing structure. They should wait until the harbour was cleaned out.

The Co. Surveyor said all he intended doing was to make the house water-tight.

Mr. Keegan said that the Harbour Committee would have brought the matter of this house and the Weigh-house before the Council twelve months ago but he was informed rightly or wrongly that the lease of the two places was almost up.

The Co. Surveyor said that so far as he knew the Harbour Master's house belonged to the Council but the Weigh-house did not. He did not know this until he had examined records which the late Lord Courtown allowed him to inspect and from which he had made a copy of the plan of the harbour and its appurtenances.

Mr. O'Byrne said it appeared as if the former Lord Courtown had retained at the harbour anything that was of any good. In his opinion the Council had only a lease of the Harbour Master's house and the weighbridge.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Co. Councillors representing Gorey County Electoral Area be appointed a Committee to define, with the assistance of the Co. Surveyor, the area and boundaries of Courtown Harbour and to report to the Co. Council the particulars of property owned by them at said harbour."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That only essential repairs to Harbour Master's house at Courtown Harbour be carried out for the present."



WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICE AT  
NEW ROSS

In connection with report from Sergeant Connor (3836) as to lack of accommodation for Weights and Measures Work at New Ross, Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, was requested to report to the Finance Committee (1) In what manner the present office selected by a previous Inspector at New Ross was unsuitable and (2) why examination of Weights and Measures could not be carried out in New Ross Courthouse since similar work was carried out in the Courthouses of Gorey and Enniscorthy.

TURF AT KILTEALY

The following resolution adopted at a public meeting at Kiltaly was referred to the Finance Committee from the County Council meeting of 12th November, 1934:-

"That this meeting again calls the attention of the County Council to the fact that very large areas of excellent turf exist in the neighborhood of Kiltaly and accordingly requests the Council to press forward their claims for grants under the Minor Relief Scheme sufficient to fully develop these natural resources."

The Secretary stated that a former meeting of the County Council had adopted a resolution that if the people of Kiltaly would agree on one particular road the Council would do what was possible in the way of securing a grant for its repair and reconstruction. At the meeting of the Co. Council on 12th Nov. 1934, Mr. Bows, Co. Councillor, said it was not possible to secure agreement on the point.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That copy of resolution as to the development of the turf bogs in the neighborhood of Kiltaly be furnished the Turf Director, Hume Street, Dublin, (Department of Industry and Commerce) and ascertain from him if anything can be done for the development of turf in the district



"The Co.Council and Finance Committee are anxious that the wishes of the local people in this matter should be met and a grant provided to make the necessary road to the bogs. The Finance Committee are informed that practically unlimited quantities of turf are available in the District."

#### ROAD AT CARLEY'S BRIDGE

A long letter was read from Mr. George R. McIlhagga, Managing Director, Irish Cutlery Company, Carley's Bridge, Enniscorthy, complaining of the state of the road leading from Ross Road, Enniscorthy, on to the New Ross Road, through Carley's Bridge and Tomduff. The factory had at present 70 workers and expected by the end of the year to have 120. This factory would prove advantageous to the town of Enniscorthy and district with resultant benefit to the County and the writer considered it would show at least that the Co.Council took an interest in this particular area if they would see that the road in question used by the employees of the factory was put into a proper state of repair. The traffic on the road had trebled and it was being used by heavy lorries delivering to the factory. As it was very hard to negotiate, it entailed severe strain on horses and drivers.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, reported that this was a hilly rough road which with the present amount allowed for maintenance could not be improved. To put it into the condition which Mr. McIlhagga expected would mean steam rolling and a good deal of heavy filling. While the Co.Council had so many third-class roads of much greater importance in a bad state it would hardly seem right to spend a great amount on this road the traffic on which had not trebled since the opening of the Factory. And he did not admit that the people employed there had any difficulty in getting to their work.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the question of repair



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"of old road in Carley's Bridge and Tomduff be scheduled for consideration when money under Minor Relief Schemes Vote has been received for Enniscorthy area."

LANES ETC. CRAAN, KILBRANNISH, MANDORAN &  
KILLANURE.

A long Memorial, extensively signed, was received complaining of the deplorable and dangerous condition of roads, lanes and bridges in the above districts. They were impassable in Winter and if the necessary improvements are not carried out serious loss to life and property was inevitable. Children attending Kilbranish National School were during the Winter months prevented from attending by the state of the river and the bridges over it.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, reported that the roads, lanes, and bridges, complained of were not in charge of Wexford Co. Council. In his opinion this memorial should have been sent to the Carlow Co. Council.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following resolution:- "That copy of report of Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, relative to Roads, lanes and bridges in Craan, Kilbranish, Mandoran and Killanure, be furnished Rev. J. Quigley, CC. Kilmyshal, Clohamon."

NOOK BAY ROAD.

John Murphy, Nook Bay and twenty other ratepayers wrote asking the Co. Council to consider the dangerous condition of the road at Nook Bay, Arthurstown. This Winter's tides would make it impassable for traffic as the bank abutting the road is being eaten away.

The Co. Surveyor said he had a proposal in this year's Road Works Scheme to deal with this road.



### PLANTING TREES AT GOREY BRIDGE

Mr. Michael Naughter, T.C., Bridge, Gorey, wrote asking the permission of the Co. Council to plant ornamental trees at Gorey Bridge.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, wrote that permission might be given as the road was very wide with an unfenced mill stream at one side.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That in view of report of Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, the Co. Council be recommended to grant permission to Mr. Michael Naughter, T.C., to plant ornamental trees at Gorey Bridge, trees to be planted to the satisfaction of Assistant Surveyor."

### CHAPEL LANE, CRAANFORD.

Memorial was read from Rev. D.A. Kavanagh, P.P., Craanford, and sixteen other ratepayers requesting the Co. Council to put into a proper state of repair the lane called "Chapel Lane" leading from Craanford Village to the residence of Walter Dalton, Island Upper, Craanford.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, reported that the residents kept the lane trimmed and widened, and the drainage in order, but it was not possible to maintain the surface on account of the scarcity of suitable road material in the locality. The lane was very much used by persons going to Church and School in Craanford. He considered that about forty cubic yards of broken stone from Gorey Hill Quarry would put the lane into passable order.

Referred to the County Surveyor.

### ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR

Richard O'Leary, Hon. Sec., St. Helen's Fishermen's Association wrote submitting memorial signed by himself and 34 others as to improvement of St. Helen's Harbour, which had fallen into decay for the last 50 or 60 years. The previous Co. Council were unanimously in favour of the improvement of the Harbour but the



project fell through.

The Co.Surveyor said he had furnished an estimate for the renovation of the harbour for £750 which would have satisfied everybody locally but the Government held that a good job could not be done for less than £1250.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "We recommend the County Council to again approach the Government with a view to securing a grant towards the cost of improving St.Helen's Harbour. That Mr. Allen (Chairman Co.Council) be requested to wait on the Fisheries Department to put this request before them."

#### CAMOLIN FOOTPATHS

Mr.M.J. O'Sullivan,National Teacher,Camolin, wrote calling attention to the neglected and unsatisfactory condition of the footpaths in the village of Camolin especially that on the left hand side of the road in the direction of Ferns.

Mr. Treanor,Assistant Surveyor for the District, reported that he was submitting recommendation as to these footpaths for new works (Road Works Scheme). He considered that the case had been rather over-stated by Mr. O'Sullivan.

#### ROAD AT CAMOLIN PARK.

Mr. James Hendrick,Camolin Park,Camolin, wrote complaining of the deplorable state of the road at Camolin Park and in respect of which he had written the Co.Council last year. The Camolin Park ratepayers are very anxious about it at the moment.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the question of improving Camolin Park Road which is a private thoroughfare be considered when money under Minor Relief Schemes Vote be available.

#### SLIPPERY ROADS - NEW ROSS DISTRICT

New Ross Development Association wrote complaining of the roads entering the town for horse traffic. During the past few



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weeks several serious accidents had occurred particularly on Ferry Mountgarrett Hill. Many farmers had been compelled to transact their business in other centres. This results in great loss to the town which it could not afford.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That we request the Department of Education (Technical Instruction Branch) to arrange for some demonstrations by their Experts on the "flat" shoeing of Horses for Ferns and New Ross Districts."

The Co.Surveyor said he had screenings put on the hills adjoining New Ross town. He was talking to Mr.Walsh, County Councillor, recently and he was quite satisfied that as much as possible had been done, except at one small place past Cherry's Brewery and that would be done.

Mr.Colfer said he had been into New Ross for several fairs recently and he did not see any horses slipping.

The matter dropped.

#### MILLQUARTER LANE

An application was received from Rev.E.Kehoe, C.C., and Mr.Nicholas Dempsey, N.T., Monaseed, petitioning the Co.Council to provide a small sum, say £10 per annum, for the maintenance of this lane which had been repaired under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

It was decided that the Co.Surveyor submit this application for consideration to the Roads Works Meeting.

#### RATHDUFF LANE

An application was received from Robert Rowe and Simon Doran, asking that the Co.Council allow a small sum to keep this lane in repair as it was now in a good condition having been repaired under Minor Relief Schemes Vote. It would be a pity to allow it to go to ruin again.

It was decided that the Co.Surveyor submit the application for consideration to annual Road Works Meeting.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 16th November, 1934, as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

ALLOWANCE ON RATE PAID:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to declare that under Section 3 of the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Bill 1934, the holding No 45 - Tacumshane E.D., rated in the name of Mr. A.H. Boxwell is a "trust" holding held by Mr. A.H. Boxwell for his son Harvey Boxwell, Jnr., a minor, and that the said holding be regarded as in separate occupation from the holdings of Mr. A.H. Boxwell."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS:- The Secretary submitted to the meeting the following draft advertisement which embodied the recommendations of the Finance Committee:-

"The Wexford County Council invite applications for loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts for houses to be erected by approved applicants, who have resided in the Rural Areas of County Wexford for a period of at least twelve months.

"Application Forms may be obtained from the Undersigned.

"Each selected applicant must reside in house for which a loan has been obtained for a period of at least three years.

"Twenty-five per cent of the money available for each District will be allocated by 31st January, 1935, a further 25 per cent by 28th February, 1935, and the balance by 31st March, 1935.

"Should any Rural District not take advantage of the full £2,500 allocated, the Council will, after 31st March, 1935 apply the unallocated amount to other Rural Districts.

In the event of the total sum (£10,000) not being required by applicants from rural districts, the Co. Council



"will at a later date, consider applications for any sum available from residents in Urban areas, who intend to erect houses in a rural District.

"Loans approved are liable to be cancelled unless selected applicants are in a position to show clear title to plots on which it is intended to build within six months from date on which loan has been sanctioned by the County Council.

"Advances will only be granted for houses which have been approved for Government Grant by Housing Officer of the Department of Local Government and Public Health. The Housing Officer for Enniscorthy and Gorey Areas is Mr. Michael Jordan, B.E. 5, Rathfarnham Road, Terenure, Dublin, and for New Ross and Wexford areas, Mr. Robert Murphy, 20 John Street, Enniscorthy.

"For a house valued up to £250, the maximum loan will not exceed ninety per cent of the market value of house as certified by Assistant Surveyor, The maximum amount however, will be granted only in exceptional cases. As a general rule loans will be limited to the difference between the value of the house and the amount of the Government Grant. For a house valued at over £250 and up to £500, the maximum loan will be 90% of the first £250 and 50% of the balance over £250. For instance for a house valued at £350 the maximum loan would be £275.

"Loans will not be granted for houses valued at more than £500.

"All legal expenses and valuers' fees are payable by applicants.

"Repayments of advances (Principal and Interest) must be made monthly or at such other period as may be fixed by the County Council.

"The annual repayment for 35 years (to cover Principal and Interest) for each £100 borrowed will be £6:5:6d."

Mr. McCarthy said that one of the recommendations of the



Finance Committee would practically rule out all Urban residents who wished to build houses in the rural area. He moved the following :- "That the reference in proposed advertisement for applicants under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts being confined to residents in Rural Districts until after 31st March, 1935, and then allocating only the amount unapplied for by Rural area applicants to Urban applicants be deleted and that the Scheme be administered on the same lines as obtained to the present."

He (Mr. McCarthy) contended that the number of houses which would be built by rural applicants would be very few and it should be remembered that people who might be anxious to build in Urban areas could not get suitable sites.

Mr. Kelly seconded.

Miss O'Ryan said that numbers of people from the Urban areas, particularly Enniscorthy, had built villages around the town and were creating difficulties as regards water and sewerage for the Co. Board of Health.

Mr. Kelly said he had applications ready to lodge with the Co. Council from 43 people, the majority of whom resided in the Urban District of Enniscorthy. They were applying in the hope that the scheme would be administered in the same way as last year. They should not put anything in the way of people who wanted houses and it was evident from the applications already dealt with that farmers would not take advantage of the scheme.

Mr. O'Byrne said that the Urban Districts could build houses for their own residents under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, and could also utilise other Housing Acts which applied entirely to Urban Districts. The Finance Committee made the recommendation which was embodied in the advertisement as regards Urban applicants, because they found Urban applicants leaving houses erected by their own Local



Authority and starting to erect houses in the rural areas. It was unfair to the agricultural community to give money for houses for Urban residents. The £10,000 loan would be taken up by the small farmers and the Co.Council should not take away tenants from houses erected by an Urban Authority.

The Chairman said that up to the 31st March next they were considering applications only from rural applicants. They were not doing justice to the town of Enniscorthy to give this money to people who were putting houses in the rural area in a haphazard fashion and creating problems for the Board of Health. If Enniscorthy town wished later to extend its boundaries they would find a lot of houses erected haphazard and in consequence of this they would find the Co.Council had done great damage and the Co.Council would be altogether wrong if they encouraged such a procedure. If they provided portion of their money for houses to be built by Urban residents in the rural area where they could live cheaper and be free of town rates, they would not be acting fairly to the farmers and labourers of the rural districts who were responsible for the repayment of the loan, and who should have first claim on it. According to Mr. Kelly he had 43 applicants ready to apply - the majority from Enniscorthy Urban - and this would eat up a very large portion of the loan which would be most unfair to the rest of the County.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr.Ml. Redmond seconded the following motion:- "That the recommendations of the Finance Committee regarding the administration of Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be confirmed."

After further discussion a poll was taken on Mr.McCarthy's motion with the following result:-

FOR:- Messrs. Kelly, Mayler, McCarthy and Walsh. (4).

AGAINST:- Messrs. Bowe, Colfer, Connors, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Doyle, Gibbon, Keegan, Kinsella, <sup>Lawler</sup> ~~Mayler~~, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, M.Redmond, T. Redmond, Ronan, Smyth, Sweetman and the Chairman. (19)



The Chairman declared the motion lost.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con:-

"That all references to applicants residing in Urban areas as eligible for loans appearing in draft advertisement under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts submitted to this meeting be deleted unless as regards such applicants as have at this date a substantial portion of their houses in course of erection in rural area. That the Assistant Surveyors be requested to furnish report in this connection as soon as possible to the Finance Committee of the Council. That as regards Enniscorthy district, Messrs. Kelly, McCarthy and Sweetman make an inspection with Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, of the houses in the neighborhood of Enniscorthy town which are at present in course of erection and submit a short report to the Finance Committee.

"That in the event of more than six applications of this nature being received the Finance Committee will again bring the matter before the Council."

Under date 10th December, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.165742-34 Loch Garman) that the Minister had sanctioned the making of additional advance of £20 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mr. T. Moran, Clonee, Camolin, in respect of house which he has in course of erection.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 16th Nov. 1934, be and are hereby confirmed except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 30th NOVEMBER, 1934:- The Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 30th November, 1934, were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 30th November, 1934.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman Co. Council) presiding, also Messrs. W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3845:3:2d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

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

<u>Collector's Name</u>	<u>Percentage collected</u> <u>1934/35 Rate at 29/11/34</u>
S. Gannon (No.6)	47.8
M. Kehoe	45.0
J. Curtis	45.0
E.J. Murphy	44.4
P. Carty	41.1
J. Flood	38.0
J. Deegan	37.5
W. Doyle	37.3
D. Kenny	37.1
S. Gannon (No.10)	36.8
W. Cummins	36.3
P. Doyle	36.0
P. Nolan	35.6
M. McCarthy	35.5
J. Cummins	34.9
M. Murphy	33.8
J. Quirke	33.6
A. Dunne (No.15)	33.3
A. Dunne (No.13)	31.0
J.J. Sinnott	27.1
	<u>Average 37.3</u>

The Collection showed a decrease of 4% as compared with the corresponding period last year.

In connection with the arrears carried forward into current Warrant the following shows the percentage collected:-



<u>Collector's Name</u>	<u>Percentage of arrears collected..</u>
J. Flood	33.1
J. Deegan	30.1
P. Carty	24.0
D. Kenny	21.3
P. Doyle	19.1
E.J. Murphy	18.0
J.J. O'Reilly	17.1
J. Curtis	16.5
J. Cummins	14.5
M. Kehoe	14.0
M. McCarthy	14.0
M. Murphy	12.8
A. Dunne (No.15)	12.1
W. Cummins	11.6
J.J. Sinnott	11.5
J. Quirke	10.6
S. Gannon (No.10)	8.9
W. Doyle	8.1
P. Nolan	4.8
S. Gannon (No.10)	4.8

The Chairman stated that the amount of arrears collected was only £2390:15:8d. with an outstanding balance of £15,351:9:8d. This certainly could not be regarded as satisfactory. He then proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the attention of Rate Collectors be called to the small amount of current rate and of arrears which have been lodged to date. In view of recent interview of the Finance Committee with the Collectors, the Committee expected that progress would have been considerably in advance of that reported to the present meeting. The Committee are not at all satisfied with the amount of the collection and would remind collectors of the decision of the Committee to take drastic steps against any collector who fails to realise his duties and responsibilities."

POUNDAGE FEES TO RATE COLLECTORS:- Under date 23rd November, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.155550/34) - Loch Garman Fa):-

"Adverting to your letter of the 16th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he thinks the County Council should not commit themselves to the view that the Rate Collectors cannot be expected to close their warrants by the 31st March, 1935. So far as the first moiety and arrears are concerned he would be prepared to consider proposals for the payment of poundage fees at the rate of 7d. in the case of any Collector who lodges the equivalent of the first moiety and arrears on or before the 31st December next. Beyond this the Minister is not at present prepared to go by giving



"undertakings in advance with regard to poundage on the second moiety."

The Chairman said the Co.Council had already made an order that Rate Collectors should lodge the first moiety and arrears by the 31st December next, so that the decision of the Minister in the matter would not appear to be unreasonable.

RATES INSPECTOR:- Under date 23rd November, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.155552/34 Loch Garman Fa) acknowledging receipt of letter of 16th November, 1934, in regard to the appointment of Mr. John James Masterson as Rates Inspector.

ALLEGED ABSENCE OF WORKMEN  
FROM DUTY

At the meeting of the Co.Council on 12th November, 1934, a resolution was adopted that Mr. Ronan, County Councillor, secure a written statement in connection with the alleged absence of Owen Doyle and Peter Doyle from their work at Ryland Quarry, and that a written statement be obtained from these two men; both documents to be referred to the Finance Committee who were empowered to summon any of the parties concerned to their meeting if they considered this course necessary.

Mr. Ronan, M.C.C., forwarded a statement signed by Laurence Doyle, (Cottage) Ballyprecus, that he was drawing Owen Doyle's oats to James Freaney's haggard on the afternoon of Tuesday, September 11th, 1934, and that Peter Doyle was also drawing corn from his father's field with the writer, while Owen Doyle (Ganger) was making the rick in Freaney's haggard on the same date.

Mr. Ronan, M.C.C., also forwarded a signed statement from Walter Timmons and Andrew Doyle that Peter Doyle was assisting all day at the threshing at Mr. Mr. J. Doyle of Ryland on Thursday, 20th September, 1934.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, submitted statements from Owen Doyle (Ganger) and Peter Doyle (his son) workman, in



Ryland Quarry.

Owen Doyle stated he worked all day on the 11th September for the Co.Council and Peter Doyle worked all that day in Ryland Quarry. On the 20th September (the day the granulator left Quarry) Peter Doyle worked all day at Ryland Quarry. On the 24th September, he (Owen Doyle) went to Ryland Wood Quarry in the morning and saw Peter Doyle working there. He then went to Curraduff Quarry - about seven miles away - where there were more men working. He did not know that Peter Doyle left Ryland Quarry and paid him for the day as he had his time marked in the morning.

Peter Doyle wrote that he worked all day on the 11th Sept. and on the 20th September, 1934, in Ryland Quarry. On the 24th September he meant to go to James Murphy's threshing but the morning was "half" wet so he went to work at the quarry. At about 10 o'clock the weather cleared and he went to work at the threshing. The Ganger (Owen Doyle) had then left the quarry and the writer thought he knew he was at the threshing. He (Peter Doyle) did not know he was paid by the Co.Council for that day's work as his wife received his Pay Orders and only gave him what he wanted out of them.

Mark Fitzhenry wrote that Peter Doyle was working in Ryland Quarry with him the whole of the two days that Philip Dunne was absent.

Aidan Nolan, Henry Hagan and Laurence Doyle wrote that Peter Doyle worked all day in Ryland Quarry on the day the granulator left.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the District, said he saw Owen Doyle (Ganger) on the 11th September about dinner time working on a road seven or eight miles from Ryland Quarry. He believed that Walter Timmins and Andrew Doyle the men who alleged that the Doyles were absent on the 20th September were mistaken as to the date of the threshing. It was admitted that



Peter Doyle left the Quarry on the 24th September for the threshing at James Murphy's.

Miss O'Ryan said the best thanks of the Council were due to Mr. Ronan for having brought this case forward.

Mr. O'Byrne considered that Peter Doyle should have reported his absence from the quarry on the 24th September to his father who was the ganger.

Mr. Keegan considered there was no reason why Peter Doyle should be further employed by the Council.

Mr. Ennis mentioned he was satisfied that Peter Doyle did not know he was paid for the 24th September but the Chairman and Mr. Keegan were not prepared to accept this explanation.

Mr. Ennis further pointed out that Owen Doyle had drawn in his corn on the 3rd September for about 1½ hours in the morning and was paid for that day. Of course on the other hand he had worked over-time on very many occasions.

The Chairman said the principle behind this was entirely wrong. These men were paid for part of a day on the 3rd September and Peter Doyle was paid for the 24th September although he did not work the whole time for the County Council. The Finance Committee could not countenance such a procedure.

Miss O'Ryan said that notice should certainly have been given to Mr. Ennis of the absence of Peter Doyle from work on 24th September.

After further discussion it was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That further consideration of the matter be adjourned to next meeting of the Finance Committee for verification of the dates on which threshings stated to have taken place on 11th and 20th September, 1934, in connection with the complaint as to the absence of Peter Doyle and Owen Doyle from Ryland Quarry were actually carried out."

It was also decided that Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for



"the district, be requested to obtain evidence in respect of the dates of these threshings."

#### LOCAL TAXATION OFFICE

In connection with the request of the Co. Council to the Department of Local Government and Public Health to pay from the Road Fund £1 per week to Mr. Donohoe, substitute for Mr. Richards, Local Taxation Officer, during the four weeks Summer holiday of the latter, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote under date 19th November, 1934, (MT 209/32) that the Minister had no authority to agree to any increase in the maximum amount notified to the County Council as recoupable in respect of supervisory and clerical duties in regard to the work of motor registration and licensing.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That in view of the communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) under date 19th November, 1934, (MT209/32) we recommend the Co. Council to pay from its own funds £1 per week to Mr. Donohoe, Clerical Assistant Co. Council Office, for the period during which he acted as substitute for the Local Taxation Officer during the Summer holiday of the latter."

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

In connection with the unexpended balance of old loan of £10,000 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, viz: £395 applications were received from Patrick Scully, 4, St. Johns Villas, Enniscorthy, for new house at Blackstoops, and W.G. Peare, 36, St. Johns Villas, Enniscorthy, for new house at Bellefield, for a loan of £180 in each case. They were prepared to pay the old rate of Interest.

The Chairman said it was strange that these applicants were leaving new houses recently erected by the Enniscorthy.



Urban Council to take advantage of the loan of the Co.Council to erect cheaper houses. It was a procedure that required very close examination as it was unfair to the Urban District Council to take their tenants and to the rural workers to grant loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to people in receipt of Urban wages, until the needs of the rural workers had been met.

Mr. Kelly pointed out that the men in question were unable to pay the 10/- per week rent of the houses in which they were living. Under the old grant no restrictions had been made as to applications between Urban and Rural workers. He was convinced that no injury was been done to the Urban Council because the applicants would not be able to continue as tenants of houses the rent of which was 10/- per week and there would be large numbers applying for the houses in Enniscorthy urban area as soon as they were vacant. He then proposed the following resolution:-

"That the applications of Patrick Scully and Wm. G. Peare, both of St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy, for loan of £180 each under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be recommended to the Co.Council for acceptance contingent on both applicants furnishing proper title to sites etc."

Mr. Kinsella seconded and the resolution was adopted.

Thomas Moran, Clonee, Camolin, applied for an additional loan of £20.

Mr. Ronan, Co.Councillor, wrote recommending the application and pointed out that Moran had borrowed £80 but in doing so he had not taken the expenses into account. It cost him £12 to take out administration and as the expenses ran up to £20 he would be unable to finish the house unless the Council advanced an additional £20.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That as £20 extra loan applied for by Thomas Moran of Clonee, Camolin, is available from the old loan of £10,000 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts we



"recommend the County Council to agree to his application."

#### ENNISCORTHY COURTHOUSE

Under date 21st November, 1934, Richard Whelan, Caretaker, Courthouse, Enniscorthy, wrote applying for coal and light for his apartments in the Courthouse as he believed that privilege was enjoyed by the other caretakers of the Courthouses in the County.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That Messrs. Treanor and O'Neill Assistant Surveyors for Gorey and New Ross districts respectively, be instructed to furnish report as to allowance made to caretakers of the courthouses of Gorey and New Ross in the matter of coal and light."

#### SLIPPERY ROADS NEAR NEW ROSS TOWN.

Under date 28th November, 1934, the following was read from Mr. J. S. Barry, Town Clerk, New Ross:-

"I am directed by the New Ross Urban District Council to again draw the attention of the Wexford County Council to the slippery condition of the surface of the roads leading into New Ross and to request that immediate steps be taken to remedy the Council's repeated complaint in a satisfactory manner. Horse traffic is now impossible and the townspeople are anxious that the Christmas trade should not be hindered. The Council request that a sufficient margin of the roads should be left for horse traffic.

"I am to add that as your Council's attitude has not been satisfactory on this matter my Council trust you will see the equity of their request now."

The Co. Surveyor said he had found that chippings put on the sides of the roads would be all right but of course they would not remain. He would again have the sides sheeted with chippings.

Mr. Keegan said a serious accident almost took place in Esmonde Street, Gorey, last week. Owing to the street being covered with clay to a depth of three inches a girl fell off a bicycle.

The Co. Surveyor said that he found generally with slippery roads tar grouted stones at one side and having a sealing coat not fully tarred would help horse traffic considerably but the



remedy was not lasting.

It was decided to refer the condition of road in Esmonde St., Gorey, and also a second road at the top of Gorey Town to the County Surveyor.

The latter said that Mr. Ennis Assistant Surveyor, had provided chippings on one road and the men with horses using the road had spread the chippings at the side.

#### KERLOGUE QUARRY HUT

Under date 28th November, 1934, the following was read from Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I wish to report to you that some person or persons broke open the Quarry Hut at Kerlogue and stole therefrom 1 lb. gelignite and four or five detonators.

"The occurrence must have taken place on Saturday night the 24th instant, or in the early hours of Sunday the 25th instant. It was discovered by the Ganger, Frank Quinn, the Faythe, Wexford, who in the course of a walk visited the quarry on the Sunday afternoon.

"He informed me of the occurrence about 6 o'clock p.m., I instructed him to report to the Civic Guard Authorities. He did so, and the matter is being investigated."

No order.

#### DAMAGE TO WALL AT BALLYDANIEL BRIDGE

The following under date 28th November, 1934, was read from the County Surveyor:-

"Last March I reported to the Council damage done to this Bridge by a lorry going through the parapet, and I was authorised to have repairs carried out. We were unable to find out the owner of the lorry, and, consequently, we have not been able to recover the cost. The repairs have been carried out, out of the money allocated for the Road, and I now find that this Account is short, and I shall be glad to have the cost of the repairs, £17, transferred to the Road Account out of the Contingencies Fund."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That a sum of £17 cost of repair to Ballydaniel Bridge, Camolin, be as recommended by the Co. Surveyor, withdrawn from the appropriate Contingencies Fund."



### SICK LEAVE MACHINERY OVERSEER

The Co. Surveyor applied for authority to pay wages of Mr. Wm. Murphy, Machinery Overseer, during nine days absence on sick leave and for which a medical certificate had been furnished.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That £7:10s. be paid to Mr. W. Murphy, Machinery Overseer, for nine days absence on sick leave with doctor's Certificate."

### TRANSFER OF MONEY FROM ROAD ACCOUNTS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That subject to sanction of Department of Local Government and Public Health, transfer of £60 from Road Account 18M to 16M as recommended by Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, be agreed to."

### SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 27th November, 1934, (No. F. 37739) the Office of National Education, wrote forwarding copy of programme of examination for Co. Council scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools. Modifications had been made in this programme to bring the syllabus into conformity with the programme for National Schools.

The Secretary stated that the following changes had been made in the syllabus:-

Marks in Irish had been increased by 100, 50 for oral and 50 for written examination. An oral test was not now provided for examination in English, but the total marks - 200 - would be allocated to the written test in the subject.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Byrne that the Co. Council be recommended to adopt the revised syllabus for examination furnished by the Office of National Education for Scholarships under Secondary and Vocational Scheme."



UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Miss Johanna Cooney, Ballykelly, New Ross, University Scholarship Holder, wrote that she was residing with her Uncle in Dublin and if the rule that all female University students should reside in hostels was made obligatory she would have to abandon her scholarship. Her father was only an Agricultural Labourer.

On the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Kelly, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the County Council be recommended to allow Johanna Cooney, University Scholarship Holder, to reside with her Uncle at 23, Larkfield Park, Kimmage, Dublin. That a provision be inserted in the syllabus of University Scholarship Scheme when next being printed, that for the future all female University students must reside in approved University hostels."

Mr. O'Byrne dissented.



The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Colfer and adopted:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 30th November, 1934, as submitted to this meeting be received and considered:"

**RATE COLLECTION:-** The following is the state of Rate Collection up to 14th December, 1934, excluding arrears:-

<u>Collector's Name.</u>	<u>Percentage collected 1934/35 Rate.</u>
S. Gannon (No.6)	55.9
J. Curtis	50.2
M. Kehoe	47.2
E.J. Murphy	46.6
S. Gannon (No.10)	46.1
J. Cummins	46.1
P. Carty	44.6
P. Nolan	44.2
D. Kenny	42.4
J. Deegan	41.5
J. Flood	41.3
W. Doyle	40.8
W. Cummins	40.6
A. Dunne (No.15)	40.0
P. Doyle	39.2
J. Quirke	37.4
J.J. Sinnott	37.3
A. Dunne (No.13)	37.0
M. McCarthy	36.9
M. Murphy	35.8
Average...	42.1

The amount showed a decrease of 1.8 per cent as compared with the corresponding period last year.

In regard to arrears £2944:19:11d had been collected leaving outstanding £14,797:5:5d.

The Secretary stated that by directions of the Finance Committee the resolution of the Committee expressing dissatisfaction with the progress of the collection had been sent to each collector.

The following under date 11th December, 1934, (Circular 119-34) as to the Rate Collection was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed to inform you the Minister observes that, whilst there has been a marked improvement in the rate collection since the end of September it is still in a number of counties very far from satisfactory and is not improving



"at the rate it should. There can be no doubt that there is an inexcusable failure on the part of many ratepayers to fulfil their obligations, but the disparities in the results achieved by the different collectors within a single county where conditions would not vary much as between one part of the County and another, point to the conclusion that the failure of the ratepayers is due in some measure to collectors too readily acquiescing in default and to a disinclination on their part to use their powers to collect rates with which the law invests them.

"Where a collector has not already lodged a sum equivalent to the first moiety and arrears he should be called on to do so not later than the end of the present month and warned that, if he does not comply, the Council will require evidence that he has used every means in his power to get in the rate.

"If it is made plain to the Collectors that they have the fullest support of the Council in taking all necessary steps to bring defaulters to a sense of their obligations and that the Council will not tolerate dilatory methods the Minister feels assured that the position will improve.

"Copies of this letter should be sent immediately to every collector who has not lodged the equivalent of the first moiety and arrears."

The Secretary stated that copy of this Circular letter was sent to each Rate Collector on the 12th December, 1934.

The Chairman said that the Circular was on all fours with the instructions issued by the Finance Committee to the Collectors as to lodging first moiety and arrears by the end of the present month. They would have the Rate Collectors in attendance at the next ordinary meeting of the Finance Committee.

ALLEGED ABSENCE OF WORKMEN FROM DUTY:- It was decided to adjourn consideration of this matter until the Finance Committee had completed their investigation and furnished report.

SLIPPERY ROADS NEAR NEW ROSS TOWN & FERNS:- In connection with Minutes of Finance Committee dealing with this matter, letter was read from Town Clerk, New Ross, under date 13th December, 1934 that his Council considered that the work mentioned by the County Surveyor as useless expenditure and they were dissatisfied.

Under date 12th December, 1934, the Chief Executive Officer, Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee forwarded letter from Department of Education (T.I.B.) stating that the latter were prepared to make the necessary arrangements for



Lectures on the flat shoeing of horses in Ferns and New Ross districts by the Department's Farriery Instructor. To have the minimum interference with the Instructor's class arrangements information was requested by the Department as to the places and dates of lectures to suit local convenience etc.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That our Secretary consult with the Chief Executive Officer as to arranging for Lectures on the flat shoeing of horses for tarred road traffic. The Co.Council will make provision for insertion of advertisement of the fixtures in the three local papers."

Mr. T. Redmond said the following three "inclines" were very dangerous:- from Nolan's Kiln to Camblin, Brandon Well, and the hill near Cherry's Brewery. He had received several complaints of accidents, particularly at the hill up from Cherry's Brewery, within the last few months. In regard to the statement that the money for what was done was useless he did not think that was the opinion of the New Ross Urban Council, though it might be the opinion of certain members, but they were of opinion that certain dangerous spots had not been touched at all. He knew that certain parts of the roads had been treated and he did not know that there were any complaints about those parts since. Certain dangerous spots had been treated, and the complaints made to him were that other dangerous spots had not been treated yet.

Mr. Walsh said that three places were still very bad and he did not think the flat shoeing of horses would overcome the place at Cherry's Brewery. At the Brewery there was a kind of camber on the road, and it was very high in the middle, it was nearly impossible to drive a horse down it at all. There was a lot of traffic on that road and chippings got thrown all around. It was impossible, no matter how they shod horses, to get them down that road on a wet morning, and it was worse when the weather was frosty.



The Chairman said he thought the Council were agreed that something should be done with those roads leading into New Ross and they should give the Co. Surveyor instructions that further improvements be made there.

The Co. Surveyor said that what they had done in regard to chippings was only a temporary measure. It might last for a week or a month, but it was not going to last for any length of time; it depended on the amount of traffic and other circumstances. But from time to time as money allowed, they were treating the sides of the roads with rough stuff not sealed up too smoothly. They had done the sides of the Rosslare road, and the style of work done gave a grip, and it was the only thing to do. They would have to do something like that at Cherry's Brewery, and he proposed doing it as soon as money was available, but in the meantime all they could do was spread the chippings.

Mr. Connors said that in regard to Ferns road he got a horse shod according to instructions, and he could not keep him on the road. It was impossible to travel the road especially by the Palace. He wanted the Co. Surveyor to say definitely if he was going to do anything with that road. He had seen men going through the Palace Lawn trying to get home with their horses.

The Chairman said he believed that there was a grievance about the road at Ferns. He would say that about a mile outside Ferns was the worst place, and he suggested that the County Surveyor take some steps there also.

Mr. Keegan said that there were bad places in Gorey too. He suggested that when they had only a limited amount of money they should try to do something with the bad spots such as those mentioned in New Ross and in Ferns, and the upper and lower parts of the Main Street of Gorey. The only bit of industry in the North of the County was the brickworks and there were nine or ten horses there every day, and he thought



the Chairman would agree that if there were any frost it would be impossible for horses to cart bricks over the bottom and top of the Gorey road.

The Co.Surveyor said that the Department suggested that instead of using pure bitumen they should use a tarbitumen compound which they said was not as slippery, also using, of course a coarser grade of chippings. That was what they proposed to do on the sides of all those roads, not to make them smooth at the side, at all, but leaving the stones showing up.

Mr. Ronan said he agreed with Mr. Connors that it was impossible to get along on the road from Ferns to Camolin. There had been several accidents there - shafts broken, etc. He would like to know what was going to be done?

Co.Surveyor - It is a question of money.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said there had been some talk about the roads in October, but he could not possibly tar them since owing to the weather. The reason the hills were slippery was that they had not been tarred for five or six years.

Chairman - I think tar will never keep them rough.

Mr. Ronan - There is too much tar on them.

Mr. T. Redmond suggested that the spot at Cherry's Brewery should be done at once. It would not cost very much.

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor said that the place at Cherry's Brewery would have been attended to only for the weather. For some time back it was impossible to use tar.

The Chairman proposed:- "That the Co.Surveyor be given a general direction to deal with hilly spots on tarred roads on which farmers' horses cannot travel and make provision for these in next year's Road Estimate." Mr. Corish seconded and the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Kelly said that he had been speaking to Mr. Carty an expert Horse Shoer who had a Certificate for Farriery



from the Department of Technical Instruction, and he said the cause of horses slipping was that they were improperly shod, ~~He~~ said he was prepared to shoe a horse for any member, and if the animal slipped afterwards he could not charge anything.

TRANSFER OF MONEY FROM ROAD ACCOUNTS:- Under date 4th December, 1934, the Department of Local Government & Public Health wrote (RM/32) that the Minister would not raise any objection to the transfer of the £60 from 18M to 16M.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, £40 be transferred from Section 24C to Section 23C."

Under date 8th December, 1934, Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that Roads No. 583 and 584 were in a very bad condition and asked that a sum of £50 should be transferred from Contingencies Fund for their repair as otherwise they would be very badly damaged.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health a sum of £50 be withdrawn from the appropriate Contingency Fund for repair of Roads No. 583 and 584 Sec. 26C. as recommended by Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor."

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, wrote under date 1st. December, 1934, that <sup>on</sup> Road 211 (Mullawnreagh Lane) as a result of excessive traffic caused by carting material from Ballyregan quarry to grant work at Ballyedmond for improvement of Gorey-Ballycanew - Wexford Road, the surface had been badly cut up, £15 would be required to put it in a passable condition but this could not be taken from money for the road section.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That subject to sanction of Minister for Local Government and Public Health a sum of £15 be withdrawn from the appropriate Contingency Fund for repair of Road No. 211."



SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME:- The following under date 30th November, 1934, re above Scheme was read from Office of National Education:-

"Referring to the alterations in the Scheme for 1935 submitted for the consideration of the Department by your Council, I am to forward the following observations which it is desired to offer in regard thereto:-

" (1) Revision of Clause regarding the means of parents.

"It is considered that the Council's proposal is one which would lead to many difficulties in practice. It is of great importance that the conditions under which candidates are eligible to compete for the awards should be clearly stated, and in the circumstances, the Department is unable to approve of the suggestion now made. If the Council so desire, however, consideration will be given to proposals for the modification of the existing "means" conditions.

"(2) Age Limit of 13 to 14 and Extension of Scholarships.

"The Department's opinion is that, where possible, it is desirable that Councils should provide scholarships of sufficient duration to enable the diligent student to complete a course of secondary education and obtain the Leaving Certificate, and a five year scholarship would, accordingly, be required to meet the case of the younger student. The proposal to confine the competition to candidates between the ages of 13 and 14 does not commend itself on general grounds, as it would lead to a certain waste of time in the case of suitable pupils who would be thus prevented from commencing their secondary education and, in the case of this scheme, where difficulty has been experienced in attracting sufficient candidates, it would have the additional disadvantage of still further limiting the number of competitors. If, however, the Council does not see its way to the extension generally of the duration of the scholarships, the Department will welcome the proposal to continue scholarships (and presumably bursaries) for a fifth year in cases of outstanding merit.

"(3) Passing of Intermediate Certificate with Honours on or before end of third year.

"This clause should read -

"A Scholarship holder who does not pass with Honours, the Department's Intermediate Certificate Examination at or before the end of the third year, shall not, as a rule, be eligible for a further renewal of the scholarship."

"The Department agrees that this condition need not be strictly enforced in the case of awards made before the date of the adoption of the regulation, provided that cases of renewal continue to be subject to the conditions laid down in the ninth paragraph.

"In addition to these matters, the Department considers it desirable to advert to certain other clauses of the existing scheme:-

"(a) Exclusion of Urban Areas -

"It would appear from paragraphs 3 and 4 that awards



"are confined to pupils who reside in the rural districts of the County.

"The 1923 Act gives authority for placing the cost of the scheme on the County at large and if this is done in the case of County Wexford, it seems inequitable, on all grounds, that students, otherwise eligible, should be deprived of the opportunities of securing a scholarship and it is possible that the exclusion of pupils residing in the urban areas has been responsible for the difficulty experienced in attracting a large number of candidates. It is suggested that the restriction be deleted. The existing limitation to £15 of awards in the case of pupils living within two miles of a Secondary School should dispose of objections, which may otherwise arise, to giving students in towns an unduly generous scholarship.

"(b) Interpretation of Opening Paragraphs -

"In view of the difficulty, which arose in connection with the 1934 awards, in the interpretation of the opening paragraphs, the Department considers that the ambiguity of the present clauses should be removed. With a view thereto and having regard to the various other points mentioned above, I am to suggest an alternative version of paragraphs 1 to 6 as shown on the attached schedule; it is desirable that the existing paragraph 6 should be deleted as, once the means qualification has been specified, all pupils who comply with the requirements should be eligible.

"(c) Existing Clause 13.

"In view of the measure of success which attended the introduction of this clause in 1934, the Department has no objection to its continuance if proposed for 1935.

"(d) Existing Paragraph 21.

"Alterations have been made by the Department in the terms of this paragraph, which is common to County Schemes as a whole, and the paragraph should now read:-

"A candidate who uses Irish instead of English in answering the examination in any subject other than Irish, English and Drawing, may obtain excess marks in the subject. In the case of History and Geography, and Rural Science and Nature Study, excess marks not exceeding 10% of the total marks gained in the subject, may be scored, and in the case of Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Needlework, excess marks not exceeding 5% of the total marks gained in the subject, may be awarded, provided that in each case the candidate has answered wholly in Irish."

"(e) The revised Programme should be inserted in Appendix 1.

"(f) It is suggested, for convenience in reference that the paragraphs should be numbered in the printed scheme.

"With regard to the terms of existing Clause 12, I am



"directed to remind the Council that, should the holder of a scholarship secure a pupil-teachership or entrance to a Preparatory College, the matter will be open to full consideration by the Department.

"The Department will be glad to receive the Draft Scheme for 1935 as soon as your Council has had an opportunity of considering the amendments suggested in this communication."

**SCHEDULE - Re-draft of Opening Clauses of Scholarship Scheme.**

"(1) The Wexford County Council will, for the year 1935, offer six scholarships, each not exceeding £50 in value, tenable for four years, and three bursaries of the value of £15 each, also tenable for four years. Three of the scholarships shall be reserved for boys and three for girls, subject to the condition that, in the event of there being insufficient qualified candidates available amongst either the boys or the girls, the Council shall have the power, if they so desire, to award the remaining scholarships to the candidates who come next highest in the order of merit list and who are eligible, under the terms of paragraph 3, for the award of Scholarships.

"(2) Competition for both scholarships and bursaries is limited to children whose parents or guardians reside in the County of Wexford and (insert here whatever restrictions as to valuation and/ or income may be approved).

"(3) (a) Competition for scholarships is limited to pupils whose cases comply with the conditions of Section 2, and whose place of residence is two miles or more from an approved secondary school.

(b) Competition for bursaries is limited to pupils whose cases comply with the conditions of Section 2 and who reside within a radius of two miles from an approved secondary school.

(c) In the event of the total number of qualified candidates eligible for the award of Scholarships (boys and girls) being less than the number of scholarships offered, the Council may, if they so desire, award an additional bursary for each scholarship remaining unfilled.

"(4) A student to whom an approved secondary school is accessible from his or her ordinary residence owing to convenient railway or other means of communication, shall not be eligible for the award of a scholarship of greater value than £30 per annum."

After considerable discussion the following scheme was agreed to on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly and it was decided it should be submitted to the Department of Education for approval:

**SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES - SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS  
1935.**

(1) "The Wexford County Council will, for the year 1935, offer six scholarships, each not exceeding £50 in value, tenable for



"four years, and six bursaries of the value of £15 each, also tenable for four years. Three of the scholarships shall be reserved for boys and three for girls, subject to the condition that, in the event of there being insufficient qualified candidates available amongst either boys or girls, the Council shall have power, if they so desire, to award the remaining scholarships to the candidates who come next highest in the order of merit list and who are eligible, under the terms of paragraph 3 for the award of Scholarships.

"In cases of outstanding merit, scholarships and bursaries may, with the approval of the Minister for Education, be continued for a fifth year.

"(2) Competition for both scholarships and bursaries is limited to children whose parents or guardians reside in the County of Wexford and, in respect of applicants from rural areas who are rated on a valuation not exceeding (a) £120 in the case of families with six children or more; (b) £110 for families with four or five children; (c) £105 two or three children; (d) £100 one child.

In the case of applicants from Urban districts, the means of the family with number of children as at

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| (a) | must not exceed | £360 | per annum from all sources;      |
|     |                 |      | six children or more.            |
| (b) | "               | "    | £310 Per annum from all sources; |
|     |                 |      | four or five children.           |
| (c) | "               | "    | £270 per annum from all sources; |
|     |                 |      | two or three children            |
| (d) | "               | "    | £226 per annum from all sources; |
|     |                 |      | one child.                       |

"Children referred to in paragraph 2 must be under 18 years of age.

"(3) (a) Competition for scholarships is limited to pupils whose cases comply with the conditions of Section 2, and whose place of residence is two miles or more from an approved secondary school.

(b) Competition for bursaries is limited to pupils whose cases comply with the conditions of Section 2 and who reside within a radius of two miles from an approved secondary school.

(c) In the event of the total number of qualified candidates eligible for the award of scholarships (boys and girls) being less than the number of scholarships offered, the Council may, if they so desire award additional bursaries up to the value of scholarships remaining unfilled if there are sufficient applicants for bursaries qualified.

(d) Children whose parents or guardians are in the opinion of the Council able to provide for Secondary Education shall not be eligible for the award of Scholarships or bursaries.

"(4) A student, to whom an approved secondary school is accessible from his or her ordinary residence owing to convenient railway or other means of communication, shall not be eligible for the award of a scholarship of greater value than £30 per annum.



"(5) The question of a Candidate's eligibility under this clause shall be determined before the date fixed for the examination.

"(6) Candidates admitted to the Examination shall not afterwards be rejected on the ground of their parents' "means" save in exceptional circumstances and with the approval of the Minister for Education.

"(7) Renewals of Scholarships and Bursaries will be made each year by the Council, but such renewals are subject to the receipt of reports as to conduct and progress of the holders which are accepted as satisfactory by the Council and by the Minister for Education. A scholarship holder, who does not pass with Honours, the Department's Intermediate Certificate Examination at or before the end of the third year, shall not, as a rule, be eligible for a further renewal of the Scholarship.

"(8) Scholarships and Bursaries shall be awarded in order of merit on the results of an Examination conducted by the Minister for Education. This examination shall be partly oral and partly written, and shall be held in Easter Week.

"(9) The examination shall be confined to candidates whose age on 1st August, 1935, is not more than 14 years.

"(10) Scholarships under this Scheme are not to apply to candidates holding pupil teacherships or places in Preparatory Colleges.

"(11) Candidates who attend the Examination and secure not less than 30 per cent of the gross marks allotted to the six subjects in which they were examined will be refunded the necessary expenses incurred in attending the Examination.

"(12) Every candidate for award of Scholarship or Bursary must fill up a Special Entry Form to be obtained from the Secretary, County Council, County Hall, Wexford, and which must be accompanied by:-

- (1) Certificate of Birth or Baptismal Certificate  
(Certificate will not be returned).
- (2) Certificate of Poor Law Valuation.
- (3) Statutory Declaration as to means of family.
- (4) Testimonial of Character from Teacher or School  
Manager.
- (5) Medical Certificate of Health.
- (6) Recommendation as to character signed by  
applicant's clergyman.

"(13) No Entry Form will be received after 5 o'clock p.m. on Friday, 1st March, 1935.

"(14) In the event of any dispute or difference arising in connection with the Scholarships or Bursaries, or with the holders thereof, or candidates therefor, the decision of the County Council subject to the approval of the Minister for Education shall be final and binding.

#### SUBJECTS OF EXAMINATION:

"(15) The following shall be the subjects of examination:  
(a) Irish; (b) English; (c) Arithmetic; (d) History and Geography; (e) Algebra; (f) Geometry; (g) Drawing; (h) Rural Science or Nature Study; (k) Needlework.



"(16) Candidates must answer in the first four of these subjects, and in any two, but not more than two, of the remaining subjects.

"(17) To be eligible for the award of a Scholarship, a candidate must secure not less than 30 per cent in each of the essential subjects: (a) Irish; (b) English; (c) Arithmetic (d) History and Geography, and not less than 50 per cent of the aggregate marks assigned to these subjects and not less than 40 per cent of the aggregate marks assigned to Irish and English.

"(18) A candidate must also obtain 40 per cent of the aggregate of the maxima in two of the subjects - Algebra, Geometry, Drawing, Rural Science or Nature Study and Needlework, and not less than 20 per cent. in each of the two subjects selected.

"(19) A candidate who uses Irish instead of English in answering the examination in any subject other than Irish, English and Drawing, may obtain excess marks in the subject. In the case of History and Geography, and Rural Science and Nature Study, excess marks not exceeding 10% of the total marks gained in the subject, may be scored, and in the case of Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Needlework, excess marks not exceeding 5% of the total marks gained in the subject, may be awarded, provided that in each case the candidate has answered wholly in Irish.

"(20) The Programme in each of the above subjects will be the sixth Standard Primary School Programme, with such modifications as may be found in the Appendix herewith.

"(21) An approved school shall be such school, either extern or residential for the giving of secondary education or the giving of instruction or training in agriculture, forestry, trade, commerce, domestic economy, teaching or any other subject of a vocational character as may be approved of by order of the Minister for Education.

#### APPENDIX 1.

##### Syllabus of Examination

"In all subjects the programme of the Examination for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools is the programme prescribed for Standard VI. pupils in the official programme for National Schools, subject to such alterations therein as are set out in the "Revised Programme of Primary Instruction" (issued in September, 1934) and to such further modifications as are mentioned below:-

#### 1. OBLIGATORY SUBJECTS.

(a) Irish (300 marks)  
Oral (150 marks)

- (1) General Conversation.
- (2) Reading with explanation.
- (3) Recitation, with explanation, of 100 lines of poetry.

Written (150 marks)

- (1) Composition and letter writing
- (2) Suitable exercises in grammar.

(b) ENGLISH

Written (200 Marks)



"(1) Composition and letter/writing.

(2) Suitable exercises in Grammar.

(N.B. There will be no Oral Test in English.)

(c) Arithmetic (200 marks).

(d) History and Geography (200 marks).

(History - 100 marks; Geography - 100 marks).

11. OPTIONAL SUBJECTS (Any two may be taken by candidates).

(e) Algebra (100 marks)

(f) Geometry (100 marks)

(g) Drawing (100 marks)

(h) Rural Science or Nature Study (100 marks)

"Primary Schools' Programme. Boys - Syllabuses A. and B. Rural Science or Syllabuses A and B. Nature Study. Girls - Syllabuses C. and D. Nature Study.

"Note: Girls who have studied Syllabuses A. and B. of either Rural Science or Nature Study may take the examination papers for boys on these syllabuses.

(k) Needlework (100 marks)

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Lawlor:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 30th November, 1934, be and are hereby confirmed except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

MAINTENANCE OF LANES

The Chairman said that applications had been before the Finance Committee in regard to Millquarter and Rathduff Lanes which had been repaired under Minor Relief Scheme to have the Co.Council responsible for their future annual maintenance. He thought they should make public pronouncement that they were not going to take over any more lanes. Wexford Co.Council in proportion to its area had a greater Road mileage than any other County and they should not increase it.



PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME*been*

In connection with above Scheme which had circulated to the Members the Secretary said the County Surveyor's Estimate for 1935/36 amounts to £102,415, an increase of £46,660 on allocation for 1934/35, which was £55,755. The County Surveyor's original estimate last year was £91,519. The County Council last year made an unsuccessful effort to have a reduced amount allocated. The Local Government Department notified the Council that, unless a satisfactory allocation was made, Road Maintenance Grant (amounting to £11,605 on estimate adopted) would be withheld. The estimate adopted last year included £3,049, non-recurrent expenditure.

Col. Gibbon proposed:- "That Provisional Road Works Scheme be referred back to the County Surveyor to allocate for the maintenance of all roads in the County a sum of £45,000."

Miss O'Ryan said that the County Surveyor's estimate was for keeping the roads in a perfect order but financially they could not afford to do that. She proposed:- "That the Road Works Scheme be referred back to the Co. Surveyor and that a sum of £55,755 be allocated as expenditure on all roads on the same basis as for financial year 1933/34."

Mr. Sweetman seconded.

Col. Gibbon said that if Miss O'Ryan's proposal covered all road expenditure of every kind he would accept it and withdraw his own proposal.

Mr. Corish, on behalf of the labour Party, also accepted Miss O'Ryan's proposal.

Mr. Cummins said there was not a farmer satisfied with the condition of the roads at the moment. For the past eight years the Council had reduced the Co. Surveyor's estimate during that period by £400,000. If the Co. Surveyor was there as an engineer and was doing his duty, as he (Mr. Cummins) was



sure he was, and if he made an estimate how could they conscientiously, without going into the figures, cut down that estimate by 50 per cent? He would ask the Co. Surveyor could he give good service in the County if that were done.

In reply to Mr. Keegan, the Secretary said that last year's estimate was £91,519.

Mr. Keegan said that according to what they were told from meeting to meeting things were getting worse, but last year Col. Gibbon proposed £30,000, while he now proposed £45,000. He must think the farmers were in a stronger position this year.

Mr. M. Redmond - A great many farmers have been appealing to me for better service on the roads - clamouring for better roads. I propose that the estimate for the coming year be £60,000.

Mr. Corish - I second that; I think it is reasonable.

Miss O'Ryan said that the trunk roads required only maintenance. Everyone would admit that the roads of the County had been improved out of recognition during the past ten years. The survey staff of the Council were getting over these year by year and after a few years more they would have really no bad roads.

The Chairman said that the Council should also keep in mind that they would have other large estimates from the Board of Health. In regard to the Board of Health there was not the least doubt that as years went on - and perhaps this year - there would be an increase and he thought, a justifiable increase, as they were providing better social and health services for the people, and he thought it was better to spend money on those services than on roads. A lot of money had been spent on roads in recent years, and the roads were tolerably good at present. He believed that the roads compared favourably with the roads of other Counties, if they were not better. He thought the amount of



money spent last year would be sufficient to keep them in good repair during the coming year, and if they had extra money to spend, which he believed they had not, there was no doubt that the health services would tend to increase. There would be a charge for housing, water, and sewerage services, and they should keep that in mind when striking money for roads. It was all very well to have first-class, splendid roads, but still they did not give the service to the people that expenditure in other directions would give. Expenditure on houses, water and sewerage was more justifiable than on roads. It was their duty to keep the roads in fair repair, and he thought they could do that within last year's estimate, and he thought that was as far as they should go.

Mr. M. Redmond said it was not with any great pleasure, that he proposed an increase, but he had in mind that there was a considerable increase in traffic owing to the carriage of beet at present. The road leading to one particular loading station - Palace East - was very bad at present. He understood that the material for that road had run out, and it would be impassable in a week.

The Chairman said there was no reason why the County Surveyor could not provide higher tonnage on roads on which there was a lot of traffic, and reduce the tonnage on roads on which there was a small amount of traffic.

Mr. Keegan said that the £11,000 or £12,000 they got each year in grants was eaten up by the main roads, which were already overdone in his opinion. They tried to get most of the money in grants to the by-roads, but they were told that they could not.

The Chairman said that they got relief grants for the by-roads.

Mr. Keegan said the relief grants would never make up the by-roads - some of them anyhow. They should be allowed to spend some of the £11,000 or £12,000 on the by-roads. If



they wanted to develop the country, and grow beet, tobacco, and everything else, the farmers on the by-roads must get roads, and he thought it was time to have the money turned over to the by-roads.

Col. Gibbon said they should pass any resolution they agreed on as to a figure and let the Co. Surveyor put up a scheme as to the amounts to be spent on each road. The County Surveyor should get credit for endeavouring to keep the roads in the best possible condition and no one in the County was more capable of deciding the amount of money to be spent as between one road and another.

The Co. Surveyor said that the matter of the maintenance grant was important. They got back forty per cent of the maintenance cost on the main roads only; they could not get any grant in respect of county roads. If they took money off the main roads and put it on the third class roads they would forfeit that forty per cent. For instance, last year, when the Council decided to grant the £55,000 it was conditional on their getting the same amount of maintenance grant as in the previous year, and consequently they had to keep the expenditure on the main roads the same as the previous year. There was no doubt that the main roads had been very much improved. The trunk roads, as had been remarked, were practically all done, with the exception of a couple of miles. There were 296 miles of main roads, 1,242 miles of County or third-class roads and 431 miles of contract or fourth-class roads - a total of 1,970 miles. A few extra miles taken over brought the total to about 1,978 miles in the County. Recently at the instance of the Local Government Department the County Surveyors met the Department officials and discussed the question of grants in the future, and at present he had in preparation a scheme of works suitable for doing under grants.



The first jobs they did were the trunk roads. The link roads had not been done yet, except in a few cases, and the idea was to complete those and also to take up the more important of the third-class roads on which the traffic had increased on account of beet and for various other reasons. The scheme they had put before the Department was not going to come into operation at once. The Department wanted a list of important works that the council could take up during the next four years, and they proposed, as money was available for grants, either for relief or out of motor taxation, to have schemes ready from which they could select works in areas where there was a good deal of unemployment. The result would be that during the next year they would undoubtedly get some money on the County roads. Already, in two years, several thousands of pounds had been given in grants for County roads, and they had done some pieces of these roads. There was a piece from Murrintown on to Sleedagh, and part of the Curracloe road and several others. The idea was that in the course of four years they would get over the worst sections. He suggested, with all due apology to the Council, that if they had the same money as last year on the main roads they would then get the same maintenance grant - forty per cent - and if they added £5,000 to the third-class roads, which were in some cases, going back, particularly where there was a good deal of beet traffic, and put the amount for the roads in round figures at £60,000 instead of £55,700 they would be able to carry on. In addition there was a question of doing the sides of roads so as to make them safe for horse traffic.

Mr. Doyle said he would have seconded Col. Gibbon's proposal for £45,000 if he thought there would not be unanimity in agreeing to last year's figures. There would be a very marked increase in the estimate for the County Board of Health and possibly in the estimates for the other subsidiary bodies. They had £16,000 uncollected rates, the bulk



of which would fall on the ratepayers who were paying and trying to pay continuously. He considered that £12,000 of the uncollected rate was a dead letter. There were also increases for the County Home. The £3,000 non-recurrent expenditure should satisfy the Co. Surveyor for the extra work he wished to have done on the third-class roads. Although the amount allocated last year for the roads was in his opinion outside the capacity of the ratepayers he thought they would have unanimity in adopting it; otherwise he would have seconded the proposal for the £45,000. There were various increases over last year's expenditure of which they were not aware at present and there was the £5000 per annum for the harbours of New Ross and Wexford. The farmers in his district were not like those in Mr. M. Redmond's district crying out for an increase in their rates.

Mr. M. Redmond said that the farmers in his district were not crying out for increased rates, but when they were paying their rates they wanted good roads and were entitled to them.

Mr. T. Redmond said that the farmers in his area were crying out for what was their right - good roads. The roads were certainly not showing any improvement in his area. In New Ross area roads which were a few miles from Main roads were almost impassable. Three miles of the Campile road to the Hook, the road leading to Campile Railway Station, and from the Cross of Aclamon into Fethard and several others he could mention, were in a very bad condition.

The Chairman said that in stating that the roads had improved he spoke generally. He thought anyone would agree that in the last ten or fifteen years there had been an improvement. There was a number of back roads that, possibly were not in the state of repair that they would like, but they were tolerably good and passable at the moment. There were some areas in which there was extra traffic in regard to beet, and



if the roads concerned were brought specially to the notice of the County Surveyor he thought he should give them special consideration. The rest of the roads could well do with the expenditure on them last year.

Mr. M. Redmond questioned if it were possible for the Co. Surveyor to give proper attention to the roads with the amount of money at his disposal.

The Co. Surveyor said that something was done out of Grant money on the Campile road and on Fethard road beginning at Slaughter Cross. He admitted that the middle section was very bad.

The Chairman said there was no advantage in discussing the condition of individual roads at this stage.

Mr. Colfer agreed with Messrs. Redmond in regard to the roads referred to. When he raised the question of these roads he had always been met with the cry - "Where is the money to come from". The roads were very bad - nearly all the roads around the Hook, and from Kilmore up <sup>to</sup> around Campile. £5,000 extra had been mentioned - they would want that amount in that area to keep the roads in passable order. There was no use in saying that they could refer the matter to the Co. Surveyor later on, because they would have no money to do the work.

Mr. M. Redmond then withdrew his motion.

The Co. Surveyor in reply to a query said that the figures allocated for road maintenance for the past three years were the same as the figure in Miss O'Ryan's motion.

Mr. Colfer proposed that a sum of £65,000 be provided for road maintenance for next financial year as a number of roads would require special treatment running to a figure of £10,000 at least.

Mr. Cummins seconded.

A poll on this motion resulted as follows:-



FOR:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Kelly, Thomas Redmond and Ronan. (7).

AGAINST:- Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Doyle, Gibbon, Keegan, Kinsella, Lawlor, Meyler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, M. Redmond, Smyth, Sweetman, Walsh and the Chairman. (16).

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

The proposal of Miss O'Ryan that the amount allocated for road maintenance for next financial year be the same as for 1934/35 was then put and passed, Mr. Cummins dissenting.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kinsella seconded the following motion which was passed nem. con:- "That the amount spent on improvement works or on special works be divided equally between the four districts of the County."

Mr. Smyth objected to tar spraying on the Ballycanew-Gorey road. The Co. Surveyor said that the road was being finished rougher than before. If they did not put some sort of bitumen or tar on the surface, the roads would have pot holes right off.

Mr. Smyth said they could see this road getting smoother every week.

The Co. Surveyor said that he had discussed the question with the Assistant Surveyors and he suggested that if they got any money for spraying they should use it almost exclusively on putting in roughened side surfaces.

Mr. Keegan referring to the Ballycanew road, said that if they did not protect the middle of the road with some kind of tar the money would be wasted.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That £1000 be set aside for special works in each of the four districts of the County."

Further consideration of the road scheme was adjourned to next monthly meeting of the Council to be held on 14th January, 1935.



SANCTION OF RATE COLLECTORS

The following under date 12th December, 1934,  
(No.G.155527/34) was read from the Department of Local  
Government and Public Health:-

"In reply to your letter of the 16th ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions the permanent appointments on a part-time, non-pensionable basis of the following temporary Rate Collectors who have rendered satisfactory service during a probationary period:-

John Flood	(District No. 9)
Denis Kenny	( " No.14)
Maurice Kehoe	( " No.18)"

RATE INSPECTOR

The Secretary reported that Mr. J.J. A. Masterson, Rate Inspector, took up duty on 13th December, 1934.

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the continued employment, up to and including 22nd December, 1934, of Mr. J.J. O'Reilly, who has acted as Temporary Rates Inspector pending permanent appointment. The County Council consider this course advisable in order to allow of the handing over by Mr. O'Reilly at the various checking centres of the accounts of each Collector to Mr. J.J.A. Masterson, the new Rates Inspector, who took up duty on 13th December, 1934."

BALLYHACK HARBOUR

Mr. Cummins referred to the necessity for doing something at Ballyhack Pier so as to give the fishermen a chance to get in and out. The work would give a lot of employment. He suggested that Mr. Corish and the other T.D.'s for the County should interest themselves in the matter.

The Chairman proposed that the Co. Surveyor be instructed to make an inspection of the harbour and report to the Council



and that, if he recommended that money be spent on it, the Council approach the Government for fifty per cent of the grant.

Mr. Cummins seconded the Chairman's proposition which was passed.

#### FLOODING AT FORD-OF-LYNG

Col. Gibbon asked if it was a fact that during the last week the flooding at the Ford of Lyng, Ballybro, and also higher up, was not a bit better than before work was carried out there. The flooding was as bad, or almost worse than ever before, and some of them who knew the place had pointed this out when the conference with the representatives of the Slob Commissioners was held.

Mr. Doyle said he could bear out Col. Gibbon that the flooding had not abated one whit. He admitted that the weather was very bad for the last ten days, but even previous to that the flooding was caused just as quickly at Ballybro as before the drain was done at all. He thought it would be necessary to clean the river from Ballybro down to where it had been done. During the past fortnight Ballygeary had suffered more than any other place in the Barony of Forth. Water had been up to three feet high in the houses. It was even worse there than at Ballybro at the moment.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said that, as the Council were aware they had dug a canal from Rathdowney Bridge to the Spill-way and it was a very great success except during the last week, during which the rain was abnormal. Certainly flooding was not quite so bad. The land was never at any time inundated except at the lower end of the canal, which was not complete yet, and could not be completed until next Summer. He agreed with Mr. Doyle's remarks that the drainage in that area would not be completely remedied until they completed the scheme from Rathdowney bridge to Ballybro.



With regard to flooding at Ballygeary, it was probably caused by a drainage scheme they carried out there last year. He visited the place on the previous Friday night and there was a very increased volume of water. He thought a road culvert would cure the flooding, and he had made arrangements to do that as soon as possible. He believed they could remedy the conditions around Ballybro to a very great extent if they could have the drainage scheme from Rathdowney to Ballybro. The Council should insist on getting a contribution from the Slob people to finish the scheme as the people there were in a bad way and he thought another £200 would finish the project.

The Co. Surveyor said he understood the job was to be on a fifty-fifty basis, £200 from the Board of Works and £200 from the Slob Company. They had received the £200 from the Board of Works and spent it on the drain from Rathdowney Bridge to the Spill-way. It appeared that although the Slob people had lodged their £200 with the Board of Works only £50 of it had been spent as it appeared according to the agreement the Slob people could not spend money for work above Rathdowney Bridge. It would take roughly something about £50 to complete the canal and they should be able to spend the balance above the bridge, but apparently the Slob people will not agree to any of their money being spent above Rathdowney Bridge. The only thing open to the Council would be to apply for another Government Grant to do this Section. The flooding at Ballygeary was accentuated by the minor Relief Scheme work carried on lower down. They wanted now to do the middle as the two ends were done. The system would never be absolutely satisfactory as the outlet was tidal and there must be ponding back of the water through high tides at the outlet.

Col. Gibbon said it was understood at the Conference that if the work agreed to was not satisfactory the Slob people would carry out other work and would consider what steps were to be taken to deal with any flooding which was continuing.



He contended that the attention of the Slob commissioners should be called to the fact that the flooding was continuing in the most serious manner in spite of the fact that the canal had been improved at the lower end. In their interview with the Slob people the latter's Engineers held that if the drain was cleared from the bridge down to the Spill-way it would obviate the flooding and in the agreement which they came to it was specified that if this clearance was not sufficient the attention of the Slob people was to be called to it and they were to remedy the flooding. There was nothing at all about not going any further. They were to have come on again and considered the matter.

The Co.Surveyor said that the Board of Works agreed with the Slob people but he (Co.Surveyor) disagreed. The major portion of the flooding was outside the Slob Company's area. They went some distance above Rathdowney bridge but that did not carry them to Ballybro - in fact it was but a short distance. The major portion of the section was always over high water mark, which was why he suggested applying for a Grant.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Councillors for Wexford Co. Electoral Area confer with the Co.Surveyor as to what they consider most advisable to be done in connection with the flooding at the Ford of Lyng and at Ballygeary and report to the next meeting of the Council."

#### NEW MEMBER OF COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That as recommended by the County Wexford Library Committee, Rev.W.B.Furlong, Rector, Bannow, be appointed a member of Co.Wexford Library Committee."



WEEDS & AGRICULTURAL SEEDS  
(IRELAND) ACT 1909

The following motion stood in the name of the Chairman:-

"That the resolution adopted by Wexford County Council at their meeting on 12th November, 1934, in connection with the Weeds and Agricultural Seeds (Ireland) Act 1909 be rescinded and that the following be adopted instead:-

"That we the Co. Council for the County of Wexford hereby consent to an order being made by the Minister for Agriculture declaring that throughout the County of Wexford all plants of the following species - Thistle, Ragwort, Coltsfoot, Dock and Charlock are noxious weeds, for the purposes of Part 1. of the Weeds and Agricultural Seeds (Ireland) Act 1909."

Mr. Doyle contended that the only portion of the motion which was in order was the rescinding of the resolution already adopted.

After discussion the County Solicitor held that the motion was in order but advised it should be considered in two sections (1) as regards the rescinding of the resolution already adopted and (2) defining plants which were to be regarded as noxious weeds.

Letter was read from the Department of Agriculture under date 27th November, 1934, (L.5008/34) that the resolution already adopted by the Council did not conform to legal requirements, as it did not state the area of operation of the order or the names of the weeds which it was desired to include therein. A member of the Council should give notice of motion to be placed on the Agenda for next meeting proposing to rescind the resolution already adopted, and asking the Council to agree to a fresh resolution on the lines of the draft furnished by the Department.

The Chairman then moved the following:-

"That the resolution adopted by Wexford Co. Council at their meeting on 12th November, 1934, in connection with the Weeds and Agricultural Seeds (Ireland) Act 1909 be rescinded."

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Colfer.



The motion was adopted on a show of hands, 18 voting in favour.

The Chairman then moved the following:-

"That we the County Council for the County of Wexford hereby consent to an order being made by the Minister for Agriculture declaring that throughout the County of Wexford all plants of the following species viz., Thistle, Ragwort, Coltsfoot, Dock and Charlock, are noxious weeds for the purposes of Part 1. of the Weeds and Agricultural Seeds (Ireland) Act 1909."

Mr. Sweetman seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

**FOR THE RESOLUTION:-** Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Redmond (Thomas), Redmond (Michael), Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman. (13).

**AGAINST:-** Messrs. Bowe, Cummins, Doyle, Gibbon, Kinsella, Meyler, McCarthy, Smyth and Walsh. (9).

Mr. John Connors (1) did not vote.

Chairman declared the motion carried.

#### **VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS**

In connection with the proposed erection and equipping of Rural Schools at Adamstown, Kilmuckridge and Sheilbaggan, the following motion stood in the name of Miss O'Ryan:-

"That the decision of Wexford Co. Council at their meeting of 12th November, 1934, to agree to the raising of loan of £3500 for the erection of Rural Schools at Adamstown, Kilmuckridge and Sheilbaggan, provided amount of said loan was repaid from the funds of Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee be rescinded and that the Co. Council of Wexford hereby agree to be responsible for the repayment of said loan from their own funds."

Miss O'Ryan said that she had moved ~~the~~ previous resolution embodying the provision that the amount of the loan was to be repaid from the funds of the Co. Wexford Vocational Education



Committee owing to a misunderstanding, as at the time she did not realise that under her resolution it would have been impossible to have obtained any grant from the Department of Education as a contribution towards the loan. She wished to add to her resolution words which would bring it within the purview of Section 51 of the Vocational Education Act 1930.

On the advice of Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, it was decided that the motion as it stood in Miss O'Ryan's name down to the word "rescinded" should be put.

Mr. Kelly seconded and the motion was adopted.

Miss O'Ryan then moved the following:- "Provided the Department of Education agree to contribute one half the annuity payable by the County Council for 35 years in repayment of loan which will be obtained from Office of Public Works.

"That the amount of said loan be transferred as a Grant to the Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee in pursuance of Section 51 of the Vocational Education Act 1930, the Grant to be utilised by that Committee for the purpose of the erection and equipment of Vocational Education Schools at Adamstown, Kilmuckridge and Shelbaggan."

Mr. Kelly seconded the resolution.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne said that a rate of 2½d was raised for the Vocational Education Committee who had power by the Act to demand 3d in the £. Instead of asking for an increase on the 2½d this year they request the Council to raise this loan. If they decided to raise the loan themselves, the full repayment would fall on the rates.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

**FOR:-** Messrs. Bowe, Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Meyler, Ronan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, M. Redmond, T. Redmond, Sweetman, Walsh and the Chairman. (17)

**AGAINST+** Messrs. Connors, Doyle, Gibbon, Kinsella, Meyler and Smyth. (6).

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.



In connection with the raising of loan for the three schools in question letter under date 30th November, 1934, (No. 10184-34) from the Department of Education (T.I.B.) to the Chief Executive Officer, Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee was read. This communication pointed out that if the Committee's Vocational Education Fund was responsible directly or indirectly for the repayment of any portion of the loan the latter would not be a Grant from the Council in accordance with the terms of Section 51 of the Vocational Education Act 1930 and accordingly no refund from State sources could be made in respect of the payments of such loan.

Letter under date 7th December, 1934, (S. 161413/34 Loch Garman (Pg) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health. This pointed out that if the purpose of the loan was to make a grant to the County Wexford Vocational Education Committee to be utilised for the purpose of erection and equipping of three schools in question, the resolution of the Council should be framed accordingly. If it was the intention of the Council not to bear any proportion of the loan charges, the latter could not be raised under Section 51 (4) of the Vocational Education Act 1930.

Miss O'Ryan then moved:- "That the Co. Council of Wexford hereby agree to be responsible for the repayment of said loan of £500 for the erection of rural schools in Adamstown, Kilmuckridge and Shelbaggan, from their own funds, provided the Department of Education agree to contribute one half the Annuity payable by the County Council for 35 years in repayment of the loan which will be obtained from Office of Public Works.

"That the amount of said loan be transferred as a grant to the Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee in pursuance of Section 51 of the Vocational Education Act 1930, the Grant to be utilised by that Committee for the purpose of the



"erection and equipment of Vocational Education Schools at Adamstown, Kilmuckridge and Shelbaggin."

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

#### OFFICES FOR CO. BOARD OF HEALTH

The following motion in the name of Miss O'Ryan and which was circulated to the members of the Council on 6th November, 1934, was moved by her and seconded by Mr. Kelly:-  
"That the Wexford Co. Council agree to the borrowing of £3000 by Co. Wexford Board of Health for the purposes of providing at County Hall, Wexford, offices for that body."

Mr. Doyle said that at the last meeting of the Board of Health it was agreed to build a new hospital instead of the old one, at the Co. Hospital site or very near to it. If this decision materialised surely there would be lots of buildings at the present Co. Hospital which would be available and suitable for offices. Or was it the intention of the Co. Board of Health to scrap these buildings and throw them down?

The Chairman said it was not decided where the new hospital was to be built. It might be on a new site altogether.

Mr. Doyle - What are you going to make of the old buildings that you will have on your hands. Have you not enough buildings for the establishment of offices without spending £3000 on new ones.

Mr. Corish pointed out that the Council had already directed the Co. Surveyor to prepare plans for the new offices. In consequence of the lack of accommodation the clerical staff of the Co. Board of Health could not attend to their duties as they should. This was not their fault but arose entirely through lack of accommodation.

Mr. Doyle said that the Board of Health had agreed to spend £70,000 on a new hospital and he wished to know what they were going to do with the old buildings?



Miss O'Ryan - That will be a matter for the Board of Health to decide.

Mr. Doyle - Is it possible that no room could be found in these large hospital buildings as they are to-day for offices should they become vacant owing to the erection of a new hospital.

Col. Gibbon proposed the following resolution:- "That consideration of proposed loan of £3,000 for erection of offices for Co. Wexford Board of Health be adjourned until the latter body has given a final decision relative to the position of the new County Hospital.

Mr. Bowe seconded.

After further discussion a vote was taken with the following results:-

FOR COL. GIBBON'S PROPOSAL: Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Doyle, Gibbon, Kinsella, Meyler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Smyth and Walsh. (10).

AGAINST:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, O'Ryan, Ml. Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman. (13)

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

*Then* motion on Miss O'Ryan's proposal was then passed without dissent.

The Co. Surveyor in reply to a query said he had prepared plans of the new offices and had forwarded them to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for sanction.

#### WAGES OF ROAD AND QUARRY WORKERS.

The following motion stood in the name of Mr. Kelly:-  
"That the wages of Road and Quarry workers on the regular staff be increased to 35/- per week for a week of 47 hours".

Mr. Kelly withdrew the motion.



SOW DRAINAGE DISTRICT

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

"That the motion passed at last meeting of Wexford County Council refusing application of £10 per year to Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, be rescinded and that he be now paid that amount in respect of extra work which he has to perform regarding the maintenance of the Sow Drainage District."

He added the following words to the motion but subsequently withdrew them:- "That payment be made retrospective as from 1st April, 1934."

Mr. Colfer seconded the proposal as it originally appeared on Agenda paper.

A vote was then taken on the motion with the following result:-

**FOR:-** Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, O'Ryan, Ml. Redmond, T. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman. (13)

**AGAINST:-** Messrs. Day, Connors, Doyle, Gibbon, Kinsella, Meyler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Smyth and Walsh. (10)

Mr. Kelly then moved the following which was seconded by Mr. Colfer and adopted:- "That the annual payment of £10 to Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, for extra work in connection with maintenance of Sow Drainage District run as from 1st January, 1935, and that said amount be included in the Drainage Maintenance Rate for this district."

MR. R. MALONE, M.R.C.V.S.

The following motion stood in the name of Mr. Corish:-  
"That in the event of Mr. R. Malone, M.R.C.V.S., Wexford, agreeing to retire from office as Veterinary Inspector, the Department of Agriculture be requested to sanction payment of an ex-gratia Grant of £100 to him."

In moving this motion Mr. Corish said that Mr. Malone



was a very old servant of the Council but unfortunately as he was not a whole-time officer he would not legally be entitled to superannuation. They should make representations to the Department of Agriculture with a view to obtaining this small ex-gratia grant of £100 for an old and faithful servant.

Mr. Cummins seconded the resolution which was adopted.

#### TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING BILL

Under date 14th November, 1934, Circular letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health which accompanied copies of Town and Regional Planning Act 1934, and Regulations thereunder was read for the meeting. Statutory rules and Orders were also dealt with as well as circular from the Department (No. 114/34) under date 14th November, 1934.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Kelly seconded by Cpl. Gibbon:- "That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the procuring of copies of Regional and Town Planning Act and also statutory rules and orders thereunder, with the summary of the provisions of the Act, for each member of this Council, in order to afford the fullest information, when the question of adopting a planning scheme comes up for consideration."

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Sweetman seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That a Conference between Representatives of the County Council and of the three Urban District Councils of this County be held in connection with the provisions of the Town Planning Act and with a view to submitting recommendations to the four local Authorities concerned. That our Secretary be instructed to communicate with the Urban Districts of Enniscorthy and New Ross and the Corporation of Wexford asking if they would be prepared to appoint three delegates to meet a similar number of delegates from the Co. Council to deal with this matter."



### ADVERTISING CONTRACT FOR YEAR

Quotations were received from "The People", "Free Press" and "Echo" Newspapers for the insertion of the advertisements of the Co.Council and Co.Committee of Agriculture for the year 1935, at £110 each.

The Secretary stated that this was the figure which had obtained for several years and the advertising for this year had shown a very considerable increase.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Corish the following resolution was adopted:- "That quotations from "The People", "Free Press" and "Echo" Newspapers for the advertising of the County Council and Co.Committee of Agriculture for the year 1935 at £110 each be and are hereby approved."

### ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT

The Secretary reported that there had been received £4776 under Road Maintenance Grant 1934/35 and £880 under the Road Improvement Grant for the same year from the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

### NATIONAL MONUMENTS ACT.

Under date 29th November, 1934, No. 23411/34, the Commissioners of Public Works forwarded copy of circular issued by them on 30th December, 1930, (No. 18917/30) as to the appointment of a Local Advisory Committee in regard to National Monuments.

The Secretary stated that a Committee had been appointed a considerable time ago but it had been very difficult to secure a meeting lately. The members were Rev. T. Byrne, P.P., Piercestown; Senator Kathleen A. Browne, Rathronan Castle, Bridgetown; Seumas Doyle, The Bungalow, Ballycarney, Ferns; Michael Cloney, Dungulph Castle, Fethard-on-Sea, (deceased) E.R. Orpen, Monksgrange, Killanne, Enniscorthy.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That Very Rev. Canon Cloney, P.P., Templetown, be appointed a member of Co. Wexford



"National Monuments Committee vice his brother,  
Mr. Michael Cloney, deceased.

"That our Secretary arrange for a meeting of this  
Committee after the Christmas holidays."

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR DREDGING

Under date 4th December, 1934, the following letter  
(No. 24536/34) was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"We have received a letter dated 17th October from  
the Co. Surveyor asking for an extension beyond 30th November  
of the period during which the grant allocated out of the  
Vote for Relief Schemes in aid of improvements to this Harbour  
will be available. The dredger "Fag-an-Bealach" is at present  
engaged at another harbour.

"We are advised that dredging on the south-east coast  
after the end of October is both risky and costly and that  
it would probably be more satisfactory if the dredging  
required at Courtown Harbour be postponed till early next  
Summer. We suggest therefore, that your Council should defer  
the hiring of the Dredger until that time and, should they  
agree, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance  
has expressed his willingness to recommend that any unissued  
balance of the grant already offered to your Council out of  
the Vote for Relief Schemes should be made available for the  
year 1935/36.

"In the event of the hiring of the Dredger being  
postponed until next Summer, we shall refund to your Council,  
if desired, the sum of £324 which was lodged to our credit in  
September last. It will of course be understood as regards  
the future that the hire charge will have to be paid to us  
again before the dredger can be despatched.

"We suggest that your application for the hire of the  
vessel next year should be made well in advance of the time  
when she is required in order that the necessary formalities  
as regards hiring agreement, etc., may be completed in good time.  
Meanwhile we shall communicate further with you regarding  
certain difficulties which may have to be encountered in the  
execution of the work and shall send you a draft of the formal  
agreement setting out the terms on which the hiring will  
probably be made so that the preliminaries may be satisfactorily  
arranged by the time the vessel may be required."

Mr. Keegan considered it unfair to the local people that  
the Commissioners of Public Works had not sent their dredger  
to Courtown when it had completed its work at Arklow Harbour  
only a few miles away. As regards hiring the dredger next  
year the Co. Council should avoid interfering with the fishing  
industry or with the summer season at Courtown.

After discussion the Chairman proposed and Mr. Corish  
seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-



"That the Office of Public Works be informed as regards their letter of 4th December, 1934, (24536/34) that the Wexford Co. Council is prepared to hire the dredger "Fag-an-Bealach" for work at Courtown Harbour to be started not later than May, 1935, and will make any necessary arrangements which the Commissioners of Public Works consider essential in this connection.

"That in view of the fact that Council are working on overdraft accommodation they desire that the £324 should be returned to them."

#### POISONS & PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That provided no objection be received from the Garda Síochána, renewal of licence under P<sup>o</sup>isons and Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to Laurence Power, Shelbourne Co-operative Agricultural Society, Ltd., Campile."

#### SEAL OF MORTGAGES SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

Proposed by Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Keegan and resolved:-

"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 Ten Thousand Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under The Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts 1899 to 1908 &c."

Proposed by Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Keegan and resolved:-

"That inasmuch as this 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 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 the said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Council for the time being, countersigned by the Secretary, 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."

ERECTION OF TELEGRAPHIC LINE  
NEW ROSS BRIDGE.

In connection with the objection raised by New Ross Urban Council ~~and~~<sup>to</sup> erection of telegraphic line at New Ross Bridge, letter under date 27th November, 1934, (W.L.33) was read from the Office of the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, pointing out that no poles were being erected on the bridge. The way leave consent granted by the Council on the 14th instant, concerned the erection of one pole which it was intended to place close to the wall of a coal yard adjacent to the bridge and in a position agreed to by the Assistant Surveyor for the District, Mr. O'Neill.

The Secretary stated he had forwarded copy of this letter to the New Ross Urban Council and received a reply from them in which they asked that a map of the proposed erection would be submitted to the Urban Council before a decision was arrived at.

Mr. Walsh said the objection by the Urban Council was to having the pole outside the Coal yard but if it were inside the objection would be withdrawn. He proposed:- "That the Engineer of the Post Office be requested to confer with Mr. Shortall, Urban District Surveyor, as regards erection of telegraph line (the situation of which is in dispute) at Rosbercon, New Ross."

Mr. T. Redmond seconded the resolution which was adopted.



ERECTION OF PETROL PUMP.

Mr. T. Doyle, Duncannon, wrote asking for permission to erect kerb-side Petrol Pump.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That application of Thomas Doyle, Duncannon, for erection of Petrol Pump at his premises be agreed to provided the tank is outside the Council property, that said pump be erected to the satisfaction of the Co. Surveyor or District Surveyor and that applicant pays stipulated fee."

CO. REGISTRAR & OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

The following under date 6th December, 1934, was read from the Co. Registrar:-

"On the 16th April last, now nearly nine months I applied to you for further accommodation. I wrote you again on 22nd May and 11th October about the matter. Nothing has been done to provide me with accommodation. I shall be obliged if you will bring the matter again before your Council and ask for an immediate and definite reply. I have refrained from bringing the matter before my Department, but I must do so unless the accommodation is provided."

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, said he was, as directed by the Council, obtaining the advice of Counsel as regards the responsibility of the Co. Council to provide accommodation for Co. Registrar and if so to what extent.

EMPLOYMENT OF HAULIERS

Mr. Culleton raised a question as to why three carters in Lady's Island district viz:- Peter Doyle, Harriestown, Wm. Tobin, Kilrane and John Carr, Ballywitch, had not been employed while haulage on a relief scheme was done by lorry.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, stated that Doyle with a Jennet and car could bring a small load only and



would earn practically very little at the available rates. He had been offered employment on the road at 24/- per week but refused it stating he was not going to do any work but carting.

Wm. Tobin applied for carting with Daniel Hore, The Bing, Kilrane, on 30th November. They were directed to start work on 3rd December, 1934, but on that day they met the ganger and told him they would not start unless they were paid 2/- per load. As he (Mr. Birthistle) considered the price excessive the men were not taken on. It had been necessary to employ the lorry in order to prevent the men on the Kilrane job being idle.

Mr. Culleton expressed himself satisfied with Mr. Birthistle's statement.

Chairman - The Council can, I think, accept the explanation

#### RELIEF WORK

The Co. Surveyor submitted letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health (RU32) offering £200 from Relief Schemes Vote 1934 for the carrying out of road works for the relief of unemployment in the immediate neighborhood of small towns and villages so that each man would secure one payment before Christmas.

He (Co. Surveyor) did not know what work could be undertaken except drainage in the neighborhood of the small towns and villages, the work to be started early in the following week.

Mr. Keegan - You got £200 for the whole County!

Co. Surveyor - Yes.

Mr. Keegan - Tell them to buy sweets with it.

Mr. Walsh moved that the £200 be allocated equally for the areas of the five Assistant Surveyors to be spent on drainage and similar work in the neighborhood of small towns and villages.

The Chairman seconded the motion which was adopted.



DISMISSAL OF WORKMEN

The following resolution was received from Liam Mellows Fianna Fail Cumann and Ballycarney Fianna Fail Club:-

"That we call on the Co.Council to rescind the resolution on the Minutes of the Council giving the County and Deputy Surveyors power to dismiss a Council Workman without first bringing the charge he has against the workman to the notice of the Members of the Council."

The Secretary stated that Surveyors have power of suspension only and each case must be considered by the Council before the suspension is confirmed or removed. If suspension is made permanent the man goes out of employment; if suspension is not confirmed he is re-instated and receives his wages for the time he was suspended; or he may be re-instated and his wages during his suspension forfeited as Council decides.

No order.

The following resolution was received from Ballycarney Fianna Fail Club:- "That Mr.Ennis,the Deputy Surveyor,be requested to reinstate immediately, two employees of the Co.Council,James Jordan of Munfin area and Michael Doyle of Bunclody area,whom he dismissed some time ago."

Mr. Ronan said he understood that Doyle and Jordan were not working.

Mr.Ennis,Assistant Surveyor,stated he had no work for the men. If an order were made by the Council to employ them he would comply with it.

Mr. Ronan referred to circumstances under which he alleged Jordan and a man named Patrick Kenny were dispensed with from employment by the Council. Those men refused to load lorries.

Mr. Ennis - That is untrue; I deny it.

Mr. Ronan - If I have not the right to speak I will sit down.

Chairman - You have the right.

Mr.Ronan - If Mr.Ennis is boss here I do not want to be here. I will not let Mr.Ennis or anyone else interrupt me.

Proceeding Mr.Ronan said there had been agrarian trouble in



the district in question and the men referred to refused to load lorries. Some time afterwards all the men were dismissed. Some of them were taken back and a couple were kept out, one of whom, Paddy Kenny, was now dead. Kenny's wife and children were hungry. Jordan had been idle practically all the time since. He had seven children. Mr. Ronan then proposed that Doyle and Jordan be reinstated.

The Chairman seconded.

Mr. Ennis denied that the men were dismissed because they refused to load lorries. This was absolutely untrue.

Mr. Ronan - I did not say they were dismissed. I said there was agrarian trouble there, that those men refused to load lorries and that some time after all the men were dismissed

Mr. Ennis - You implied it.

Continuing, Mr. Ennis stated that he had a certain number of men employed some of whom were in regular employment and others only in the winter. He kept on two of the latter more or less against the Co. Surveyor's orders as he was not supposed to get any stones broken in the winter. When the money for the roads was cut down he did not require the same number of men and some of them had to go. He absolutely denied that Jem Jordan was dismissed. He would leave out the other men, the late Pat Kenny who was also referred to. He had no particular objection to taking Jordan on but he thought he should have the right to decide who are the best and most efficient men for the Council. He had a brother of Jordan's employed in his area at the present time. Ten years ago, the Co. Surveyor and he came to a place where they found one of the workmen leaning against the ditch. The man who said he was tying his bootlace was obviously idling. At the present time to the best of his judgment Jordan was working for the Forestry Department and had insurance stamps to his credit. He (Mr. Ennis) had been accused of "sacking" him on political



grounds. He did not do any more than deny it; nobody whose opinion he valued believed it. He did not care about the others. The matters now referred to happened two or three years ago.

The Chairman said this matter was going on for three or four years. It started, he understood when some men refused to load a particular lorry. It came before the Council when he was not a member. At that time the Council did not take any action. A short time after the refusal to load the lorry, men were "laid" off and were not re-employed since. At the time the men were laid off they had been in constant employment of the Council for eleven years. They had young families and there was general dissatisfaction in the area over that particular incident. The two men who were laid off had the largest families and one of them had a very good National record in the years of the trouble. In fact, one of the best men in the County was "laid" off. They were not dismissed or suspended by the previous council and it was only right that the present council should reinstate Jordan and Doyle.

Mr. Ennis said he had the late Patk. Kenny re-employed and tried to get Jordan work since and he did not come for that work.

Mr. Walsh said he understood the attitude of the Council was that such matters were to be left to the surveyors. He did not agree that Mr. Ennis would make a statement in which he did not believe.

Miss O'Ryan - The men should be given to understand that if they have a grievance that they have a right to appeal to the Council.

Mr. Walsh - I did not suggest they had not at any time.

Mr. Meyler - We have our officials and we should, at least, trust them. I gather from the discussion that those men refused to obey the orders of the surveyor. Why should we override that.



Chairman - They were not dismissed for that reason.

Mr. Ronan said Jordan was working for the Forestry Department but it would be for a couple of months only.

The Chairman said the Council would be redressing a grievance by reinstating the men.

Mr. Meyler said that from the trend of the discussion there seemed to be something very fishy about the matter. The previous council did not take any action.

Miss O'Ryan - Surely you did not expect the last Council to give them a sympathetic hearing?

Mr. Meyler - The last Council was as good a body of people as you could get.

Miss O'Ryan - On what score?

Mr. Meyler - On any score; they were straight.

As an amendment Mr. Walsh moved and Mr. Kinsella seconded:-  
"That the resolution relative to re-instatement of James Jordan and Ml. Doyle as workers of the County Council be referred to Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor."

On a show of hands three voted for the amendment and six against.

The other Councillors had left the meeting.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost and on the motion of Mr. Ronan being put it was adopted nem.con.

#### ROAD MATTERS

A large number of applications relative to repair of lanes etc. was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

#### SAVINGS CERTIFICATES.

Letter was read from the Central Savings Committee, Dublin, stating that the sales during the month of September in County Wexford were £335. Already invested £257,175, making a total of £257,510. The repayments to the end of the month were £88,487, leaving a balance invested of £169,023. The gross sales represented an investment of £2:13:9d per head of the Co. Wexford



population. The number of Savings Associations working in the County was 108.

ABLE BODIED AND UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT

The following resolution from Clare Co. Committee of Agriculture was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kinsella, seconded by Mr. Lawlor:-

"That the Government be requested to draft a Scheme whereby able-bodied persons, who are in receipt of Unemployment Benefit will be employed on some reproductive work, such as Reafforestation, Drainage, etc., and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all Co. Councils and Committees of Agriculture in An Saorstát."

BOUNTIES ON CATTLE EXPORTS

The following resolution from Co. Clare Committee of Agriculture, was, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Lawlor, referred to the Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture, for consideration:-

"That now is an opportune time for the Government to reconsider the whole question of the payment of Bounties on cattle exported from An Saorstát with a view to ensuring that the farmers of the Country who raise the cattle get full benefits from such Bounties."

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