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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING - 14th JANUARY, 1935.

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 14th January, 1935.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding, also Messrs. J.J. Bowe, P. Colfer, J. Connors, R. Corish, W. Cullimore, C. Culleton, J. Cummins, M. Doyle, J. Day, Col. C.M. Gibbon, W.P. Keegan, J.P. Kelly, W. Kinsella, J. Lawlor, T.J. Maylor, T. McCarthy, S. O'Byrne, Miss N.O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, P. Ronan, Michael Redmond, M. Smyth and James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### THE LATE MR. P. J. DOYLE.

A Vote of Condolence was adopted to Mr. J.E. Walsh, Co. Councillor, on the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. P. J. Doyle, Quay Street, New Ross.

Mr. Redmond in proposing the motion said that like Mr. Walsh and his family, the late Mr. Doyle and his family had been connected with the professional and commercial life of New Ross and district for generations. They offered Mr. Walsh their heartfelt sympathy in his bereavement.

Mr. Cummins seconded.

The Secretary having expressed his regret on the death of Mr. Doyle the motion was adopted in silence.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £8969:18:9d were examined and signed.

#### CONFIRMATION MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 14th DECEMBER, 1934:- The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in Co. Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 14th December, 1934.

Mr. Denis Allen, Chairman of the County Council, presided; also present, Messrs. Patrick Colfer, R. Corish, Michael Doyle, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, William Kinsella, Sean O'Byrne and Miss N. O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3,399:6:3d was examined and signed.

This was the only business transacted.

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 14th December, 1934, as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby confirmed."

MEETING 21st DECEMBER, 1934:- The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



A Special meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 21st December, 1934.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, (Chairman Co. Council) presided, also present:- Messrs. P. Colfer, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £1061:16:4d was examined and signed.

#### LOCAL TAXATION OFFICE.

The following under date 20th December, 1934, was read from Local Taxation Officer:-

"I would be glad to be informed ~~that~~ arrangement has been made with regard to the appointment of clerical assistants for this Department during the coming month."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the Local Taxation Officer be notified the Finance Committee require a written application from him for clerical assistance during the rush period in the Local Taxation Office next month.

"That the Local Taxation Officer state in his application if the two assistants, employed last year for this work, were satisfactory."

The following under date 21st December, 1934, was then read from Local Taxation Officer:- "In compliance with your direction received to-day, I beg to apply for two temporary assistants during the rush period - next January. Mr. Devereux was not suitable for the work last year."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That Messrs. Joseph Fennell, George Street, Wexford, and W.H. Ebbitt,



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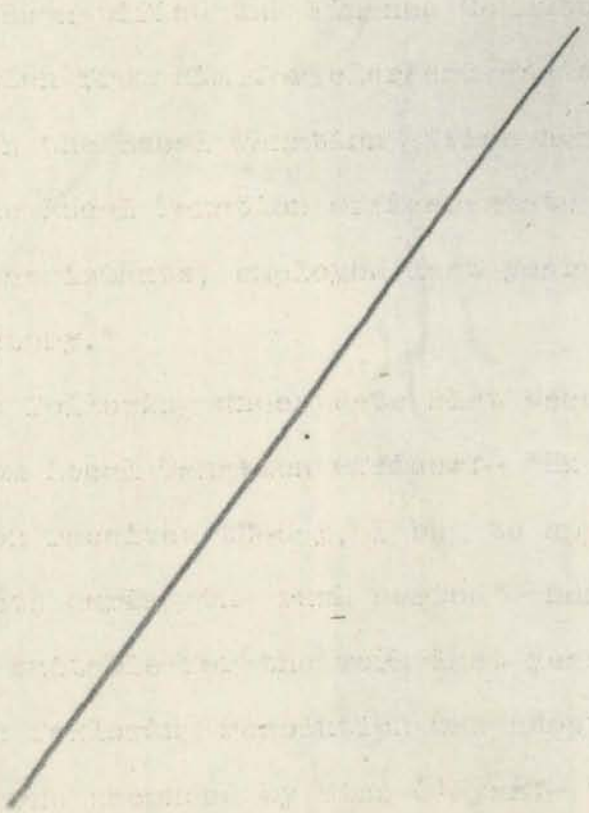
"High Street, Wexford, be employed as Temporary Clerks in Local Taxation Office for the rush period in connection with the issue of Road Fund Licences, in respect of period as from 1st January, 1935, remuneration to be at the rate of 1/- per hour, and that total expenditure for the wages and insurance stamps of these Temporary Clerks shall not exceed £17:15:0d."

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That Co. Council Offices be closed for Christmas holidays from Noon on 24th December, 1934, to 27th December, 1934, inclusive."

RATE COLLECTION

It was decided that at next meeting of the Finance Committee on 4th January, 1935, the Finance Committee examine in detail the state of the Rate Collection and summon to the succeeding meeting of the Committee to be held on 18th January, 1935, Collectors who have not carried out the instructions of the Committee as regards lodgment of equivalent of first moiety and arrears by 31st December, 1934.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Cummins:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 21st December, 1934, be and are hereby adopted."

MEETING 4th JANUARY, 1935:- The Minutes of Finance Committee for this meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 4th January, 1935.

Present Mr. Denis Allen (Chairman Co. Council) presiding and also Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, W. Cullimore, M. Doyle, W.P. Keegan, J.P. Kelly, W. Kinsella, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

The County Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Five Assistant Surveyors and Rates Inspector were also present.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2042:11:7d was examined and signed.

#### RATES INSPECTOR

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Masterson, Rate Inspector, to the County, and wished him every success in his position.

The Secretary followed on similar lines.

Mr. Masterson in reply said he would do everything in his power to carry out his duties and to give satisfaction to the Council.

Under date 21st December, 1934, the Department of Local Government & Public Health wrote (G.172179/34 L.G.(Fa) that no objection would be raised to the temporary employment as Rates Inspector of Mr. O'Reilly up to and including 22nd December, 1934.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF:- The following is the state of Rate Collection in respect of 31st December, 1934, checking:-

<u>Name of Rate Collector</u>	<u>Percentage Rate lodged</u> <u>31/12/1934.</u>
J. Curtis	54.8
E.J. Murphy	51.1
M. Kehoe	49.2
S. Gannon (No. 6)	48.7
M. McCarthy	48.3
D. Kenny	47.7
P. Carty	47.4
J.J. O'Reilly	46.1
J. Flood	45.5
J. Cummins	44.9
P. Nolan	44.9
J. Deegan	44.5
S. Gannon (No.10)	43.9



<u>Name of Rate Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage Rate Lodged</u> <u>31/12/1934.</u>
A. Dunne	43.5
P. Doyle	42.6
W. Gummins	40.4
J.J. Sinnott	39.8
J. Quirke	39.3
W. Doyle	36.2
M. Murphy	35.4

The average percentage was 44.7 of the gross Warrant including arrears.

Collector J.M. Curtis was the only Collector reaching the equivalent of first moiety and arrears. The amount of arrears collected was £3,811 leaving £13,931 outstanding.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That Rate Collectors be directed to specify for next Finance Committee Meeting what steps they have taken in the way of Court Proceedings or seizing on their own Warrant in respect of the collection of the arrears of Poor Rate."

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Colfer seconded by the Chairman and adopted:- "That the following Collectors who have less than 17% of arrears collected and lodged be summoned to meeting of Finance Committee to be held on 18th January, 1935:- W. Doyle (No.2 District), P. Nolan (No.5), S. Gannon (Nos. 6 & 10), M. Murphy (No.12) and Art Dunne (No.15)."

POUNDAGE TO RATE COLLECTORS: Under date 3rd January, 1935, Rate Collector J. Quirke, Hon. Sec., County Rate Collectors' Association, wrote that he had been instructed by them to request the Finance Committee to recommend payment of poundage to date.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Minister for Local Government & Public Health be requested to sanction payment of Poundage fees in full to Rate Collectors for Wexford County Council on their lodgments up to 31st December, 1934. The Finance Committee would point out that considering the late period at



"which Warrants were taken up as compared with previous years the Collection of the current rate is not regarded as unsatisfactory, and, in view of this, the Committee urge the Minister to agree to the present proposal. The majority of the Rate Collectors have no source of income except their remuneration as Rate Collectors."

COLLECTOR M. MURPHY (No.12 DISTRICT):- The following resolution was received from what was described as a very largely attended meeting of farmers and ratepayers at Blackwater on 10th December, 1934:-

"That we the Ratepayers of this District will pay our Rates as best we can to any man, or at any place, but refuse to pay them to Matthew Murphy on account of his conduct on the night of the 28th November, 1934."

At a meeting of the Castle Ellis Ratepayers' Association held on 12th December, 1934, in connection with what was described as the action of Mr. Matthew Murphy, Rate Collector for the district, a resolution was adopted that they would not in future pay <sup>him but would pay</sup> any other official appointed by the Council.

The Secretary stated that in these letters no definite charge had been made against Mr. Murphy and he had explained to the writers it would not be possible for the Finance Committee to deal with the matter, unless some details as to Mr. Murphy's alleged action on the occasion were submitted.

Under date 13th December, 1934, Mr. Murphy, Rate Collector, wrote that exception had been taken to him in the matter of collection of rates for no reason of which he was aware. He was certain the meeting in Blackwater was misinformed and were mistaken in laying any charge against him.

Under date 27th December, 1934, letter was read from the Hon. Secretary of the Blackwater Ratepayers League, that they would send a deputation to the Finance Committee, and wished Rate Collector Murphy to be present, so that he would be in a position to hear what the deputation had to say against him.

Miss O'Ryan considered that the charges against Mr. Murphy



should be put before the Finance Committee in writing before they decided to receive the deputation.

Mr. Kinsella considered that as the deputation were present they should be heard.

It was then decided that three members of the deputation with Mr. Murphy should come before the Committee.

The following members of the deputation came before the meeting:- Messrs. Martin Leacy, Crosshue, James Kirwan and Aidan Corrigan.

Mr. Murphy, Rate Collector, was also present.

Mr. Leacy stated that he was sent to the Finance Committee by the Blackwater ratepayers and explained that he was struck with a bottle thrown by Matthew Murphy, Rate Collector, at a demonstration on 28th November last welcoming the release of prisoners from Mountjoy. The farmers of the district objected to paying rates to any man who carried on such conduct. The incident happened about 11 o'clock at night.

In reply to Mr. Kinsella, Mr. Leacy stated that Messrs. Kirwan and Corrigan could prove that the bottle was thrown by Matthew Murphy, Rate Collector.

The Chairman said the position of the Finance Committee was that they could not sit as a Court to investigate what was really a criminal charge against Mr. Murphy. The latter was employed to collect rates and so long as he carried out his duties and was not convicted by any Court the Finance Committee had no further functions. Mr. Murphy had been appointed Rate Collector by the Co. Council, sanctioned by the Local Government Department and he (Chairman) could not see where at the present moment, the Finance Committee came into the matter. Courts had been established to deal with such cases and until the matter was decided by a Court, he considered the Finance Committee had no power to intervene.

In reply to Miss O'Ryan, Mr. Leacy said he had no fault to



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find with the manner in which Mr. Murphy carried out his duties as Rate Collector. Fortunately he (Mr. Leacy) was not injured when the bottle was thrown.

Mr. Murphy, Rate Collector, stated that he remembered the night of 28th November last when he attended a Concert at 8 p.m. and which finished at 11 o'clock p.m. He came out of the hall with several others. There was a procession passing by and when he got as far as the bridge the meeting had started, but he never saw or had a bottle in his hand that night and he had several witnesses to prove this.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Cullimore seconded the following resolution:- "That as regards complaint against Matthew Murphy (No. 12 District) by Blackwater and Castle Ellis ratepayers, no action be taken."

Passed.

PROPOSED PART PAYMENT OF RATES:- Under date 13th December, 1934, the following was read from Rate Collector Wm. Doyle (No. 2 District):

"Mr. Wm. Dooley, Ballyeaton, E.D. Glynn, owes arrears of rates amounting to £54:13:5d (3 years) plus current year £24:10:10d. Mr. Corish, Auctioneer, proposes setting portion of lands and has offered to pay half year's rates £12:5:5d if I can give him an undertaking that the lands will be safe for year. He will not be in a position to make any further payment until next September.

"Under the circumstances I would be glad if you put the matter before the Finance Committee for instructions in the matter.

"If I cannot accept this offer as far as I can see I will be unable to recover any Rates off this holding for year."

Mr. O'Byrne considered they should take a half year's rates with 10% of the arrears and the same amount at the end of September next.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following resolution:- "That the matter of Rates of Mr. Wm. Dooley, Ballyeaton, Killurin, be left in the hands of the Rate Collector."

Mr. Doyle proposed and Mr. Kinsella seconded the following resolution:- "That the Rate Collector be empowered to accept half of the current year's rates and 10% of the arrears."



A Poll was taken on this motion with the following result:-  
FOR: Messrs. Doyle, Kinsella and O'Byrne. (3)  
AGAINST: Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Cullimore, Keegan, Kelly, O'Byrne  
and the Chairman. (7).

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution of Mr. Colfer was then put and passed  
without dissent.

APPLICATION FOR REFUNDS: Application for refund of £1 additional  
abatment for year ending March 1934 was received from  
Dominick Walsh, Gurteen, Inch. The holding had been divided by the  
Land Commission between Dominick and Mary Walsh after the Rate  
Books had been prepared and the Rates in course of collection.  
The allowance authorised by the circumstances existing at the  
time had been made.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of  
Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That no action be taken as  
regards application of Dominick Walsh, Gurteen, Inch, for refund  
of £1 rates."

John Sullivan, Ballinclay Upper, Killurin, claimed 10/-  
abatment for year ended March 1934, for holding at Ballinclay  
He had been allocated £1 for holding rated in his name at  
Shanahona but claimed he had nothing to do with this farm which  
he stated he had given over to the Land Commission, but appeared  
that the Land Commission had never officially taken possession.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly the  
following resolution was adopted:- "That as regards application  
of John Sullivan, Ballinclay, Killurin, for refund of 10/-  
abatment of rates, the Finance Committee cannot see their way  
to recommend this application in view of the fact that no  
evidence has been produced to prove the holding at Shanahona  
was taken over by the Land Commission.

CREDIT NOTES: The following resolution was adopted on the motion  
of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That recognition of  
Credit Notes in respect of first moiety of Rates be extended to  
9th February, 1935."



### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction overdraft accommodation of £40,000 to Wexford Co. Council up to 31st March 1935."

### ISSUE OF PAY ORDERS TO ROAD WORKERS ETC

On the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the same amount as last year, viz. £50, be allocated for clerical assistance owing to extra work involved by the issue of paying orders to individual workmen as required by Local Government Department. That Patrick Beary, Joseph Street, Wexford, be employed for this work of filling Paying Orders as heretofore. That the Secretary be authorised to assign any other duties to Mr. Beary provided the £50 allocation be not exceeded."

### AGRICULTURAL GRANT

Under date 20th December, 1934, Circular letter was read from the Department, forwarding instalment of the Agricultural Grant of £8,222. Owing to draws upon the guarantee Fund relative to arrears of land Purchase Annuities, no further issues of the Grant would be made until March next. The circular letter concluded: "The Council should in the meantime, press forward the collection of rates. They should also consider the advisability of making it known through the Press that the Finances of the County and the maintenance of the County services are being seriously affected where there is failure of land Purchase Annuitants to meet the half yearly payments due by them to the Irish Land Commission".

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kinsella seconded the following resolution:- "That Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to arrange with Department of Finance for a further issue of the Agricultural Grant. Allowing for the



"£28222 received in December there would still be due to Wexford County Council £28,172 to end of that month. Owing to the payment of the Grant being in arrear the County Council are responsible for consequential increase in respect of interest on overdraft."

ILLNESS OF MR. R. MALONE, M.R.C.V.S.

Under date 28th December, 1934, the following letter No. L. 3554/34, was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letter of the 26th ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that, assuming that your Local Authority concur with the proposal of the Finance Committee he approves of the continuance of the employment of Mr. F. Staples, M.R.C.V.S., as Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts and Bovine Tuberculosis Order in the Wexford District for a further period of three months as from the 22nd ultimo, with remuneration at the same rate as that previously paid to Mr. Malone.

"It will, of course, be understood that no payment can be made to Mr. Malone in respect of any period of sick leave beyond the period of sick leave specified in this Department's letter of the 24th August last."

The Secretary stated that no payment had been made in respect of sick leave to Mr. Malone beyond that specified in the Department's letter of 24th August last.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Minister for Agriculture be requested to approach the Department of Finance with regard to securing the sanction of that Department to the payment of £100, ex-gratia Grant to Mr. R. Malone, M.R.C.V.S., in accordance with the wishes of the Co. Council, as expressed in their resolution of 14th December, 1934."

LOANS SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

It was pointed out that the £10,000 new loan had been allocated equally between the four rural districts of the County, viz., £2,500 to each. It had also been decided that 25% of this amount viz. £ 625, would be allocated in the month of January, 1935. If the Committee accepted applications up to this amount at the present meeting, they would not be in a position to consider any further applications which might be lodged up to



18th January, 1935, date of next meeting of the Committee.

Enniscorthy District: Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, under date 17th December, 1934, reported that on 15th December, 1934, the Committee appointed by the County Council to inspect houses in course of erection in Enniscorthy district met, the following attending:- Messrs. J.P. Kelly, T. McCarthy and M. Sweetman.

Mr. Ennis and Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyors were also present.

The following gives the names of Urban Dwellers who had preparatory work done in anticipation of new loan and particulars of amount of work done:-

- (1) Thomas Reilly, Island Road, Enniscorthy.  
Foundations in, and 300 yds. of Gravel on Site.
- (2) Patrick Byrne, Market Square, Enniscorthy.  
Walls built up to Wall Plate.
- (3) Patrick Pender, Ross Road, Enniscorthy.  
Foundations dug out and 20 c.yds. gravel on site.
- (4) Victor Johnson, Duffry Gate, Enniscorthy.  
Foundation dug out and 30 c.yds gravel on site.
- (5) Joseph Leary, John Street, Enniscorthy.  
No work done. 15 c. yds. gravel on site.
- (6) Henry Goff, Shannon, Enniscorthy.  
Foundations in. 15 c.yds. gravel on site. Window and door frames made.
- (7) Patrick Kehoe, Shannon, Enniscorthy.  
Foundations in. 20 c.yds. gravel and stones on site. Window and door frames made.

Numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 are in Blackstoops area and numbers 5, 6 and 7 are in Old Church area.

The following resolution was proposed by Miss O'Ryan and seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That loans of £180 be agreed to in the cases of Thomas Reilly, Island Road, Enniscorthy, Patrick Byrne, Market Square, Enniscorthy, Henry Goff, Shannon, Enniscorthy, and Patrick Kehoe, Shannon, Enniscorthy, as from report of Mr. Cullen these four applicants have substantial amount of work carried out."

The following amendment was proposed by Mr. Kinsella and seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That applications of Patrick Byrne,



"Henry Goff and Patrick Kehoe only be accepted."

A poll was taken on the amendment with the following result:-

FOR THE AMENDMENT: Messrs. Doyle, Kinsella and O'Byrne. (3)

AGAINST: Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Cullimore, Keegan, Kelly, O'Ryan and the Chairman. (7)

The Chairman declared the amendment lost, and the proposal of Miss O'Ryan agreeing to loans to Messrs. Byrne, Goff, Kehoe and O'Reilly was then put and passed nem.con.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That loan of £80 be granted under first Loan Scheme to James Sheil, Bree."

In this case the loan under the Scheme of 1934 was provisionally granted by the Co. Council, but Sheil had been unable to make title until now.

New Ross District: On the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer, the following resolution was adopted:- "That loan of £100 be granted to Wm. Doherty, Great Island, Campile. (Farmer)."

Wexford District: On the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Miss O'Ryan a resolution was adopted agreeing to loan of £180 to Joseph F. Swords, Bayview Terrace, Rosslare Harbour, Railway employee.

It was then agreed that all other applications from all districts submitted to the present meeting be adjourned for consideration to Finance Committee meeting of 18th January, 1935.

#### ABSENCE OF WORKMEN - RYLAND QUARRY

In connection with the correspondence as to the absence of Owen Doyle (Ganger) and Peter Doyle from Ryland Quarry in September, 1934, letter was read from Mr. Ronan, Co. Councillor, under date 8th December, 1934, that the dates given in his first letter had been miscalculated. They should have been September 4th and September 13th instead of 11th and 20th.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, submitted letter from Michael Jackman that the date of threshing at John Doyle's (Farmer) was the 13th September, 1934.



It appeared from all the correspondence and statements that Owen Doyle, Ganger, and his son Peter Doyle, had on the 3rd September, 1934, drawn in their corn for one and a half hours and for which day they were paid a full day's wages by the County Council. As regards the 13th September, 1934, a date on which it was alleged Peter Doyle was absent, no payment had been made to him by the Co. Council. On the 24th September, 1934, he attended the threshing at James Murphy's and had been paid for that day by the County Council.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, pointed out as regards the absence of Owen Doyle on 3rd September, 1934, this man had carried out a very considerable amount of work in Bunclody for the County Council on several Saturday evenings after working hours.

Peter Doyle was working in the quarry when the Ganger marked the attendance book in the morning of the 24th September 1934. It was some time later in the day he went to Murphy's threshing.

The Chairman said the Finance Committee should set an example in this case and accordingly proposed:- "That Owen Doyle and Peter Doyle be directed to refund apportioned payments for 1½ hours on the 3rd September, 1934, and that Peter Doyle be directed to refund a full day's pay for his absence on 24th September, 1934."

"That Co. Council workers be informed they cannot absent themselves from work without reporting to the ganger and that gangers cannot absent themselves without reporting as soon as possible to the Assistant Surveyor. In the event of this direction being violated the Committee will take drastic action."

Mr. Corish seconded.

Passed.

Miss O'Ryan asked if all the gangers were working gangers, as she understood there was a ganger in Clonroche district who did no work.



Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor for the District, stated that all gangers were working gangers but of course where a ganger had a number of men scattered all over his district and had to see them constantly it was very difficult for him to do very much ordinary work.

#### PRINTING RATE BOOKS

For the printing of Rate Books for financial year 1934/35 the following tenders were received:-

- (1) Messrs. Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy.....£33:10:0
- (2) Messrs. John English & Co., Wexford.....£38: 0:0
- (3) "The People" Newspapers, Wexford.....£38: 8:6

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly, the tender of Messrs. Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy, - the lowest tender - was accepted.

Mr. Corish objected to any further quotations for work being considered from Messrs. Redmond Bros. as he was informed they did not employ Trade Union Labour.

Mr. Kelly said he would make enquiries in this matter and report to next meeting of Finance Committee.

#### ENNISCORTHY COURTHOUSE APPLICATION FROM CARETAKER.

Consideration of application of Richard Whelan, Caretaker, Courthouse, Enniscorthy, for coal and light for his apartments had been adjourned for reports from Messrs. Treanor and O'Neill, Assistant Surveyors for Gorey and New Ross Districts respectively, as to allowances made to the caretakers of these Courthouses.

Mr. Treanor reported that Gorey Courthouse caretaker had no allowance for fuel but had light free.

Mr. O'Neill reported that the same arrangements obtained as regards New Ross Courthouse.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That light be supplied for the Caretaker's apartments in Enniscorthy Courthouse, but



"not fuel, as this is the arrangement which obtains in Gorey and New-Ross Courthouses."

#### EXPLOSIVES ACT 1875

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That we recommend the Co.Council to fix the fee for registration of premises under Section 21 of the Explosives Act 1875 at 1/- and that the following premises be registered:-

Walter Boggan, Kilmuckridge. (Cartridges Mixed)  
 John Bolger & Co., Ltd., Ferns. (Mixed Explosives)  
 Denis Lennon, Bunclody. (Sporting Cartridges)  
 Mrs. Mary E. Dunne, Ferns. (Mixed Explosives)  
 Edward Rochford, Taghmon. (Gunpowder & Safety Cartridges)

#### SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1915

James Hayden, Sheep Dipping Inspector, Wexford District, reported that a number of sheep owners in his district had not dipped their sheep for the Autumn Period.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution:- "That the list of persons who are reported by the Sheep Dipping Inspector for Wexford District as not having carried out the provisions of the Sheep Dipping Order 1915 be referred to the Garda Síochána for their observations."

#### APPLICATION INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

Under date 28th December, 1934, Inspector M.R. Whelan, Dept. of Education (Industrial Schools Branch) wrote that in reference to the enquiries of the Wexford Co.Council regarding parental contributions suitable action was taken when necessary to ensure that payments were made by parents against whom maintenance Orders are in force in respect of children in Reformatory and Industrial Schools. Applications are made to have the Orders varied should such a course be warranted. If no maintenance order was made at committal and should the



Parent be considered to be in a position afterwards to contribute towards the child's support in the school, application was made to have the Order varied and to ensure payment of contribution.

Applications were received as to the proposed committal of the following children and which were referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:

Mary Ellen Redmond, St. John's, Enniscorthy. (Orphan)

Anne Kehoe, Courtown Harbour.

Peggy Kehoe, Courtown Harbour.

#### CRIMINAL INJURY APPLICATIONS

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

1. Henry L. Meadows, Coolougher, Ballycogley. £15 (Motor-car)
2. Mary E. Ross, Killinick. £75 (Outhouse, Horse and Straw).
3. Killinick Hall. £220 (Second Notice).

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Colfer, the following resolution was adopted:- "That Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, be empowered to procure estimate of cost for the restoration of Killinick Hall."

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Cullimore seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That in regard to the application for compensation for Killinick Hall, attention of the Departments of Local Government and Public Health and of Justice be called by County Council Solicitor to the necessity for making provision in any award of compensation for this hall, for its reinstatement."

In connection with the application of Mr. J. P. Collins, Solicitor, 23, Suffolk Street, Dublin, on behalf of Mr. Hanna, for injury to his motor-car in the town of Wexford on main road from Wexford to Rosslare, due to two cuttings which had been made across the road a few yards apart, the Co. Surveyor said that the injury took place just at the Urban bounds in Maudlintown and



the cuttings which were stated to have caused the accident were made by workmen of Wexford Corporation who were laying down a sewage *pipes*

TRANSFERS OF ROAD MONEY

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by the Chairman:- "That the following transfers in connection with road a/cs be made subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government & Public Health:-

From Account	18M	to	17M.....	£30:0:0
"	68M	to	67M.....	£30:0:0
"	20M	to	16M.....	£40:0:0
"	34C	to	33C.....	£20:0:0
"	42C	to	43C.....	£30:0:0
"	44C	to	45C.....	£30:0:0
"	40C	to	32C.....	£40:0:0
"	36C	to	31C.....	£10:0:0
"	37C	to	38C.....	£10:0:0.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly the following resolution was adopted:- "That £66:4s. be transferred from Main Road Contingency Fund to Road 23M. (Bunclody Street) to cover cost of necessary work carried out on the footpaths at Bunclody."

COURTOWN HARBOUR COMMITTEE

A recommendation was received from Courtown Harbour Committee asking the Co. Council to erect a Notice Board with a view to prevent further banking of gravel and sand on the square opposite Harbour Master's House, as the Committee were of opinion that this ground could be used for the parking of cars in the Summer so as to relieve congestion in the street of Courtown.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan it was decided to refer recommendation for report to the Members of the Co. Council representing Gorey Electoral Area, at meeting to be held on 15th January, 1935, at Courtown Harbour.

REPAIR OF LANES ETC. - APPLICATION FOR.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan that Croghan Lane be listed under Minor Relief



Schemes Vote and also the following lanes subject to favourable report from County Surveyor:-

Ballybeg Lane, Ferns. Tincurra Lane, Tara Hill.

Lane Newbridge and Ballintim Bridge. Brownstown Lane, Newbawn.

Moneygarrow Lane (E.D. Kilgorman). Ring Lane, Carne.

Annagh Lane, Killenagh. Clonsilla Lane, Gorey.

Goatstown Lane, Foulksmills, Barraglan Lane, Monamolin.

OTHER ROAD MATTERS:- In connection with Memorial as to repair of lane at Ballyprecus (Buncloody), Mr. Ennis reported that a minor Relief allocation had been made in connection with this lane last year. The principal landowner concerned would not sign the indenture so that nothing could be done.

With regard to dangerous turn at Motabeg Mill, and Brownswood quarry, and on road leading from New Bridge to Sleadagh, it was decided that the Co. Surveyor be asked to furnish report.

It was also decided to refer to the Co. Surveyor a request from ratepayers to carry out repairs on the road leading to Bridgetown from Newcastle, which, it was stated, was in a bad condition owing to the vast amount of beet to be hauled over it.

In reference to Coragh Lane, Buncloody, Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, reported that the Co. Council under Relief Scheme had spent £250 on the Section which was done, and the remaining portion would cost at least £350. The memorial did not give an accurate statement of the case as there would be hardly any through traffic on the lane, while the three or four houses on it were all on the finished part.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of repairs to this lane to a further meeting.

In connection with the application of Mrs. Susan Byrne, asking that the Mill Race leading to her Mill at Askamore, Carnew, which had become choked should be cleaned by the Co. Council, Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District, reported that the matter did not concern the Co. Council.



It was decided to take no action.

In connection with piece of waste ground at Ballymoney near Gorey which Dr. W.A.Cooke proposed to enclose, a protest was received from a number of ratepayers, which pointed out that for the past sixty or seventy years this ground had been utilised by the fishermen of the district for the purpose of repairing their boats and fishing nets and more recently as a camping ground and motor park for visitors during the Summer months.

Mr. Treanor reported that Dr.Cooke contended that he had purchased this piece of vacant ground, but owing to local opinion he would remove the fencing.

It was decided to take no action in this matter.

Regarding report of John Browne, Carna Cottage, Broadway, as to the banking of sea-weed at his gate interfering with the use of his holding, Mr.Birthingistle said it was almost impossible to avoid putting Mr.Browne to some inconvenience for some little time at particular seasons of the year, but so far as was possible they would see that every facility was given to him.

As regards flooding at Clonroche, Mr.Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, reported that to remedy the flooding at Mrs. Malone's in Clonroche Street, it would be possible to lay a wide shallow channel to carry away the water, and to deliver it into Board of Health Sewer adjacent.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Co.Surveyor to have this recommendation carried out.

Thomas Dowd, Horetown, Killinick, applied for permission to erect a building to be used as a store room adjoining public road at Montfield, Killinick.

Mr. Birthingistle, Assistant Surveyor for the District, reported that the building would not be an obstruction to traffic.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr.O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That as regards application by Thomas Dowd, as to erection of building, no action be taken."



The Chairman said that the Government had been asking for suggestions as to carrying out useful works and he was of opinion that the Co.Surveyor might furnish proposals as to repairing all lanes leading to farmers' houses in this County.

Miss O'Ryan said it would be a wonderful addition to the farmers if this could be done. They could bring larger loads into their places and would be saved a great deal of inconvenience

MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES:- Mr.Keegan said it would be well if it were brought to the notice of the public that as regards repair of lanes under Minor Relief Schemes the Council were only in a position to recommend as the works on which money was to be spent were selected by the Office of Public Works. After examination of the various places suggested, by their Inspector, it did not at all follow that because the Co.Council were very anxious a particular lane should be repaired under Minor Relief Scheme, that the Inspector of the Board of Works would select it.

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On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 4th January, 1935, be received and considered."

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

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage collected.</u>
J. Curtis	53.7
E.J. Murphy	52.8
M. Kehoe	49.2
S. Gannon (No. 6)	49.1
D. Kenny	48.6
M. McCarthy	48.3
J.J. O'Reilly	47.9
P. Carty	47.4
A. Dunne	46.6
J. Flood	46.3
J. Cummins	46.1
J. Deegan	46.1
P. Nolan	45.1
P. Doyle	44.9
S. Gannon (No.10)	44.2
W. Cummins	41.4
J.J. Sinnott	41.1
J. Quirke	39.4
W. Doyle	36.1
M. Murphy	35.5
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Average... 45.2	

The collection was 4% better than at the corresponding period last year.

RATE COLLECTOR M. MURPHY:- Mr. Redmond proposed and Mr. Ronan seconded the confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Kinsella said that the Council should take very serious notice of this transaction. Mr. Murphy had been before the Finance Committee on two previous occasions for using dirty language to ratepayers.

Col. Quin said that a criminal charge had been made against the Rate Collector and the Co. Council had nothing to do with it. If he had thrown a bottle why did not the aggrieved party "run him in".

Mr. Culleton supported Col. Quin.



The Chairman said he was sure on consideration Mr. Kinsella would recognise how actually wrong it would be for the Council to act on the present evidence. If it could be proved the Rate Collector threw a bottle (which he positively denied) he would be convicted and sent to prison and it was the duty of the people who made the allegation to go to the Court and prove it.

Col. Quin proposed they should proceed to next business.

Mr. McCarthy held that Mr. Kinsella was quite right in having the charge against their official investigated; in fact it was the bounden duty of the Finance Committee to investigate such complaints. The Finance Committee from time to time dealt so far as was in their power with such complaints.

After further discussion the recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted.

PROPOSED PART PAYMENT OF RATES:- Mr. Doyle said they should alter the recommendation of the Finance Committee to accept the proposal; otherwise they might get nothing.

Col. Quin - Possibly some people told this man he was a hero if he would not pay his rates and as he was afraid now his cattle would be seized he was only a fool.

Mr. Doyle moved and Mr. Kinsella seconded the following:- "That as regards proposed "part" payment of rates in the case of Wm. Dooley, the recommendation of the Finance Committee be rejected and the offer as outlined in the letter of the Rate Collector be accepted.

The Secretary stated that the Rate Collector would apply any payment received in this case to the reduction of the arrears, and the motion of Mr. Doyle was withdrawn.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was then confirmed.

AGRICULTURAL GRANT:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Walsh:- "That the Land Commission be requested to furnish a list of defaulting annuitants under Land Purchase Acts for year 1934, to Wexford



"County Council as was done in the past."

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Culleton it was decided that an advertisement be issued in the three local papers calling attention to the fact that the finances of the County and the efficiency of the local services were seriously affected by failure of Land Purchase Annuitants to meet their half-yearly payments to the Land Commission.

ILLNESS OF MR. MALONE, V.S.:- Under date 10th January, 1935, the Department of Agriculture wrote (E.3554/34) enquiring whether the Co. Council had reason to believe that Mr. Malone's retirement was imminent.

The Secretary stated he had replied that so far as the Council were aware, Mr. Malone was prepared to retire if he received the proposed Grant.

Mr. Kinsella believed Mr. Malone was disappointed at the Grant being only £100. He understood that ~~owing to~~ the fact that Mr. Malone was Veterinary Inspector at Rosslare Harbour was responsible for his present state of health.

The Secretary pointed out that as Mr. Malone was a "part" time official only he was not entitled to anything on his retirement.

Mr. Culleton said that a farmer expressed to him surprise at the action of the Council in passing the grant.

Mr. M. Doyle regretted that Mr. Malone was not entitled to a pension and he would be glad if the Council could make the ex gratia grant larger.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was, after further discussion, approved on the motion of Mr. Doyle seconded by Mr. Meyler.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS:- Mr. Doyle objected to the recommendation agreeing to a loan of £180 to Joseph F. Swords, Bayview Terrace, Rosslare Harbour, Railway Employee. The Railway Company had any number of houses for their employees and the



County Council should not interfere. The Railway people would not dream of providing houses for agricultural labourers and he would like to see the reply they would make if an agricultural labourer applied for one of their vacant houses. He then proposed and Mr. Kinsella seconded the following resolution:-

"That the Council dissent from the recommendation of the Finance Committee to provide a loan of £180 to Joseph F. Swords, Railway Employee, Rosslare Harbour."

On a show of hands the motion was lost by 14 to 9 and the recommendation of the Finance Committee agreed to.

EXPLOSIVES ACT 1875:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the following be registered under Explosives Act 1875 in addition to those agreed to at Finance Committee Meeting:-

James Carroll, Taghmon. (Cartridges only)  
 John Bolger & Co. Ltd., Joseph Crangle, Manager, Church Street,  
 Gorey. (Mixed explosives).  
 Thomas Williams, Main Street, Gorey. (Cartridges and  
 ammunition)  
 Doyle Bros., Bridgetown. (Shot Gun and .22 Rifle ammunition)

CRIMINAL INJURY APPLICATIONS:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly:-  
 "That copy of claim by Mr. P.J. Collins, Solicitor, 23, Suffolk St., Dublin, on behalf of Mr. Hanna, Dublin, for injury to motor-car in town of Wexford be furnished the Town Clerk, Wexford."

TRANSFERS OF MONEY ON ROAD ACCOUNTS:- The County Surveyor said that a number of roads had suffered owing principally to beet traffic and he suggested that the necessary amounts as follows be withdrawn from the appropriate Contingency funds viz. £60 for each of the five Assistant Surveyor's Districts for main roads and £100 for each of the five Assistant's areas for County Roads in accordance with the schedule he submitted.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That in accordance with Schedule submitted by Co. Surveyor a sum of £300 be transferred from Main Road Contingency Fund to Roads as specified in said



"Schedule and a sum of £500 from the County Road Contingency Fund as specified in Schedule, to repair damage to these roads by beet and other unexpected traffic. These proposals to be subject to sanction of Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads)."

Under date 11th January, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote that subject to the adoption by the Co. Council no objection would be raised to the transfer of the various amounts from one Road Section to another as agreed to by Finance Committee meeting of 4th January, 1935."

COURTOWN HARBOUR COMMITTEE:- The Co. Surveyor said he would submit a report of the meeting of Special Committee to be held on 15th January, 1935, to the next meeting of the Co. Council.

Under date 7th January, 1935, letter was read from Harbour Master, Courtown Harbour, that the Watchman and himself had not received any remuneration for the working of crane and grab as agreed to by the Co. Council a considerable time back.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction remuneration of 15/- per week and of 7/6d per week to the Harbour Master and Watchman respectively at Courtown Harbour as agreed to by the County Council for working of crane and grab, these sums to be in addition to their ordinary wages."

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Redmond:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee of 4th January, 1935, be and are hereby approved."



PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME

In connection with the further consideration of above Scheme the following under date 11th January, 1935, was read from the Co. Surveyor:-

"I have forwarded each County Councillor a printed copy of the Provisional Road Works Scheme with amendments of figures to comply with direction of the County Council. As the Scheme is not finally approved I have not had the form printed, but have given in detail all the works recommended under Part 11 (Improvement). These latter will be considered by the Council, and further amendments may be made. As regards Part 1. of the Scheme I have retained on Main Roads, excluding "Loans", the same figure as for the current year, so that the 40% Maintenance Grant may be as formerly. The sum allocated for County Roads is reduced, and I consider it will be impossible to properly maintain them at the figure. For renewal of fourth class roads I have set out the same amount as they were contracted for last time. I have not written in these figures except as regards totals, but shall have details for the Council if required.

"Since sending out the Scheme to the Councillors, I have to report that there has been a dangerous collapse of the retaining walls of Pollmounty Bridge, at the Carlow County Bounds on Link Road No. 26, to the North of New Ross. On the 10th instant I met the Carlow County Surveyor by appointment at the Bridge, and we have arranged for the immediate necessary repair, half cost of which will be on County Wexford. It may be necessary to close the road completely to traffic and, accordingly, I ask that sanction be asked from the Minister. Later there will be further extensive repairs required, and to provide for these I recommend that the sum in Column 5 at bottom of page 21 on Road 70 be amended to read £100. The balance £150 should be placed in "Contingencies" and "earmarked" for this, or any other Improvement work in New Ross Area."

Col. Gibbon proposed: "That the sum in Column 5 of Provisional Road Works Scheme at bottom of page 21 be amended to read £100 and that the sum of £150 taken therefrom be transferred to Contingency Fund and "earmarked" for the repair of Pollmounty Bridge or any other improvement work in New Ross area."

Mr. Bowe seconded and the resolution was adopted.

Col. Gibbon held they should apply to the Government for a Grant to help to carry out the further extensive repairs to this bridge to which the Co. Surveyor had referred. He hoped the County T.Ds. would put the matter before the Government and would ask the T.Ds. of Carlow and Kilkenny to help.

In reply to a query the Co. Surveyor said that no grant was made on the Contingency Accounts.



Col. Gibbon said that the damage was caused by heavy lorry traffic which the bridge had not been built to carry. It was unfair that the County should have to pay for this abnormal traffic and it was only reasonable that the Government should make a contribution towards the cost. He then proposed a resolution to this effect and embodied therein a request that the T.Ds. of the Counties of Wexford, Carlow and Kilkenny be asked to approach the Government in the matter.

Mr. Bowe seconded the resolution which was adopted.

The following resolution was also adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for order to close Pollmounty bridge road.

"That the Co. Surveyor arrange the period for closing and the alternative route with the Finance Committee who are hereby empowered to make the application for closing to the Minister."

Col. Gibbon then proposed the following:- "That the total allocation under Road Works Scheme for financial year 1935/36 be £55755:6:11d made up as follows:-

£31889 Main Roads:

£14237 Third Class County Roads:

£4779:6:11d Contract Roads - (Fourth Class);

for Improvement Works:-

£1341 Main Roads

£2509 County Roads

and for Contingencies:-

£500 Main Roads

£500 County Roads.

And that the expenditure on Public Works (other than roads) at £825 be also approved.

Col. Quin seconded.

It was then decided to consider any matters which had been held over in connection with the Road Works Scheme before dealing with Col. Gibbon's resolution.



In connection with proposed new road through Camolin Park referred to Road Works meeting from Co.Council meeting of 10th September, 1934, letter was read from the Land Commission that they were prepared to contribute £500 towards the reconstruction of this road provided it was made and maintained by the Co.Council and a sum of not less than £1000 spent on its reconstruction. They refused to alter these terms.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.Cummins seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That as the proposed new road at Camolin Park would be largely availed of by the Forestry Department, and that the Co.Council, if road be reconstructed, would be responsible for its future maintenance, we again urge the Land Commission to contribute £750 towards the reconstruction of this road, the Co.Council contributing £250 and hold themselves responsible for its future maintenance."

The Co.Surveyor said the existing road went out at the street of Camolin and turned to the left on to Ballyduff. The proposed road through Camolin Park would be almost parrallel to the existing road but going to the North of Ballyduff it shortened the distance considerably. The main part of the road was on the land of the Forestry Department.

In connection with the proposal of Mr.Lawler to make a new road at Curraduff past the quarry and on through Clorogue and part of Kiltaly, Mr. Lawlor said the lane was in a bad condition on account of Co.Council traffic from the quarry.

The Chairman said that if the Co.Surveyor had injured the lane by traffic from the quarry he should repair it. If they allowed in one of those proposed new roads they would have to let in at least a dozen and they could not afford to saddle the County with their maintenance. He proposed:- "That for financial year 1935/36 this County Council will not take over any new roads."

Col. Quin seconded.



Mr. Kelly who had served notice of motion that Ballymotey Lane be taken over by the Council pointed out that a minor relief Grant of £150 for the repair of this lane had been secured but because one tenant would not sign the indenture the lane could not be repaired and the money had to be applied to another work. Owing to the action of this man his neighbours and the general public were penalised. Half of the lane had been already taken over by the Council and was maintained by contract. He (Mr. Kelly) understood that if the Co. Council took over the other portion of the lane they could compel this man to surrender what land would be necessary for reconstruction.

The Co. Surveyor stated that owing to the great expense the Council had not availed of the provisions of the Statute which enabled them to acquire land compulsorily.

After further discussion on a show of hands 18 voted in favour of not taking over any new roads for the coming financial year.

Mr. Bowe dissented.

In connection with a request from Cottage Tenants Association, Ferns Branch, as to the re-opening of Doran's Hill Quarry it was pointed out that owing to a right of way the quarry had been closed. This difficulty no longer existed and it was hoped, in the altered circumstances the Council would resume the working of the quarry.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, reported under date 10th January, 1935, that the Council had been waiting to get into this quarry from the opposite side of the road for a long time but this could not be done as there was a dwelling house in the quarry. This was now vacant and would be removed. He did not think they could ever work this quarry in an extensive way. The original quarry on the other side of the road was worked out but he would do what he could to work the new section to the best of his ability.

The meeting regarded this statement as satisfactory.



Dealing with the general Scheme Col. Gibbon said he had gone through the scheme very carefully and could not see how it could be altered materially. He also proposed that if a member wished to put forward an amendment to the scheme he should go further than merely saying he wanted a certain road improved or a corner removed - he should at the same time propose that a reduction should be made in regard to some other road in his own district to provide the money for the improvement. He thought that the Co.Surveyor had allocated the money between the districts in a very very fair manner, and he suggested that additions to it would be very impracticable.

Col. Quin seconded.

Co. Gibbon - The money has already been limited by the Council, and the Co.Surveyor has revised his Scheme in accordance with our instructions. If anyone wants to put forward an amendment to include a certain road he should at the same time propose that a corresponding reduction be made in some other road or roads in his own district to provide the money. The Co.Surveyor had treated the whole county in a very fair manner and it would be impracticable to tear the scheme, as now submitted, to pieces.

Mr. Kinsella said the Co.Surveyor had framed the scheme in accordance with the wishes of the Council.

Mr. Connors asked could something be done to have road material broken by hand.

Mr. Ennis said that for a large part of their work hand-broken material would not be suitable.

In reply to Mr. Corish the Co.Surveyor said there were 559 perches of main roads in Enniscorthy, 563 perches in New Ross and 855 perches in Wexford, The total County Road mileage was 1980. He (Co.Surveyor) had apportioned the money according to mileage allowing 50% more for the Urban districts as they had to pay higher wages.



Mr. Corish complained that the reduction for the Urban Districts of Wexford and Enniscorthy was 66% and in New Ross Urban District 50%.

The Co.Surveyor said that he considered Wexford had an inflated price compared with the other areas. There was no concreting on main roads in New Ross but there was in Wexford and Enniscorthy.

Mr. Corish said he would ask for an allocation for the improvement of the footpath on the land side of Redmond Road in Wexford Urban.

The County Surveyor said that last year Wexford Urban had £377, and this year £390 was allocated. Last year Enniscorthy had £480, but there was spraying. This year the amount was £250, and it was also £250 in New Ross.

Mr. Kelly said that one stretch in Enniscorthy - from the Bridge to St.John's Mill - was in a desperate way.

The Co.Surveyor said that that was to be done and they had it scheduled for a grant as early as they could get it. It was a bad road, and no maintenance money would make a job of it.

In reply to a query the Co.Surveyor said the reduction on the County Roads was 10%.

Mr. Doyle said that a lot of money was being spent on tar spraying, and he would like to know from the Co.Surveyor if the tar spraying was going to be carried out as heretofore, which would have the surface of the roads so that there would be no possibility of using anything on them except motor traffic. He suggested there should be some plan to have the surface of roads coarser than before, as otherwise they would be impassable for anything but motor cars or lorries.

The Co.Surveyor said that his original estimate did provide for a very large amount of spraying work, but that was cut down now. As he mentioned at a former Co.Council meeting, what he proposed to do in a number of cases <sup>was</sup> to have a rough



surfaced side, and in other cases, on the recommendation of the Department of Local Government & Public Health, he proposed to use a tar-bitumen mixture instead of pure bitumen.

Mr. Culleton said the roads were too slippery and they had accidents. They had a road from Wexford to Ashfield that was like a sheet of glass in some places, and then from Ashfield to Rosslare Harbour they had a splendid job - a specimen of the class of road that would be useful for either motorists or horse traffic.

The Co. Surveyor said they were putting rough sides on the Rosslare road already.

Mr. Culleton said he had been asked to request that in the case of roads that had been done, the Co. Surveyor do all possible to provide a margin for horse traffic.

The Chairman said he thought the Co. Surveyor understood the needs of the County and that there should be a reversal of the policy in regard to slippery roads. He thought that in future the Co. Surveyor and the Assistants should from this forward, set out to provide roads that would have rougher surfaces than formerly on which horses could travel with safety. He said that the diagonal corrugations made on Main Roads in Co. Wicklow enabled a motorist to keep on his own side of the road and he advised the Co. Surveyor to follow the example of Wicklow in the matter at some bad corners.

Col. Quin remarked that the grass margins on the roads had the effect of making the roads very much narrower. If they had not those margins there would be quite room enough for horses.

Mr. Keegan suggested that on roads on which tarring and chippings were to be done the chippings should be coarser.

Mr. Cummins said he could not understand why margins were not left on the sides of the roads for horse traffic. He could not understand why spraying was done over the whole road, and



in his opinion money would be saved if it were not done.

Mr. Smyth said that a great many people were complaining of the amount of money spent on the main roads in comparison with the expenditure on County Roads. In his district the town of Gorey was getting nearly half the amount allocated.

The Co. Surveyor said he personally would prefer if they could take some money off the main roads which had been considerably improved and utilise it for County Roads but if they did this they would lose the 40% Grant.

Mr. O'Byrne said that some considerable time ago the County Council had requested the Government to include in the Main Roads Section, the road from Gorey to Tinahely and five or six other roads. He moved that a list of these roads be supplied to the Department of Local Government and Public Health by the Co. Surveyor and that the latter supply the Department in each case with the reasons given by the Council for their request. And that the Department be requested to include these roads in the Main Road Section when next revision is carried out.

The Chairman seconded the motion which was adopted.

After further discussion Mr. Corish proposed that an allocation of £250 be made for improvement of footpath on land side of Redmond road Wexford.

Mr. Kinsella seconded and said both footpaths on this road were very bad.

Chairman - If you put down a tar macadam footpath the people will still walk on the road. I ask Mr. Corish not to press the matter because he is putting it up to everybody in the room to want something extra.

The Co. Surveyor said that if the Council were satisfied they could put, say another £100 to ordinary maintenance in Wexford Urban but it would have to come in sums of £5 off other amounts in Wexford Rural District.

Mr. Corish said he was satisfied with this and proposed that an extra £100 be added to the amount allocated for the



maintenance of main roads in Wexford Urban on the lines suggested by the Co.Surveyor.

Mr. Kinsella seconded and the motion was adopted.

The Chairman said he appealed to the Surveyors in the future to look after roads in areas in which there was extra traffic. They had people from Fethard and Hook districts before them that day and there were other districts also suffering. These areas should be the Co.Surveyor's first consideration. He wished to know was there a fixed amount of tonnage for each road.

The Co.Surveyor said the money was divided up amongst labour and tonnage as far as it would go.

The Chairman said that one weakness in a direct labour scheme was to give all the work possible with the result that the tonnage on particular roads was reduced. Unless there was a fixed tonnage some of the roads might be starved.

The Co.Surveyor said that the cost of labour was about 60% and of tonnage and haulage 40%.

The Chairman said he considered the actual amount of tonnage to be put on each road should be shown.

The Co.Surveyor said that the tonnage for each individual road would be ascertained when haulage contracts were dealt with by the Tenders Committees.

Miss O'Ryan said that many of the main roads were quite good enough, and proposed that, in view of the changes in the agricultural industry in the country, they put it up to the Department that roads leading to railway stations be counted main roads in future because on account of beet traffic, etc., such roads could not be maintained out of ordinary county road allocation.

Mr. Redmond seconded and the proposition was passed.

Col. Gibbon's motion for the adoption of the Co.Surveyor's proposals was then put and declared carried.



### MINOR RELIEF SCHEME GRANT

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by the Chairman:- "That when intimation is received from Government that the Grant under Minor Relief Schemes Vote is available the Co.Council Representatives for the four County Electoral Areas select for recommendation to the Office of Public Works the particular works which are to benefit under the Scheme in accordance with the amount allocated to each area by the Co.Council."

### TENDERS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That dates of meetings of Tenders Committees be fixed as follows:-

GOREY COURTHOUSE - Saturday, 16th February, 1935, at 12 o'clock.

ENNISCORTHY COURTHOUSE - Tuesday, 19th February, 1935 at 11 o'clock.

NEW ROSS COURTHOUSE - Thursday, 21st February, 1935, at 12.30.

WEXFORD COUNTY HALL - Saturday, 23rd February, 1935, at 11 o'clock.

### SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1934.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Corish:- "That owing to ambiguity of provision of Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme, 1934, as regards allocation of Scholarships and bursaries a modified scholarship of £30 per annum be awarded Gerald W. Fenelon, Taghat."

Miss O'Ryan seconded.

The Secretary submitted the following extract from letter of Department of Education under date 30th November, 1934:-

"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."

Mr. Corish said he thought it was rather a hardship that the boy did not get the Scholarship.



Mr. Doyle said he was most anxious that the boy would get the Scholarship at the time, and they had it from legal authority that he was entitled to the Scholarship. No one could be more pleased that the boy was getting a scholarship than he (Mr. Doyle) but the ambiguity referred to on the agenda should have been cleared up before the scholarships were awarded or before the bursaries were awarded. The Department never sanctioned what the Council did. They hedged behind the Council, for what reason he did not know. The granting of the scholarship would mean an extra Scholarship for four years.

The Secretary said if the Council wished it was perfectly legal for them to refuse Mr. Corish's motion.

After further discussion the motion was passed nem.con.

#### TOWN & REGIONAL PLANNING ACT 1934.

Under date 8th January, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (S.177118/34 Wexford CC) that the Minister saw no objection to the proposal to procure copies of the above Act, Summary of its provisions and the Statutory Rules made in pursuance of the Act, for the use of the County Councillors.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer that the necessary copies be ordered.

Under date 8th January, 1935, the Town Clerk, Wexford, wrote that the Wexford Corporation had decided to participate in the Conference proposed by the Co. Council in connection with this Act and had appointed the following delegates:- Mr. Corish (Mayor) Alderman Flusk and Councillor Billington.

No reply had been received to date from the two other Urban district Councils of the County.



SANCTION ALLOWANCE TO MR. CULLEN, ASSISTANT  
SURVEYOR - SOW DRAINAGE AREA

Under date 7th January, 1935, the Department of Local Government & Public Health (Roads) wrote (R.RS/32) that the proposal of the Wexford Co. Council to include in the Maintenance Rate for the Sow Drainage District an annual allowance of £10 for Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor in connection with the maintenance of the District as from 1st January, 1935, had been sanctioned.

CONVICTIONS BY SPECIAL POWERS TRIBUNAL

Under date 31st December, 1934, (Circ. No. 126/34) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote that under Section 31 of Article 2A of the Constitution, an officer or employee paid out of money raised by local taxation or a paid member of a Board or Body established by or under an Act of the Oireachtas and who was convicted by the Constitution (Special Powers) Tribunal of an offence mentioned in Appendix to Article 2A forfeits his office or employment, or if retired with superannuation, his pension or superannuation allowance ceased to be payable. The period of disqualification was seven years.

The Chairman said he hoped the Press would give publicity to this matter.

SECTION 49 OF PUBLIC HEALTH (IRELAND) ACT  
1878

Sealed Order under date 12th December, 1934, (No. 154992/34) applying Section 49 of the above Act in force in certain Urban Districts to be in force in the Bridgetown Dispensary District, was received from Department of Local Govt. & Public Health.

It was stated that the Order had been issued to enable the Board of Health to provide lavatory accommodation at Kilmore Pier.



TURF DEVELOPMENT - KILTEALY DISTRICT

Under date 3rd January, 1935, the Secretary, Turf Development Board Ltd., 10 Hume Street, Dublin, acknowledged the resolution of the Co. Council requesting the construction of accommodation bog roads in Kiltaly district. The Board would be prepared to recommend the construction of such roads where deemed necessary for the commercial development of turf but ~~only~~ <sup>only</sup> schemes could be submitted by a Co-operative Turf Society.

The Board would arrange for an Organiser of the Irish Agricultural Organisation Society, with one of the Board's Engineers, to visit the district, in order to ascertain whether the formation of a Co-operative Turf Society was desirable and necessary. Such societies were established only in districts in which large quantities of turf were available and where the needs of the residents would not be jeopardized for a period of at least fifty years and where adequate transport facilities for the marketing of turf were available. It would - owing to the fact that the Organiser and Engineer were busily engaged on the marketing of turf for the present season - be some time before they could visit Kiltaly.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Bowe, seconded by Mr. Lawlor:- "That we request the Turf Development Board to arrange for the visit of Organiser and Engineer to Kiltaly district as soon as possible and that they give the local people concerned a few days' notice of the visit of these officials to have suitable arrangements made in the matter."

FORD OF LYNG

The following report of meeting of special Committee was submitted by the Co. Surveyor:-



"The Committee appointed by the County Council was summoned to meet on the 7th January, 1935, but owing to illness and other circumstances, only one Member, Col. Gibbon, was able to attend.

"The Co. Surveyor and Assistant Surveyor were present, and pointed out what had already been done, and what still remained to be done in connection with the channel from Rathdowney to the Spillway.

"A County Council employee, Mr. Nick Brennan, mason, Rosslare, stated that on the morning after the heavy rainfall early in December last, he walked along the canal embankment to the Spillway. He found the water level at such a height that there was an overflow into the sloblands to a depth of about 4 inches. Now this Spillway has been raised by the Slob Commissioners by one foot over its original level, and it is, therefore, quite obvious that the flooding at Ballybro on this date was greatly augmented thereby. The Spillway should at once be restored to its original level.

The Slob Commissioners are directly responsible for the channels above Rathdowney, as far as the original high tide mark. Also, owing to neglect to maintain these, and the channel below the Bridge to the Spillway, as well as the raising of the Spillway itself, they are "consequentially" responsible for the excessive silting of the upper channels, and consequent flooding.

The Slob Commissioners should be required to allow the expenditure of the balance of their commitment of £200 in cleaning the channels above Rathdowney Bridge, and any further sum required should be sought as a Grant under Minor Relief.

The length of the main channel from Rathdowney Bridge to Ballybro Bridge is about 1190 yards, but it will be necessary also to clean up three tributaries, and also the main stream above Ballybro to join up with the work already done on the upper reach.

It is estimated that a good job can be done for about £400 in all."

Col. Gibbon proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution:- "That the report of Ford of Lyng Special Committee be received and adopted." In moving his motion Col. Gibbon said there would be no flooding of any account if the spillway was put into the original position in which it was when the "Slobs" were formed. As regarded the block above the bridge the drainage recently carried out drained a few fields. Owing to the blockage of the stream above the bridge it was now solid ground and during the dry weather one could walk over it. The flooding would remain until a drain had been cut through and they should press for that, and have it carried out at the earliest possible date.



Miss O'Ryan and Mr. Corish said they would have attended the Committee meeting but had to attend a meeting of the Health Board.

Mr. Culleton said as he had another engagement for the day he could not attend.

Mr. Doyle said he was confined to bed on the day of the Committee meeting. He agreed with what Col. Gibbon had said and with the report in general. Until that report was put into practice flooding would still go on. He wished to know if the flooding at Ballygeary had been abated?

The Co. Surveyor said he had arranged to lay down a gullet which would obviate the flooding.

Col. Gibbon's resolution was adopted.

The following resolution was also adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That the Co. Surveyor apply for a Minor Relief Scheme Grant of £200 in connection with flooding at Ford of Lyng; that the Slob Commissioners be requested to expend the balance of their £200 contribution for the same purpose and be further required to put spillway into its original position.

"That a copy of the report of the Committee be furnished the Office of Public Works and the Slob Commissioners."

#### BALLYHACK HARBOUR

The following report under date 11th January, 1935, was submitted by the Co. Surveyor:-

"As directed by the County Council I beg to report on the present condition of Ballyhack Boat Harbour.

"From time to time I have already inspected this Harbour and reported on its unsatisfactory condition. Application has been made by the County Council for a Grant, and the Council was informed there were no funds available.

"In 1914 this Harbour was made under agreement between the Co. Council and the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, and the work was carried out by the Department's Engineer, Mr. Oliver, in consultation with the Co. Surveyor. At the time, consideration was given to the advisability, or otherwise,



"of leaving an opening at the North West end of the new breakwater, and it was decided to construct such an opening. It was considered that if this opening was found objectionable it would be a comparatively easy matter to build it up, whereas, if no opening were left, and afterwards deemed advisable there would be considerable expense in making it. I have now come to the conclusion that the opening should be closed, in a temporary manner, in the first instance, and, later permanently, if my views are borne out.

"At the present time the Harbour is badly silted up, and this, I think, is partly due to the above-mentioned opening, and partly to the fact that the breakwater does not project far enough beyond the slipway. Moreover, local fishermen complain that the limited length of breakwater entails lack of proper shelter with South West Winds. It will be a troublesome and expensive job to extend this wall, and, therefore, at the present time I do not recommend it. However, I consider the closing of the North West ope and the removal of the silting is now necessary. Also I recommend that the retaining wall to the dumping ground - of loose rubble - be made good with concrete, so as to provide a safe passage to the breakwater at all states of tide. I estimate this work will cost £300."

Col. Gibbon said that as the Department of Fisheries had initiated the work they should be consulted about the matter, and asked for a grant.

The Chairman asked where was the £300 to come from and the Co. Surveyor said they should endeavour to secure a grant from the Office of Public Works.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Cummins seconded the following resolution:- "That the Co. Surveyor's report re Ballyhack Harbour be received and approved and that application be made to the Government for a Relief Grant for the improvement of this Harbour."

In reply to Mr. Cummins the Co. Surveyor said that the Co. Council had not expended any money on Ballyhack as it was not a scheduled harbour. The work had been carried out by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

Mr. Cummins - They made a bad job of it. Something was always being done for the farming community, although they were always complaining but nothing done for the fishermen, although this is a maritime County. Since the work was done the fishermen were finding it more difficult than before to get their boats in and out. The Chairman of the Co. Council had seen the harbour



two years ago and he then thought that a Government Grant might be secured for its improvement. The Chairman might see his way to **approach** the Minister for Agriculture and also the Minister for Education as when the silt was removed from the place it would make a splendend playground for the children of the adjoining school.

The Chairman considered that as regards the establishment of playground the matter should come from the local school manager.

Mr. Corish stated his attention had been directed frequently by Mr. Cummins and others to the state of the harbour, and he had made representations in connection with it. The passing of a resolution such as proposed by Mr. Colfer was very desirable, but a great deal more would, in his opinion, have to be done. The first thing that the Minister would ask for would be statistics as to the number of families dependent on fishing, and the returns from the fishing within a year or two. The place was not navigable for fishermen at the moment.

Mr. Cummins - There are at least twenty families, and I might say there would be more if facilities were provided for them.

Mr. Colfer's resolution was then put and passed.

The Secretary said he would endeavour to secure the necessary statistics for presentation to the Government.

#### MARKET SQUARE, GOREY.

Under date 29th December, 1934, letter was read from Town Clerk, Gorey, that his Commissioners proposed erecting a wall around enclosed area immediately in front of the Weighbridge in Market Square, Gorey, which was their property and on which they proposed erecting pig pens. As the outer wall would be adjacent to the road they requested the permission of the Co. Council for its erection.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District, reported that he did not consider the proposed work would interfere with



the use of the adjoining road.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That the application of Gorey Town Commissioners for permission to erect wall around enclosed area in front of Weighbridge in Market Square, Gorey, be approved subject to the wall being erected to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

#### CO. REGISTRAR AND OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

Under date 6th December, 1934, the Co. Registrar wrote that on 16th April, 1934, he had applied for further office accommodation, and again on 22nd May, 1934, and 11th October, 1934. Nothing had been done. He wished for an immediate and definite reply from the Council. He had refrained from bringing the matter before his own department but he would have to do so unless the accommodation was provided.

A communication on similar lines under date 4th January, 1935, was also read from the Co. Registrar.

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, submitted Counsel's opinion in this matter and which was considered in Committee.

Counsel advised that the Co. Registrar was not correct in his contention that he had full control over the entire County Buildings in part of which the Court premises and offices were situate and that his authority was confined to the latter. He (Co. Registrar) could not compel the Council to vacate any apartment or premises which were used for County Offices. The Council were compelled to provide extra suitable accommodation for the Co. Registrar if he proved it was necessary.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Lawlor:- "That Counsel's opinion in regard to the demands of Co. Registrar for further accommodation in the County Buildings be considered by the members for Wexford Co. Electoral Area after the meeting of Finance Committee on 18th January, 1935, and they be empowered to decide, if the



"Co. Registrar is entitled to further office accommodation, what rooms they will give him."

### TOURIST RATE

Under date 31st December, 1934, the Secretary, Irish Tourist Association, wrote applying for the inclusion as in previous years of a Rate or Contribution for Tourist advertising. The letter pointed out that the Tourist Industry had grown from small beginnings to a yearly turn-over of at least £3,000,000 and probably more. More than half of this represented labour and at least a quarter went to farmers. The policy of the Tourist Association had been responsible for increased attention to Road and other public works.

The Chairman proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following resolution which was adopted unanimously:-

"That the equivalent of a rate of one farthing in the £1 on the County at large be included in Rate Estimates of Wexford Co. Council for financial year 1935/36."

Mr. Barry, Assistant Secretary of the Association, thanked the Council for their unanimous decision, and for the courtesy which they and the Secretary extended to him every year since they first agreed to a tourist rate ten years ago. Since the Council agreed first to the rate the revenue to the country from tourist traffic had been increased from one and a half millions to four millions. The Council would realise that the expenditure of that large sum went a long way towards the relief of unemployment.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman, it was decided to request the Association to use its influence towards obtaining a State grant for the improvement of the sea-road from Courtown Harbour to Wexford via Blackwater and the Curracloe road.

Mr. Corish said Curracloe road needed attention, and he had brought it before the Executive of the Association.



Mr. Barry stated that the association had brought before the Local Government Department the claims of such roads throughout the country generally, and so far no decision had been arrived at.

On the suggestion of Mr. Cummins, it was, decided to include in Mr. O'Byrne's resolution the roads from New Ross to Fethard.

#### COMPLAINT BY MOTORISTS

A large<sup>ly</sup> signed memorial was received from motorists of Fethard, Hook, Ballycullane etc. protesting against what they described as the disgraceful state of the roads in their area and demanding that these roads be attended to in the immediate future.

Mr. J.J. Ryan, Fethard, and M.J. Fortune, Slade, attended as a deputation in the matter.

Mr. Ryan stated that the two roads about which the deputation attended were that from Fethard to Poulfur and that from Campile to The Hook. The first named road led to Poulfur Church, and <sup>was</sup> the only one which could be used. But at the present time owing to its bad condition unfortunate people going to Mass had to clear into the ditches like crows from guns in order to avoid being bespattered with mud from passing motors. The road was not fit to put cattle on. Both roads were also too narrow.

Mr. Fortune said the deputation was appointed to bring before the Council the scandalous condition of the roads. They realised the responsibilities of the Council in regard to expenditure of public money, but the ratepayers felt that they had not been treated fairly by the Council in their efforts to maintain the roads in New Ross area. They had been badly neglected for the last ten or twelve years. With the increased activity in tillage and the volume of beet traffic they had become worse, and positively dangerous. Unless something were done with them they would become nearly impassable in a short time. In connection with the Campile road they considered that



fine sea gravel should be used and not rough material, as was being done. It was the considered opinion of the ratepayers that it would be waste of money to steamroll the roads. What they wanted done was re-surfacing. The people were not satisfied with the condition of the material being used on them. Footpaths were also scandalous and completely neglected. Unless something were done the people would leave the roads altogether ~~with~~ <sup>in</sup> New Ross District. They heard the Council talking about third class roads, and a lot of people were suggesting that they be made third class ratepayers. They would be quite satisfied if that were done.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Colfer that the County Surveyor should investigate the complaints of the deputation and do all he could to remedy the complaints which had been made.

#### KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE SCHEME

A deputation attended from above Drainage area comprising Major Barnewall, Messrs. N.J. Murphy, O'Neill and Doherty, with reference to establishing a local Committee for the administration of the area under Section 23 (1) of the Arterial Drainage Act 1925.

Mr. Murphy said no matter how sympathetic the Co. Council as a whole would be towards the Drainage ratepayers, local representatives would be more conversant with the needs of the locality. In 1925 the Board of Works spent £1,100 on the drainage without consulting a single ratepayer. The money was practically wasted and squandered. Men who never did a day's work on the land were brought in from Waterford and Kilkenny and as <sup>was</sup> natural the results were very poor. He (Mr. Murphy) Mr. O'Neill and Capt. Henehan waited on the Board of Works' Engineer, Mr. St. John, and pointed out to him how little was being done for the money, but they were told to mind their own business. The land was highly valued at 30/- an Irish acre and



it was out of reason to saddle it with any further drainage rate.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.Redmond seconded by Mr.Corish:- "That,subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health a local Committee consisting of the following be formed under Section 23 (1) of the Arterial Drainage Act 1925:-

County Councillors:- Messrs. Cummins, Colfer, Meyler, Murphy and Walsh, with

Non-Councillors:- Messrs. N.J. Murphy, O'Neill, Doherty, Major Barnewall and Captain Henehan, (The Chairman to be a County Councillor) to administer the Kilmannock Drainage Area."

#### GOREY COURTHOUSE

Applications for use of Gorey Courthouse for a Ceilidhe on the night of the 27th January, 1935, and for annual Dance promoted by Gorey Agricultural Society on the night of 29th January, 1935, were approved on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman on condition that the Committees in each case will be responsible for the building etc. while in their custody and that the premises be delivered up in a clean and tidy condition.

#### BURGLARY AT LOCAL TAXATION OFFICE

The following under date 14th January, 1935, was read from Mr.C.H. Richards, Local Taxation Officer:-

"I beg to report that my Department was entered between Saturday, 12th January, 1935, and morning of January 14th, 1935, and the Safe opened and Cheques to the amount of £127:10s. and Cash amounting to £105:6s. stolen therefrom."

The meeting decided to make no order pending result of investigation by the Garda Síochána and which was proceeding.

#### DUNCORMACK FLOODING

A resolution was read from Duncormack Fianna Fáil Club suggesting that steps be taken to improve the street in Duncormack village, which became like a strand during a rain-fall. Attention was also directed to the flooding in five



places on the road from Duncormack to Rathangan through which the people and school children had to wade knee-deep.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, stated he did not see anything wrong with the street or village. Something might be done on the road leading from the village to Rathangan. Some years ago the Council made a small grant with which 1,200 yards of drainage at Gibberwell was done. If that were finished it might cure the grievance.

Mr. Redmond - Could anything be done to abate the flooding. It is very hard on children to have to wade through floods.

Mr. Birthistle stated the road ganger for the area had been instructed to take full particulars of the next flooding.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Corish to apply for grant under Minor Relief Schemes Vote to be applied to obviate the flooding.

BRANCH ROAD KILPATRICK TO CLONES,  
CASTLETOWN.

A application for repair of above was received from eight ratepayers. It ran over the sea and was extremely dangerous to travel over as there was only the width of a car provided for travelling surface.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan that the application be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote when money was available.

BALLYNA LANE, BALLYMURRIN.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan that application for repair of this lane be scheduled under Minor Relief Schemes Vote to be considered when money is available.



GRANGE LANE, ROSSLARE STRAND.

A memorial with six signatories was received requesting repairs to the lane at Grange, Rosslare, and pointing out that no material could now be obtained from the foreshore.

Mr. Doyle stated that none of the signatories resided in the lane. They might have bits of land on it. As far as he knew there were only two houses on the lane.

On the proposition of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Doyle, it was decided to include the lane in Minor Relief Schemes' List.

BALLYWALTER LANE,  
KILMUCKRIDGE.

Three ratepayers wrote calling attention to the bad condition of above lane and asking the Council to have it put into proper repair.

The Co. Surveyor said he always thought this was a private avenue to Ballywalter House.

Mr. Keegan - As far as I know it is. I would not recommend it; it is private property.

Mr. Smyth stated that though the road was a private one a good many ratepayers had land adjoining it.

On the proposition of Mr. Smyth, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, it was decided to recommend it for minor Relief Scheme Grant.

BALLYKILLAIN LANE,  
PIERCESTOWN

An application from a number of ratepayers to have the above Lane repaired under Minor Relief Scheme pointed out that it was in very bad condition and after heavy rain, children were particularly handicapped in getting to and from school.

Mr. Culleton stated that Very Rev. Father O'Byrne, P.P., asked him to bring the matter before the Council. Father O'Byrne would be very glad if the Council do something with it. There were five or six families concerned and the principal grievance was that children could not get to school in bad weather.



It was decided on the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Kelly that the application be scheduled for consideration when money under Minor Relief Schemes Vote became available.

COOLAMAIN LANE, OYLEGATE.

Seven ratepayers wrote asking to have this lane, which was about a statute mile in length and used by a large number as well as by those residing on it, put in repair through Minor Relief Scheme Vote.

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by the Chairman it was decided to schedule the application and have the lane considered for repair when money under Minor Relief Schemes Vote is available.

RIGHT OF WAY, KILLENA

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne that application for repair of right of way through a lane running from the Main Road at Killena across their farms to Mr. Stephen Doyle's residence at BallinaKill, be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

ROAD GOREY TO WICKLOW GAP -  
LACKEN HILL

A very largely signed memorial requested the Co. Council to carry out some repairs and improvements on the part of above road called Lacken Hill which was the steepest and most dangerous in the County in addition to being very narrow and with three bad bends.

The Co. Surveyor said it was out of the question to think to cutting the hill but it might be possible to ease the corners when the money would be available.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District, said that considerable improvement could be effected for about £90.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan to refer the matter to the Co. Surveyor



COOLNALEEN LANE - CAMOLIN.

An application was received for forty cubic yards of material for repair of above lane which was in a very bad condition. They would draw the stones and spread. The lane was used as a Mass path by the people of Monasootha.

The Chairman said it was not legal for the Co.Council to supply material for private lanes.

It was decided to make no order on the application.

TOBERBEG LANE

An application for repair of above lane leading from Cooney's Cross to Gaby's Cross and main road at the turn at the Unyoke, Ballyhought, was on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Culleton, scheduled for consideration for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote when money becomes available.

OFFICIALS OF THE COUNCIL

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the officials in Co.Council Offices be informed that all reports and representations which they desire to make must be addressed to our Secretary, as Chief Executive Officer, and must pass through his hands before they will be entertained by the Council

RELIEF SCHEMES WORKS AT KILRANE

The following resolution was received from Tagcoat and Kilrane Cottage Tenants Association adopted at a meeting of that body on 6th January, 1935:-

"That we call on our local Deputies to take up the matter of the appointment of a competent authority other than the Co.Council officials to deal with future grants. The Co.Council was called upon to refuse to permit the services of Co.Council officials."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Ronan seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That the resolution of Tagcoat and Kilrane Cottage Tenants' Association asking that the administration of Minor Relief Schemes be taken out of the hands of the officials of the Co.Council be marked "read"."



LADY'S ISLAND COMPLAINT.

Lady's Island Branch, Labour Party and Cottage Tenants' Association, forwarded a resolution condemning the manner in which the Minor Relief Scheme was being administered at Waddingsland Lane. Owing to the very bad state of the lane carters had to halve their loads and therefore could not make a living wage. An increase was refused and a farmer's son was started on the work and the carters in the district were left idle. They asked for a share of the work. They asked the Council to see that the work was distributed properly. The communication also made references to Mr. Birthistle.

The five carters concerned viz. P. Doyle, J. Jackman, W. Tobin, J. Murphy and John Power, complained that a full report of the explanation given by Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, had not been published and that it should not have been accepted until the Carters' side had been heard. They supposed that the Carters were thought nothing about only for a few weeks before an Election. They were asked to haul on an old lane on which it was impossible to take more than half a load for ordinary mileage rate. And when they refused a farmer's son who could put three horses and carts on the job and who could afford to work at a cheap rate as he had all his own fodder, was employed.

Mr. Ronan proposed that the communication be marked "read". Such correspondence should not be read.

Mr. Doyle stated he had considerable experience of the manner in which Mr. Birthistle discharged his duties and he should say that he always treated the workers fairly, in fact in some places "petted" them.

Mr. Keegan said letters of that kind should be treated with contempt.

Mr. Culleton, who urged that if an explanation were made again by Mr. Birthistle and it was published it would perhaps



meet the situation. In advancing that suggestion he was not making any accusation against Mr. Birthistle but when a complaint was received by the Council the parties complaining should be considered.

Mr. Corish said that he also found Mr. Birthistle very reasonable. He did not like the language in which the letter was written and certainly would not countenance such a communication. He also suggested that Mr. Birthistle give an explanation in reply to the letter.

Mr. Bowe - On a couple of occasions deputations came here and Mr. Birthistle met them face to face and wiped the floor with them.

Mr. Walsh said the Council would be setting a bad precedent if they take notice of letters couched in such terms.

Miss O'Ryan - There should be some finality. We asked Mr. Birthistle the last meeting for an explanation and the Council unanimously accepted it. If there were a fresh grievance we would investigate it.

Mr. Birthistle - Assistant Surveyor, said Doyle had only a Jennet and could not bring half a load on his cart. He refused a job on the road at 24/- a week although he registered at the Labour Exchange as a Carter and labourer. He (Mr. Birthistle) sent for Jackman but he did not turn up. James Murphy, Milltown, Tagcoat, a very good haulier would not go so far away from his home and yet he was one of the Signatories to the complaint. John Power who did a considerable amount of haulage was sent for but he did not turn up. Tobin was generally employed in drawing coal from vessels at the Pier and if he had any of this work he would probably leave the Co. Council job for it as it would pay him better. These men would not work or wanted to work on their own terms.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That the explanation made



"by Mr. Birthistle as regards employment of carters, and generally in regard to the manner in which he carried out Minor Relief Work in Kilrane District be considered satisfactory."

#### ILLNESS OF MACHINERY OVERSEER.

Under date 28th December, 1934, the Department of Local Government & Public Health, wrote (R.RM/32) that any payment the Co. Council made to Mr. W. Murphy, Machinery Overseer, in respect of his absence on Medical Certificate would be reviewed by the Auditor in due course.

#### BINDING MINUTES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That quotation from Messrs. John English & Co., Quay, Wexford, at 17/6d. for binding County Council Minutes for year 1934 be accepted."

#### CATTLE BOUNTIES

The following resolution was submitted from Co. Dublin Committee of Agriculture:-

"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."  
 "And that the total Bounties be increased from £3,000,000 to £4,500,000, that is, the equivalent of the product of the British penal tariffs."  
 "Copies to be sent to the Minister for Agriculture, all County Committees of Agriculture and all Co. Councils in An Saorstát."

Mr. Kinsella moved the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Doyle seconding, said it looked rather peculiar that when licences were given to the dealers the Government gave a bounty of 30/- and now that the licences were to be given to the producers the bounty was being reduced by 10/-. He could not understand why such an alteration was being made. He held the opinion that the producers should be entitled to as much as the dealers. He could not see any justification for the reduction.



The Chairman said he believed there was justification for the reduction. There was a certain amount of money earmarked for bounties, and the number of cattle to be exported was being increased.

Mr. Doyle - It was decided to reduce the bounties before the pact was made. Do not be hedging.

Chairman - There is no hedging; I am always blunt and straight.

Mr. Kinsella - They did away with the bounties on cattle under two years and they increased the levy on pigs. That is not a fair crack of the whip.

The Chairman asked the meeting to reject the motion.

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

FOR:- Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Doyle, Kinsella, Meyler, O'Byrne and Smyth. (7)

AGAINST:- Messrs. Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Keegan, Kelly, O'Ryan, Ronan and the Chairman. (8)

The following members were not in attendance when the poll was taken:- Messrs. Colfer, Cummins, Day, Gibbon, Lawlor, McCarthy, Quin, Michael Redmond and Walsh. (9).

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

*D. Allen*  
11th Jan Feb. 35





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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING - 11th FEBRUARY, 1935.

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 Co. Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 11th February, 1935.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman (presiding) also Messrs. J.J. Bowe, <sup>P</sup> Colfer, John Connors, R. Corish, W. Cullimore, C. Culleton, J. Cummins, M. Doyle, J. Day, Col. C.M. Gibbon, W.P. Keegan, J.P. Kelly, W. Kinsella, J. Lawlor, T. McCarthy, P. Murphy, S. O'Byrne, Miss N.O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, P. Ronan, Michael Redmond, M. Smyth, and Malachi Sweetman.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6720:13:7d was examined and signed.

#### CONFIRMATION MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 18th JANUARY, 1935:- The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 18th January, 1935, were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 18th January, 1935.

Present:- Messrs. D. Allen, (Chairman Co. Council), presiding, also Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, W.P. Keegan, J.P. Kelly, W. 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 £2,309:19:5d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

STATE OF: The following gives the state of Rate Collection to date on gross Warrant 1934/35:-

<u>Name of Rate Collector.</u>	<u>1934/35 Rate Percentage on gross Warrant.</u>
J. Curtis	54.1
E.J. Murphy	53.1
S. Gannon (No. 6)	51.8
M. Kehoe	49.3
D. Kenny	49.1
J.J. O'Reilly	48.7
J. Cummins	47.8
M. McCarthy	47.6
A. Dunne	47.4
P. Carty	47.4
J. Deegan	46.8
J. Flood	46.7
P. Nolan	45.6
S. Gannon (No. 10)	45.5
P. Doyle	45.3
W. Cummins	42.6
J.J. Sinnott	41.1
J. Quirke	39.9
M. Murphy	38.0
W. Doyle	36.7

The Collection showed an improvement of 2% on the corresponding period last year. Only two Collectors, Messrs. Curtis and E.J. Murphy lodged a sum equivalent to first moiety and arrears and were eligible for payment of poundage.

Under date 10th January, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.175942/34 Loch Garman (Fa)



that the revised poundage rates sanctioned in the Department's letters of 24th September and 9th September, 1934, represented special concessions in respect of warrant for last financial year and the Minister was not prepared to re-open the question of poundage for that year.

Under date 11th January, 1935, (No.G.175943/34 Loch Garman) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote that Poundage on the portion of the Agricultural Grant given by way of Credit Notes was not payable in any county, and the Minister was not aware of any circumstances distinguishing the position of rate collectors in Co.Wexford, from that of collectors in other counties in which relief from rates is allowed by means of credit notes. The position of rate collectors whose warrants had been substantially reduced by reason of increased agricultural Grant could be considered at the close of the current financial year, and any reasonable proposal regarding compensation in such cases would receive the Minister's favourable consideration.

Under date 17th January, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.3692/35 Loch Garman)(Fa) that payment of interim poundage fees would not be sanctioned to any collector who had not lodged an amount equivalent to first moiety and arrears of his warrant. Collectors should be warned that the rate of poundage which would be sanctioned would be conditional on the date by which such lodgment was made.

It was decided that copy of this letter be furnished Rate Collectors for their information.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.O'Byrne, seconded by Mr.Kelly:- "That our Chairman be requested to approach the Local Government Department with a view to putting before them the recommendations of the Council that Rate Collectors be paid poundage fees on their lodgments to the 31st December, 1934, as a number of these officials



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"have no other means of livelihood and could not possibly carry on unless an interim payment in respect of Poundage fees was made to them"

ARREARS OF RATE:- The Chairman said it was impossible for him <sup>not</sup> to regard the position of outstanding arrears as unsatisfactory. A sum of £4,138 only had been collected out of £17,000 outstanding and the financial year would close in three months. He then examined in each individual case the amount of arrears outstanding and the amount which had been collected to date and pointed out that in several instances, particularly those in which a large amount of arrears was outstanding, a sum less than 25% had been obtained.

INTERVIEW WITH COLLECTORS:- The following Collectors who had less than 17% of arrears collected at the last Finance Committee meeting attended the present meeting on summons:-  
Collectors W. Doyle (No.2 District); Art Dunne (No.15)  
Sean Gannon (Nos. 6 & 10); M. Murphy (No.12) and P.Nolan (No.5)

Mr. Doyle, Collector, submitted a list setting out the steps he had taken in a number of cases. He explained to the meeting that he had served all ratepayers concerned with Six Day Notices and handed them to his Solicitor for collection. Other Ratepayers had asked for time to pay and he would also hand these cases, if outstanding at the end of January, to his Solicitor.

Miss O'Ryan pointed out there were some very large amounts outstanding in Mr.Doyle's district.

The latter said he had no hope of collecting all the arrears and the same applied to a number of cases regarding current rate. He would proceed in all cases in which he had served Six Day Notices and in which he had any hope of collecting the money.

Mr.Art Dunne, Collector, stated he had obtained decrees in a number of cases for arrears of rates, three others had



been adjourned, and four lodged with the sheriff. With the exception of completely derelict farms and a couple of cases of extreme poverty, all others were in the hands of his Solicitor for collection.

Mr. Gannon, Rate Collector, submitted particulars of the action taken by him as regards a number of cases of arrears. He also referred to farm at Brookhill, Ballyhogue, on which there were arrears of £150. He submitted letter from Messrs. Sinnott & Co. Solicitors, Enniscorthy, stating if the County Council gave an undertaking that the stock of persons taking these lands were not seized for arrears of rates, they would on their part, give an undertaking that the money received from the letting would not be used for any purpose other than the payment of outgoings due in respect of lands. The estate was being administered in the High Court which had given Messrs. Sinnott & Co., the permission required. The Court had stipulated that provision was to be made as far as possible for the payment of a sum of 5/- a week to Mrs. Mernagh, widow of the deceased, so long as she caretakes the house on the lands.

Miss O'Ryan said if Messrs. Sinnott & Co., would let the place for tillage the Co. Council would consider their offer. As they would probably never get the full amount of rates this was a splendid place for the Land Commission to take up and divide.

After further discussion it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Rate Collector.

Mr. Matthew Murphy, Rate Collector, submitted abstract with particulars of cases in which he had taken legal action. As in the case of the four other Collectors he did not submit particulars in respect of the entire amount of arrears outstanding.

Mr. Nolan, Rate Collector, submitted a lengthy statement without list. He had obtained decrees for the sum of £755 odd, of which £385 was in the hands of the sheriff for collection. He had obtained Examination Orders in four cases, the amount involved being £124 odd. Relative to the amounts for which he had



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obtained no decrees he was sure that by the end of the financial year he would have cleared up all the small amounts, a year's rate or so, at least. In other cases it was not easy to know what to do. There were three places especially, Sinnots, Bunarge, Byrnes, Maytown, and Boggans of Milltown, in which there was nearly £100 due. There was no stock on the lands except an old cow or so, which if seized and sold would not meet the costs. In respect of ~~three~~ of the Examination Orders it was hopeless to expect ~~any~~ payment of even the costs in two cases. He would get decrees against all defaulters in a very short time. At present he was giving them a chance to pay, as most of them claimed they had not got any "Beet" money, and when it came to hand they would clear off the rates. He wished to know if rent had first preference over rates as Rate Collectors were very much affected in some cases where Auctioneers set lands and applied practically all the money of the letting for rent.

The Chairman mentioned that Mr. Nolan's difficulties would be avoided if he seized on his own warrant.

Mr. Gannon said this was not possible as the stock seized could not be sold as there would be no buyers.

The Chairman pointed out that the Council had already decided that before the end of the financial year, collectors, if they wished to retain their positions should be able to give satisfactory explanations as to what steps had been taken in reference to the collection of arrears and why each individual item was not collected. The information furnished by the five collectors who had appeared dealt only with the action taken by them and the amount of decrees in Solicitor's hands in certain cases but the Finance Committee would like to have a list of the names of all ratepayers who were in arrear and against whom no steps had been taken. Active steps should be taken to collect outstanding amounts except against those who were in great poverty, and he (Chairman) felt that the Collectors who put arrears of rates for collection into the sheriff's hands in one



case and ignored others in which the same action might have been taken would get themselves into serious trouble.

Mr. Gannon, Rate Collector, said that the Collectors had done all that was humanly possible to get in the rates but they had been shabbily treated by the Council. They did not exonerate the Council because the Collectors had not been paid their Poundage.

The Chairman said he would not take such a statement made on behalf of the Collectors. The Finance Committee would not accept any dictation as to what should be done in regard to the Rate Collection. The Council were elected to keep the public services in an efficient manner and this could not be done unless the rates were collected. He asked Mr. Gannon how the Council had treated them shabbily.

Mr. Gannon said the Council had passed very drastic resolutions and orders and this did not take place during the life of the old Council.

The Chairman said that remark proved conclusively how the very large amount of arrears of rate had accumulated. Some Collectors did not seem to realise that they were responsible for the collection of the rates, and if they were not satisfied with having to perform their duties they always had a way out. He (Chairman) had gone a half dozen times to the Department of Local Government endeavouring to obtain sanction of the Minister to the payment of as much poundage as possible to the Collectors.

Miss O'Ryan pointed out that for the last financial year they had been saddled with an amount of arrears considerably in advance of any in existence in any previous year. They came in as a new Council and promised that the public services would be maintained. They intended to do that and if the Rate Collectors were not satisfied to carry out their duties, their places would be taken by others who would have a full sense of their responsibilities.



The Chairman said that last year there was a period of from three to four months when the rate collectors took no steps whatever to collect the rates; in fact they did nothing. If Mr. Gannon voiced the attitude which the Rate Collectors would take, it seemed they would collect rates when they liked and as they liked and this would not be tolerated.

In the course of further discussion it was decided that in the case of the letting of lands the Land Commission should be informed that the County Council would expect to receive 50% of the amount realised by any letting.

It was also decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by the Chairman "That list of ratepayers owing three years rates and who hold farms <sup>of a Poor Law valuation of £30</sup> ~~valued at £30~~ and over be prepared and furnished to the Land Commission with a recommendation that if annuities in these cases are also in arrear for two or three years the Land Commission should consider the advisability of taking over these farms and handing them over to persons who are prepared to work them."

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Corish it was decided "That Rate Collectors be informed that according to the decision of the Co. Council they must have all arrears and current rate cleared by the 31st March next or furnish satisfactory explanation as regards each individual amount remaining uncollected."

A GOREY RATING:- Under date 16th January, 1935, letter was read from Messrs. M.J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, New Road, Gorey, stating that Mr. P.J. Redmond had asked them to ascertain if there was any possibility of his obtaining a reduction in the amount claimed for arrears of rate, on the premises, 25 Main Street, Gorey, which had been sold.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Colfer it was decided to refer the communication to Mr. Art Dunne, Rate Collector, for his observations.



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### AGRICULTURAL GRANT

Under date 17th January, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circ. 8/35) pointing out that no further instalments of the Agricultural Grant could be made until the beginning of March. The Minister understood that a considerable sum in respect of Annuities was still outstanding and unless there was prompt payment in this regard, it was possible the entire balance of the share of the County in the Grant for the present year would become attached to the fund to meet arrears. It was again suggested that the County Council should make it known through the Press that it was essential for the maintenance of the Co. Services that the Annuities be paid to the Irish Land Commission before the end of the present month as any failure to meet the amount due by that date would entail a deduction from the grant payable to the Council.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kelly it was decided:- "That advertisement be issued in the three local papers setting out the substance of the circular letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health asking land holders to meet their annuities, as otherwise the County Services will be liable to suffer."

### ARTERIAL DRAINAGE SCHEME

It was decided that questionnaire as to chargeability of drainage schemes submitted by the General Council of County Councils be referred to next meeting of Co. Council.

On the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Miss O'Ryan it was decided to call the attention of the Rate Collectors concerned in collection of drainage rates for Sow and Kilmanock drainage areas to the fact that steps should be taken by them to secure payment of those rates, as at present their collection appeared to be in abeyance. Also to recommend the Council to ask the proposed local Committee for Kilmanock to help the Co. Council in securing prompt



"payment of drainage rate for their area."

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 17th January, 1935, (Circ. No. 7) the Local Government Department wrote that the new general order fixing at 5½% per annum, the rate of Interest to be charged by local bodies on advances made to them from the Local Loans Fund after 1st October, 1934, would not apply to advances which had been made subsequent to the 25th July, 1932, and prior to the 1st October last and for which the rate of Interest at 6% would still continue.

The Secretary stated that this referred to the first loan of £10,000 borrowed by the Council under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. The Council had on a couple of occasions asked the Department to allow the reduced rate of Interest fixed recently, to apply to the old loan, but this appeared to be now definitely out of the question.

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT:- Wm. Doolan, Railway Cottages, Enniscorthy wrote stating he appealed against the ruling of the Council excluding Urban dwellers from the benefit of the Small Dwellings Acts. He had purchased a plot in the rural area for which he paid £50 and had secured sanction for a State Grant of £45. Besides payment of £50 for plot he incurred further expenses of £8 and he considered under the circumstances the Council should accept his explanation.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That Wm. Doolan, Railway Cottage, Enniscorthy, be informed that the Co. Council never gave any guarantee that loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts would be available for people who reside in Urban Districts. The Urban District Council of Enniscorthy can adopt these Acts if they so desire and in the circumstances we suggest that Mr. Doolan should make his application to that body."



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The Secretary stated that the amount of the allocation for Enniscorthy District which had been decided on for January, 1935, was £625 and as the Committee had already allocated £720 for houses already in course of erection, no steps could be taken at present to deal with the 34 applicants in hand for this district.

GOREY DISTRICT:- Seventeen applications were received from this district.

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

"That loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be granted to the following:-

Thomas Dwyer, Mt. St. Benedict, Gorey.....	£200.
James Fitzsimons, Seamount, Riverchapel, Gorey.....	£100
John O'Connell, Coolateggart, Gorey.....	£100
Jas. J. Stafford & Margaret Stafford, 13, St. Michael's Place, Gorey.....	£225
Total.....	<u>£625.</u>

NEW ROSS DISTRICT:- On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by the Chairman it was decided to grant loan under the Small Dwellings Acts to Joseph Stafford, Boley, Ballycullane, Loan £200.

WEXFORD DISTRICT:- The following applications were submitted:-

Robert Cleary, Churchtown, Carne.....	£155
Robert J. Codd, Ferrycarrig, Wexford.....	£200
John Moran, Bulgan, Glynn.....	£170
John Loughlin, Ballykelsh, Tagoat.....	£180

The last named described himself as a labourer.

On the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Colfer, it was decided that applications of Messrs. Cleary, Codd and Moran be accepted, the latter on condition that he pays his outstanding rates, and John Loughlin to be informed that he should apply for a labourer's cottage under the Co. Health Board.

In connection with the old loan, an application for advance of £200 was received from Gerald Meagher, 8, St. Ibar's Terrace, Wexford.



The Secretary stated that John Hackett of Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge, who had applied for loan of £175 under the old scheme had dropped his application, and Mrs. Casey, Ballinamona, Foulkamills, wrote she had decided not to take up the balance of her loan, viz. £25. It was important that any money under the old loan should be allocated as soon as possible.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by the Chairman:- "That loan of £200 be advanced to Gerald Meagher, 8, St. Ibar's Terrace, Wexford, under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, in respect of house to be erected at Townparks, (Wexford Rural Electoral Division)."

In connection with loan of James Doyle, St. Michael's Place, Gorey, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That James Doyle, Gorey, be informed that the balance of his loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts will be cancelled, if he does not finish his house at once. That Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, be requested to convey this information to Mr. Doyle."

#### PRINTING RATE BOOKS

In connection with the statement of Mr. Corish at last meeting that Messrs. Redmond Bros., Printers, did not employ Trade Union Labour, Mr. Kelly stated as desired by the Council, he had made enquiries into the matter and ascertained that Mr. Redmond employed one man, who was a member of a Trade Union.

#### ROAD AT POLLMOUNTY BRIDGE

The Co. Surveyor reported that a further collapse had occurred at this bridge and for the safety of the public he had arranged with Mr. Punch, Co. Surveyor for Carlow County (as the bridge was on the borders of Wexford and Carlow) to close the road at the bridge. The last meeting of the Co. Council had given authority to the Finance Committee to deal with this matter. He (Co. Surveyor) suggested the road should be closed at



once until the 4th February, 1935, the alternative routes being via Curraun and Ballywilliam or via the Rower and Mountgarrett Bridge.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kinsella, the suggestions of the Co. Surveyor in the matter were approved.

#### OFFICE ACCOMMODATION CO. REGISTRAR.

At the meeting of the Co. Council on 14th January, 1935, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Councillors for the Wexford District with the County Surveyor decide after consideration of Counsel's opinion if Co. Registrar is entitled to extra offices and if so what offices should be given him, the matter to be considered after meeting of Finance Committee on Friday, 18th January, 1935, after transaction of the ordinary business."

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, having submitted Counsel's opinion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the Co. Solicitor be instructed to communicate with the Co. Registrar as regards his demand for office accommodation, and submit to him precis of Counsel's opinion in the matter."

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Notification was received from the Inspector, N.S.P.C.C., that he intended to apply at the District Court, Wexford, on 23rd January, 1935, under Section 58 (1)(B) Childrens Act 1908 for the committal of Robert Connolly, no fixed abode to Industrial School, at Clonmel, and Josephine Connolly, his sister, no fixed abode, to St. Michael's Industrial School, Wexford. Both children were illegitimate. Their mother recently married James MacLoughlin an itinerant pedler, who had no home or fixed place of abode and was at present living with a married son at Ballybrennan, Bree.



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FORFEITURES & DISQUALIFICATIONS  
ON CERTAIN CONVICATIONS BY THE  
CONSTITUTION (SPECIAL POWERS) TRIBUNAL.

Under date 14th January, 1935, the Department of Agriculture (G.82/35) wrote that under Section 31 of Article 2A of the Constitution, an officer or employee paid out of money raised by local taxation, or a paid member of a Board or Body established by or under an Act of the Oireachtas and who was convicted by the Constitution (Special Powers) Tribunal of any offence mentioned in appendix of Article 2A, forfeits his office or employment, or if retired with superannuation, his pension or superannuation allowance ceases to be payable. The period of disqualification was seven years.

ADMINISTRATION WEIGHTS & MEASURES ACTS  
NEW ROSS

It was decided to request the Co. Surveyor to furnish report as to Inspector of Weights & Measures in New Ross, carrying out his duties in New Ross Courthouse, the same as the Inspectors for Gorey and Enniscorthy Districts, who carried out their duties in the Courthouses of these towns.

OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE OFFICER

The Chairman said that an application had been made to the Health Board by the Assistance Officer in Enniscorthy, for an office. He (Chairman) had enquiries made and from the information he had obtained this official could be accommodated in the Courthouse, Enniscorthy. Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, had an office on the ground floor and if he removed upstairs, it would leave his present office available for the Assistance Officer in Enniscorthy. He proposed a resolution on these lines which was seconded by Miss O'Ryan and adopted.



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 18th January, 1935, be received and considered."

ARREARS OF RATE - INTERVIEW WITH COLLECTORS:- Mr. Doyle proposed and Mr. Kinsella seconded the following:- "That the Co. Council dissents from recommendation of the Finance Committee as regards furnishing the Land Commission with the names of ratepayers who are in arrear for two or three years in the payment of their annuities."

Mr. Kinsella said that he was of opinion the Finance Committee had not made any recommendation as to defaulting annuitants.

The Secretary challenged Mr. Kinsella's allegation that the Minutes had been "faked" or "cooked" to suit a particular party in the Council.

Miss O'Ryan pointed out that the resolution as appearing on the Minutes was correct and it had been proposed by her for several reasons, the principal being, that the good ratepayers were paying for defaulters and that it was evident people who owed several years' annuities and rates were incapable of working their farms which should be taken over by the Land Commission and handed to persons who would manage them properly. The Council were losing by those people on both hands, viz. in rates and in the stoppage of the State Grants.

A poll was taken on Mr. Doyle's motion with the following result:-

FOR:- Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Cummins, Day, Doyle, Gibbon, Kinsella, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Smyth. (11)

AGAINST:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Cullimore, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, O'Ryan, M. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman. (11)

Messrs. Murphy and Culleton (2) were absent for the division.

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



The recommendation of the Finance Committee in the matter was then passed without dissent.

OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE OFFICER:- Under date 8th February, 1935, the Secretary, Co. Board of Health, wrote that he had received letter from the Assistance Officer, Enniscorthy area, that the accommodation in the Courthouse, Enniscorthy, would be entirely unsuitable for him. In the circumstances he suggested that further action in the matter should be deferred until after the meeting of the Health Board on 18th January, 1935.

It was decided to fall in with the suggestion of the Secretary of the Board of Health.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Miss Kelly:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 18th January, 1935, be and are hereby confirmed."

MEETING 1st FEBRUARY, 1935:- The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 1st February, 1935, were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in Co. Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 1st February, 1935.

Present:- Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Chair was taken by Miss O'Ryan on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kinsella.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

After the signing of the Minutes Mr. Allen, Chairman Co. Council, attended and presided for the rest of the meeting.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2685:11:1d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF:- The following gives the percentage of Gross warrant collected to date:-

<u>Collector's Name.</u>	<u>Percentage Gross Warrant.</u>
S. Gannon (No. 6)	55.1
E.J. Murphy	54.8
J. Curtis	54.5
M. Kehoe	52.4
J.J. O'Reilly	51.0
J. Cummins	50.2
A. Dunne	50.0
D. Kenny	49.5
J. Deegan	49.4
M. McCarthy	49.0
S. Gannon (No. 10)	48.4
P. Carty	48.2
J. Flood	47.7
P. Nolan	46.0
P. Doyle	45.8
W. Cummins	45.4
J.J. Sinnott	42.5
M. Murphy	40.4
J. Quirke	40.3
W. Doyle	37.8
	<u>Average.... 47.5</u>

The following is the amount of arrears collected to date:-

J. Quirke £451:15:4d (21.2 per cent)  
 J.J. Sinnott £422:17:10d (31.8)  
 A. Dunne £401:18:10d (26.9)  
 J. Deegan £350: 3:11d (52.7)



P. Doyle	£329:12: 0	(33.0)
W. Cummins	£316:14: 1	(24.5)
J. Cummins	£279:12: 5	(28.4)
J. Flood	£277:15:11	(42.9)
M. McCarthy	£245:17: 8	(30.7)
W. Doyle	£229: 3: 2	(13.4)
P. Nolan	£187: 1: 7	(14.3)
M. Murphy	£181:11: 7	(20.9)
P. Carty	£174: 8: 2	(35.0)
J.J. O'Reilly	£135: 3: 0	(32.6)
S. Gannon		
(No.10)	£113:13:11	(17.2)
J.M. Curtis	£ 98: 8: 4	(25.3)
D. Kenny	£ 96:16:10	(25.6)
S. Gannon		
(No. 6)	£ 84:13: 5	(12.5)
M. Kehoe	£ 73:16:11	(20.8)
E.J. Murphy	£ 43:14:11	(22.0)

The amounts of arrears collected during the previous week by three of the collectors who had been before the last meeting of the Committee were:- Wm. Doyle £3:2:8d; P. Nolan £6:2:10d and S. Gannon £11:10:9d for No.6 district and £28:0:3d for No.10.

It was decided that these three collectors be notified that the Finance Committee are not satisfied with the progress they are making in the collection of the arrears.

The Secretary in reply to query said that £300 of arrears had been collected since last meeting of the Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr.Colfer:- "As this Committee is aware that beet payments and subsidy for wheat crop are being issued, Collectors should call at once on persons who receive these payments and who have held over the payment of their rates in anticipation of receipt of these sums."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That Rate Collectors be again notified that they must close their warrants by 31st March next or be prepared to make a satisfactory explanation to this Committee to account for the non payment of each item outstanding."

POUNDAGE:- The Chairman explained that as a result of his interview with the officials of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, the poundage fees to Collectors on



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their lodgments to 31st January, 1935, on the following basis would be approved:- "Full Poundage in all cases in which Collectors have by 31st January, 1935, lodged a sum equivalent to the first moiety of the current year's rate along with a sum equivalent to the amount of the arrears carried forward to 1934/35 in respect of the 1933/34 assessment."

On the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Byrne it was decided "That Minister's sanction to the payment of Poundage Fees on the above-mentioned basis be applied for."

It was also decided that lodgments in all Branches of the National Bank on 31st January, 1935, be credited to Collectors and that Collectors be given credit for Credit Notes on hands on 31st January, 1935.

#### INSURANCES

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kinsella that the Co. Surveyor issue advertisements for quotations for Co. Council Insurances under Workmens Compensation Act etc.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Notification from District Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Enniscorthy, that he would make application for the committal of Kathleen Lambkin, Old Church, Enniscorthy, to St. Michael's Industrial School, Wexford, under the Children Act at Enniscorthy Court, was referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor.

#### FOOD & DRUGS ACTS ADMINISTRATION

Under date 25th January, 1935, letter was read from Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Wexford, recommending the following as additional Ex-officio Inspectors under the above Acts:- Garda Henry Begley 5311 (Duncormack) Garda Jas. Martin (5536) (Ballycullane) Garda Timothy McCarthy (5571) (Blackwater) to be appointed for the administrative County of Wexford. These three would require to be supplied with standard Kit bags. The Superintendent stated he would arrange with the existing



Inspectors for transfer of a sufficient supply of the remaining articles to enable them carry on until the next requisitions were being furnished.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That we recommend the Co.Council to appoint Gardai Henry Begley, 5311, Duncormack; James Martin, 5336, Ballycullane, and Timothy McCarthy, 5571, Blackwater, as extra Ex-officio Inspectors under Food and Drugs Acts and that they be each supplied with standard Kit bags to enable them to carry out their duties."

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

It was decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Corish that allocations for February for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be made at Finance Committee Meeting of 15th February, 1935, and that, in the meantime, the names and addresses of Applicants be furnished to the Members of the Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kinsella seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to reconsider his decision refusing to allow to the Assistant Secretary of the Co.Council a payment of 7/6d per £100 to cover extra work respecting loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

#### SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1935

The Committee considered that the Co.Council should not accept applications from the following in connection with award of Scholarships under above Scheme as in the opinion of the Committee the parents were in a position to afford a secondary education for their children without assistance from the Rates:-

- (1) John Gahan, Killagoley, Enniscorthy.
- (2) John Murphy, Haggard, Ramsgrange.



### CARETAKING LIBRARY PREMISES

Under date 29th January, 1935, Miss Connolly, Co. Librarian, wrote that the Library Committee had agreed, subject to sanction of the Co. Council, to a payment of 2/6d per week for extra work performed by the Caretaker of the premises.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That we recommend the County Council to agree to the proposal of the Co. Library Committee to pay 2/6d per week to Caretaker of Co. Hall premises for extra work performed by him for this Committee."

### LOCAL TAXATION OFFICE.

Under date 26th January, 1935, letter was read from Local Taxation Officer that owing to the recent burglary in Local Taxation Office the work had been disorganised and the clerical work in respect of issue of Licences for Motor Taxation greatly hampered. It would be impossible to keep the work up to date within the time granted for the employment of the two temporary clerks whose engagement would terminate on 29th January, 1935. He asked that they be employed for a further week in order to bring the work up to date.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the engagement of two temporary clerks in Local Taxation Office be extended to 12 noon on 2nd February, 1935, amount of additional remuneration not to exceed £2:10s."

### WEIGHTS & MEASURES ACT & NEW ROSS COURTHOUSE

The following report was submitted by Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, under date 31st January, 1935:-

"I had an interview with Sergt. Connor, Inspector of Weights and Measures about accommodation in the New Ross Courthouse.

"He believes he could not carry on his work properly in the body of the Court, and there is no other room available. I understand from him that the room he already uses can be got at a reduced rent."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the



Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That the Inspector under Weights and Measures Act be informed the Finance Committee can see no reason to prevent him carrying out his duties in the body of New Ross Courthouse."

#### STANDING ORDERS

It was decided that the Secretary should make a draft of new Standing Orders for the Council and submit draft to the Chairman for his consideration.

#### DRAWING OF MATERIAL

Mr. M. Browne, Quay, Wexford, came before the meeting and stated that he had contracted to haul 450 yards of debris remaining over from reconstruction of Co. Hall premises but found there was 700 cubic yards.

The Co. Surveyor said that even allowing for an outside/<sup>figure</sup>the total amount of material was 550 yards of which 40 yards went to make a roadway. Some clean stone in the debris had been disposed of by Mr. Browne without authority for a foundation for a building on the Redmond Road.

Mr. Browne said this had been done by his son and without his consent.

The Co. Surveyor said he had received four tenders. Mr. Browne had been shown the heap of stuff to be removed and should have satisfied himself of the amount. He (Co. Surveyor) when he knew that the amount exceeded 450 yards was prepared to pay something more but when he found the stone in the debris had been disposed of for building purposes he took no further action. He was satisfied that there was 550 cubic yards in the heap. Browne had tendered at £42:10s. and the estimate was £50.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Keegan that Mr. Browne be paid £7:10s. in addition to his contract to cover the cost of the additional haulage from Co. Hall.



THE BANKING COMMISSION

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That the Secretary of the County Councils' General Council, be requested to arrange with his Chairman for the convening at the earliest date possible, of a special meeting of that Body or of its Executive Committee for the purpose of considering the question of tendering evidence to the Banking Commission, now sitting, as to the finances of Co. Councils and Subsidiary Bodies."



On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 1st February, 1935, be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION:- The Chairman said that ratepayers and Collectors should realise that with the large amount of arrears of rate outstanding, over £12,000, and 52% of the present warrant outstanding, it was necessary that the Collectors should, between this and the 31st March next, make a special drive to get in all the money they possibly could; otherwise the financial position of the Council would be very serious and the Council would be looking for an increased overdraft which might not be forthcoming.

BEET PAYMENTS ETC.:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Cummins:- "That as a very large number of ratepayers in Wexford County are waiting for sugar beet and wheat bounty payments we request the Department of Agriculture to expedite these payments."

FOOD & DRUGS ADMINISTRATION:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the recommendation of the Finance Committee at meeting held on 1st February, 1935, as to appointment of additional Ex-officio Inspectors under Food & Drugs Acts be approved and that the following be appointed as Ex-officio Inspectors for the Administrative area of the County Wexford, viz:-

Garda Timothy McCarthy,	(5571)	Blackwater.
Garda Henry Begley	(5311)	Duncormack
Garda James Martin	(5536)	Ballycullane.

and that as also recommended by the Finance Committee these Inspectors be supplied with standard Kit Bags."

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That we dissent from the recommendation of the Finance Committee that in their opinion the parents of John Gahan, Killagoley, Enniscorthy, and John Murphy, Haggard, Ramsgrange, are in a position to afford Secondary education to their children."



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 1st February, 1935, be and are hereby confirmed except in so far as same have not been adopted by a resolution of the County Council."

#### ESTIMATES OF RATES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Ml. Redmond:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to extend the period for dealing with Estimates of Rates of Wexford Co. Council for financial year 1935/36 to the 11th March, 1935, date of next monthly meeting of the Co. Council."

Under date 17th January, 1935, letter (P.177521-34 Fa) was read from Department of Local Government & Public Health forwarding copy of letter to Co. Board of Health enabling the Board to adopt their annual Estimate and Demand on the Co. Council at their meeting on 21st January, 1935.

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR MEETING OF COMMITTEE.

The following report was presented by the Co. Surveyor:-

"The Committee appointed by the Co. Council met at Courtown at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, 15th January, 1935. There were present:- Mr. Allen, Chairman, Co. Council, Col. Quin, Messrs. Keegan, O'Byrne and Smith, M.C.C.'s, and also the Co. Surveyor, Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, and the Harbour Master.

"The Co. Surveyor submitted copy of map on agreement between the old Harbour Commissioners, and the Co. Council defining the boundaries of the Harbour premises, and these were noted and verified on the spot. It appears that the Co. Council owns all the plot to the South of the entrance channel as far as a line parallel to the South Pier, and about 235 yards distant from the Pier, with exception of the roadway etc., to the South West which is reserved by the Earl of Courtown. On this reserved part is situate the Harbour Master's House, and Store, which are held from Lord Courtown under Lease dated 19th day of January, 1906, for a term of 31 years from the 1st day of March, 1905; subject to the yearly rent of £4. The condition of the house is bad and the Committee recommends that on the termination of the Lease the premises should be surrendered, and that, in the meanwhile, no money should be expended than is necessary to keep the premises in reasonable repair. A thorough overhaul and repair is estimated by the Co. Surveyor at £100, while probably £15 will serve to carry on till the termination of Lease.



"The angular plot between the Riverchapel Road and Stream is on the Council's premises, and at the corner of this is situate the weighbridge house which should be removed. It is recommended that on this plot there should be built a new dwelling house for the Harbour Master with necessary general Store, Committee Room and Weighbridge House, and that no building should be allowed on the corner which would obstruct the view. The County Surveyor estimates the cost of this building at £400.

"Regarding the plot to South of Pier it is recommended that this be cleaned up and levelled off. Adjoining the reserved roadway there should be constructed a proper dump for rubbish, bottles etc., and the Public should be prohibited dumping elsewhere. There should also be set off a suitable area parallel to the Pier as a dump for sand and gravel and indiscriminate dumping of such materials should be prevented. The expenditure on this work not to exceed £60. On the square near the footbridge there is a small structure or hut which appears to be on the Council's premises; also a strip of garden on right bank of river, and above the footbridge is on the Council's premises. A rental may be paid for these to the Courtown Estate, and it is recommended that the County Solicitor inquire into the matter."

Mr. Keegan proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution:- "That report of Courtown Harbour Committee be received and adopted."

It was pointed out by Mr. Keegan that there appeared to be a right of way at the back of the plot on which it was proposed to erect new house for the Harbour Master.

The Co. Surveyor said there was, apparently, at the place referred to by Mr. Keegan, a "short cut" made by people, but Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, would be able to say whether or no it was a right of way. If the Council closed the right of way it meant cutting off only ten yards or even less. He (Co. Surveyor) believed that if a right of way equally convenient was substituted people would not be able to sustain a legal grievance.

The resolution was adopted and it was also decided that Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, look into the question of the right of way.



DREDGING COURTTOWN HARBOUR BASIN

The following under date 7th February, 1935, was read from Mr. Murphy, Harbour Master, Courtown, on behalf of Courtown Harbour Committee:-

"We again wish to draw the attention of your Council to the great necessity of completing the dredging of the basin here. At present despite the good work done by the Steam Crane in clearing the harbour mouth and entrance channel, the harbour is still unavailable for shipping. Many of your Members, including the Co. Surveyor, are aware that a Welsh firm of contractors are prepared to ship large quantities of gravel and sand from here, as soon as it is possible to bring a ship in.

"Also Earl Fitzwilliam is ready at the first opportunity to start exporting slate dust and importing coal. Many other coal merchants have signified their intention of trading through this harbour. All this development is being held up through the lack of water for berthage in the basin. We would like to point out for the Council's information, that the Board of Works dredger is at present lying idle in Arklow Harbour and urge on them the importance of securing the dredger while it is so near here."

The Co. Surveyor said that it had been decided to wait until April or May to secure the dredger as it was considered that taking the craft any sooner might interfere with the fishing.

Mr. Keegan said that the herring fishing had finished and the flat fishing season would not open until May.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by the Chairman:- "That as the dredger of the Commissioners of Public Works is now lying at Arklow we direct the Co. Surveyor to make application at once for her services to complete the dredging of Courtown Harbour Basin. As the present time is between the herring and flat fishing season the work of dredging, if begun immediately, will, in no way, interfere with the fishing industry."

ANCIENT MONUMENTS COMMITTEE

The following Minutes of meeting of Ancient Monuments Committee held on 16th January, 1935, were received and confirmed on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Keegan:-



ANCIENT MONUMENTS COMMITTEE

A meeting of above Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 16th January, 1935.

Present:- Rev. T. O'Byrne, P.P., presiding, and Mr. E.R. Orpen.

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

Very Rev. Canon Cloney, P.P., Templetown, wired regretting his inability to attend.

Miss Browne wrote she could not attend as she had to be present in the Senate. She considered the other Members of the Committee should complete the survey of the maps.

Mr. Seumas Doyle apologising for his absence asked the Committee to consider the preservation of one trench which is on Sliabh Buidhe. There was a possible danger that this might be interfered with in the course of planting operations now being carried out.

It was decided to ask the Co.Council to communicate in the matter with the Department of Forestry.

It was pointed out that the Church of Clonmines was in a bad state. An Ash tree was growing through the roof and this if allowed to remain would split the structure. It was the only building of the kind extant in Ireland and was absolutely unique. If the Office of Public Works are unable to schedule this as a National Monument the Committee suggest they should employ some of the funds voted for relief purposes for this and similar works.

The Committee are of opinion that in view of Clonmines Church being the only one of its kind in the country the Minister for Finance should see his way to regard this as a National Monument coming within the purview of section 8 (1) of the National Monuments Act 1930.

If this application be unsuccessful we recommend the Co.Council to endeavour to take over the structure as a



National Monument under Section 5 (1) (b) of this Statute.

The Committee expressed their appreciation of the work carried out at Dunbrody Abbey by the Office of Public Works.

The Committee suggested that the Co. Council should secure a report as to the little Church at Nook, Fethard, once the property of the Monks of Dunbrody Abbey. Trees were growing in the middle of it and the cost of repair would be small.

References to the following were received from

Rev. P. Murphy, Superior of the Mission House, Enniscorthy:-

(1) Building on Vinegar Hill needs repairs on wall and erection of an iron gate and a suggestion to Co. Council to repair the lane leading to the Hill.

(2) Church of Bannow needs repairs to arch which is in danger of falling.

(3) The window in old Church at Tomhaggard in danger of falling.

(4) Foundations of Danes Castle need support on account of stones taken from the foundation to build labourers' cottages.

It was decided to refer these to the Co. Council and request them to secure reports for the information of Ancient Monuments Committee.

The Rev. Chairman pointed out that last Summer, stones had been removed from the old Church at St. Helens.

It was decided to ask the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Wexford, if it would be possible to obtain from the Gardai, prompt reports as to any damage to ancient monuments so that action could be taken to prevent vandalism.

The Committee also make an urgent appeal to the Gaelic League branches all over the County to supply all possible information as to ancient and historical monuments in their districts and their present condition. Any steps towards this end will be greatly appreciated by the Committee.

Any action on this point by private individuals to prevent injury to ancient monuments would be also gratefully appreciated by the Committee particularly if brought to the notice of the Committee.



VACANCY ON CO.COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE

The Secretary said that, by eleven votes to four, the Co.Committee of Agriculture, recommended Mr. Laurence M.Roche, Duncormack, for membership of the Committee in place of Mr. Mullally, who had resigned, but Mr. Roche had explained to him that he really had not the time to attend the meetings.

Mr. Sweetman proposed that the matter be referred back to the Committee for another recommendation.

Mr. Keegan seconded.

Col. Quin asked if he would be in order in proposing the appointment of Mr.Wm. Thorpe,Knockroe House.

The Chairman said he would be quite in order. The County Council would make the appointment in any event.

Mr. Day seconded the proposition for the appointment of Mr. Thorpe.

Mr. Sweetman said that if they were going to make the appointment he would propose the election of Mr.Wm. Whitty, Ballintubber,Ballywilliam.

Mr. M. Redmond seconded.

Mr. Cummins said he thought it only reasonable to refer the matter to the Co.Committee.

After further discussion a poll was taken as between Mr. Whitty and Mr. Thorpe with the following result:-

FOR MR. WHITTY:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, O'Ryan, M. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman. (13)

FOR MR. THORPE:- Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Day, Doyle, Gibbon, Kinsella, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Quin and Smyth. (11)

The Chairman declared Mr. Whitty appointed.



NEW MEMBER OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Letter under date 29th January, 1935, was read from Co. Librarian that at the meeting of her Committee on the 26th January, 1935, a resolution was unanimously adopted recommending the appointment of Mr. Gerald Hurley, N.T., Lady's Island, Co. Wexford, as a member of the Committee vice Mr. J.P. Kelly, Co. Councillor, resigned. In the event of Mr. Hurley being unable to fill the vacancy, the Committee would like it filled by a nominee of the Teachers' Association.

Mr. Doyle proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the appointment of Mr. Hurley.

Mr. Kelly said that the meetings of the Committee were on Saturdays, and he could not attend on Saturdays. He proposed Mr. Myles Moore, Gurrawn Lower, Rathnure, to fill his place.

Mr. Colfer seconded.

After some discussion Mr. Kelly withdrew his motion and Mr. Hurley was elected unanimously.

Mr. Kelly - I would like to have the understanding that when a vacancy occurs in the future the Labour Party will get the vacancy.

Chairman - You should have that understanding at a Library Committee meeting.

TOWN & REGIONAL PLANNING ACT

In connection with proposed Conference re above Act correspondence was read as to the appointment of the following, <sup>4</sup>  
 Representing Wexford Corporation:- The Mayor (Mr. Corish, T.D.)  
 Ald. M. Flusk, and Mr. James Billington. New Ross Urban Council:-  
 Messrs. T. Redmond, M.C.C., J.E. Walsh, M.C.C., and A. Cullen.  
 Enniscorthy Urban Council:- Messrs. T. McCarthy, M.C.C.,  
 J.A. Rackard and Patrick Pender.

It was suggested by the Secretary that the urban representatives should meet before the appointment of Co. Council delegates and prepare recommendations for the Conference.



The Chairman proposed and Mr. Cummins seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con.:—"That the Wexford Corporation be requested to convene a meeting of Urban delegates relative to Regional and Town Planning Act with a view to drafting recommendations for the joint conference between Co. Council and Urban Council delegates. That the appointment of Co. Council delegates to Conference be considered at next meeting of the Council."

Under date 5th February, 1935, the Irish Tourist Association, O'Connell St., Dublin, C.8., wrote asking that in adopting the Town and Regional Planning Act the Council would give consideration to the following:-

1. The preservation of existing tourist amenities and their development as far as possible.
2. The preservation of monuments of historical and archaeological interest, and the maintenance of open spaces around such monuments.
3. The provision of maintenance, in an attractive manner, of parks in the vicinity of townships.
4. The removal of unsightly advertising hoardings and the demolition of old walls that shut out scenic views.

It was decided that copy of letter from the Association be furnished Wexford Corporation for the information of the Urban delegates at their forthcoming conference relative to Town and Regional Planning Act.

#### AGRICULTURAL GRANT

Under date 29th January, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (S.10935/35 Loch Garman) referring the Council in connection with their application for an instalment of Agricultural Grant to the circular letter of the Department of the 17th January, 1935, that no further issues of agricultural grant could be made until the beginning of March and then only if Land Annuities were paid.



MOUNTGARRETT BRIDGE COMMITTEEAUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

Under date 15th January, 1935, (A.175402/34) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote forwarding with attested abstracts, Auditor's Report on his Audit of the Accounts of Mountgarrett Bridge Joint Committee for the four half years ended 30th September, 1934. As the works were now completed the Committee's functions came to an end and the Account had been closed. The net cost of all works was £22366:0:3d defrayed as follows:-

Kilkenny County Council.....	£8388:0:2d
Wexford       "       "       .....	£8388:0:1d
State Contribution.....	£5590:0:0d

ANALYST'S REPORT.

Particulars of report of Co. Analyst in respect of quarter ended 31st December, 1934, were submitted. Samples of 168 foods 43 drugs, 7 waters, Total 218, were submitted for analyses. Three samples of new milk, one of buttermilk and one of separated milk were found to be adulterated. Three waters sent by the Co. Board of Health, viz. Butlerstown, Rathgarogue and Harristown were condemned.

ROAD GRANTS.

Under date 31st January, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) (S.G.M./32) forwarded £4414 instalment of Road Improvement Grant.

Under date 9th February, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) (R.G.M./32) forwarded £1652 instalment of Road Maintenance Grant.



SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL  
SCHEME, 1935, SCHOLARSHIPS.

The meeting considered the names of various applicants applying under the above Scheme for Scholarships and Bursaries. These had been supplied to the Councillors beforehand.

Miss O'Ryan proposed that applicants, the children of parents both of whom were teachers be debarred from competing for Scholarships under the Secondary & Vocational Scheme.

Mr. M. Redmond seconded.

Col. Quin and Mr. Doyle asked would Miss O'Ryan confine her resolution to children who had one of their parents only a teacher.

Mr. Corish said that teachers had to keep up a certain status and many of them had to keep motor-cars to get to and from their schools.

Miss O'Ryan said the reason why teachers were mentioned was because some of their children appeared as applicants on the list which had been furnished to the Council. Secondary education did not require a large sum and it would be incongruous to ask the ratepayers to allow a person with a couple of children and £400 a year of an income to gain the benefit of the Scholarship Scheme. She proposed that any child whose parents had a salary of £300 a year should be declared ineligible to compete for a Scholarship.

Mr. Corish held the Council were bound by the statement of means as set out in the scheme and Miss O'Ryan's motion if adopted would be ultra vires.

Miss O'Ryan said she would give notice of motion regarding people living in rural districts with an income of £300 per annum

Secretary - You may reject any of the applicants you like. That is my honest opinion. If you take my advice what you will do is consider each individual application.

On the suggestion of the Secretary, it was decided that the members representing each of the four districts should consider



the applications from their respective districts.

Following consideration of the applications the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the following candidates be deemed eligible to compete for Scholarships and Bursaries under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme:-

Gahan John, Killagoley, Enniscorthy. O'Leary John K., Ballyboro,  
Clonroche.

O'Leary Rchd., Blackwater, Enniscorthy.

McDonald Patrick, Irish Street, Buncloody.

Regan John, Davidstown, Enniscorthy.

Roche Mary Ellen, Ballygilliestown, Davidstown, Enniscorthy.

Greene Michael, Laburnum View, Bellefield, Enniscorthy.

Hanlon James J., Mary Street, Enniscorthy.

McConville Richd., Railway Station House, Enniscorthy.

Murphy Michael, 36, Wafer Street, Enniscorthy.

Tracey Matthew D., 2, Cathedral St., Enniscorthy.

Breen John, Cooleshal, Gorey.

O'Rafferty John V., Coolgreany, Inch.

Reid Michael, Tara Hill, Gorey.

Whitmore-Brennan Maureen B., "Quien Sabe", Tomsilla, Courtown.

Doran Elizabeth, 73, Main Street, Gorey.

Kelly Edward, 10, Grattan Tee., Gorey.

Carty Elizabeth, Donard, Clonroche.

Hart Kathleen A., Tinnock, Campile.

Jordan Laurence, Ballyvelig, Campile.

Murphy John, Ballysolough, Ramsgrange.

Power Kathleen, Raheenduff, Adamstown.

Wallace Simon, Coleman, Arthurstown.

Breen Margaret, Castlebridge, Wexford.

Carroll Mary A., Streamstown, Tagoat.

Collier Margt. J., Bridgetown, Wexford.

Connick Brigid E., Bridgetown, Wexford.

Cullen Patk. J., Polehore, Glynn.



Foley Thomas. Ballydoyle, Ballycogley.  
Fortune Nichols.J., Tenacre, Kilrane.  
Lyndon Sarah, Glenbough, Screen.  
Murphy Aidan, Ballinclay, Killurin.  
Murphy Brigid M., Broadway, Co. Wexford.  
O'Leary Margt. Lady's Island, Broadway.  
O'Neill Mary A., Bushville, Tagoat.  
Sheil Patrick, Rosslare Harbour.  
Brennan Thomas, Green Street, Wexford.  
Browne Richard, Lower John Street, Wexford.  
Cadogan T.D., 61, South Main Street, Wexford.  
Carty Edward, 6, Upper Bride Street, Wexford.  
Curran Maud, 16, St. Ibar's Villas, Wexford.  
Donovan Margt., 18, High Street, Wexford.  
Dwyer James K., 5, Distillery Road, Wexford.  
Kavanagh Nichols.T., Paul Quay, Wexford.  
Leeson James C., 22, Parnell Street, Wexford.  
McGrath James, 10, John Street, Wexford.  
Merriman John A.V., 48, South Main Street, Wexford.  
Molloy Richard J., 157, The Faythe, Wexford.  
Murphy Mary Kate, Pearse Street, Wexford.  
Owens Christina B., Anne Street, Wexford.  
Roberts Brigid M., Airhill Cottage, Summerhill, Wexford.  
Rutledge Edward V., Parnell Street, Wexford.  
Vaughey Margaret, 6, Peter's Terrace, Wexford.  
White Thos. P., Abbey Street, Wexford.

"And that the following be declared ineligible to compete for the reasons given:-

Overage:- Sarah A.H. Rynhart, Killoggy Castle, Ferns.  
 Kathleen M. Doyle, Churchtown, Bridgetown.  
 Kathleen T. Golden, High Street, Wexford.  
 John P. Goodison, Thomas Clark Street, Wexford.  
 Patrick Kelly, Mountpleasant, Ballycogley.

Entry received late:- (11th February, 1935)

Maurice John Breen, Fethard-on-Sea.



Under date 2nd February, 1935, Gerald W. Fenelon, Church View, Tagoat, wrote that he was taking his Scholarship at Mount St. Joseph's Christian Brothers' Schools, Wexford,

#### LOAN - VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

Under date 24th January, 1935, the Department of Education (Technical Instruction Branch) wrote (614-35):-

"Adverting to your letter of the 28th ultimo relative to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to raise a loan of £3,500 under Section 51 of the Vocational Education Act, 1930, for the purpose of enabling the Council to make a grant of that amount to the County Wexford Vocational Education Committee to be utilised towards the cost of the erection of Technical Schools in the Adamstown, Kilmuckridge and Shielbaggin districts, I have to inform you that the Minister for Finance has now intimated that, in the event of the Council raising a loan for the purpose in question with the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, he will be prepared to consent to a refund being made to the Council out of State Funds under Section 51 (6) of the Act to the maximum extent permitted by the Section, viz., fifty per cent of the actual repayment charges."

#### LAND COMMISSION & DEFAULTING ANNUITANTS.

Under date 30th January, 1935, (Corr. No. 2261-33-Co. Wexford) the Land Commission wrote that a list of defaulting annuitants was in course of preparation and when completed a copy would be sent to the Council.

#### TURF ROAD KILTEALY

Under date 25th January, 1935, letter was read from Secretary, Turf Development Board (Ltd), 10, Hume Street, Dublin, that an Engineer was visiting Kiltelaly district on 28th January 1935, to make a preliminary survey of the bogs in the Kiltelaly district to ascertain whether circumstances would warrant the formation of a Co-operative Turf Society and the development of the bogs generally. The people of the district interested in the matter had been informed of the Engineer's visit. Mr. Bowe said that the Engineer had made a most exhaustive survey of the whole area.



CAMOLIN PARK ROAD

Rev. M. Wickham, C.C., and Mr. N. Fowler, attended as a deputation in connection with the question of the reconstruction and maintenance of the Camolin Park Road.

The Secretary said this matter was before the old Council on several occasions, and they also had it before them in considering the road works scheme. The road ran through the forestry demesne of the Department of Agriculture, and a great many ratepayers in the district were anxious that a proper road should be constructed. The Board of Works said that the Council should spend £1,000 on the reconstruction and agree to future maintenance. Of the £1,000, the Board of Works were to contribute £500. The Council thought that as they were to be responsible for the future maintenance the contribution from the Board of Works should be more than £500 - that, as the maintenance was to run on for all time, something more than a fifty-fifty basis should be expected from the Board of Works - and they asked the Government to contribute £750 on consideration of the Council's contributing £250 and maintaining the road in future.

Fr. Wickham said there was no doubt if the road was taken over it would be a great boon to the people of Camolin and Ballyduff. The tenants whose lands adjoined the road had to pay rent and rates the same as everyone else and they were entitled to a proper road like everyone else. For the past twenty years the road was absolutely impassible and parts of it actually dangerous. About three and a half years ago the road was in such a wretched condition - dangerous to man and beast - that the tenants got together and spent five weeks on its repair at a cost of £90 in addition to their own labour and the contribution they received from the Department of Agriculture, who were responsible for seven-eighths of the traffic was £10. They had sent Deputations to Dublin, met Engineers and Inspectors but it all appeared to be a waste of time. The people



concerned believed their only remedy was to get the Co.Council to take over the road.

Mr. Fowler corroborated the statement of Fr. Wickham and said the people were tired approaching the Department and the only course open was for the Co.Council to take over the road.

Mr. Corish, in view of the abnormal timber traffic passing over the road, suggested that if the Council agreed to take it over it should be laid down in concrete.

The Chairman held that the Council could not as regards such a road justify the expense of laying it in concrete.

Mr. Keegan supported the proposal of the deputation that the Council should take over the road.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr.Keegan seconded the following:-  
"That provided the Land Commission contribute a sum of £650 towards the reconstruction of Camolin Park Road this Council is prepared to contribute £350 and to become liable for the future maintenance of said road."

Mr. Doyle proposed and Col. Gibbon seconded the following:  
"That the County Council stand by their offer to contribute £250 towards the reconstruction and repair of Camolin Park Road and be responsible for its future maintenance provided the Land Commission agree to contribute £750 towards the project."

Mr. Sweetman said that if they passed a resolution they were going to burn their boats. The tenants had a very strong case. The Department had been breaking up their road with timber carts, etc., and it was certainly up to them to do a lot more than they had proposed to do. He thought the Department of Agriculture should be approached before the Council did anything definite.

Chairman - You may not be aware that several deputations waited on the Department with regard to the matter.

In reply to a query the Co.Surveyor stated he believed



the road could be properly reconstructed for £1000.

The Chairman said that of course the Forestry Department were not asking the Council to do the road. It was to facilitate the people that the Council wanted to do something with it. The people of the district and the county Council initiated the matter with the Department in the first instance.

Mr. O'Byrne said they were first given to understand that the Department were going to do the road fully if the Council would agree to take the road over. The Council passed a resolution agreeing to take the road over if it were put in repair.

Secretary - You passed two resolutions asking them to give £750 and they said that not in any circumstances would they agree to give more than £500.

The Chairman pointed out to Fr. Wickham that the County Council had no more responsibility for making a road through Camolin Park than for the reconstruction of any lane in the County.

Mr. Sweetman proposed that Mr. Corish and the Chairman see the Department of Agriculture this week, point out to them that they had done all the damage and ask them what they were prepared to do.

Mr. Ronan seconded.

Miss O'Ryan said that the Council had certainly been instrumental in spending big sums of money on lanes that were probably of far less importance than the road in question, and if the Department put it into passable repair they might get a grant.

Mr. Doyle said that he did not know that the Council were responsible for a big expenditure of money. They got grants for the lanes referred to by Miss O'Ryan.

Mr. Ronan suggested that Mr. Cummins and Mr. Doyle's motions be withdrawn, and that Mr. Corish and the Chairman be allowed to see the Department of Agriculture.



Mr. Cummins said he would not withdraw. They were tired going to the Department.

The Chairman thought the Council would be well advised to agree to Mr. Sweetman's motion. To have a poll on Mr. Cummins's motion, or to have a division at all, would injure the possibilities of the deputation to the Department.

Mr. Keegan suggested that Mr. Cummins adjourn his motion, and not withdraw it, but Mr. Cummins would not agree.

Mr. Corish said he thought it would be most unfair to the Chairman and himself to change the position until they had an opportunity of discussing it with the Department, because they might say, "You have gone up £100 and why not go up another £150?"

A poll on Mr. Sweetman's motion resulted as follows:-

FOR: Messrs. Bowe, Colfer, Connors, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Day, Doyle, Gibbon, Kelly, Kinsella, Lawlor, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, M. Redmond, Ronan, Smyth, Sweetman, and the Chairman. (21).

AGAINST: Messrs. Cummins and Keegan. (2)

Col. Quin (1) was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the proposal carried.

On being put as the substantive motion it was adopted without dissent.

#### ARTERIAL DRAINAGE SCHEMES

The following questionnaire was addressed to the County Council by the General Council of County Councils:-

1. Is the Council in favour of making Drainage Charges under the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act 1928,
  - (a) a "county at large" charge?, or
  - (b) partly a "county at large" charge and partly a charge on the lands improved?
2. Is the Council in favour of having charges on Drainage Schemes carried out under other Arterial Drainage Acts made
  - (a) a "county at large" charge? or
  - (b) partly a "county at large" charge and partly



"a charge on the land improved?"

Col. Gibbon said he would oppose ~~the~~ drainage schemes being made County-at-large Charges. If such a proposal was adopted they would be flooded with all sorts of uneconomic schemes.

Mr. Doyle agreed and said the proper area of chargeability was the land which was improved by each drainage scheme.

The Chairman said it would be generally admitted that no drainage scheme was really economic. He considered that in order to develop drainage they should have the major portion of the cost contributed by the State.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed:- "That Rates for drainage development be levied on improved lands with a contribution from the State."

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following motion:- "That rates for development of drainage areas be County-at-large charges."

This was, however, subsequently withdrawn.

The Chairman, as an amendment, proposed:- "That the expenditure for drainage Schemes under all general Drainage Acts be financed as follows:- State Contribution 60 per cent; Local area - improved lands - 30 per cent, County-at-Large 10 per cent."

Mr. Kelly seconded.

After further discussion a poll was taken on this proposal with the following result:-

**FOR:-** Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Keegan, Kelly, O'Ryan, M. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman. (11)

**AGAINST:-** Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Cummins, Doyle, Gibbon, Kinsella, Murphy, O'Byrne and Smyth. (9).

Mr. Lawlor (1) did not vote.

Messrs. Day, McCarthy and Quin (3) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.



Mr. Doyle gave notice of his intention to move at next meeting that the resolution of the Chairman be rescinded.

#### ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD

Under date 9th February, 1935, the Co. Surveyor submitted letter from District Engineer, Electricity Supply Board, Waterford Office, as to erection of Poles on the Waterford Road, Rosbercon, New Ross, to convey a supply of electricity to Messrs. Doyle's Mill, Rosbercon.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Electricity Supply Board be requested to arrange for consultation between their Engineer and the Co. Surveyor in respect of erection of Electricity carrying poles to Doyle's Maize Mill, Rosbercon, New Ross."

#### BALLYHACK HARBOUR

Under date 5th February, 1935, (S.15586/35 Loch Garman) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote that the communication from the Co. Council as to the necessity for improvement works at Ballyhack Harbour had been forwarded to the Office of Public Works.

The Chairman said he had, as requested, called to the Fisheries Department but they had not, up to then, received any communication from the Office of Public Works. He would call again.

Mr. Corish said that when next in Dublin he would call to the Fisheries Department.

#### GOREY COURTHOUSE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That the use of Gorey Courthouse for the night of Friday, 1st March, 1935, be granted to Gorey Technical School Committee for the purpose of holding a social re-union and ceillidhe under the auspices of the Student's Union, on the understanding that the Committee will



"be responsible for the safety of the building while in their possession and that they will deliver up the premises in a clean and tidy condition."

PROPOSED GRANT TO MR. R. MALONE, V.S.

The following under date 18th January, 1935, (L. 3554-34) was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letter of the 31st ultimo relative to the proposal of your Local Authority to make to Mr. R. Malone, Veterinary Inspector, under the Diseases of Animals Acts for the Wexford District, an ex-gratia grant of £100 in the event of his agreeing to retire, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that there is no power, under the Diseases of Animals Acts to make an ex-gratia payment and that there are no funds at the disposal of the Minister out of which a grant of the kind could be made to Mr. Malone."

"It is open to your Local Authority to make representations on this subject to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That the Co. Council provide from their own funds the proposed grant of £100 to Mr. R. Malone, V.S., if he agrees to retire from the position of Veterinary Inspector under the Council and that the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to payment of the grant be forthcoming."

HAULAGE OF ROAD MATERIAL

The following received on 9th February, 1935, was submitted:-

"At a meeting of Ballindaggin Fianna Fail Cumainn the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That we urgently request the Wexford Co. Council to have all haulage on roads in future done by horse-power. We ask this particularly for Enniscorthy district, where there are a large number of small farmers who keep a horse or two, but have not work enough for same on farm, and who would be willing and eager to do this work. This class of farmer is unable to take part in larger schemes, that the Government advocate, such as Wheat growing, Beet, etc., owing to their restricted acreage, but are badly in need of something such as above to enable them to meet their annuities, rates, etc."

Mr. Keegan proposed the confirmation of the resolution which was seconded by Mr. Lawlor.



Mr. Doyle pointed out that on certain jobs in which a large amount of tonnage had to be hauled a long distance it would be uneconomic to employ horse labour. Many people employing lorries were large ratepayers. They should remember it was the ratepayers' money they were spending and they could not support an uneconomic proposal.

The Secretary read Section 61 (2) of the Local Government Act 1925 and pointed out that if the rates were to suffer by the employment of horse haulage instead of mechanical haulage the Councillors favoring and voting for the former ran the risk of surcharge.

It was decided to have the proposal from Ballindaggin Cumann submitted to the Tenders Committee which will consider all haulage tenders.

#### LANES - MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES

It was decided on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne that applications for repair of the following lanes etc. be scheduled for consideration under Minor Relief Schemes Vote when funds are available:-

Kilpierce Lane; Ballydawnmore Lane; Ballincash Lane (Oulart); Road Ballyhogue Cross to School House at Bellevue; Annagh Lane (Killena); Kilcorkey Lane, Ballycanew; Laggan Lane, Tinahely; Oldtown Lane, Clonamona, Craanford; Knockbrandon Lane; Davidstown Lane; Munfin - Castledockrell Lane; Posture Lane, Ramsgrange; Sheilbaggin Lane, Ramsgrange; Reahouse Lane, Duncormack; Owenstown Lane, Rathmacknee; Ratholm Lane, Killinick; Killowen Lane to Islandbridge, Gorey; Cleaning Mill River, Road Kilrush Church.

#### PLANTING SHRUBS GOREY '98 MONUMENT

Under date 31st January, 1935, application was read from a small Committee appointed to have ornamental shrubs planted around the '98 Monument in Gorey asking the permission of the Co. Council for the project.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sweetman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That permission be granted for the planting of ornamental shrubs around 1798 monument in Gorey, work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the Co. Surveyor."



RECTORY ROAD, ENNISCORTHY.

Memorial extensively signed by the residents of the Rectory Road, Enniscorthy, asking the Co. Council to have repairs carried out to above road was received. There were 23 families living on the road and new houses were being built there. About 100 yards only of the road required attention.

Under date 11th February, 1935, Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor for the district, reported that no further work than had been done could be carried out on this road for the money allocated. Further on towards Yorkville is in much worse condition and is subject to far heavier traffic. The Rectory Road required shaping and surfacing and a proper job could only be done through a Grant or by way of special proposal.

The following resolution was adopted on the Motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the question of complying with the wishes of the residents of Rectory Road, Enniscorthy, be referred to the Co. Surveyor for consideration when Improvement Grants for roads become available."

HOUSE ON QUAY, FETHARD.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Colfer an application from Edward Butler, Quay, Fethard, to be allowed to occupy house on the Quay, Fethard, the property of the Council, was referred to the Co. Surveyor.

Butler stated that the owner of his present dwelling was putting him out and that he would require the house of the Council only until a labourer's cottage which was being built for him was ready for occupation.

ROSSLARE SEWERAGE SCHEME

Under date 9th February, 1935, the Co. Surveyor wrote enclosing copy letter which he had received from Mr. P. H. McCarthy, Engineer to the Co. Board of Health, as to above sewerage. He and Mr. McCarthy had decided that the most suitable method of dealing with the pipe line was to carry it



behind the roadway fence on the Western side and it had been suggested that if steps were taken by the Co.Council to widen the road it would probably save the duplication of any compensation that might be demanded for way-leave if sufficient land for the purpose was secured.

The Co.Surveyor said he had walked the entire length of the proposed scheme with Mr.McCarthy and they decided the best line for the pipes would be behind the fences. When the matter was under consideration by the Co.Board of Health, the County Council might with very little increased expenditure secure the right to widen the road at a future time, if way-leave was now obtained.

Mr. Doyle asked if the Health Board had decided to go on with the Scheme.

The Chairman said the Board had asked for an estimate of its cost.

Mr. Doyle said it had been stated that the scheme was to cost £9,000 and wished to know if this figure still held the field. Mr.Flood, Engineer to the Health Board told the latter that the figure would be reduced. He would like to know where they were with the Scheme.

Miss O'Ryan said the Council could ask the Health Board for the correct figures relative to Rosslare Sewerage Scheme.

Mr.Doyle said that £9,000 was an enormous amount to have placed on the Wexford district. He had opposed the scheme on that account though he was not in opposition to the scheme as such. He suggested the area of charge should be the County- at large as a great many visitors from outside Wexford District patronised Rosslare. The chargeability should not be confined to the one district.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr.Keegan:- "That in connection with laying sewer pipes in Rosslare the Co.Board of Health - should they proceed with the Scheme - be requested in



"procuring way-leave for pipes to have provision made for the widening of the road.

"That the Co.Board of Health be requested to furnish, for the information of the Co.Council, figures showing the cost of proposed sewerage scheme for Rosslare."

#### CENTRAL SAVINGS MOVEMENT.

During the month of October, 1934, the gross sales of Savings Certificates in the County represented an investment of £2:14:1d per head of the County population and during the month of November, 1934, an investment of £2:14:2d per head of the County population.

The number of Savings Associations working <sup>in</sup> the County is 109.

#### EVICTED TENANTS & RE-INSTATEMENT

The following resolution from Cork Co.Council was adopted on the motion of Mr.Cummins seconded by Mr.Bowe:-

"That as the claims to re-instatement of Evicted Tenants have not yet been dealt with by the Land Commission though ample powers have been given by the "33" Land Act to acquire lands to secure their re-instatement, we, in meeting assembled, deem it our duty to call the attention of the Minister of Lands and to request him to give instructions to Land Commission to take immediate steps so as to effect their re-instatement in Spring, which will give them an opportunity once again of being in the happy position of cultivating their long cherished holdings."

#### TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF COUNCILLORS

The following resolution from Cork Co.Council was adopted on the motion of Mr. M. Redmond seconded by Mr.Kelly:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to introduce legislation for the amendment of Section 63 of the Local Government Act, 1925, so as to permit payment of travelling expenses to members of Local Authorities who, consequent on the results of local elections held within a half year, are at present precluded from complying with the existing terms of the Section above referred to."



FREE MILK SCHEME

The following resolution from Dungarvan Urban District Council was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That this Council again request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to extend the Age Limit under the Free Milk Scheme to all School children of the necessitous poor, who are certified by any Medical Officer of Health to be suffering from any disease or from malnutrition, and who are in the opinion of the Doctor in need of extra nourishment during the Winter months."

*J. Allen*

*11th March 35-*





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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING HELD 11th MARCH, 1935.

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 Co. Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 11th March, 1935.

Present, Mr. Denis Allen, (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs. P. Colfer, J. Connors, R. Corish, W. Cullimore, C. Culleton, J. Cummins, M. Doyle, Col. C.M. Gibbon, W.P. Keegan, J.P. Kelly, J. Lawlor, T.J. Maylor, T. McCarthy, P. Murphy, S. O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, P. Ronan, Michael Redmond and Myles Smyth.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes (including amounts to Public Bodies) for £7,632:4:7d were examined and signed.

#### CARPET FOR CO. COUNCIL CHAMBER

The following under date 8th March, 1935, was read from The Dun Emer Guild Ltd., Hardwicke Street, Dublin:-

"We have been asked by a Wexford citizen, who does not wish his name to appear, to approach you with reference to an Irish carpet for the Council Chamber which he wishes to present to the Council. We should be much obliged if you would let us know what the dimensions of the carpet should be and, whether the Council would care to have the Coat of Arms of Wexford or other historical symbols embodied in the design."

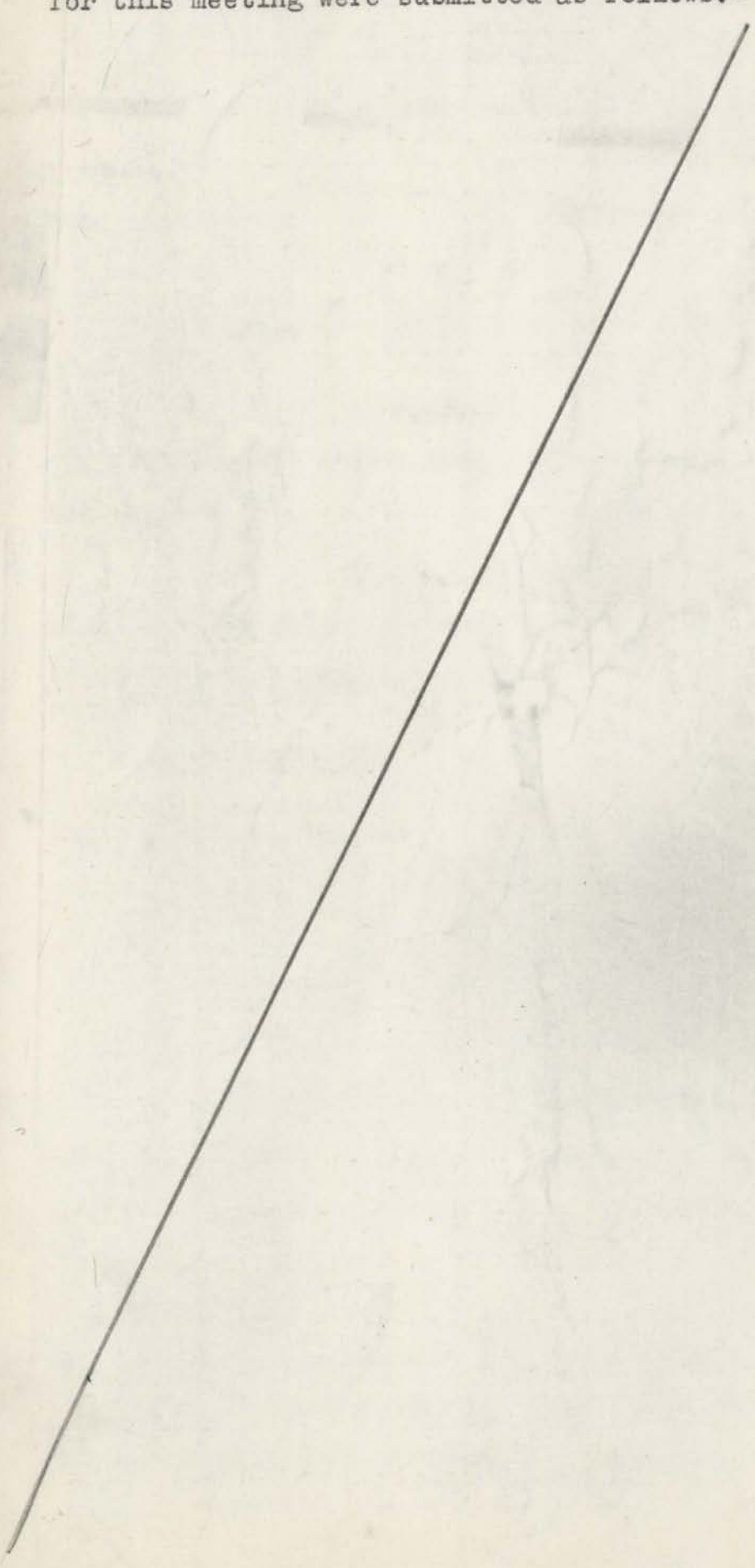
The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That this Council are prepared to accept gratefully the presentation of Irish Carpet for Council Chamber, and wish to return their best thanks to the unknown donor. That the County Surveyor furnish dimensions of the carpet to The Dun Emer Guild."

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly the following were appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the preparation of a suitable Coat of Arms or historical design as centre piece:- The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Messrs. O'Byrne, Doyle, Cummins and Miss O'Ryan.



CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 15th FEBRUARY, 1935:- The Minutes of Finance Committee  
for this meeting were submitted as follows:-





The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in Co. Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 15th February, 1935.

Present:- Messrs. Wm. Cullimore, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, Sean O'Byrne and Miss N. O'Ryan.

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

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

Miss O'Ryan

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2434:8:4d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following gives amount of gross warrant for current year lodged to date:-

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage collected.</u>
E.J. Murphy	58.3
S. Gannon (No. 6)	57.6
J.J. O'Reilly	55.7
J. Curtis	55.6
M. Kehoe	54.7
J. Cummins	53.1
S. Gannon (No.10)	51.7
A. Dunne	51.2
J. Deegan	51.1
D. Kenny	50.3
P. Carty	49.7
M. McCarthy	49.4
J. Flood	48.8
P. Doyle	47.9
P. Nolan	47.3
W. Cummins	47.2
J. Quirke	45.2
J.J. Sinnott	44.5
M. Murphy	40.6
Wm. Doyle	38.8
Average.....	<u>49.6</u>

The collection showed an improvement of 1.5% as compared with the corresponding period last year.



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ARREARS OF RATE:- The following gives amount of arrears of Rate outstanding to 16th February, 1935:-

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Amounting outstanding</u>
	£ s. d
E.J. Murphy	144:14: 5
J.J. O'Reilly	262: 2: 4
J.M. Curtis	275:19: 2
M. Kehoe	276:14: 3
D. Kenny	278: 5: 5
J. Deegan	288:16:11
P. Carty	296:13: 8
J. Flood	361:19:11
S. Gannon (No.10)	531: 5: 6
M. McCarthy	546: 4: 9
S. Gannon (No. 6)	576: 7: 5
P. Doyle	648:15: 8
M. Murphy	673:17: 0
J. Cummins	687:14: 1
J.J. Sinnott	894: 5: 5
W. Cummins	957:17:10
A. Dunne	1080:12: 9
P. Nolan	1081:19: 3
W. Doyle	1425:10: 9
J. Quirke	1637: 0: 1
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TOTAL.....	12926:16: 7

Arrears amounting to £320 had been collected since the previous meeting of the Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That Rates Inspector inform Rate Collectors that unless a considerable improvement in collection of arrears of rate is manifest by next meeting of the Finance Committee the Committee will be obliged to fix a percentage figure to be lodged during a definite period."

DRAINAGE RATES:- As regards Sow Drainage Rate, W. Doyle, in whose area a sum of £4:17:8d was outstanding, wrote that he had served Six Day Notices on the people concerned and if they did not pay within a week he would hand the collection over to his Solicitor.

Mr. M. Murphy, Rate Collector, wrote that as regards the £65 outstanding in his area, the two persons concerned are about selling out to the Land Commission and would pay the Drainage Rate as soon as the sale was completed.

Mr. W. Cummins, (R.C.), in whose area £1151 was outstanding, wrote that the collection of the Rate would be an extremely difficult matter. In any case he was not prepared to undertake the



Collection of Drainage Rate as he found it difficult enough at the present time to collect the ordinary poor rate and to undertake the collection of the Drainage rate would, he believed, interfere to a great extent with his collection which was backward enough although giving it his whole attention.

He had not served any demand notes for the current year's Drainage Rate and arrears as his labour last year in this direction was in vain having received payment in one case only where a holding had been sold.

As regards Kilmannock Drainage Area, Mr. Maurice Kehoe wrote that as soon as sanction to the appointment of Local Drainage Committee for the area had been received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health something would be done in connection with the payment of rates.

It was decided to direct Collector W. Cummins to attend next meeting of the Finance Committee.

POUNDAGE: John Flood applied for poundage on £207:17:9d amount outstanding for collection for year 1932-33 when he took up office.

It was pointed out that £5:0:3d had been struck off as irrecoverable leaving £202:17:6d for calculation of poundage which at 5d in the £. came to £4:4:6d.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Keegan that subject to sanction of Minister for Local Government and Public Health, £4:4:6d poundage be paid John Flood in respect of 1932/33 Rate Collection.

Patrick Byrne, Ex-Rate Collector (No. 9) Grange Lower, Killanne, applied for poundage which he held was due to him to June 1933. As he was unemployed from that date he needed the money and he understood that the collection for the period in question had been closed.

It was pointed out that the total amount lodged and for Credit Notes by Mr. O'Byrne was £3327:3:3d, on which poundage would amount to £97:0:10d. £61:17d had been paid Mr. O'Byrne and £3:11:11d disallowed. This would leave a balance of £32:7:4d unpaid



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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That subject to the approval of the Department of Local Government and Public Health poundage amounting to £32:7:4d in respect of his warrant for 1932/33 be paid Ex-Rate Collector O'Byrne (No.9).

Under date 4th February, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.15690-35 - Loch Garman Fa) that the Minister sanctioned payment of Poundage to Collector E.J. Murphy and John Curtis in respect of the lodgment of amounts equivalent to the first moiety and arrears of their present warrants.

In connection with the resolution at last meeting asking for sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health to the payment of full poundage to Collectors whose total lodgments to 31st January, 1935, had reached a sum equivalent to the first moiety of the current year's rate plus the equivalent of the amount of the arrears carried forward to 1934/35 in respect of the 1933/34 assessment.

Messrs. Gannon and Kehoe had qualified for Poundage.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction payment of full poundage to Collectors who by the 16th February, 1935, fulfil the conditions as regards their total lodgments reaching the amount set out in Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 1st February, 1935."

APPLICATION FOR CANCELLATION OF RATES:- Under date 5th February, 1935, Messrs. Colfer & Son, Solicitors, New Ross, on behalf of Mr. James Dier, Coolbawn, wrote in connection with payment of £48:18:0d arrears of Rates due by the Reps. of the late Walter Clare on several parcels of land in Templeudigan Electoral Division, and which were the subject of an agreement between James R. Dier and Walter Clare deceased. As the terms of this agreement were not complied with the lands reverted to Mr. Dier



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two years ago. The latter was not the person primarily liable but he was prepared to pay two years' rates to March 1935, viz. £22:19:6d.

Mr. E.J. Murphy, Rate Collector for the district, wrote recommending the acceptance of the offer made by Messrs. Colfer & Son. The only stock which the Clares kept on the land were a couple of goats. If any of the Clares were in possession now nothing could be obtained from them.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Keegan to refer the matter to the Rate Collector.

Mr. Nolan, Rate Collector, wrote that house at Rosehill, Rosslare, the property of Nicholas Scallan was vacant from March to September, 1933, and Mr. Scallan was entitled to a refund of 15/2d first moiety of Rate for the period.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Kinsella that refund of 15/2d rates be made Nicholas Scallan, Rosehill, Rosslare, as per recommendation of Rate Collector.

Mr. Maurice Kehoe, Rate Collector, (No. 18 District), wrote that when closing warrant for 1933/34 he overlodged 10/- and applied for refund of the amount.

The Secretary stated that the Collector did overlodge the amount in question.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Byrne it was decided that refund of overlodgment of 10/- rates for period 1933/34 be made Maurice Kehoe, Rate Collector.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Enniscorthy District:- The Secretary stated that the amount to be allocated for this district was £530.

The following applications were accepted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Kinsella:-

Joseph Doyle, Woodville, Ballyhogue.	(Loan £180)
Mary Anne Corcoran, Killageley, Enniscorthy.	(Loan £200)
Daniel Dempsey, Currawn, Edermine.	(Loan £150).

Total £530.



Gorey District: Amount for allocation £625.

The following applications were accepted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

Robert Lee, Ballinacree, Castletown, Inch.	(Loan £250)
Mary Jane Doyle, Monamolin, Gorey.	(Loan £225)
Patrick Fortune, Monagrena, Gorey.	(Loan £200)

Total £675.

Wexford  
New Ross District:- Allocation £545.

The following application was accepted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

John Carr, Ballywitch, Kilrane. (Loan £100)

It was decided to adjourn the application of John Loughlin, Ballykelsh, Tagoat, for loan of £180, until report in the matter had been received from Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the District.

RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND  
ABATEMENT FORMS

The following tenders were received for printing 7000 forms of claim and 5000 postcards re above:-

Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy.....	£5:10:0
J. English & Co., Wexford.....	£6: 0:0
"The People", Wexford.....	£6: 7:0
"The Free Press", Wexford.....	£6: 7:6
"The Echo", Enniscorthy.....	£7:15:0

The tender of Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy, at £5:10s. was accepted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Cullimore seconded by Mr. Keegan that the following be employed as temporary clerks for the issue of abatement forms etc.:-

Michael Flusk, John Street, Wexford.  
Thomas O'Rourke, 16, John Street, Enniscorthy.  
Ml. Conroy, Clonattin Road, Gorey, or  
Patrick Dempsey, 19, Gardán City, Gorey.  
James Brennan, Chapel Lane, New Ross.



COMPENSATION FOR CRIMINAL INJURY

Application for £220 Compensation for destruction of Club furniture etc. in Killinick Village Hall, was referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, to defend.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

The Inspector for N.S.P.C.C., wrote under date 9th February, 1935, as to his intention to apply to Ballycullane District Court on 18th February, 1935, for an Order committing Martin and John Downes, Saltmills, (13 and 7 years old respectively) to Artane Industrial School. The father, John Downes, is a seafaring man out of employment and whose wife died in October last. He was destitute and lived in a house which had been condemned as unfit for human habitation. Application was being made under Section 58 (1) (B) or (H) Childrens Acts 1908-29.

Referred to Co.Solicitor.

APPLICATION FOR ROAD MATERIAL

Thomas Brien, Tullabeg, Camolin, wrote applying for, from 15 to 20 loads of stones from Clologue Quarry to be used on laneway leading from the public road to his mill.

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

COORDUFF - BALLYPHILIP LANE

Under date 12th February, 1935, David Grean, Ballyphilip, Clohamon, wrote that the above lane had been repaired under a Minor Relief Scheme Grant but there was an open stream running across the lane which the users of the lane desired to cover. They asked the Co.Council to supply them with a few concrete slabs which were made in Ryland Wood Quarry. If these were supplied the persons concerned would build the walls etc.

It was decided to refer the application to the Co.Surveyor.



CARETAKING VOCATIONAL EDUCATION  
COMMITTEE'S OFFICES

The C.E.O., County Wexford Vocational Education Committee, wrote that his Committee decided to pay the Caretaker of the County Buildings at the rate of 5/- per week for the cleaning of his offices as from date of application for allowance, subject to the sanction of the Department of Education and to the approval of the County Council.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Kinsella:- "That we recommend the Co.Council to approve of the payment by Co.Wexford Vocational Education Committee of 5/- per week to the Caretaker of County Buildings for cleaning the offices of Chief Executive Officer."

FORD OF LYNQ

The Co. Solicitor forwarded copy letter from Messrs.Meldon and Company, Solicitors, 71, Dame Street, Dublin, to the County Solicitor, relative to drainage work at Ford of Lyng, as follows:-

"With reference to:-

"(1) The Report of the Co.Surveyor to the Secretary of the County Council dated the 11th ultimo, And

"(2) The Letter of the Secretary of the Commissioners to you dated 22nd.idem of which you sent Mr.Joyce a copy.

"Both Documents were considered by our Clients at their Meeting held on yesterday.

"We have been instructed to state that the Commissioners resent the suggestion made by the Co.Surveyor that they are under any liability whatsoever to alter the level of their spillway.

"We have also been instructed to state that they agree to the expenditure of the £100 the balance of the sum of £150 lodged by the Commissioners with the Commissioners of Public Works in extending the present Channel that goes to Rathdowney Bridge to Ford of Lyng Bridge and Ballybro Bridge. It must be distinctly understood that this must be the limit of the Commissioners liability. Please confirm above."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Cullimore:- "That letter of Messrs. Meldon, Solicitors, under date 13th February, 1935, as to drainage at Ford of Lyng be referred to the Co.Council and



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"that the points raised by Messrs. Meldon and Co., as to liability in connection with the level of spillway and liability of Slob Commissioners for further expenditure be not dealt with at present."

R.MALONE,V.S., AND FURTHER SICK LEAVE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That, as from 22nd February, 1935, a further three months' sick leave be granted to Mr. R. Malone,V.S., Wexford district, subject to production of Medical Certificate, and that Mr.Stpales,V.S., Wexford, be continued in office for this period, remuneration to be the same as paid Mr. Malone when in office."

SUPPLY OF MATERIAL FOR REPAIR OF PRIVATE LANES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That we recommend the County Council to approach the Government with a view to the insertion in next Local Government Bill of provisions which will allow County Councils to supply road material at full cost to ratepayers requiring same for the repair of lanes which are of acknowledged public utility."

CO. COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL

REPORT OF DEPUTATION TO MINISTER.

The report of the deputation appointed by the Executive Committee and which waited on the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on 12th November, 1934, was read.

No order was made thereon.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 15th February, 1935, be received and considered."

FORD OF LYNG: The Co. Surveyor said that in conjunction with an Engineer from the Office of Public Works he had inspected the drainage work at the Ford of Lyng with a view to securing a further grant from the Minor Relief Schemes Vote to complete the job. The Government Engineer was prepared to recommend this Grant. They would also use the £100 standing over from the Grant by the Slob Commissioners. He did not think they should give an undertaking they would not ask the Commissioners for any more money. He believed they should get the further £50 which everyone was under the impression would be forthcoming from these Commissioners.

Col. Gibbon said that until the Council saw the original plans there was no use in talking about the spillway.

The Co. Surveyor said that Mr. Joyce, the Manager for the Slob Commissioners, held that a spillway had not been provided in the original plans but was afterwards erected to protect the banks. Twenty years ago the spillway was nine inches and within that time it had been raised by a further three inches.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Doyle seconded the following resolution:- "That we apply to the Commissioners of Public Works for a further grant from Minor Relief Schemes Vote in connection with the drainage work at Ford of Lyng. That the Co. Surveyor or Co. Solicitor be instructed to obtain copy of the original plans as to this drainage scheme and, failing this, to arrange for an inspection of same."

Passed.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Lawlor:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 15th February, 1935, be and are hereby adopted."

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 1st MARCH, 1935:- The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 1st March, 1935.

Present:- Messrs. R. Corish, W. Cullimore, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, W. Kinsella, S. O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

Mr. Corish, (Vice-Chairman) presided until after confirmation of Minutes, when the Chairman (Mr. Allen) attended and presided for the remainder of the business:-

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £3221:6:8d and £451:18:8d were examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF:- Rate Collection to 1st March, 1935, was submitted as follows:-

<u>Name of Rate Collector</u>	<u>Percentage collected gross Warrant.</u>
E.J. Murphy	61.7
S. Gannon (No. 6)	60.5
J. Curtis	59.6
J.J. O'Reilly	57.0
M. Kehoe	56.1
J. Cummins	55.2
D. Kenny	54.3
S. Gannon (No. 10)	53.8
J. Deegan	53.4
A. Dunne	53.3
M. McCarthy	52.3
P. Nolan	50.7
J. Flood	50.7
P. Carty	50.0
W. Cummins	49.4
P. Doyle	49.2
J. Quirke	46.1
J.J. Sinnott	45.5
W. Doyle	43.0
M. Murphy	42.5
Average.....	51.8

Compared with corresponding period last year the collection on the gross warrant showed an improvement of 2.2%.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Cullimore seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That Rate Collectors be directed to take immediate proceedings against people who have not



"up to the present paid the first moiety of Rate for current financial year."

The Chairman stated that the progress of the collection was unsatisfactory. It showed manifestly that all outstanding Rate would not be collected in the month of March or in April either.

In reply to the Chairman the Rate Inspector stated that he called on some ratepayers who were in arrear. As a result of his visit certain Ratepayers in arrear had since paid.

Mr. Corish pointed out that if payment had been made after a visit of Rate Inspector in cases where the rate Collector had failed the Rate Collector concerned should be reported to the County Council. He suggested that the Rate Inspector should travel around with some of the Collectors, whose districts were backward, as a visit of the Rate Inspector might induce such ratepayers to pay. The Rate Inspector should do everything he possibly could, by calling and otherwise, to prevent arrears becoming chronic.

The Chairman said a **special** drive should be made in connection with people who came into arrear last year. These arrears should not be allowed to get into a chronic condition. It was out of the question that rates would be closed by the 31st March next.

Miss O'Ryan pointed out that the Council had fallen into the very reprehensible habit of not insisting that the rates be closed by the end of March, and the sooner they got out of this habit the better it would be for the ratepayers and Co. Council. She was in favour of fixing a percentage of 75% for lodgment by all Collectors to the end of March, and any Collector who failed to carry out this instruction should be called on to resign.

After further discussion it was decided to again refer the Collectors to the order of the County Council that the current rate should be closed on 31st March, 1935, and any items then outstanding would have to be explained in full detail to the succeeding meeting of the Finance Committee. Failing this the



Finance Committee were prepared to recommend the Council to take drastic action against any Collector concerned.

ARREARS OF RATE:- The following shows the percentage of arrears collected up to the 1st March, 1935:-

J. Deegan	59.3
J. Flood	45.6
E.J. Murphy	41.0
P. Carty	40.3
J.J. O'Reilly	36.7
P. Doyle	35.6
J. Curtis	34.3
J.J. Sinnott	33.3
M. McCarthy	31.6
J. Cummins	31.1
A. Dunne	27.4
S. Gannon (No.10)	27.1
D. Kenny	25.8
W. Cummins	25.6
J. Quirke	23.9
M. Murphy	23.1
M. Kehoe	20.8
W. Doyle	19.5
S. Gannon (No. 6)	18.7
P. Nolan	17.1
Average	28.8

The arrears outstanding amounted to £12641:14:9d.

POUNDAGE OF RATE COLLECTORS:- Under date 20th February, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.27750/35 Loch Garman (Fa) requesting further information as regards payment to Collectors Sean Gannon, M. Kehoe, for lodgments to 31st January, 1935.

The following letter under date 28th February, 1935, was read from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union, Dublin:-

"Representations have been received from your Council's Rate Collectors relative to a recent Order that 50% of their current warrants and 1932/33 arrears should be lodged. In this connection I am to point out that owing to the abnormal amount of rates which are being carried forward annually on derelict farms and on farms on which the Sheriff has been unable to collect, the Collectors find it to be an impossible matter to obtain the amounts requested by the Order referred to.

"I am to request that your Council will pay poundage in those cases where Collectors have lodged 50% of the current year's rate."

The Chairman said it was a long time since a number of the Collectors had received any remuneration and as the collection of rate was their only means of livelihood, they were in a bad way.



On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Corish the following resolution was adopted:- "That Treasurer's Advice Note for the following payments on Account (75%) to Rate Collectors in respect of Poundage fees on cash lodgments to 31st January, 1935, be signed, as the total lodgment by each of these Collectors is equivalent to the 1st. Moiety of current year's rate plus arrears carried forward from 1933/34 assessment:-

<u>District</u> <u>No.</u>	<u>Collector's Name</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>s</u>	<u>d</u>	
4	M. McCarthy	44	19	8	
5	P. Nolan	55	6	4	
7	J. Deegan	76	5	2	
8	J. Cummins	61	19	11	
10	S. Gannon	40	6	2	
13	J.J. O'Reilly	12	16	10	
13	A. Dunne	43	19	0	
14	D. Kenny	33	19	5	
15	A. Dunne	65	9	3	
18	M. Kehoe	16	16	11	(balance of
					<u>Poundage fees</u>
					<u>already</u>
					<u>sanctioned -</u>
					<u>letter dated</u>
					<u>20th Feb. 1935, (No. G. 27750/35 Loch</u>
					<u>Garman Fa) )</u>

"That the Secretary apply to the Local Government Department for sanction to the payment of full Poundage fees to the Collectors above-named on their cash lodgments to 31st January, 1935. That Paying Orders for payments "on Account" to Rate Collectors passed at to-day's meeting be issued as soon as letter of sanction is received from Minister for Local Government and Public Health approving payment of Poundage fees to Collectors concerned on their lodgments to 31st January, 1935."

#### PAYMENT BY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the three Urban Districts of the County be called on to pay by the 31st March, 1935, at least three-fourths of the amount of the Demand made on them by the County Council."



ESTIMATES OF RATES FOR FINANCIAL  
YEAR 1935/36.

Under date 18th February, 1935, Circular, No. 26/35 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health. This gave the Minister's assent to confirmation and adoption of the yearly estimates and determination of rates for financial year to a meeting not later than 16th March, 1935, as it was desirable that the Council should not proceed to deal with these matters until the position with regard <sup>to</sup> the draws upon the Guarantee Fund under the Land Purchase Acts had been ascertained.

In connection with the last mentioned matter a letter under date 26th February, 1935, No. S. 34486/35 from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was read, stating that the net draw in respect of arrears of annuities under the Land Acts in County Wexford up to December, 1934, was £31,943:8:2d. A payment of £18,372:8:6d in respect of the Agricultural Grant (less instalments of Loans in arrear) would be issued in the following week.

It was stated that this deficit of £31943:8:2d would have to be raised on the County at large and would entail a rate of 1/9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d in the £.

Particulars of County Services for next financial year with the comparative figures for 1934/35 (and which had been supplied to each member of the Finance Committee) were then considered in detail:



## WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

## ESTIMATE COUNTY SERVICES ACCOUNT FOR YEAR 1935-36

TO BE CONSIDERED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE ON

FRIDAY, 1st MARCH, 1935.

	1935-36	1934-35	Increase	Decrease
	£	£	£	£
Medical Officer of Health (part of)	500	500		
Salaries: Secretary's Office	2083	2004	79	
Salaries: other Co.Officers, Analyst) Lamplighters, etc. )	431	461		30
Retiring allowances & Gratuities	206	306		100
Cost of Rate Collection, Refunds of) Irrecoverable Rates & Cost of ) applotting Rates. )	10055	5542	4513	
Franchise and Jurors Lists	1517	1587		70
Printing in connection with) Registration Act )	380	412		32
Valuation	208	208		
Members' Travelling Expenses	172	230		58
University Scholarships	1050	910	140	
Primary Scholarships	1010	945	65	
Legal Expenses	300	343		43
Coroners and Inquests	417	350	67	
Postage and Office Requisites	304	324		20
Printing and Stationery	209	259		50
Advertising Pleasure Resorts	414	414		
Other Advertisements	335	340		5
Contribution Co.Council's General) Council )	20	20		
Conveyance of Prisoners	50	100		50
Lights and Measures	72	108		36
Food and Drugs	39	86		47
Salaries: Court Officials etc.	156	156		
Rents and Expenses of Courthouses	667	577	90	
FORWARD	20595	16182	4954	541



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	1935-36	1934-35	Increase	Decrease
	£	£	£	£
FORWARD	20595	16182	4954	541
Library Scheme	924	924		
Reformatories & Industrial Schools	3670	3761		91
Wexford Harbour	88	80	8	
Wexford Old Jail	207	207		
Wexford Courthouse Loan	343	400		57
West Wing Co. Hall Loan	403		403	
Refund to Wexford Urban - adjustment) Financial Relations )	45	45		
Diseases of Animals Acts, Salaries Veterinary & Sheep Dipping Inspectors	622	622		
Diseases of Animals Acts, other expenses	864	1030		166
Audit Fee	85	85		
Wexford bit Interest	1450	1000	450	
Superannuation allowances - ) Ex-union Officers )	1080	1080		
Superannuation allowances - Ex-R.D.) Council Officers )	217	217		
Local Authorities (Officers & Employees) Act	152	138	14	
Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act	152	154		2
Expenses Collection Motor Duty (Amount recouped by L.G.D.)	360	360		
Advances Prosecutors & Witnesses expenses	96	96		
Contingencies	450	350	100	
Money supplied to Co. Committee of Agriculture	2973	2973		
Money supplied to Co. Vocational Education Committee	3528	3528		
Superannuation allowance ex-manual Instructor	68	68		
Loan Gorey Vocational School	167		167	
FORWARD	38539	33300	6096	857



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	1935-36	1934-35	Increase	Decrease
	£	£	£	£
FORWARD	38539	33300	6096	857
3 Rural Vocational Schools	103		103	
Public Works (already agreed to by the County Council)	825	2364		1539
TOTALS	39467	35664	6199	2396
Net Increase			3803	
Money supplied Mental Hospital	19900	19120	780	
GROSS TOTALS	59367	54784	4583	
Gross Increase County Services .			4583	



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DEMANDS CO. BOARD OF HEALTH

	1935-36	1934-35	Increase	Decrease
	£	£	£	£
Board of Assistance	62590	65000		2410
Health District Charges	3408	3785		377
J.D. Charges	4220	3896	324	
Separate Charges	15938	14374	1564	
TOTALS	86156	87055	1888	2787
Net Decrease Co. Board of Health Demands				<u>899</u>

DEMAND MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

	1935-36	1934-35	Increase	Decrease
	£	£	£	£
Mental Hospital Committee	19900	19120	780	



Under date 27th February, 1935, the Co. Librarian submitted the following resolution from her Committee:-

"That the Co. Council be requested to increase the rate for Library purposes by  $\frac{1}{4}$ d in the £. or as an alternative to give a grant of £300 for the same purpose."

Some members of the Finance Committee, who were also members of the Library Committee, pointed out it was important that a new library van should be purchased, if the system of distribution was to be maintained.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That the amount of contribution to County Library Service for financial year 1935/36 be fixed at £1174 which brings in an increase of £250 to enable the Committee to purchase a new library van and some books on general subjects."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That the Committee recommends the acceptance of figures submitted by the Co. Secretary as regards expenditure under the head of County Services. That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to extend the period for consideration of annual estimates in determining rates for next financial year to the meeting of this County Council to be held on 8th April, 1935."

#### REPAIR OF LANES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That deputations to the Co. Council in connection with repair of lanes or other public works should be informed that unless those concerned have paid their rates the Council must decline to favourably consider applications. The Finance Committee were strongly of opinion that people who desired to share in the public services should have their rates paid."



### OLD COUNTY COURTHOUSE PREMISES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That the County Solicitor put before the Department of Local Government and Public Health, the present position of the tenure of the old courthouse premises. Owing to the fact that three people concerned have refused to make title, the Council were unable to dispose of the premises."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the Co. Solicitor be requested to examine lease under which the Co. Council buildings and land attached are held in order to ascertain if it would be possible for the Council to purchase the fee-simple or to dispose of any of the unoccupied land attached thereto."

### SOW DRAINAGE RATE

The following letter from Collector W. Cummins (No. 11 District) which was adjourned from last meeting was read:-

"In reply to your letter of the 31st ult. in connection with collection of Drainage Rate on the River Sow, I wish to refer you to my previous letter on the matter, written to you last year on receipt of the Collecting Book. The position, as far as I can see, is still the same, and as then pointed out the collection of this rate, in my opinion, will be an extremely difficult matter. In any case I am not prepared to undertake the collection of the rate in question, as I find it difficult enough at the present time to collect the ordinary Poor Rate in the District. To undertake the collection of the Drainage Rate would, I believe, interfere to a great extent with my collection, which is backward enough although giving it my attention all the time."

"I may state that I have not served any Demand Notes for the current year's Drainage Rate and arrears, as my labour in this connection last year was in vain, having only received payment in once case where a holding had been sold."

A previous letter of Mr. Cummins' under date 5th July, 1934, was as follows:-

"In reply to your letter re Drainage Rate on the River Sow I beg to state that all the ratepayers concerned have refused to pay drainage rate, some of them giving as their reasons for non-payment, that the rate is too high and not worth the benefits secured, while others hold that they are unable to pay in these difficult times."

"I see no immediate possibility of collecting any of this rate as since starting the collection I have only received one payment, this being in the case of a farm that was sold."

Having considered the matter at some length, Mr. Cummins was



called before the meeting and the Chairman informed him that the Committee took a very serious view of his communication but they did not intend entering into any discussion with him whatever. Mr. Cummins had been appointed to collect this rate and the Council expected him to do so. The letters which had been written by Mr. Cummins and read at the meeting were not at all what they would expect to come from a Collector anxious to do his duty.

Mr. Cummins held that he had been appointed as Poor Rate Collector only.

The Chairman pointed out that Mr. Cummins had accepted collecting books for the Sow Drainage Area and had then collected one item of rate. The Finance Committee held that he was responsible for this collection but they did not intend to enter into any discussion. The Chairman added that the Council would not divorce the position of ordinary Rate Collector from that of Collector of the Sow Drainage.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

It was decided that allocations for month of March, 1935, under the above Act, for the four districts of the County, should be made at a meeting of Finance Committee to be held on 29th March, 1935.

In connection with the proposed payment of 7/6d per £100, remuneration to Assistant Secretary for duties in connection with the administration of above Act, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote under date 22nd February, 1935, No. H.28673/35 Loch Garman, that the Minister had nothing to add to his letter of 21st March, 1934, (H.114205/33).

#### INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS.

Under date 26th February, 1935, the Secretary to above Committee wrote (F.19/2) that the Committee would be greatly facilitated in the formulation of their programme by the early submission of schemes and if the Co. Council had any such proposals in mind they should furnish all relevant information at the earliest



opportunity. The Committee were mainly interested in works of a novel character not usually undertaken by Government Departments or Local Authorities, but which, were none the less, useful and desirable, and calculated to afford the maximum degree of employment to unskilled labour.

The Chairman pointed out that the question of repairs to various lanes leading to farmers' places had been under discussion and a number of schemes had been drafted and of course the Inter-Departmental Committee of Public Works would expect to have proper schemes submitted. He proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Miss O'Ryan and adopted:- "That the County Surveyor be requested to prepare schemes relative to repair of lanes leading to farmers' places etc. with approximate cost, and particulars of lanes, viz., length and width between fences and any further particulars which would afford useful information. And that this information be furnished to the Inter-Departmental Committee, when available. We are also of opinion that playing fields for schools might be provided by the Inter-Departmental Committee, While recognising that this work would not afford maximum employment of labour, ~~we~~ strongly recommend to the Inter-Departmental Committee, the cleaning of minor streams which cause flooding to land and adjoining roads and which are responsible for large areas being unproductive."

#### APPLICATION TEMPORARY CLERK

Patrick Beary, temporary Clerk, who supervised Rate Book Clerks, wrote applying for an increase in his remuneration of 1/- per hour pointing out that this was the amount paid ordinary Rate Clerks. He considered that he should be paid at a slightly higher figure.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by the Chairman:- "That consideration of application from Patrick Beary be adjourned."



COURTHOUSES (PROVISION & MAINTENANCE) BILL 1935

The Secretary submitted Memorandum in regard to above Bill which proposed to vest the custody and control of District Court-houses in the District Court Clerks. The Bill also required County Councils to provide furniture for all Courthouses and Court Offices including that of County Registrar.

It was decided that copy of Memorandum be furnished Mr. Corish for his information when the Bill is up for consideration in An Dail.

MACHINERY AND QUARRY CHARGES.

The following Machinery and Quarry charges for 1935/36 were submitted by the Co. Surveyor and approved on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

Steam Drill.....	£2:15:0d	per day.
Engine and Granulator (Large).....	£3:10:0d	" "
Engine and Granulator (Small).....	£2:15:0d	" "
Engine and Stonebreaker.....	£2:15:0d	" "
Compressor Drill Plant.....	£3:15:0d	" "
Roller.....	£2: 0:0d	" "
Lorry.....	£2:10:0d	" "
Tar Boilers or Sprayers.....	£1: 5:0d	per week

(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.....£1:10:0d per week.

For Material - Flat Rate as under

Rubble Stone.....	3/6d per c.y.
Broken Stone.....	6/6d per c.y.
Chippings screened from Broken Stone.....	6/6d per c.y.
Granulated Chippings.....	9/6d per c.y.

"The Rate charged to Contractors shall be that set out in their specifications."



CARNE PIER

Under date 23rd February, 1935, letter was read from the Department of Agriculture (Fisheries Branch) 3, Kildare Place, Dublin, (No.W.1/114/34) stating that representations had been made to the Minister for Agriculture, as to the need for improvement and extension of Pier at Carne and enquiring what steps Wexford Co.Council, as the Authority responsible for the Pier, proposed to take in the matter.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That letter from Department of Agriculture (Fisheries Branch) be referred to the Co.Surveyor for report."

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1915

Under date 27th February, 1935, Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, wrote (No.181/35) as to the list of 31 Sheep Owners reported as having failed to comply with the terms of Sheep Dipping Order. Enquiries showed that a large number of persons mentioned in the list were not actually in possession of sheep during the Autumn dipping period. Three persons had dipped their sheep and failed to send in the required notices. ~~They were~~

Patrick Devereux, Ambrosetown, Duncormack, and  
Patrick Boggan, The Cools, Taghmon,

had neither dipped their sheep nor sent in required notices.

Miss O'Ryan proposed the following resolution which was seconded by the Chairman and adopted:- "That the Finance Committee consider Garda Siochana should take proceedings against Patrick Devereux, Ambrosetown and Patrick Boggan, Cools, Taghmon, under the Sheep Dipping Order, 1915."

OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINE - WATERFORD ROAD.

Under date 26th February, 1935, the Engineer-in-chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs wrote (W/L.33) that cable connections on the pole would be required in connection with proposed telegraphic line from junction Waterford Road to New Ross



Bridge, and in the event of interruption, access to the pole should be readily available. These facilities would not be afforded if the pole were erected in the adjoining coal yard. In the circumstances the Council were asked to facilitate the Department by granting the necessary permission for the erection of the pole adjacent to the bridge, as indicated in the way-leave application of 1st November last.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That Finance Committee recommend the Council to issue necessary way-leave for erection of telegraph pole adjacent to New Ross Bridge as this course seems necessary for the purpose of the telegraphic line. That copy of letter from the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts & Telegraphs, in this matter, be communicated to the Urban Council, New Ross, and also copy of recommendation of Finance Committee."

#### SICK LEAVE - MR. R. MALONE, V.S.

Under date 26th February, 1935, (No. E. 1271/35) the Minister for Agriculture wrote approving of the continuance of the employment of Mr. F. Staples, M.R.C.V.S., in the Wexford District, for a further period of three months as from 22nd February, 1935, with remuneration at same rate as that paid to Mr. Malone.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Under date 27th February, 1935, the Inspector, N.S.P.C.C., wrote that he was not proceeding with his application for the committal of the Downes children, Saltmills, to Industrial School.

District Superintendent, Garda Síochána, New Ross, wrote under date 27th February, 1935, that he intended to apply for the committal of Ellen Banville, Battlestown, Duncannon, at Ballycullane District Court, on 4th March, 1935, to Industrial School, under Section 58 of Childrens Act 1908. This girl was under 14 years of age and had no home or means of subsistence, both of her parents being dead.



### COMPENSATION FOR CRIMINAL INJURY

The Co.Solicitor was instructed to defend application for compensation for criminal injury from Rev.H.E. Lambert,C.C., Mayglass,for burning of Standard Motor-car.

### STAMP DUTY

With regard to circular letter from County Councils' General Council, under date 22nd February,1935, as to proposed repeal of exemptions from stamp duty, the Secretary stated that if these exemptions were withdrawn by Statute, it would cost the Council about £470 per annum.

### TENDERS COMMITTEES

In connection with recommendation from Gorey Tenders Committee it was decided that for the future,tenders for roads and haulage be lodged with the Assistant Surveyors of the various districts and that their offices remain open for three hours of the three days preceding the meeting of Tenders Committee for this purpose.

### ADMINISTRATION FOOD & DRUGS ACT - NEW ROSS

Under date 27th February,1935, the Chief Supt.,Garda Siochana, Wexford,wrote 476/35, that the Ex-officio Inspector at New Ross intimated that the work could be efficiently performed in the body of New Ross Courthouse if certain office equipemat and facilities were provided. These included the provision of a suitable table, large press,water tap and trough, and a fire or stove.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr.Corish and seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That the Co.Surveyor provide equipment for Ex-officio Inspector Food & Drugs,New Ross District,as per letter from Chief Supt.,Garda Siochana, and when this has been done that the tenancy of the present premises be determined."

### CONTRACT ROAD NO.956

Mr. Birthistle,Assistant Surveyor,submitted report from Ganger J.Roche,Kilmore, stating that on the 8th Feb.1935, he found Wm. Delaney,Contractor for Road No.956 taking gravel from this Contract Road. The Ganger met Delaney on another road,stopped him and ordered him to bring back the gravel. The Contractor did this



and spread it on Road 956.

The Finance Committee decided in view of the report of the Ganger that County Surveyor should be instructed to determine the contract on Road 956 of William Delaney on Road 956.



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 1st March, 1935, be received and considered."

SOW DRAINAGE RATE:- The Secretary reported that since the Finance Committee meeting, Collector W. Cummins had served the Demand Notes for Drainage Rate and was taking steps to collect same.

The Council regarded this as satisfactory.

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:- The Chairman said that the decision of the Finance Committee did not mean any liability for the necessary finance by the County Council.

Col. Quin thought the money should be spent on providing playing fields for schools but it was pointed out to him that this proposal would involve less employment than the other recommendations of the Committee as the cost of purchase of site etc. should be provided.

The Co. Surveyor said that any work done by the Council in regard to the cleaning up of streams had been of great utility and it was work that would last generally, with very little attention, for a great many years. They could not compel anyone to clean a natural stream, and they found that in a number of cases these were in a bad way. The farmers themselves could not clean them unless some local Committee was established and a regular scheme worked out. The result was that the matter was going from bad to worse. In some cases the streams flooded the roads and also flooded adjoining lands. In regard to farm lanes he thought they should, where possible, take lanes that ran from road to road, and that would be of general utility in the future. He also agreed in regard to playing fields if they could get them in the neighbourhood of schools.

Mr. Culleton was in favour of the recommendation of the Finance Committee. There was a large area of land which could be profitably worked that needed drainage badly and it would be a great benefit to owners, if drainage were carried out. It would



also prevent roads from being damaged, and most important of all was the question of the relief of unemployment.

CARNE PIER:- The Co.Surveyor said that the advantages to be obtained through having Carne pier extended would not be at all commensurate with the cost. He thought the Council ought not to adopt an off-hand scheme. He understood that a local Committee intended to interview some of the Government Departments about the matter, but owing to the illness of one of the Committee the interview had not taken place.

In reply to Col. Quin, the Co.Surveyor said the pier was a free one under the control of the Council. The Council did improve the place, but they did not improve it to the extent that the local people would like, and they certainly did not extend it, and could not do it without the expenditure of several thousand pounds.

Col. Gibbon said that there were only three or four hours a day during which boats could enter or leave the harbour and boats caught out could not come to their moorings until the tide rose, but whether it was a practical proposition to make a proper harbour in that sandy cove, outside of which there was very shallow water, was a question that engineers would have to decide. One could realise why the people wanted the harbour improved.

Mr. Doyle agreed with the Co.Surveyor that the benefits to be gained by the extension of the Pier would not be at all commensurate with the heavy expenditure that would be involved. In view of the present economic position he was of opinion the most the Council could do was to maintain the pier as at present.

Col. Gibbon said that if they did extend the harbour and made it an enclosed harbour, the expense of maintenance and dredging would be prodigious.

Mr. Doyle proposed the confirmation of recommendation of Finance Committee and that the usual outlay required to keep the Pier in its present order be expended on it, and that any



further improvement to the pier be deferred for the present.

Mr. M. Redmond seconded.

Mr. Corish - Would it not be sufficient to answer the question of the Fisheries Department? Why should we make a case against it?

Mr. Doyle - We are not making a case against it. I am only asking that the case be deferred.

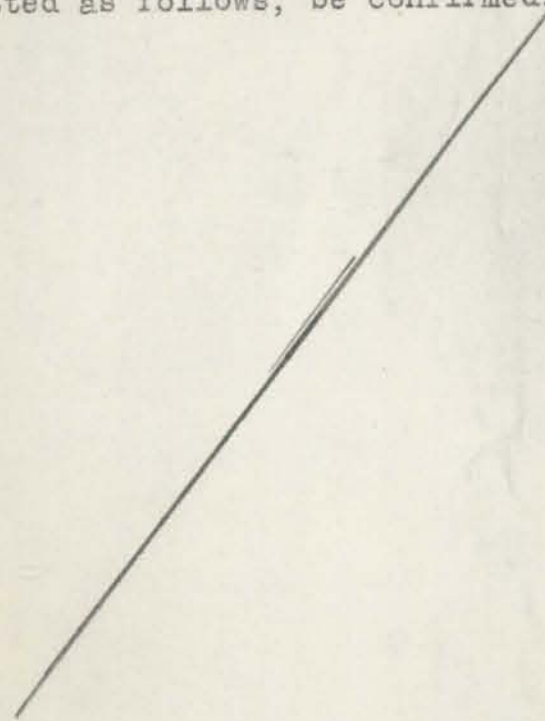
Mr. Doyle's proposal was adopted.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 1st March, 1935, be and are hereby adopted."

#### TENDERS COMMITTEES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That the Minutes of Tenders Committees for County Electoral Areas of Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross and Wexford, submitted as follows, be confirmed."





ENNISCORTHY TENDERS COMMITTEE

MEETING 19th FEBRUARY, 1935.

Present:- Messrs. Bowe, Kelly, Connors, Lawlor, McCarthy, Ronan and Sweetman.

The Secretary, Co. Surveyor, and Assistant Surveyors Cullen and Ennis were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. Ronan seconded by Mr. Connors, the Chair was taken by

Mr. Kelly.

ROAD CONTRACTS

The following Road Contracts were dealt with. Those for which Contractors were accepted are to run from 1st April, 1935, to 31st March, 1938, and those referred to the Co. Surveyor for one year as from 1st April, 1935.

Road No. 166: No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

Road No. 167: Patrick Goodall, Ballyprecus, Tendered at £23. Andrew Hanlon, Ballinaberney, Strahart, Ferns, tendered at £23:14:9d.

Patrick Goodall was accepted.

Amount allowed £24.

Sureties of Contractor:- Denis Doyle, Ballyprecus, and Samuel Webb, Ryland.

Road No. 235:- John Connors, Mandoran, tendered at £10 being the full amount allowed, and was accepted.

Sureties:- James Murphy, Cloneybyrne, and Matthew Breen, Mandoran.

Road No. 238: James Finn, Ryland, Clohamon, tendered at £22 the full amount allowed and was accepted.

Sureties:- Martin Kearns, Coorduff, and Patrick McLean, Coorduff.

Road No. 239: Patrick Kearns, Ballycrystal, Templeshambo, tendered at £21:18:0d and was accepted. (Amount allowed £23).



Sureties:- Michael Murphy, Cloroguemore, Kilttealy, and Martin Kearns, Curraghduff, Kilttealy.

Road No.242:- Peter Murphy, Cloroguemore, Kilttealy, tendered at £20, the full amount allowed and was accepted.

Sureties:- Peter Byrne, Cloroguemore, Kilttealy, and Michael Murphy, Cloroguemore, Kilttealy.

Road No.243:- Michael A. Doyle, Ballyprecus, Upper, tendered at £15.

James Nolan, Ballycrystal, Templeshambo, tendered at £17:18s.

The tender of Michael A. Doyle was accepted.

Amount allowed £20.

Sureties:- Denis Doyle, Ballyprecus, and Patrick Clear, Ballyprecus.

Road No.244:- James O'Farrell, Kilttealy, tendered at £25:19:0d. Peter McCarthy, Ballycrystal, at £26; Michael Byrne, Cloroguemore, Kilttealy, at £30; Michael Kearns, Ballycrystal, Templeshambo, at £31, and Patrick Kearns, Ballycrystal, at £31:15s.

James O'Farrell's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £36)

Sureties:- Thomas Flood, Kilttealy, and Edward Dormer, Kilttealy.

Road No.245:- Michael A. Doyle, Ballyprecus Upper, tendered at £33, and James Kehoe, Kyle, Bunclody, at £37.

Michael A. Doyle's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £37)

Sureties, Denis Doyle, Ballyprecus, and Patrick Clear, Ballyprecus.

Road No.261:- William Doran, Tomona, Kilttealy, tendered at £11:10s. and James O'Farrell, Kilttealy, at £11:19:6d, and John Doran, Tomona, at £13:19s.

William Doran's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £15)

Sureties: Edward O'Connor, Coolree, Ballindaggin, and Patrick Doyle, Coolree, Ballindaggin.

Road No.264:- No Tender. Given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

Road No.265:- No tender. Given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

Road No.266:- No tender. Given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

Road No.267:- No tender. Given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

Road No.282:- No tender. Given in charge of Co. Surveyor.



Road No.294:- Patrick Goodall, Ballyprecus, tendered at £38:10s. and was accepted. (Amount allowed £40).

Sureties:- Denis Doyle, Ballyprecus, and Sam Webb, Ryland.

Road No.296:- Patrick Jordan, Tombrack, Ferns, tendered at £17:10:6d, and was accepted. (Amount allowed £18).

Sureties:- John Breen, Tombrack, Ferns, and John O'Neill, Craan, Ferns.

Road No.297:- Robert Kinsella, Tinnashrule, Ferns, tendered at £35, the full amount allowed and was accepted.

Sureties:- Owen Nolan, Askinamoe, Ferns, and Patrick Fortune, Ferns.

Road No.298:- John Kavanagh, Cloologue, Ferns, tendered at £20 and Edward McDonald, Kilbora, Camolin, at £21.

The tender of John Kavanagh was accepted. (Amount allowed £21).

Sureties:- Patrick Kavanagh, Forties, Ferns, and Michael Maguire, Ballinakill, Ferns.

Road No.315:- Patrick J. Kavanagh, Forties, Ferns, tendered at £21 and Laurence Kavanagh, Cloologue, Ferns, tendered at £19:10s., but did not answer his name when called.

Patrick J. Kavanagh's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £21)

Sureties:- Patrick Kavanagh, Forties, Ferns, and James Warren, Milltown Ferns.

Road No.316:- John Kavanagh, Cloologue, Ferns, and James Kenny, Effernogue, Ferns, tendered at £12.

John Kavanagh's tender was accepted. (Amt. allowed £13)

Sureties:- Michael Maguire, Ballinakill, Ferns, and Patrick Kavanagh, Forties, Ferns.

Road No.317:- James Kenny, Effernogue, Ferns, tendered at £27 and John Kavanagh, Cloologue, Ferns, at £26:18s., giving wrong number and wrong particulars of road on tender form.

James Kenny's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £28).

Sureties:- John Donohoe, Effernogue, Ferns, and Michael Byrne, Ferns.

Road No.366:- James Leary, Cullentra, Kilttealy, tendered at £8 the full amount allowed and was accepted.



Sureties:- Denis Murphy, Cullentra, and John Sutton, Kilttealy.

Road No. 367:- James Leary, Cullentra, Kilttealy, tendered at £14 the full amount allowed and was accepted.

Sureties:- Denis Murphy, Cullentra, Kilttealy, and John Sutton, Kilttealy.

Road No. 368:- James Morrissey, Askinvillar, Kilttealy, tendered at £12 being the full amount allowed and was accepted.

Sureties:- Peter Delaney, Askinvillar, Kilttealy, and John Sutton, Kilttealy.

Road No. 369:- John Nolan, Springmount, Killanne, tendered at £5:9:0d, and Patrick Brennan, Springmount, Killanne, at £6.

The tender of John Nolan was accepted. (Amt. allowed £6)

Sureties:- Joseph Sinnott, Draper, Main Street, Enniscorthy, and Thomas O'Reilly, Cycle Works, Enniscorthy.

Road No. 370:- Michael Cullen, Grange, Killanne, tendered at £13:4:6d, and Michael Hanrahan, Rathduff, Killanne, at £12:17:6d.

Cullen's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £14)

Sureties:- James Forrestal, Grange, Killanne, and George Rowe, Grange, Killanne.

Road No. 371:- William Rowe, Grange, Killanne, tendered at £6:3:9d, and Martin Cooney, Grange, Rathnure, at £7.

Rowe's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £7).

Sureties:- James Forrestal, Newtown, Killanne, and George Rowe, Grange, Killanne.

Road No. 372:- Martin Cooney, Grange, Rathnure, tendered at £6:4:6d and James Nolan, Grange, Killanne, at £6:14:0d, and William Rowe, Grange, Killanne, at £5:18:6d.

Martin Cooney's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £7)

Sureties:- Patrick Doolan, Grange, Killanne, and Michael Cooney, Grange, Killanne.

Road No. 374:- James Coady, Carrigeen, Rathnure, tendered at £27, the full amount allowed and was accepted.

Sureties:- Matthew Scallan, Askinvillar, Kilttealy, and Patrick Brennan, Springmount, Killanne.



Road No. 376:- Patrick Doran, Glenglass, Killanne, tendered at £9, the full amount allowed and was accepted.

Sureties:- Thomas Rourke, Enniscorthy, and Joseph Breen, Aughnacappa, Enniscorthy.

Road No. 396:- Laurence Dunne, Greenanne, Killanne, tendered at £9:19:0d and was accepted. (Amount allowed £10).

Sureties:- Nicholas Corry, Ballinlug, and William Beattie, Greenanne, Killanne.

Road No. 397:- No tender. Given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

Road No. 398:- No tender. Given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

Road No. 399:- No tender. Given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

Road No. 420:- Thomas Murphy, Coolgarrow, Enniscorthy, tendered at £9 and was accepted. (Amount allowed £10).

Sureties:- Joseph Breen, Coolgarrow, and John Stamp, Garrymoyle.

Road No. 421:- John Hayden, Monawilling, Oulart, tendered at £13, the full amount allowed and was accepted.

Sureties:- George Malone, Slievenagrane, and Patrick O'Brien, Monawilling, Oulart.

Road No. 423:- John Doran, Kilcotty, Enniscorthy, tendered at £12:17:6d, and was accepted. (Amount allowed £14).

Sureties:- Peter Doran, Market Square, Enniscorthy, and W.K. Stamp, Market Square, Enniscorthy.

Road No. 424:- John Doran, Kilcotty, Enniscorthy, tendered at £23:7:6d and Myles Sunderland, Kilcoral, Castlebridge, at £24.

Doran's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £25).

Sureties:- Peter Doran, Market Square, Enniscorthy, and W.K. Stamp, Market Square, Enniscorthy.

Road No. 441:- John Parle, Tubberlamina, Blackwater, tendered at £9:9:0d, and was accepted. (Amount allowed £10).

Sureties:- Edward O'Brien, Tubberlamina, and Patrick McGill, Ballyduff.

Road No. 442:- Thomas Murphy, Ballinelland, Blackwater, tendered at £9:17:8d, and Wm. McGill, Ballingowan, Blackwater, at £10.

Murphy's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £11).



Sureties:- John Doyle, Slaney Street, Enniscorthy, and Murtha Murphy, Ballinelland.

Road No.444:- William McGill, Ballingowan, Blackwater, tendered at £9:17:6d, and Thomas Murphy, Ballynelland, Blackwater, at £11.

William McGill's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £11).

Sureties:- Patrick McGill, Ballyduff, and Edward O'Brien, Tubberlamina.

Road No.445:- William McGill, Ballingowa, Blackwater, tendered at £6:9:0d, and Patrick Mangan, Knocknasilloge, Blackwater, at £6:14:0d.

The tender of Wm. McGill was accepted. (Amount allowed £7.)

Sureties:- Patrick McGill, Ballyduff, and Edward O'Brien, Tubberlamina.

Road No.447:- Patrick Mangan, Knocknasilloge, Blackwater, tendered at £18:18s. and was accepted. (Amount allowed £20).

Sureties:- John O'Reilly, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, and James Ringwood, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy.

Road No.450:- Thomas Walsh, Ballinclash, Blackwater, tendered at £20, the full amount allowed, and was accepted.

Sureties:- Peter Murphy, Irish Street, Enniscorthy, and William Breen, Slaney Street, Enniscorthy.

Road No.515:- William Waters, Raheenahoon, Bree, tendered at £8, the full amount allowed, and was accepted.

Sureties:- James Furlong, Tomfarney, Bree, and James Canning, Kereight, Bree, Enniscorthy.

Road No.516:- William Waters, Raheenahoon, Bree, tendered at £22 the full amount allowed, and was accepted.

Sureties:- James Furlong, Tomfarney, Bree, and James Canning, Kereight, Bree.

Road No.517:- William Waters, Raheenahoon, Bree, tendered at £8, the full amount allowed, and was accepted.

Sureties:- James Furlong, Tomfarney, Bree, and James Canning, Kereight, Bree.



Road No. 518:- Wm. Waters, Raheenhoon, Bree, tendered at £11, the full amount allowed, and was accepted.

Sureties:- James Furlong, Tomfarney, Bree, and James Canning, Kereight, Bree.

Road No. 532:- No Tender. Given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

Road No. 533:- John Redmond, Craanroe, Edermine, tendered at £29, the full amount allowed, and was accepted.

Sureties:- James Harris, Brownswood, and Philip Harris, Brownswood.

Road No. 534:- John Doran, Kilcotty, Enniscorthy, tendered at £8:19:0d, and Francis Cullen, Ballyrannell, Glenbrien, at £9:15s.

Doran's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £10)

Sureties:- Peter Doran, Market Square, Enniscorthy, and W.K. Stamp, Market Square, Enniscorthy.

Road No. 536:- The tender of Francis Cullen, Ballyrannell, Glenbrien, at £29 was Rejected, as he specified for a smaller quantity than was set out in specification.

The work was given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

Road No. 537:- No tender. Given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

Road No. 538:- Patrick O'Leary, Ballinaslaney, Oylegate, tendered at £29, full amount allowed, and was accepted.

Sureties:- Michael Redmond, Ballinaslaney, and William Cullen, Coolanick, Oylegate.

Road No. 559:- John Murphy, Ballyought, Blackwater, tendered at £17:10 and Richard Britton, Ballymurry, The Ballagh, at £18.

John Murphy's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £18)

Sureties:- Daniel Bolger, Market Square, Enniscorthy, and S.A. Earle, Cathedral Street, Enniscorthy.

Road No. 560:- John Murphy, Ballyought, Blackwater, tendered at £6 being the full amount allowed, and was accepted.

Sureties:- Daniel Bolger, Market Square, Enniscorthy, and Samuel Earle, Cathedral Street, Enniscorthy.

Road No. 561:- James Murphy, Inch, Blackwater, tendered at £13:15s.

Myles Sunderland, Kilcorral, Castlebridge, tendered at £15.

Murphy's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £15).



Sureties:- John McGuinness, Inch, Blackwater, and Michael Murphy, Inch, Blackwater.

Road No.1014:- No tender. Given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

Road No.1020:- Gregory Scallan, Askinvillar, Kilttealy, tendered at £4:8s., and Peter Nolan, Askinvillar, Kilttealy, at £4:10s.

Gregory Scallan's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £5)

Sureties:- Myles Kehoe, Castle Hill, Enniscorthy, and Thomas Pender, Askinvillar, Kilttealy.

#### HAULAGE TENDERS

The Committee dealt with a large number of haulage tenders, the lowest satisfactory tender being taken in each case.



# GOREY TENDERS COMMITTEE

The above Tenders Committee met in Gorey Courthouse, on 16th February, 1935.

Present Mr D. Allen, Chairman County Council, presiding, also Messrs W.P. Keegan, Sean O'Byrne and Mr Smyth.

The Secretary, County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors T. Treanor and R.J. Ennis, were also in attendance,

## ROAD CONTRACTS

FROM 1st APRIL, 1935 to 31st MARCH, 1938.

The following Tenders for Roads were accepted, subject to ratification by the County Council:-

No. 84. Thomas Gaynor, Cummer, Tinahely, tendered at £5 the full amount allowed, and was accepted.

Sureties. Edward Breslin, Slebawn, Gorey and Joseph Gethings, Slebawn, Gorey.

No. 85. Abraham Storey, Croghan, Inch, tendered at £15, the full amount allowed, and was accepted.

Sureties. Andrew Kinsella, Ballyfad, and Thomas F. Carroll, Merchant, Gorey.

No. 86. Abraham Storey, Croghan, Inch, tendered at £15, the full amount allowed, and was accepted.

Sureties. Andrew Kinsella, Ballyfad, and Thomas F. Carroll, Merchant, Gorey.

No. 88. Patrick Dunne, Tomcoyle, Kilanerin, tendered at £14, the full amount allowed, and was accepted.

Sureties. Patrick Kavanagh, Tomcoyle and Terence Dunne, Tomcoyle.

No. 89. Patrick Dunne, Tomcoyle, tendered at £14 the full amount allowed, and was accepted.

Sureties. Patrick Kavanagh, Tomcoyle and Terence Dunne, Tomcoyle.

No. 90. No Tender given in charge of County Surveyor.

No. 104. No Tender given in charge of County Surveyor.



No.105. James Mills, Junior, Clone, Castletown tendered at £9 (amount allowed). James Farrell, Kilmichael tendered at £8.

The tender of James Mills, Junior, was accepted.

Lower tender was not accepted as when Farrell was formerly a Contractor he was unsatisfactory.

Sureties of Contractor. Richard Mills, Clone, Castletown and Michael Purcell, Barogue, Gorey.

No.106. James Mills, Junior, Clone, Castletown, tendered at £9 (amount allowed). James Farrell, Kilmichael, Gorey tendered at £8.

The tender of James Mills, Junior was accepted.

The lower tender was rejected as Farrell was unsatisfactory when he was a Contractor for roads.

Sureties of Contractor. Richard Mills, Clone, Castletown and Michael Purcell, Barogue, Gorey.

No.107. William Farrell, Kilmichael, Gorey tendered at £5. James Mills, Junior, tendered at £6 (amount allowed).

The tender of William Farrell was accepted.

Sureties of Contractor. James Tackaberry, Killowen, Gorey and Patrick Kavanagh, Cloneranny, Gorey

No.108. James Doyle, Tara Hill, Gorey, tendered at £28, the full amount allowed, and was accepted.

Sureties. James Doyle, Gorey Bridge, Gorey and Peter Noctor, Tara Hill, Gorey.

No.109. William Farrell, Junior, Kilmichael, Gorey tendered at £5, the full amount allowed, and was accepted.

Sureties. Patrick Kavanagh, Cloneranny, Gorey and James Tackaberry, Killowen, Gorey.

No.123. James Gethings, Cumber, Coolboy, Tinahely tendered at £12, and was accepted. (amount allowed £13).

Sureties. Edward Breslin, Slievebawn, Gorey and Joseph Gethings, Cumber, Tinahely.



No.124. No Tender given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.142. Patrick Kinsella, Market Square, Gorey tendered at £13:10: Od, and was accepted (amount allowed £14).

Sureties. Daniel Kinsella, Knockavotha, Gorey and James Hempenstall, Main Street, Gorey.

No.143. John Codd, Ballyscarton, Gorey tendered at £9:19: 6d. Patrick Kinsella, Market Square, Gorey tendered at £13:19:11d. Michael Keegan, 7, Gratton Street, Gorey tendered at £15: 0: Od.

The tender of John Codd was accepted (amount allowed £15).

Sureties of Contractor. Thomas F. Carroll, Main Street, Gorey and Michael Codd, Ballyscarton, Gorey.

No.144. James Dunne, Ballydean, Courtown Harbour tendered at £10. Michael Dwyer, McCurtain Street, Gorey tendered at £11:19: 6d and James Duffy, Ballingram, Killena at £12.

The tender of James Dunne was accepted (amount allowed £12).

Sureties of Contractor. Michael Kane, The Moor, Killena and Patrick Lawless, Ballywalter, Killena, Gorey.

No.182. Michael Loughlin, Drummond, Ballyellis, Carnew tendered at £32, being the full amount allowed, and was accepted.

Sureties. Thaddeus Loughlin, Drummond, Carnew and William Kinsella, Castlewhite, Carnew.

No.184. No tender given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.185. No tender given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.186. No tender given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.187. Patrick Fox, Knock Brandon, Craanford tendered at £16. John Donohue, Ballyconran, Craanford tendered at £16:10: Od, and James Barnes, Foxcover, Monaseed tendered at £17: 9: Od.

The tender of Patrick Fox was accepted. Amount allowed £20.

Sureties, of Contractor. John Fox, Knock Brandon, Craanford and Richard Browne, Clonamona, Gorey.

No.203. James Barnes, Foxcover, Monaseed tendered at £11:17:Od and was accepted (amount allowed £13:10: Od).

Sureties. John Sunderland, Baltyfarrell, Gorey and John Fox,



Knock Brandon, Gorey.

No. 218. Michael Keegan, Grattan Street, Gorey tendered at £13. John Kinsella, Ballyduff tendered at £12:10: 0d and Patrick Kinsella, Market Square, Gorey tendered at £12:10: 0d.

Michael Keegan's tender was accepted, as he was a satisfactory contractor previously. Amount allowed £13.

Sureties, of Contractor. Peter Keegan, Hilton Cottage, Gorey and John Nolan, Main Street, Gorey.

No. 333. No tender given in charge of County Surveyor.

No. 334. Nicholas Redmond, Ballinlow, Kilmuckridge tendered at £11, and was accepted. Amount allowed £20.

Sureties. John Corrigan, Clonmore, Ballycanew and John Murphy, Ballygarron, Gorey.

No. 354. John Corrigan, Clonmore, Ballycanew tendered at £8. John Kinsella, Ballyduff, Killana tendered at £10.

The tender of John Corrigan was accepted. Amount allowed £10.

Sureties. George Stacey, Mountforest, Ballycanew and Aidan Kehoe, Mounthoward, Monamolin.

No. 355. David Doyle, Ballinagam, Clonevan tendered at £7, being the full amount allowed, and was accepted.

Sureties. John P. Sinnott, Cahore, Clonevan and Thomas Doyle, Ballygarrett, Clonevan.

No. 356. Myles Ennis, Cahore, Clonevan tendered at £8, being the full amount allowed, and was accepted.

Sureties. John P. Sinnott, Cahore, Clonevan and Thomas Doyle, Ballygarrett, Clonevan.

No. 1015. No tender given in charge of County Surveyor.

No. 1016. William Murphy, Monasootha, Camolin, tendered at £30, being the full amount allowed, and was accepted.

Sureties. Isaac Funge, Kilbride, Courtown Harbour and Edward Crowe, Dundrum, Kilmuckridge.

#### HAULAGE

A large number of haulage tenders was dealt with the lowest satisfactory tender being accepted in each case.



NEW ROSS TENDERS COMMITTEE.

The above Committee met in Courthouse, New Ross, on 21st February, 1935.

Present:- Messrs. P. Colfer, M. Redmond and J.E. Walsh.

The Secretary, Co. Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors Birthistle, Cullen and O'Neill were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Redmond the chair was taken by

Mr. Walsh.

ROAD CONTRACTS

All accepted Road Contracts run from 1st April, 1935, to 31st March, 1938.

All Roads given in charge of County Surveyor run for one year viz. from 1st April, 1935, to 31st March, 1936.

Road No. 575:- Michael McGrath, Knockroe, Palace East, tendered at £14. Rejected, as Contractor was not in attendance. Road given in charge of County Surveyor.

No. 576:- John Doran, Gobbinstown, Ballywilliam, tendered at £23, full amount allowed, and was accepted.

Sureties:- Michael Keegan, South Street, New Ross, and Michael Furlong, South Street, New Ross.

No. 580:- Martin Quigley, Macmorrough, New Ross, tendered at £9 and was accepted. (Amount allowed £10).

Sureties:- Philip Nolan, Maudlins, New Ross, and Thomas O'Brien, Newtown, New Ross.

No. 599:- No tender. Given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

No. 684:- No tender. Given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

No. 688:- No tender. Given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

No. 689:- No tender. Given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

No. 695:- No tender. Given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

No. 697:- No tender. Given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

No. 698:- No tender. Given in charge of Co. Surveyor.



No.721:- Thomas Wall, Kilbraney, Gusserane, tendered at £11:4:6d and was accepted. (Amount allowed £13)

Sureties:- John J. Kinsella, Boley, Ballycullane, and William Keating, Boley, Ballycullane.

No.722:- Peter Stafford, Coolboy, Foulksmills, tendered at £13:17:6d and was accepted. (Amount allowed £14)

Sureties:- Nicholas Stafford, Coolboy, New Ross, and Patrick Forristal, New Ross.

No.723:- Patrick Murphy, Ballybrack, Foulksmills, tendered at £6:18:0d, and James Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, at £8:5s.

Murphy's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £9)

Sureties:- Thomas Finn, Rochestown, New Ross, and Peter Whelan, Rosegarland, Foulksmills.

No.724:- William Keating, Boley, Ballycullane, tendered at £11:18:6d; Patrick Quirke, Ballygarvan, Gusserane, at £12:5s., and James Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, at £13:17:6d.

Keating's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £14)

Sureties:- Luke Daye, Boley, Ballycullane, and John J. Kinsella, Boley, Ballycullane.

No.727:- Patrick Quirke, Ballygarvan, Gusserane, tendered at £5:4s. William Keating, Boley, Ballycullane, at £5:14:6d, and James Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, at £7.

Quirke's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £7)

Sureties:- Thomas Finn, Rochestown, New Ross, and Martin Rossiter, Boley, Ballycullane.

No.742:- No tender. Given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

No.744:- Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Foulksmills, tendered at £9 the full amount allowed, and was accepted.

Sureties:- John O'Connor, Shanoule, Foulksmills, and Moses McCabe, Ballyvergin, Foulksmills.

No.747:- Mark Hanlon, Clongeen, Foulksmills, tendered at £13:4s. and James Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, at £13:10s.

Hanlon's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £15).



Sureties:- Luke Daye, Boley, Ballycullane, and Peter Whelan, Rosegarland, Foulksmills.

No.749:- No tender. Given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

No.751:- Mark Hanlon, Clongeen, Foulksmills, tendered at £5, the full amount allowed, and was accepted.

Sureties:- Luke Daye, Boley, Ballycullane, and Peter Whelan, Rosegarland, Foulksmills.

No.801:- William Keating, Boley, Ballycullane, tendered at £8:9:6d and was accepted. (Amount allowed £9)

Sureties:- John J. Kinsella, Boley, Ballycullane, and James Wall, Kilbraney, Gusserane.

No.803:- John Murphy, Nuke, Arthurstown, tendered at £5 the full amount allowed, and was accepted.

Sureties:- Peter Foran, Nuke, Arthurstown, and James Power, do.

No.805:- No tender. Given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

No.809:- John Slator, Shelbaggin, Ramsgrange, tendered at £20:10s. and was accepted. (Amount allowed £21)

Sureties:- John Kent, Shelbaggin, Ramsgrange, and James Kennedy, do.

No.828:- Joseph O'Hanlon, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, tendered at £10:15:0d. and was accepted. (Amount allowed £11)

Sureties:- William Bohannan, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, and Patrick Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills.

No.831:- William Keating, Boley, Ballycullane, tendered at £4:9:6d, and James Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, at £4:16:0d.

Keating's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £6)

Sureties:- John J. Kinsella, Boley, Ballycullane, and James Wall, Kilbraney, Gusserane, New Ross.

No.850:- John Slator, Shelbaggin, Ramsgrange, tendered at £11, and was accepted. (Amount allowed £12).

Sureties:- James Kennedy, Shelbaggin, Ramsgrange, and John Kent, Shelbaggin, Ramsgrange.

No.851:- Thomas Phelan, Jr., Ballinfoile, Duncannon, tendered at £19 the full amount allowed, and was accepted.

Sureties:- Thomas Phelan, Sr., Ballinfoile, Duncannon, and Patrick Neville, Haggard, Ramsgrange.



No.855:- Thomas Mallon, Ramstown, Fethard-on-Sea, tendered at £7:10s.; Andrew Power, Boley Hill, at £8, and John Egan, Grange, Fethard, at £9.

Mallon's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £9)

Sureties:- William Devereux, Lambstown, Fethard, and Walter Byrne, Lambstown, Fethard.

No.856:- Thomas Mallon, Ramstown, Fethard-on-Sea, tendered at £6:10s.; Andrew Power, Boley Hill, at £8 and John Egan, Grange, Fethard, at £9.

Mallon's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £9)

Sureties:- William Devereux, Lambstown, Fethard, and Walter Byrne, Lambstown, Fethard.

No.869:- Edward Mallon, Aldridge, Duncannon, tendered at £16:15s., Edward Banville, Haytown, Duncannon, at £17,

Mallon's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £18)

Sureties:- John Culleton, Kilbride, Duncannon, and John Power, Aldridge, Duncannon.

No.870:- No tender. Given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

No.871:- Edward Banville, Haytown, Duncannon, tendered at £8:15:0d. Nicholas Cusack, Lewistown, Fethard-on-Sea, at £9.

Banville's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £9)

Sureties:- James Crane, Ballygarrett, New Ross, and Edward Banville, Sr., Haytown, New Ross.

No.874:- Edward Banville, Haytown, Duncannon, tendered at £13; a Patrick Murphy, Little Graigue, Fethard, at £13:5s., and Michael Neville, Haggard, Fethard, at £14.

Banville's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £14)

Sureties:- James Crane, Ballygarrett, and Edward Banville, Sr., Haytown, Duncannon.

No.1023:- Mrs. Anne Henrick, Rathfarden, Clonroche, tendered at £10 the full amount allowed and was accepted.

Sureties:- Maurice Murphy, Rathfarden, Clonroche, and Patrick Flynn, Ballindoney.

#### HAULAGE CONTRACTS

A number of Haulage tenders were accepted, the lowest satisfactory tender.



WEXFORD TENDERS COMMITTEE

The above Tenders Committee met in County Hall, Wexford, on 23rd February, 1935.

Present:- Mr. R. Corish, (Vice Chairman Co. Council) presiding, also Miss O'Ryan and Mr. C. Culleton.

The Co. Secretary, Co. Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors Birthistle and Cullen were in attendance.

ROAD CONTRACTS

All Road Contracts for which Tenders were taken are to run from 1st April, 1935, to 31st March, 1936,

Those given in charge of Co. Surveyor run from 1st April, 1935 to 31st March, 1936.

No. 623:- Thomas Walsh, Kereight, Kyle, tendered at £12, the full amount allowed and was accepted.

Sureties:- E.P. Foley, Crossabeg, and Denis McDonald, Lonsdale, Kyle.

No. 624:- John Furlong, Barmoney, Bree, tendered at £16 and was accepted. (Amount allowed £17.)

Sureties:- James Cullimore, Whitechurch, Glynn, and Joseph Doyle, Mountainmuck, Glynn.

No. 625:- John Furlong, Barmoney, Bree, tendered at £30, and was accepted. (Amount allowed £32)

Sureties:- James Cullimore, Whitechurch, Glynn, and Joseph Doyle, Mountainmuck, Glynn.

No. 626:- John Furlong, Barmoney, Bree, tendered at £12:10s. and was accepted. (Amount allowed £13)

Sureties:- James Cullimore, Whitechurch, Glynn, and Joseph Doyle, Mountainmuck, Glynn.

No. 627: John Furlong, Barmoney, Bree, tendered at £14 and was accepted. (Amount allowed £15)

Sureties:- Joseph Doyle, Mountainmuck, Glynn, and James Cullimore, Whitechurch, Glynn.

No. 628:- No tender. Given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

No. 644:- No tender. Given in charge of Co. Surveyor.



No. 647:- Denis Kehoe, Kilmacoe, Curracloe, tendered at £14 the full amount allowed, and was accepted.

Sureties:- James Doyle, Shanoule, and Peter Cullen, Kilmacoe.

No. 762:- No tender. Given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

No. 763:- Thomas Barron, Cools, Barntown; John Furlong, Barmoney, Bree both tendered at £28.

Barron's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £30)

Sureties:- John Graydon, Cools, Barntown, and William Wright, Trinity, Taghmon.

No. 764:- Patrick Cullen, Forrest, Taghmon, tendered at £17, the full amount allowed and was accepted.

Sureties:- Michael Ryan, Coolteen, Barntown, and Thomas Boggan, Growtown, Taghmon.

No. 766:- Richard Cleary, Dirr, Cleariestown, tendered at £7, and Thomas Barron, Cools, Barntown, at £8:10s.

Cleary's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £9)

Sureties:- Charles Fitzhenry, Cleariestown, and William Wright, Shelmalier Commons, Murrintown.

No. 778:- Peter Long, Kingsford, Barntown, tendered at £11:19s., and James Dowd, Glenview, Barntown, at £13:18s.

Long's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £15)

Sureties:- Edward Woods, Kingsford, Barntown, and William Wright, Forth Commons.

No. 779:- John Merriman, Shelmalier Commons, tendered at £16:9s. and was accepted. (Amount allowed £17)

Sureties:- John J. Graydon, Cools, Barntown, and Michael Ryan, Coolteen, Barntown.

No. 781:- Patrick Roche, Sea View, Barntown, tendered at £5:10s; Denis Barron, Barntown, at £5:12:6d, and James Dowd, Glenview, at £10:10s.

Roche's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £6)

Sureties:- Laurence Roche, Hayestown, Murrintown, and William Wright, Shelmalier Commons, Murrintown.

No. 782:- No tender. Given in charge of Co. Surveyor.



No.783:- James Dowd, Seaview, Barntown, tendered at £5:19:3d, and was accepted. (Amount allowed £7)

Sureties:- Edward Woods, Seaview, Barntown, and Thomas Grendon, Newbay, Barntown.

No.785:- James Dowd, Seaview, Barntown, tendered at £5:19:2d; James Murphy, Newbog, Taghmon, at £5:15s., and Patrick Roche, Seaview, Barntown, at £6:10s.

Dowd's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £7)

Sureties:- Edward Woods, Ballyhine, Barntown, and Thomas Grendon, Newbay, Barntown.

No.786:- James Dowd, Seaview, Barntown, tendered at £6:8s.; William Britt, Murrintown, at £7:9s.; Patrick Roche, Seaview, Barntown, at £7:9:1ld, and James Duff, Corramacorra, Murrintown, at £7:10s.

Dowd's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £8)

Sureties:- Edward Woods, Ballyhine, Barntown, and Thomas Grendon, Newbay, Barntown.

No.889:- Patrick May, Ardinagh, Taghmon, tendered at £18 the full amount allowed and was accepted.

Sureties:- Aidan May, Slevoy, and Patrick Martin, Knocktartan.

No.890:- John Doyle, Bridgetown, tendered at £15 the full amount allowed and was accepted.

Sureties:- Patrick Doyle, Bridgetown, and James Doyle, Ardinagh.

No.892:- No tender. Given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

No.893:- James Doyle, Graigeen, Carrig-on-Bannow, tendered at £12:10 Richard Merriman, Busherstown, Ballymitty, at £12:17:6d, and William Browne, Duncormick, at £13.

Doyle's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £13)

Sureties:- John Barron, Coolishal, Wellingtonbridge, and Michael Merriman, Coolishal, Wellingtonbridge.

No.910:- James Doyle, Graigeen, Carrig-on-Bannow, tendered at £17:19:6d and was accepted. (Amount allowed £19)

Sureties:- John Barron, Coolishal, Wellingtonbridge, and Michael Merriman, Coolishal, Wellingtonbridge.



No.911:- James Harpur, Haggard, Bannow, tendered at £6:10s., and William Waters, Vernegley, Wellingtonbridge, at £6:16:5d.

Harpur's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £7)

Sureties:- William Rigley, Blackhall, and Richd. Merriman, Busherstown.

No.913:- William Browne, Brandane, Bannow, tendered at £4:19s. and was accepted. (Amount allowed £5)

Sureties:- William Waters, Brandane, Bannow, and James Davey, Moor, do.

No.914:- William Browne, Brandane, Bannow, tendered at £6:16:11d, and Robert Sheridan, Blackhall, Bannow, at £7. (Amount allowed £7)

Tenders rejected and road given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

No.915:- Patrick Byrne, Scar, Duncormick, tendered at £8:19s. (Amount allowed £9).

Tender rejected. Contractor not present. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.916:- Michael Gaynor, Knocktown, Duncormick, tendered at £10:5s and was accepted. (Amount allowed £11)

Sureties:- Patrick Byrne, Scar, Duncormick, and Mark Gaynor, Whitty's Hill, Bannow.

No.917:- John Furlong, Sr., Knocktown, Duncormick, tendered at £8:18s and Patrick Byrne, Scar, Duncormick, tendered at £9, the full amount allowed.

Tenders rejected and road given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

No.930:- No tender. Given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

No.931:- Richard Cleary, Dirr, Cleariestown, tendered at £17 the full amount allowed and was accepted.

Sureties:- Charles Fitzhenry, Skeeter Park, Cleariestown, and William Wright, Shelmalier Commons, Murrintown.

No.932:- Matthew Kearns, Greenlake, Cleariestown, tendered at £9:17:6d., and Thomas Kelly, Skeeter Park, Cleariestown, at £10:18s

Kearns's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £11)

Sureties:- Patrick Kehoe, Ballyshelin, Trinity, and Robert Sills, Corramacorra, Murrintown.

No.933:- Thomas Kelly, Skeeter Park, Cleariestown, tendered at £6:8s., and Matthew Kearns, Greenlake, Cleariestown, at £6:2:6d.



Kelly's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £7).

Sureties:- Charles Fitzhenry, Skeeter Park, Cleariestown, and John Cullen, Greenlake, Cleariestown.

No.934:- James Duff, Corramacorra, Murrintown, tendered at £7:10s. and was accepted. (Amount allowed £8)

Sureties:- Robert Sills, Corramacorra, Murrintown, and Michael Flood, Corramacorra, Murrintown.

No.935:- James Murphy, Newbog, Taghmon, tendered at £7 the full amount allowed and was accepted.

Sureties:- Charles Fitzhenry, Cleariestown, and Patrick Kehoe, Dirr, Cleariestown.

No.936:- Thomas Kelly, Skeeter Park, Cleariestown, tendered at £11 the full amount allowed, and was accepted.

Sureties:- Charles Fitzhenry, Skeeter Park, Cleariestown, and John Cullen, Greenlake, Murrintown.

No.937:- Philip Connick, Bridgetown, tendered at £11:15s. and Patrick Kielty, Sweetmount, Bridgetown, at £12.

Connick's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £14)

Sureties:- Mark Scallan, Tullibards, Bridgetown, and John Busher, Greyrobin, Tomhaggard.

No.954:- James Jordan, Reahouse, Duncormick, tendered at £10, the full amount allowed and was accepted.

Sureties:- Stephen Coady, Cull, Duncormick, and Thomas Browne, Park, Duncormick.

No.955:- No tender. Given in charge of the Co. Surveyor.

No.956:- Patrick Kielty, Sweetmount, Bridgetown, tendered at £8, and William Delaney, Ballybibernagh, Bridgetown, at £9:15s.

Kielty's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £10)

Sureties:- Edward Mernagh, Bridgetown, and John Egan, Ballyharty.

No.957:- Patrick Kielty, Sweetmount, Bridgetown, tendered at £10. Philip Connick, Bridgetown, at £10:15s.; John McGrath, Tullibards, Bridgetown, at £10:15s., and William Delaney, Ballybibernagh, Bridgetown, at £11:10s.

Kielty's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £12)



Sureties:- Edward Mernagh, Bridgetown, and John Egan, Ballyharty.

No.972:- Patrick Byrne, Ballykilliane, Drinagh, tendered at £9, the full amount allowed and was accepted.

Sureties:- Patrick Rossiter, Ballykilliane, and James Hore, do.

No.973:- Patrick Byrne, Ballykilliane, Drinagh, tendered at £21:15s. and was accepted. (Amount allowed £22)

Sureties:- James Hore, Ballykilliane, Drinagh, and Patk. Rossiter, do.

No.974:- Patrick Byrne, Ballykilliane, Drinagh, tendered at £7, the full amount allowed, and was accepted.

Sureties:- Patrick Rossiter, Ballykilliane, Drinagh, and James Hore, Ballykilliane, Drinagh.

No.975:- Bernard Wilson, Ablintown, Ballycogley, tendered at £15 and was accepted. (Amount allowed £16)

Sureties:- John Cullimore, Merchant, Wexford. Peter Kelly, do.

No.977:- John Harpur, Courtlands, Ballycogley, tendered at £18 the full amount allowed, and was accepted.

Sureties:- William McDonald, Greyrobin, Ballycogley, and Patrick Newport, Woodtown, Ballycogley.

No.978:- John Harpur, Courtlands, Ballycogley, tendered at £13:19s. and Bernard Wilson, Ablintown, Ballycogley, at £15.

Harpur's tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £16)

Sureties:- Patk. Newport, Woodtown, Ballycogley, Wm. McDonald, Greyrobin

No.1010:- No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.1011:- No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

#### HAULAGE TENDERS

A large number of tenders for haulage were dealt with and the lowest satisfactory tender taken in each case.



### DEDUCTION FROM AGRICULTURAL GRANT

The Secretary reported it was announced at the Conference of County Secretaries with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health held last week in Dublin that the money allocated for Agricultural Grant for next financial year would be less than the allocation for 1934/35.

In the case of County Wexford the figure will be £77,417 as against £80,969 a reduction of £3,552 which will cause a "cut" of about 25% on last year's supplementary grant of  $2/8\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £. The Primary and Employment Grants will, however, be the same as last year viz.,  $6/0\frac{1}{4}$ d in the £.

The Council have been already notified that from the Grant allocated for the current financial year £31,943 has been withheld to meet arrears of Land Purchase Annuities.

The Council are legally bound to raise this amount off the County-at-Large which will mean a rate of  $1/9\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £.

It was pointed out at the Conference that the law provided for the maintenance of the Guarantee fund by transferring to this fund from Local Taxation Grants payable to Co.Councils sums sufficient to meet any deficiency and no departure from this course can be made.

In order to maintain County Services, the deficiency now arising must be included in Rate Estimates for financial year 1935/36.

A suggestion was made that the Guarantee fund should be abolished as, at the time it was established, the present state of payments of Land Act annuities was not contemplated.

The financial position of many Co.Councils leaves a great deal to be desired, and with the deficiency in State Grants, the position will become increasingly difficult.

Mr. O'Byrne held the Council should get what was promised them at the time they prepared their Rate.

The Secretary pointed out that this allocation was



provisional and amount would have been paid in full if there was no deficiency in the payment of Land Act Annuities.

Mr. Keegan said that Councils were being penalised because annuities were not being paid. The Councils had no control over the payment of annuities and they, therefore, should not be penalised.

Mr. Cummins looked upon it as monstrous for the Council to ask the ratepayers to pay this deficit of  $1/9\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £. which was more than they considered they were able to pay.

The Chairman considered it was past the time when the rates should be held responsible for the Guarantee Fund. At the present time the annuities were being collected and put into the Exchequer. Heretofore they had been paid to meet the interest on loans. A change in the law should be made. Councils were in the habit of budgetting on the understanding that annuities would be paid and afterwards they found themselves in the position that the annuities were not paid. They should urge upon the Government that the time had come when the rates should not be held responsible for the Guarantee Fund and that the fund be abolished.

Mr. E. Doyle said that the Government were reaping a tremendous amount of revenue from the annuities of which they should give the people some benefit.

The Chairman said that the amount received by the Government in annuities went to meet the Interest and Loan charges on the 1923 Act.

Mr. Doyle - Then it is only the people who bought under the one Act are receiving any benefit.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Cummins:- "That we call upon the Government to abolish the Guarantee Fund under the Land Purchase Act of 1891 as when this Fund was established the present huge deficiency in the payment of annuities under Land Purchase Acts was not contemplated. In our opinion the ratepayers of a County



"should no longer be held responsible for non-payment of Land Annuities. The present system has seriously affected and upset the finances of Councils and, if continued, will ultimately paralyse local administration."

#### MAINTENANCE OF DRAINAGE SCHEMES

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

"That the resolution of the Co.Council recommending that the expenditure for drainage schemes be financed as follows:- State Contribution, 60 per cent; Local area improved lands, 30 per cent; County at Large 10 per cent, be rescinded."

He held that if the decision of the Co.Council to contribute towards the maintenance of these schemes by even 10% was not rescinded they would increase uneconomic schemes twenty-fold and the question of their real economic value would not secure the consideration it deserved.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded.

The Chairman pointed out that as the Mover of the Motion which it was proposed to rescind, the small contribution proposed from the County-at-Large might mean the difference between having large areas of land brought into cultivation or allowing them to remain as bogs. Subsidies for drainage Schemes were recognised in other and progressive Countries and they should endeavour to move with the times.

After further discussion a Vote was taken on Mr.Doyle's motion with the following result:-

FOR:- Messrs. Connors, Cummins, Doyle, Gibbon, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Quin and Smyth. (10)

AGAINST:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Cullimore, Culleton, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, Ronan, O'Ryan, Redmond and the Chairman. (11).

The Chairman declared the motion lost.



ASKINVILLAR LANE

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

"That Lower Askinvillar Lane be widened and repaired  
"under Minor Relief Scheme."

The motion was (in the absence of Mr. Bowe) moved, with permission of the meeting, by Mr. Lawlor.

It was seconded by Mr. McCarthy and adopted.

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL  
SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

The following motion of which she had given previous notice was moved by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That as regards eligibility of candidates applying  
"for Scholarships and bursaries under Secondary and  
"Vocational Scholarship Scheme, children, whose  
"parents reside in Rural Areas and, in whose case  
"the one, or the two parents jointly, have an income  
"of £300 per annum, be debarred from competing for  
"such scholarships and bursaries."

Mr. Kelly seconded.

The Co.Solicitor, in reply to Miss O'Ryan, said that as the condition set out in her motion had not been embodied in the printed scheme for the current year it could not be applied to this year.

The motion was adopted nem. con. and it was decided to refer it to the Scholarship Committee with a view to having it inserted in next year's Scheme.

Mr. John Doyle, Churchtown, Bridgetown, wrote that he had received a communication from the Minister for Education in regard to an application made by his daughter, Kathleen M., for a scholarship, stating the matter was one entirely for the County Council. He (Mr. Doyle) urged the Council in their reconsideration of the application to see their way to alter the decision and to declare her eligible to sit for the examination as the point which had arisen over her age was only a matter of



a few hours.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Doyle's daughter was a day over the age stipulated in the scheme for eligibility. They had similar questions time after time but the Council found they could not go outside the regulations of the Scheme.

Mr. Culleton said he asked the Council to waive the point in Miss Doyle's case at the previous meeting, and in doing so again he desired to inform the Chairman that he ascertained since that it was only a matter of a couple of hours in the age of the girl.

The Secretary pointed out that if the Council made this departure from the Scheme they would be surcharged by the Auditor in the event of Miss Doyle being awarded a Scholarship.

The Co.Solicitor concurred in this view and it was decided to take no action in the matter.

Under date 6th March, 1935, the Office of National Education wrote (F.34927) conveying the Department's approval of the award of Scholarship to Gerald Fenelon and of bursaries to Edward Kelly, George Swords and Hubert Sheil provided the Council had sufficient funds at its disposal to meet this expense.

#### INSURANCE CARDS

Mr. Connors proposed the following motion of which he had given previous notice:- "That Insurance Cards (Unemployment and National Health) be, in future, forwarded to Road Gangers who are the proper persons to distribute these cards."

Mr. O'Byrne seconded.

The Co.Surveyor explained that the cards were at present sent to the Unemployment Exchanges and there was no trouble except in the case of Enniscorthy District.

Mr. Keegan proposed as an amendment:- "That Insurance Cards (National Health and Unemployment) be in future sent to workers direct."

Mr. Corish seconded.



After further discussion Mr. Connors withdrew his motion in favour of the amendment, which was passed, on the understanding that if the system of sending the cards direct to the men was not found satisfactory after six months, he would again bring forward his motion.

COL. QUIN AND THE CHAIRMAN

Col. Quin said that only last week a man came to him and told him that the Chairman of the Co. Council and Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, had been to his (Col. Quin's) place and ordered that a stream be turned on to his land to flood it.

Chairman - That is not so.

Col. Quin - I am very glad to hear that. I could not understand why I was not consulted before the alleged order was given. I was very surprised at the alleged extreme discourtesy on your part, and I did not expect it of you, and I am very glad to have a denial of it from your lips.

The Chairman said that the matter was a personal one. The question arose at the Tenders Committee meeting. A contractor, before he signed his bond, raised a certain question, and what the Tenders committee did was refer the matter to the County Surveyor. He (Chairman) gave no instructions to anybody in regard to turning water on to Col. Quin's land.

Col. Quin said that when he 'phoned the Co. Surveyor, he (Co. Surveyor) knew nothing at all about the matter. A man had told him (Col. Quin) that he had got orders to turn the water on his land, and that the Chairman and Mr. Treanor had been there.

The Chairman said he had not been in that part of the country referred to for twelve months. It was a ridiculous charge to make without the slightest foundation. Col. Quin might have brought the matter privately to his (Chairman's) notice or have verified his information before having a full dress debate at a Co. Council Meeting.



APPOINTMENT OF CORONER

Under date 12th February, 1935, the Local Appointments Commission wrote (L.A.21/2/34) recommending Mr. Fintan Michael O'Connor, Solicitor, Westlands, Wexford, for appointment as Coroner for South Wexford.

Mr. Doyle proposed:- "That Mr. Fintan M. O'Connor, Solicitor, Westlands, Wexford, be, in accordance with the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners (12th February, 1935, No. L.A.21/2/34), appointed Coroner for South Wexford at a salary of £125 per annum (inclusive) post to be part-time and non-pensionable, conditions of appointment to be in accordance with ~~the~~ enclosures which accompanied letter of recommendation from Local Appointments Commissioners."

In proposing this motion Mr. Doyle congratulated Mr. O'Connor on his appointment.

Mr. Corish, in seconding, said they should be glad to see that a Wexford man had secured the appointment.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

WEEDS & AGRICULTURAL SEEDS  
(IRELAND) ACT 1909

Under date 28th February, 1935, (L.5008/34) the Department of Agriculture forwarded copy of Order dated 14th February, 1935, made by the Minister for Agriculture in conformity with the resolution adopted by the Council at their meeting on 14th December, 1934, re above Act, Inspection in County Wexford of lands for noxious weeds would be carried out annually during the months of July and August.



CAMOLIN PARK ROADS.

Under date 28th February, 1935, the Irish Land Commission wrote (No.A. & R. 4856/35, Estate of I.L.C. (W.H.Foster, Record No.E.C.4198, Co.Wexford) that as the Council had been previously informed they were prepared to contribute £500 towards the reconstruction of Camolin Park Road, provided it is constructed and maintained by the Co.Council and that a sum of not less than £1,000 is spent on the reconstruction. A sum of £500 was the maximum sum that the Land Commission were prepared to contribute towards the cost of the proposed work.

Mr. Corish referred to an interview with Mr.Hugo Flynn, (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance) a few days before the Co.Council meeting in which he (Mr.Corish) understood that a higher figure than £500 was to be offered to the Council.

After discussion it was decided to refer the question of Camolin Road to Finance Committee to await a further communication from the Land Commission in the matter.

In connection with a second and smaller road at Camolin Park, letter was read from James Hendrick that he had brought the condition of this road before the Co.Council some time ago and intended to wait upon the Council with some of the ratepayers concerned with a view to having some repairs carried out as the road was at present in a very bad condition.

Mr. Ronan said he knew this road well and it certainly was almost impassable. It was used by 26 families. It was full of pot holes and he was afraid it would take a good deal of money to put it in any sort of decent repair.

On the motion of Mr.Corish seconded by Miss O'Ryan it was decided to refer this matter also to the Finance Committee.



WEXFORD HARBOUR

Col. Gibbon referred to the Wexford Harbour Improvements Bill, and said that something appeared in the Press last week that seemed to be rather disquieting. In regard to a report of a meeting of the Harbour Board, he gathered from statements made by Mr. Corish that provided there was no opposition the Bill was likely to go through without any further trouble, but when the matter was being discussed by the Co. Council, Mr. Corish gave him an undertaking that the scheme would be thoroughly examined by competent engineers of the Government before going any further. He (Col. Gibbon) voted for the scheme, and he was in favour of something being done with Wexford Harbour if anything could be done, but he was anxious that the scheme should be thoroughly examined before they were committed to the expenditure of money. It was a frightfully big scheme and the starting of the work on it might, unless they went into the matter very thoroughly, result in the bar closing entirely and affecting, with the filling of the harbour, the drainage of certain portions. He would like to have some assurance that the Government was going into the matter.

Mr. Corish said that in regard to the answer he made at the meeting of the Harbour Board when he was asked about the Bill, what he meant was that the lodgment of the Bill was a day late in consequence of a fortnight's adjournment by the Co. Council, and when a private bill was late the Examiner of Private Bills had to report that matter to both the Dail and Senate, and afterwards it was referred to the Standing Orders Committee, who, if they thought the objection frivolous, could agree that the Bill was all right. As far as examination was concerned, the question of examination still held. The Government were still examining the Bill and the Board of Works engineers had been in Wexford two or three times in connection with the matter. The Bill would be sent to a Committee before whom anyone could give evidence.



Col. Gibbon - What I want is an assurance that they really are examining <sup>in</sup> it.

The Chairman said he had an assurance from the Minister for Industry and Commerce that, even if the Bill went through, they were expected to provide a very large State Grant, and before they gave one penny they would have to be assured by engineers and everybody else that all the money would be spent to advantage and they would give no money unless assured on that point.

#### BALLYHACK HARBOUR

Under date 7th March, 1935, Department of Agriculture (Fisheries Branch) wrote (W.L./129/35) to Mr. Corish, T.D., Co. Councillor, that representations in the matter of the need for certain work by way of cleaning and structural repairs to harbour at Ballyhack had been received in the Department from the Commissioners of Public Works and the whole question was now under consideration.

#### ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR

In reference to St. Helen's Harbour, the Chairman said that the suggestion had been made to him that if a new proposal were made it would be considered by the Government.

Mr. Corish said that the Minister for Fisheries promised to get all the information possible, and the chairman and himself (Mr. Corish) were to see him afterwards. He (Mr. Corish) went to the Department of Fisheries, and was told that they had not yet got the information they required, but if a fresh proposal were put up it would get careful and sympathetic consideration.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan that the Co. Surveyor submit report to next meeting of the Co. Council and in which he can set out detailed recommendations as to the improvement of St. Helen's Harbour.

The Co. Surveyor said that there could be no doubt the Council would get a higher labour "content" at St. Helen's Harbour than they would at Carne.



COURTOWN HARBOUR

Under date 23rd February, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.20916/35 Loch Garman (Pg) stating that the Minister raised no objection to the proposed grant of additional remuneration of 15/- and 7/6d per week respectively to the Harbour Master and Watchman at Courtown Harbour for extra duties for operating the new crane and grab. It was assumed that the Co. Surveyor would exercise general foresight as to the work of both men.

Resolution was read from Courtown Harbour Committee adopted at their meeting on 5th March, 1935, expressing dissatisfaction with the unnecessary delay in completing the dredging of the basin. The dredger of the Office of Public Works was working at Arklow Harbour, only 12 miles from Courtown, was allowed to remain idle several days and to return to Dun Laoghaire. There was nothing to prevent her coming to Courtown. The weather was fine and there was ample depth of water to allow her to enter the harbour. If the harbour was made available for trade the revenue of the Council would be increased. It was understood from Co. Surveyor at the time the Crane was erected that the rails were to continue around the turn of the basin so that the crane could be used for loading and unloading cargo. Also that mooring posts were to be erected on the quayside. So far no move had been made to complete this work which was of vital importance in the development of the harbour as a shipping centre.

Under date 7th March, 1935, the following was read from the Co. Surveyor:-

"On Wednesday, 6th March, by appointment, I met Mr. Candy, Chief Engineer of the Board of Works, and with him his Assistant, Mr. Doyle. We made an examination of the entrance channel and basin at Courtown, and Mr. Candy is to go into the matter in detail in order to try and arrange for the dredging of the Harbour at an early date. In the meanwhile he wants soundings taken of the present condition of the channel, bar, and of the basin, and these I am arranging for."



The Co.Surveyor said that Mr. Candy did not seem keen on clearing the basin by the suction dredger. He appeared to be in favour of a grab, and blowing the stuff ashore through a pipe.

Mr. Keegan went into detail as to the efforts of the Co.Council to secure the services of dredger, and stated he wished those concerned to understand that no opportunity was missed by the Council in endeavouring to have the dredging of the basin completed without delay or in pushing forward the interests of Courtown Harbour generally.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That the Co.Surveyor be instructed to supply particulars of soundings at Courtown Harbour to the Office of Public Works and that he use his best endeavours to have the dredging of basin carried out without further delay. That his attention be called to the observations of Courtown Harbour Committee as to extension of rails and erection of mooring posts."

#### TEMPORARY STAFF FOR RATE BOOKS ETC.

In connection with the appointment of two members from each County Electoral Area for selection of temporary staff for writing up rate books etc. the following appointments were made:-

Enniscorthy District:- Mr. Corish proposed the appointment of Mr. Kelly.

Mr. Cullimore seconded and the motion was adopted.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the appointment of Mr. Sweetman.

Passed.

Col. Quin proposed the name of Mr. McCarthy but the latter declined to act.

Gorey District:- Mr. Lawlor proposed and Mr. Ronan seconded the appointment of the Chairman and Mr. Keegan.



Col. Quin proposed and Mr. Meyler seconded the appointment of the Chairman and Mr. O'Byrne.

A show of hands was taken as between Messrs. Keegan and O'Byrne when 10 voted for Mr. Keegan and 7 for Mr. O'Byrne

The Chairman and Mr. Keegan were declared selected.

New Ross District:- Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the appointment of Messrs. Cummins and Colfer and the motion was adopted.

Wexford District:- Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the appointment of Messrs. Corish and Cullimore.

Col. Gibbon proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the selection of Messrs. Corish and Doyle.

A show of hands as between Mr. Cullimore and Mr. Doyle was taken with the result that they received 10 votes each.

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of Mr. Cullimore and declared Messrs. Corish and Cullimore selected for Wexford District.

#### CUSTODY OF DISTRICT COURTHOUSES

Miss O'Ryan proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Kelly and adopted:- "That in connection with Courthouses (Provision and Maintenance) Bill 1935, we are of opinion that no change should be made in the present law vesting district Courthouses in Co. Councils who are bound to maintain them; also that the Office of Public Works should, as in the past, be responsible for providing furniture etc. for Co. Registrar's office as he is a Government Official. That copy of this resolution be furnished to the T.Ds. for the County."

#### ROSSLARE SEWERAGE

Under date 7th March, 1935, the Co. Surveyor wrote that on the 5th March, 1935, he had accompanied Miss O'Ryan and Mr. Corish on an inspection of Rosslare with reference to the position of outlet pipes for Rosslare sewerage system, and



also as to the suggested widening of the roadway. The two Co.Councillors referred to, agreed that provision should be made for both these purposes.

Mr. Corish stated he would raise at next meeting of the Council the two questions referred to in the letter of the Co.Surveyor in connection with the proposal from the Health Board relative to sewerage system for Rosslare.

The Chairman suggested that the Co.Councillors for Wexford County Electoral area should form a sub-Committee to make recommendations in the matter to the Council.

Mr. Doyle - You are not going to walk on top of the people down there, are you. I suggest you get some local people on the Committee.

Chairman - It does not apply to them. This body has to take responsibility for the operation of town planning in any particular area.

Mr. Corish - I think before the Committee meet it would be advisable for the Co.Surveyor to let us have a series of notes on the situation there at the moment.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the County Councillors for Wexford County Electoral Area be appointed as a Committee under the Town and Regional Planning Act, to report to the Council their views as regards development of Rosslare under this Act. That the Co.Surveyor be requested to lay before this Committee detailed report as to what, in his opinion, would be the best steps to take in order to have development carried out, ~~in~~ accordance with the Town and Regional Planning Act in Rosslare by the most suitable method."

#### WITHDRAWALS FROM CONTINGENCY FUND

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That, as recommended by the Co.Surveyor, the following withdrawals be made from appropriate Contingency funds:-



Main Roads

	£	s	d	
45M	10:	0:	0	
30M	10:	0:	0	
2M	10:	0:	0	
61M	10:	0:	0	
34M	10:	8:	10	
26M	59:	0:	0	Total £109:8:10d

County Roads

	£	s	d	
5C	23:	0:	0	
19C	4:	0:	0	
21C	4:	0:	0	
23C	4:	0:	0	
28C	21:	0:	0	
1C	23:	0:	0	
30C	6:	0:	0	
31C	7:	0:	0	
36C	10:	0:	0	
44C	12:	10:	0	
45C	13:	18:	1	Total £128: 8: 1d

ROAD CASTLEBRIDGE TO EDENVALE

Under date 27th February, 1935, Mr. Sean Shortle, Castlebridge, wrote calling attention to the condition of above road which also led to Mill of Shortle Bros. This road had been deteriorating for years and was now so bad that traffic had to take an alternative route from the Mills.

The Co. Surveyor stated there was no doubt this was one of the worst roads in the County. It had been considerably cut up by bringing material from Edenvale quarry in connection with a Grant job. He would, however, see to it as soon as possible.

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

CRONELLARD LANE

Mr. Bryan Maguire wrote asking County Council to have some repairs effected to Cronellard lane, Courtown. It was used to a very large extent by summer visitors and was the only car exit to the best strand on the coast viz, "Saleen".

A report was read from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, that if the lane was repaired it would be of great benefit



to the Summer visitors as well as residents. A sum of £70 would put it in good condition.

On the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Colfer the following resolution was adopted:- "That application regarding repair of Cronellard Lane be scheduled for consideration when money becomes available under Minor Relief Scheme."

#### ERECTION OF NEW BUILDING AT BLACKWATER

In connection with the erection of a new dwelling by Joseph Kehoe, Blackwater, Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor for the district, reported that there was at present a store 3ft. 6 inches from the side of the road at one end and 8ft. 8 inches at the other, the width of roadway being 20 ft. Mr. Kehoe intended to erect a two storey dwelling house projecting over the old foundation of the store at either end. The new frontage would be 8ft. 8 inches back from the side of the road at both ends. In his (Mr. Cullen's) opinion the building would not interfere with the roadway or the safety of the travelling public.

Mr. Corish said in his opinion the Co. Council should not deviate from the regulations. Any new building should be at least 30 ft. from the centre of the road. When Miss O'Ryan and he were inspecting Rosslare in connection with the new sewerage they found many houses were erected in a scandalous manner. There was no use in the Government passing Town Planning Acts if the Council were to wink its eye to breaches of the regulations.

The Co. Surveyor said the present was a particular case, as the proposed building would be a great improvement on the old store which stood there, and would be further back from the road. The Summary Jurisdiction Act provided under Section 9 (2) that a person was entitled to build "where a house now stands".



Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That no action be taken as regards the erection of dwelling house by Joseph Kehoe, at Blackwater."

Mr. Corish said it should be understood that for the future regulations dealing with the sites of houses and their relation to the road should be rigidly observed.

#### POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Miss O'Ryan renewals of licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 were agreed to in the cases of Mr. D. Lennon, Merchant, Bunclody, and Richard Butler, St. Iver's, Broadway.

#### COURTCLOUGH LANE

An application from a number of ratepayers as to repair of Courtclough Lane from Courtclough Road to New Line at Askabeg was, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly, scheduled for consideration when money under Relief Schemes Vote became available.

#### TACUMSHANE LAKE

Col. Gibbon brought forward the present condition of Tacumshane Lake. The place, owing to the recent storms, was blocked up for 200 yards by a height of five feet of sand. This occurred about once in every ten years and the local people were not able to deal with the matter. A good deal of the land there which had been ploughed for tillage was under water. He proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Doyle and adopted:- "That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to inspect the damage caused by storms at Tacumshane Lake and report to the Council as to cost of removal of deposit of sand. That the Co. Surveyor be further instructed to apply to the Office of Public Works for a Grant out of Relief Schemes Vote for the work pointing out that this was a very special case in regard to which farmers were suffering great hardship."



PROTEST FROM CLOHAMON -  
CONTRACT ROADS

The following resolution was submitted from the  
Liam Mellowes Fianna Fail Cumann, Clohamon:-

"That we condemn in the strongest possible manner the action of the Co. Council in setting roads by contract which were formerly done by direct labour."

The Chairman - Are there any roads being done by contract that were done formerly by direct labour?

Co. Surveyor - No, except roads scheduled as contract roads and in my hands because of no tender.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said there was a road that had been done by direct labour for three or four years because no one took it. This year it was taken.

It was decided to take no action in the matter.

"FLAT" SHOEING OF HORSES

The Secretary reported that in accordance with the request of the County Council the Department of Education (Technical Instruction Branch), through Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee, had placed at the disposal of the Council for a series of demonstrations in "flat" shoeing of horses - which it was held would prevent the horses slipping on tar macadam roads - their Farriery Instructor, Mr. F. Watson, who would give demonstrations in Ferns on 2nd, 3rd, 9th and 10th April, 1935, and in New Ross on 4th, 5th, 11th and 12th April.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the best thanks of the Council be accorded to the Department of Education and to Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee for placing at the disposal of this County the services of Farriery Instructor for demonstrations in connection with the flat shoeing of horses."

EASTER SUNDAY COMMEMORATION

Letter was received from the Secretary, Co. Wexford Easter Commemoration Committee inviting the Council to send representatives to the Easter Commemoration ceremony to be held in Wexford at Crosstown Cemetery on Sunday, 21st April, '35.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That consideration of invitation to Easter Commemoration ceremony at Crosstown Cemetery be deferred for the present."



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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 8th APRIL, 1935.

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 Co.Council Chamber, Co.Hall, Wexford, on 8th April, 1935.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, (Chairman) presiding; also J.J. Bowe, P. Colfer, J. Connors, R. Corish, C. Culleton, W. Cullimore, J. Day, M. Doyle, Col. C.M. Gibbon, W.P. Keegan, J.P. Kelly, W. Kinsella, J. Lawler, T. McCarthy, T.J. Meyler, P. Murphy, S. O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col.R.P.Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, P. Ronan, Myles Smyth and Malachi Sweetman.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £11667:2:10d. (ordinary payments) and £31990:5:0d (Transfer to Public Bodies) were examined and signed.

#### THE LATE MOTHER M. ALACOQUE

The following reply to resolution of sympathy from the County Council to Miss O'Ryan, Co.Councillor, in the death of her Aunt, Mother M. Alacoque, Rev. Mother, Convent of Mercy, Enniscorthy, was on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Redmond directed to be inserted on the Minutes of the day:-

"Will you please convey to Mr. Allen, Mr.Culleton and the other Members of the Finance Committee my most sincere thanks for their kind vote of sympathy passed with me in the death of my dear Aunt, Mother M. Alacoque.

"Allow me also to thank you personally for your very kind remarks conveyed to me on the same occasion. I appreciate very much the kind things you said of my dear Aunt. R.I.P."



RATE ESTIMATE FOR GENERAL & SEPARATE CHARGES  
FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1935/36

The Special business of the meeting was the consideration of Rate Estimates for the current financial year.

The following Statement was submitted by the Secretary:-

"As regards Forms 42 and 43 with explanatory table in respect of Estimates of Rates for General and Separate Charges for current financial year, the General Rate recommended by the Finance Committee for adoption is 8/10d in the £. as compared with 8/7½d last year. Table, showing increase or decrease for each item of expenditure in the County Services Account has already been supplied to Co. Councillors. The following additional amounts have been agreed to by the Finance Committee:

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|---|------------|
| (a) Provision of Fund towards instalments of Loans which will be payable by the County Board of Health (1d in £.) - - - - - | £ 1486     |
| (b) Additional Contribution to Library Committee  | <u>250</u> |

"It will be observed from the table of increases and decreases that additional provision has been made for Irrecoverable Rates, the increase being £4513. This increase is necessary as the Finance Committee propose to strike off as irrecoverable permanently uncollectable Rate which has been brought forward from year to year.

"As regards amount included at (a) provision for such fund is embodied in Public Health (Special Expenses) Act, 1931.

"The amount referred to at (b), extra allocation of £250 to Library Committee, was agreed to by Finance Committee in response to an application from the Library Committee for an additional £300. The County Librarian has sent to each Councillor full statement regarding her Committee's application.

"The Finance Committee decided not to include any sum to meet deduction from Grants in respect of arrears of Land Purchase Annuities. The list of defaulters, supplied by the Land Commission, were examined by the Finance Committee who were of opinion that a very considerable amount of the sums due will be paid. The Committee decided to ask the Local Government Department to have the Local Taxation Account balanced on 31st March each year as the Members believe that a large amount in arrear on 31st January last was paid by the 31st March, 1935. In view of the fact that the collection of Land Annuities is not the immediate concern of the Co. Council the Finance Committee did not consider it advisable to call on Ratepayers who are paying their own Rates and Annuities, to meet arrears due by defaulters."

Under date 28th March, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote that the Minister had sanctioned such a departure from the terms of Article 79 of Public Bodies Order 1925 as would enable the Estimate of Rates for financial year 1935/36 being determined by the Council by a date not later than 8th April, 1935.



Under date 2nd April, 1935, the following was read from Co. Wexford Board of Health:-

"At the meeting of the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance on the 19th March last, the matter of fixing areas of charge for the expenses of loan repayments in respect of water supplies and sewerage installations at Rosslare, Courtown Harbour, Buncloody, Oylegate and other places, was under consideration.

"As a result of the discussion the Board decided to request the Wexford County Council to create a fund under the Public Health (Special Expenses) Act, 1931, by the raising of a Penny rate.

"The Board further decided to recommend a special rate for townlands immediately benefiting by the installation of supplies and to make up the balance required to meet the expenses of the loan repayments from the fund so created."

The Minutes of Finance Committee of 29th March, 1935, recommending Agreement to a General Rate of 8/10d and Separate Charges Rates as per Form 44 were read for the meeting.

Miss O'Ryan proposed the confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Sweetman seconded.

In reply to Mr. Doyle the Secretary said that as regards the proposed rate of 6d. in £. for sewerage and water schemes to be levied on areas directly benefiting, these particular areas would be fixed by County Board of Health.

Mr. Doyle considered the Council should have full particulars of the areas of charge.

The Chairman said that a full discussion could take place when the application of the Co. Board of Health for permission to borrow for any particular scheme was under consideration.

Mr. Doyle said he was not against the levy of 1d. in the £. for the sewerage and water fund though in several places in which sewerage schemes had been laid down they were a benefit to visitors and not to the ordinary residents. But he would oppose any increase in last year's rate as he considered it more than ratepayers could bear. He did not think they would get in a great deal more of the present rate.



The Chairman pointed out that Mr. Doyle's argument favoured a much greater increase than the amount proposed by the Finance Committee. A certain amount was required to run the County Services, full details of which had been supplied every Co.Councillor. It was ridiculous talking of a reduction in rates unless it could be shown to be feasible and practicable.

Miss O'Ryan pointed out that the levy of 6d in the £. on areas which benefited very directly by sewerage and water schemes would act as a brake on indiscriminate applications for the promotion of unnecessary schemes.

Mr. Doyle proposed and Mr. Kinsella seconded the following amendment:- "That the General Rate for current financial year be agreed to at  $8/7\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £. as obtained for previous financial year."

The Chairman asked how was it proposed to save the <sup>Amount</sup> ~~amount~~ represented by the  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £.

Mr. Doyle said the Council could economise. They often had agreed to bigger reductions and the services did not suffer.

The Secretary, in reply to the Chairman said that 70% of the gross Rate Warrant had been collected, the figure for corresponding period last year being 57 per cent.

The Chairman said they had ignored the cut in the Agricultural Grant for the reason that during last year the Council received something about £25,000 from the funded annuities, and that left them in a sound position. Had they not got that within the last financial year they would actually have had to come to the Council and ask for a very much increased rate - an increase of something about  $1/9$ d to make up that. Otherwise their finances would become bankrupt.

After further discussion Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Bowe seconded the adoption of a General Rate of  $8/8\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £. for the current financial year.

Mr. Doyle withdrew his motion in favour of this.



Miss O'Ryan congratulated those who had paid their rates and said they had every confidence the full rate would be collected. The collection was not started last year until September and in the six intervening months they had got in a phenomenal collection - 70% of the Warrant. They were determined that when going out of office they would not hand over arrears of rate to their successors.

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

**FOR:-** Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Day, Doyle, Gibbon, Kinsella, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Quin and Smyth. (12).

**AGAINST:-** Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, Miss O'Ryan, M. Redmond, T. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman. (13)

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

The following resolution was then proposed by Miss O'Ryan and seconded by Mr. Sweetman:- "That Rate for General Charges for financial year 1935/36 (in conformity with figures appearing on Form 42) be and is hereby agreed to at 8/10d 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 6/0d in the £. That rates for Separate Charges for financial year 1935/36 (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:-

	£	s	d.
Enniscorthy.....	3254	1	6
New Ross.....	2983	0	6
Wexford.....	6445	6	2

"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, as recommended by Co. Surveyor, a sum of £120 be raised for maintenance of Sow Drainage Area, and a sum of £20 be raised for Kilmannock Drainage Area, said amounts to be levied on the persons named in the above-mentioned Charging Orders or their Successors in Title in the same proportions as the amounts leviable under Charging Orders."

A poll on this resulted as follows:-

FOR:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Gullimore, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, Miss O'Ryan, M. Redmond, T. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman. (13)

AGAINST:- Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Day, Doyle, Gibbon, Kinsella, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Quin and Smyth. (12).

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The following are the particulars of Separate Charges:-

No. 14	Repayment of Loans, Enniscorthy Union. Share of Enniscorthy Urban Council.....	<u>£6:11:4d</u>
" 16	Repayment of Loans, New Ross Union. New Ross Union Area.	Amount <u>158: 4:6d</u>
" 15	Repayment of Loans, Gorey Union - Gorey Rural District.	" <u>£34: 0:0d</u>
20	Expenses Labourers' Acts -County Health District of Wexford	" <u>£12,400: 0: 0d</u>
291, 292 & 293	Criminal Injury Decrees (Three) - Minister for Posts and Telegraphs. Decrees of Circuit Judge - County at large, amounting:- (1) <u>£5:2:8d</u> ; (2) <u>£3:5:2d</u> ; (3) <u>£5:12:2d</u> . (Total) <u>£14.</u>	
25	Repayment of Loan, Enniscorthy Rural District Charges Account. - Enniscorthy Rural District. Amount, <u>£558.</u>	
28	Repayment of Loan, Wexford Rural District Charges A/c. Wexford Rural District. Amount <u>£2,523.</u>	



No.	1A	Expenses Public Health Acts, Enniscorthy Rural District.	Amt. <u>£777.</u>
"	2A	Lighting of Newtownbarry Town - Town-lands of Ballinapark and Newtownbarry in Newtownbarry E.D.	Amt. <u>£35.</u>
	3A	Expenses Public Health Acts - Ferns Dispensary District.	Amt. <u>£45.</u>
	5A	Sewerage - Clonroche Dispensary District.	Amt. <u>£280</u>
	9A	Lighting of Town of Ferns - Town-lands of Castlelands, Coolbawn, Ferns Lower and Upper and Ferns.	Amt. <u>£32.</u>
	1B	Sanitary Works and Water Supply, Gorey Rural District - Gorey R. District.	Amt. <u>£750</u>
	5B	Public Health Acts - Coolgreany Dispensary District.	Amt. <u>£174</u>
1 -	10C	Public Health Acts, New Ross Rural District - New Ross Rural District.	Amt. <u>£150</u>
	1D	Water Supply, Rosslare - Wexford Rural District.	Amt. <u>£1,140</u>
	2D	Public Health Acts - Bridgetown Dispensary District.	Amt. <u>£65</u>
	4D	Public Health Acts - Taghmon and Glynn Dispensary District.	Amt. <u>£10</u>
	5D	Public Health Acts - Crossabeg Dispensary District.	Amt. <u>£10</u>
	7D	Public Health Acts - Bannow Dispensary District.	Amt. <u>£70</u>
273		Criminal Injury Decree - Thomas Cousins, St. John's Road; Thomas Salmon, St. Peter's Square; Edward Sheil, Trinity Street, and James O'Connor, Temperance Row - all in the Town of Wexford, the Committee and Trustees of the Collins Memorial Hall Decree of Circuit Judge - Wexford Urban District.	Amt. <u>£10:16:6d</u>
286		Criminal Injury Decree - Thomas Underwood, Sth. Main St., Wexford. Decree of Circuit Judge - Wexford Urban District.	Amt. <u>£ 5:14:0d</u>
287		Criminal Injury Decree - Margaret Dempsey, Sth. Main St., Wexford. Decree of Circuit Court Judge - Wexford Urban District.	<u>£ 4: 0:6d</u>
274		Criminal Injury Decree - Ellen Kehoe, Wafer St., Enniscorthy. Decree of Circuit Judge. Enniscorthy U.D.	Amt. <u>£ 8:18:6d</u>



- No. 275 Criminal Injury Decree - Peter Smyth,  
Rafter St., Enniscorthy. Decree of Circuit  
Judge. Enniscorthy Urban District. Amt. £26:14:6d
- 276, 277 Criminal Injury Decrees - Patrick Fortune,  
and 278 The Bungalow, Ferns (2), and James Howlin,  
Corah, Ballycarney. Decrees of Circuit  
Judge - Co. Electoral Areas of Gorey and  
Enniscorthy. Amounts: Patk. Fortune, £184:2:0d  
Patk. Fortune, £8:18:9d. J. Howlin, £8. Total... £201:0:9d
- 279 Criminal Injury Decree - Philip J. Bowe,  
Kiltealy. Decree of Circuit Judge - County  
Electoral Area of Enniscorthy. Amt. £15:10:6d
- 280 Criminal Injury Decree - Minister for  
Posts and Telegraphs of Saorstát Éireann.  
decree of Circuit Judge. District Electoral  
Division of Ballycarney. Amt. £8:18: 5d
- 281 Criminal Injury Decree - Robert W. Hall-Dare,  
Newtownbarry House, Newtownbarry - Decree of  
Circuit Judge. District Electoral Division  
of Newtownbarry. Amt. £16:10s
- 282 Criminal Injury Decree - Sylvester Kavanagh,  
Adamstown. Decree of Circuit Judge.  
Electoral Division of Adamstown. Amt. £2:6:0d
- 283 and 284 Criminal Injury Decrees - Nicholas Bolger,  
Shanoule, Foulksmills, and John Grannell,  
Shanoule, Foulksmills. Decrees of Circuit  
Judge - District Electoral Division of  
Horetown. Amts.: - N. Bolger, £44:4:9d and  
John Grannell, £64:15s. Total..... £108:19:9d
- 285 Criminal Injury Decree - David Corish,  
Bridgetown, and Wm. Furlong, Moor, Mulrankin.  
Trustees of Bridgetown A.O.H. Hall -  
Decree of Circuit Judge - E.D. Bridgetown. Amt. £26:7:6d
- 288, 289 Criminal Injury Decrees - Thomas Barry of  
and 290 Killinick, and Arthur Devereux of Tenacre,  
Bridgetown, both in the County of Wexford,  
trustees of Killinick Village Hall;  
Henry L. Meadows, Cooloughter, Ballycogley;  
and Mary E. Ross, Assally, Killinick. Decrees  
of Circuit Judge - E.D. Killinick. Amounts -  
Thomas Barry and Arthur Devereux, £162:13:11d,  
Henry L. Meadows, £23:5:10d; Mary E. Ross, £25:7:6d  
Total..... £211:7:3d
- 294 Criminal Injury Decree - Michael Corcoran,  
Nash, Cassagh, New Ross - New Ross Rural District,  
Decree of Circuit Judge - District Electoral  
Division of Kilmokea. Amt. £13:5:0d
- 29 Repayment of Loan - Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 15th MARCH, 1935:- Minutes in respect of this meeting  
were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 15th March, 1935.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, (Chairman), presiding, also Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, W. Cullimore, W.P. Keegan, J.P. Kelly, W. Kinsella and Sean O'Byrne.

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 Notes for £3016:9:8d and £190:15:4d were examined and signed.

#### REV. MOTHER M. ALACOQUE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Cullimore. It was supported by Mr. Kelly, Mr. O'Byrne, the Secretary, Co. Surveyor and Co. Solicitor:-

"That we offer to our esteemed colleague, Miss O'Ryan, our heartfelt condolence in the death of her Aunt, Rev. Mother M. Alacoque Convent of Mercy, Enniscorthy, who, during her long life accomplished so much for the advancement of religion and education.

"That we also offer our sympathy to Rev. Mother and the Mercy Community in their great loss."

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: Rate Collection up to date was submitted as follows:-

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage collected.</u>
E.J. Murphy	66.8
J. Curtis	63.4
J.J. O'Reilly	62.3
S. Gannon (No. 6)	61.7
M. McCarthy	60.3
M. Kehoe	60.3
J. Cummins	59.1
D. Kenny	58.3
J. Deegan	57.4
S. Gannon (No. 10)	56.9
A. Dunne	56.0
P. Doyle	55.9
P. Nolan	55.5
J. Flood	54.0
P. Carty	53.4



<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage collected</u>
W. Cummins	51.8
J. Quirke	50.1
J.J. Sinnott	49.5
W. Doyle	44.6
M. Murphy	44.4
Average	55.8

As compared with corresponding period for 1934, the Collection showed an improvement of 4%.

The amount collected on the gross warrant is £68,064, leaving £53,975 outstanding.

In regard to Arrears of Rate there was still outstanding £12,397.

POUNDAGE TO RATE COLLECTORS:- Under date 13th March, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.35597/35 Loch Garman (Fa)) sanctioning payment of poundage fees to Collector J. Flood and Ex-Collector P. O'Byrne (District No.9), in respect of the second moiety of the 1932/33 Warrant.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That in accordance with letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health, under date 13th March, 1935, (No. G.35597/35 Loch Garman (Fa)), poundage amounting to £4:4:6d be paid to Collector John Flood, and £32:12:4d to P. O'Byrne, Ex-Rate Collector, (No.9 District)."

Under date 11th March, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (G.38223/35 Loch Garman (Fa)) wrote:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 4th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions payment of poundage at the normal rate to the following collectors in respect of their cash lodgments to 31st January, 1935:-

Collector	M. McCarthy,	District No.	4
"	P. Nolan	"	No. 5
"	J. Deegan	"	" 7
"	J. Cummins	"	" 8
"	S. Gannon	"	" 10
"	J.J. O'Reilly	"	" 13
"	D. Kenny	"	" 14
"	A. Dunne	"	" 15.

"Those Collectors in the County who have not yet lodged amounts equivalent to the first moiety of the current year's assessment and the arrears of the 1933/34 assessments should be warned that delay in making the required lodgment will involve them in a reduction of poundage."



Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, payment of full poundage fees on lodgments to 31st January, 1935, be made to Collectors Philip Doyle, J. Flood and W. Cummins who have now lodged an amount equivalent to first moiety of current year's Rate plus arrears carried forward from 1933/34 assessment. That Treasurer's Advice Note for said payments be signed at to-day's meeting of Finance Committee so that Paying Orders may be issued to the three Collectors concerned immediately sanction is received from the Minister.

"That in view of the great difficulties which exist in regard to rate collection we would urge the Minister not to penalise the five Collectors (J. Quirke, W. Doyle, M. Murphy, J. J. Sinnott and P. Carty) who have not to the date of this meeting made the specified lodgments to allow of the payment at this day's meeting of an interim instalment of poundage fees. We request the Minister to allow these five collectors to be treated in the same manner as the other Collectors of this Council provided they lodge the specified amount within 14 (fourteen) days from date of this meeting."

CREDIT NOTES:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That in view of the fact that a number of Collectors will suffer a serious "cut" in poundage owing to issue of Credit Notes, we request the Department to agree that Collectors be paid poundage equal to that secured by them for the 1931/32 warrants, the latest period before the system of Credit Notes was adopted."

It was decided that advertisement issue pointing out to Ratepayers that in no circumstances will Credit Notes for current rate be extended beyond 31st March, 1935.



DEPUTATION FROM RATE COLLECTORS:- The following deputation of Rate Collectors came before the meeting accompanied by Mr. John J. Byrne, Town Clerk, Wexford, Hon. Secretary, Irish Local Government Officials' Union, Wexford Branch:- Messrs. J.M. Curtis, J. Cummins and M. McCarthy.

Mr. Byrne pointed out on behalf of the Collectors that unless they were paid some poundage it would be impossible for them to carry on their work. He suggested that an appeal should be made to the Local Government Department, that in view of the present difficult economic conditions, to agree to an interim payment.

The Chairman said the Finance Committee had at an earlier stage of the meeting adopted a resolution, asking the Department to agree to a payment to all Collectors, and in the circumstances he considered this resolution was the most advisable decision that could be arrived at in the matter.

REFUND OF RATES:- The Secretary reported that some considerable time back Messrs. Walsh & Corish, Auctioneers, Wexford, sent cheque to Mr. Curtis, Rate Collector, for £6:1:2d. which was amount due in Rates by Patrick Furlong, Coolroe, Tintern, E.D., They thought at the time that they had money to the credit of Patrick Furlong, but they later discovered they had made a mistake having confused Patrick Furlong's Account with that of Mary Furlong, Clongeen. When the Auctioneers found out their mistake they applied to the Collector for a refund. Collector J.M. Curtis wrote under date 1st March, 1935, explaining the position. He stated that P. Furlong's farm is almost derelict and it is impossible to get money out of him.

It appeared to be only fair to refund the amount and this can be considered when the items of Irrecoverable Rates are being dealt with.

Mr. O'Kennedy, Ex-Rates Inspector, during whose period of office the amount was paid by Messrs. Walsh and Corish, at his



(Mr. O'Kennedy's) request, came before the meeting at the request of the Chairman, and explained that in his opinion the Auctioneers in this case had made a genuine error. If they could set the farm for grass it might be possible to recoup themselves but they were unable to do this.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the sum of £6:1:2d rates paid in error by Messrs. Walsh & Corish, Auctioneers, Wexford, for Patrick Furlong, Coolree, Tintern, be refunded."

#### APPLICATION FOR INCREASE OF SALARY

Mr. J. Lynch, V.S., applied for an increase in his salary as Veterinary Inspector under the Contagious Diseases of Animals Acts, for the Southern portion of New Ross area, from £60 to the amount enjoyed by his predecessor viz., £87:10s. He stated there was no-body hit harder than Veterinary Surgeons owing to depreciated value of live stock.

In reply to Mr. O'Byrne the Secretary stated that Mr. Lynch's total salary was £85, viz., £60 under the Diseases of Animals Acts and £25 for Bovine Tuberculosis Order.

Mr. Taylor, V.S., who was in charge of the other portion of New Ross area had a salary of £61, made up of £36 for Diseases of Animals Acts, and £25 for Bovine Tuberculosis Order. In Wexford and Gorey the salaries were £90 and Bovine Tuberculosis Order £25, making a total of £115 in each case. In Enniscorthy the salary was £75 and for Bovine Tuberculosis Order £25, making a total of £100.

After consideration the Finance Committee decided they were not in a position to recommend an increase of salary to Mr. Lynch.

#### CAMOLIN PARK ROADS

Under date 28th February, 1935, the Irish Land Commission wrote (A.&R. 4856/35 Estate of I.L.C. (W.H. Foster) Record No. E.C.4198, Co. Wexford) that as the Council had been already informed they were prepared to contribute £500 as a maximum towards the



reconstruction of Camolin Park Road, provided it was constructed and maintained by the Council and that a sum of not less than £1000 was spent on its reconstruction.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That our Secretary be directed to communicate with the Parliamentary Secretary, to the Department of Finance, and point out that as Camolin Park road was extensively used by the Forestry Department, the Finance Committee are of opinion that a larger State Grant than £500 should be offered towards its reconstruction, and more particularly in view of the fact that the Council must take over its future maintenance. We understand that the Chairman of the Council (Mr. Allen) and Mr. Corish, T.D., also a member of the Council, inferred from a long conversation they had with the Parliamentary Secretary, that a sum of £600 would be agreed to. In an interview with Mr. Hugo Flynn on the 8th instant, Mr. Corish believed that a definite offer of £600 for the reconstruction of this road would be made."

In connection with a similar road at Camolin Park, in regard to which James Hendrick had written several times, it was decided to ask the Co. Surveyor to supply a detailed report.

#### SANCTION OF OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

Under date 6th March, 1935, (No. G. 35598/35 Loch Garman (Fa) the Department of Local Government and Public Health, wrote that the Minister had sanctioned continuance of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £40,000 up to 31st March, Interest to be paid there on at the agreed rate.

#### INJURY TO PONY

Under date 11th March, 1935, Mr. John Byrne, Ballycale, Gorey, wrote claiming repayment of £8:15s. for repair of pony trap. He stated that his workman, P. Kenny, while driving pony home from Gorey, hit a tar barrel on the road from Ballycanew to Gorey.

The Co. Surveyor said he had furnished a copy of the letter and claim to the Insurance Company, and had written to Mr. Treanor,



Assistant Surveyor for the District, for a further report.

The Chairman said he understood the pony was dazzled by the head-lights of a motor-car and in consequence the trap collided with the tar-barrel.

#### COUNTY COUNCIL INSURANCES

It was decided that quotations furnished for above should be considered at meeting on 29th instant.

#### GESTETNER DUPLICATOR MACHINE

Under date 14th March, 1935, letter was read from D. Gestetner Ltd., 4, St. Andrew Street, Dublin, that the Gestetner Machine in County Council Office, which was nine years old would require parts costing £12:14s. in order to render it effective. They offered a new machine with latest improvements for £39:19s. and allowing £9 for the old duplicator, the net cost would be £30:19s.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Colfer that new Gestetner Duplicating Machine be obtained, at a cost, (after allowing for return of old machine) of £30:19s.

#### EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875

An application from the Shelbourne Co-operative Society Ltd., through their Secretary, Mr. Simon Murphy, for registration under the Explosives Act 1875, (38 Vict. C.17) was agreed to.

#### ILLNESS OF MR. S. HAYES

Certificate was received from Dr. P.D. Murphy, Abbey Square, Enniscorthy, that Mr. S. Hayes was suffering from Influenza and would not, as from the 9th March, be able to resume duty, until the 15th March, 1935.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Hayes had resumed duty on the 15th March, 1935.



APPOINTMENT OF RATE CLERKS

The following were selected as part of the temporary staff for the writing up of Rate Books etc.

Enniscorthy District:- Wm. Roche, Old Church, Enniscorthy.  
Gorey District:- Kevin Byrne, The Avenue, Gorey.  
New Ross District:- James Whelan, Nunnery Lane, New Ross.  
Wexford District:- John O'Leary, John Street, Wexford.

NEW FLAG

It was reported that the National flag used in connection with County Buildings required renewal.

After the Committee had inspected the flag the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cullimore seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the County Surveyor be directed to procure new National flag for County Buildings and which is to be flown when County Council is in session."



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 15th March, 1935, be received and considered."

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE OF SALARY:- Mr. Ml. Redmond proposed and Mr. Thomas Redmond seconded the following resolution:- "That we dissent from recommendation of Finance Committee refusing application of Mr. J. Lynch, V.S., New Ross District, for increase of salary and that he be granted an increase of £8 per annum for the past three years."

The Chairman pointed out that the Government had in contemplation, legislation which, if adopted, would improve salaries of Veterinary Inspectors, and suggested that the application should be adjourned until the Co. Council had information as to what shape impending legislation would take.

Col. Gibbon proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following amendment which was carried on a show of hands, fifteen - (a majority of Councillors present) voting in favour:-

"That application of Mr. J. Lynch, V.S., New Ross, for increase of salary be adjourned for consideration at November meeting of the Council."

CAMOLIN PARK ROADS:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That we request Mr. Corish, T.D., to again wait on Mr. Hugo Flinn, Parliamentary Secretary, in connection with proposed State Grant for construction of new road through Camolin Park."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 15th March, 1935, be and are hereby confirmed except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

MEETING 29th MARCH, 1935:- The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in Co.Council Chamber, Co.Hall, Wexford, on 29th March, 1935.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, (Chairman, Co.Council) presiding, also Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, Wm.Cullimore, W.P. Keegan, J.P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4634:15:7d was examined and signed.

#### RECOMMENDATION RE RATES

A long discussion took place in connection with Rate Estimate for financial year, 1935/36.

The Chairman explained that it was the business of the Co.Council to keep the local services up to a proper standard and this could not be done if the demands of the subsidiary bodies were not provided for. It was unfortunate that the good ratepayers and good payers of Land Commission annuities were obliged by law to pay for those who did not discharge their obligations in respect of annuities but so long as the Councils were responsible for deficiencies in the Guarantee Fund this state of affairs would exist. They had asked for the abolition of the Guarantee Fund and it would be admitted that when it was established no one contemplated that the present very large deficiencies would occur. The present deficiency would mean on the Co.Health District an increased rate of 1/9½d in the £. and he was not prepared to mulct the ratepayers in this amount. Leaving it aside for the present the Finance Committee agreed that provision should be made for the striking off as irrecoverable an additional sum of £4513 under heading Irrecoverable Rates. This alone meant an increase of 3d in the £.. Then under the Public Health (Special Expenses) Act of 1931 the Co.Board of Health asked the Council to establish a



Fund for financing sewerage and water schemes, the area of Charge to be 6d in the £. on the area directly benefiting by the particular scheme and the balance being contributed from the County at large.

The expenditure for County Services and for Roads was practically the same as for last year.

He (Chairman) proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That we recommend the Co. Council to agree to a general rate of 8/10d in the £. an increase of 2½d over last year."

Mr. Kinsella dissented. He would not agree to a rate higher than last year.

Mr. O'Byrne favoured a rate of 8/9d. He was not in favour of the inclusion of 1d. rate for provision of fund under Public Health (Special Expenses) Act, 1931.

The other Members were in favour of the Chairman's proposal.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF:- The following gives the state of Rate Collection to date on gross warrant for the financial year:-

<u>Collector's Name.</u>	<u>Percentage collected</u> <u>Gross Warrant</u>
E.J. Murphy	74.9
M. McCarthy	69.8
M. Kehoe	68.8
J. Curtis	68.3
D. Kenny	68.2
J.J. O'Reilly	67.8
J. Cummins	67.5
J. Deegan	67.1
P. Doyle	65.7
P. Nolan	65.5
P. Carty	64.7
S. Gannon (No. 10)	63.6
A. Dunne	61.1
J. Flood	60.6
S. Gannon (No. 6)	60.0
W. Cummins	57.8
J.J. Sinnott	56.8
J. Quirke	55.7
M. Murphy	49.4
W. Doyle	48.8
Average	63.2

The Secretary stated the collection was over 8% better than at the corresponding period last year.



Of the arrears of £17742:5:4d a sum of £5564:12:8d had been collected to date.

CREDIT NOTES - AGRICULTURAL GRANT:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly: "That in view of the cost of preparing Credit Notes the full rebate on agricultural land for primary allowance be shown on the Demand Notes."

PREPARATION OF RATE BOOKS:- It was decided that the following be employed as temporary Clerks for preparation of Rate Books and receipt and Demand Note Books:-

Enniscorthy: Michael Kirwan, Slaney Street, Enniscorthy,  
Patrick Breen, St. Senan's, Enniscorthy,  
Daniel Kirwan, St. John's, Enniscorthy,  
Wm. Roche, Old Church, Enniscorthy,  
Thomas O'Rourke, 16, John St., Enniscorthy, Francis McCoy, Oylegate  
Gorey: Patrick K. Byrne, The Avenue, Gorey.  
Michael Conroy, Clonattin, Gorey. Thos. Sunderland,  
Clonattin Road, Gorey. John Bolger, Garden City, Gorey.  
George Kearns, Clologue.  
Michael Doyle, Bruce, Clonevan.

New Ross: James Whelan, Nunnery Lane, New Ross.

James Brennan, Chapel Lane, New Ross. James O'Shea, Lr., Rosbercon  
Michael Dunphy, High Hill, New Ross. John Flanagan, Palace East.  
Frank Roche, 16, Upper King Street, Wexford.

Wexford: Ml. Flusk, John Street, Wexford.

John J. O'Leary, 1, St. Enda's Terrace, Wexford.  
Timothy M. O'Leary, 4, Lower John Street, Wexford.  
Thomas Wafer, 7, St. Peter's Square, Wexford.  
Daniel Cullimore, Stonebridge, Wexford.  
Patrick F. Connick, 20, Selskar Street, Wexford.  
Andrew Hamilton, Killurin, Wexford.



APPLICATION BY MR. P. BEARY, (RATE CLERK): An adjourned application by Patrick Beary, 3, St. Columba's Villas, Wexford, who supervises work in Rate Clerks' Office, for increase of remuneration was considered. He pointed out that for the past five years he had satisfactorily carried out this work, and received only the same pay as an ordinary rate Clerk viz. 1/- per hour. He considered in view of the complicated nature of the work he was entitled to some extra remuneration.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That Patrick Beary, be continued in office as Supervisor of Rate Clerks."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution:- "That Patrick Beary while engaged supervising work of Rate Clerks be paid at the rate of 1/1d per hour."

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Cullimore seconded an amendment to have the rate fixed at 1/2d per hour.

On a show of hands four voted for 1/1d per hour and four voted for 1/2d per hour.

The Chairman gave his casting Vote in favour of 1/1d per hour which he declared carried.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following applications were approved:-

Enniscorthy District:- (Allocation £625 for month of March)

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| (1) Brigid Somers, Townamullogue, Courtnacuddy.   | £100 |
| (2) Daniel Sheehan, Old Church Road, Enniscorthy. | £180 |
| (3) Michael Whitty, Tomanocole, Ballycarney.      | £180 |
| (4) Ernest E. Ross, Bellefield, Enniscorthy.      | £200 |

(Total £660.)

Gorey District:- (Allocation £575)

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| (1) J. Clare, Custodium, Inch.         | £200 |
| (2) Maurice Murphy, Ballymackey, Inch. | £200 |
| (3) Robert Spencer, Ballymoney, Gorey. | £200 |

(Total £600.)



New Ross District:- (Allocation £1250).

The only application received was from James Doyle, Newcastle, Foulksmills, for loan of £150. This was accepted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Miss O'Ryan.

Wexford District:- (Allocation £1070).

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| (1) Antony Kehoe, Whiterock, Wexford.      | (Loan £110) |
| (2) John Maddock, Cullenstown, Bannow.     | ( " £180)   |
| (3) Bridget Mangan, Glenbough, Screen.     | ( " £160)   |
| (4) Thomas Stafford, Ballyhix, Barntown.   | ( " £120)   |
| (5) Thomas Tierney, Lane of Stones, Carne. | ( " £60)    |
| (6) John Loughlin, Ballykelsh, Tagat.      | ( " £180)   |

(Total £810)

COUNTY INSURANCES.

The following quotations were submitted:-

Name of Company	C.Law %	Sub. Contr.	All Others	Amount	P.L. %	Remarks.
1. General Accident Fire & Life Assrs. Corporation Ltd.				£ 1166:12:9		If in addition Medical Fees the Premium will be £1462:13:6d
2. Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd. (Ocean)	1/6	30/-	30/-		2/-	P.L. £1000 one accident & £10000 in one year. Sub- Contractors 60% of earnings. All others includes Relief Schemes where wages not exceeding £2500 on job. Notes same as No.2. Will not take P.L. without E.L. (X)
3. (X) Ocean & Accident Guarantee Corpr. Ltd. (Brokers - McDonagh and Boland Ltd)	1/6	30/-	30/-		2/-	do do
4. London and Lancashire Co. Ltd	1/6	30/-	30/-		2/-	do do
5. Employers Liability Assur. Corp. Ltd.	1/6	30/-	30/-		10/-	
6. Royal Insurance Co. Ltd. (Brokers - Enniscorthy Co-op)	1/6	30/-	30/-		4/-	If P.L. limited to £100 per accident the rate will be 2/-%



A show of hands was taken as between Messrs. McDonagh and Boland and Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, both acting for "Ocean" Accident and Guarantee Corporation Ltd.

Six were in favour of Messrs. McDonagh & Boland. Miss O'Ryan and Mr. O'Byrne (2) were in favour of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances.

The Chairman declared Messrs. McDonagh & Boland's quotation accepted.

#### DEFAULTING LAND COMMISSION ANNUITANTS

Under date 21st March, 1935, the Irish Land Commission wrote forwarding Schedules of Defaulters in respect of Land Purchase Annuities due 1st November, 1934.

The following resolutions were adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kelly:- (1) "That the Land Commission be requested to have their Accounts as to annuity payments made up to 31st March instead of 31st January in each year."

(2) "That advertisement be issued in the local papers informing Ratepayers that the Schedules of Defaulting Annuitants under Land Purchase Acts can be inspected in County Council Offices during ordinary Office hours."

#### 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 extend period of present overdraft accommodation for a further two months as from 31st March, 1935."

#### ANNUAL PRINTING CONTRACT.

The following quotations for annual printing contract were submitted:-

"The Echo", Enniscorthy.	£116: 7: 0
"Free Press", Wexford.	£133: 18: 6
"The People", do	£152: 0: 0

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the tender of "The Echo"



"for annual Printing Contract at £116:7s. be accepted, subject to the Contract being determined provided items are not delivered in time or according to specification."

APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION  
FOR ALLEGED CRIMINAL INJURY.

Application for £75 Compensation for injury to motor-car, received on behalf of Teresa Catherine Kehoe, Rathaspeck Lodge, Johnstown, was referred to County Solicitor to oppose.

CO.SURVEYOR'S TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the claim of County Surveyor for £3 travelling expenses - attending Conference of County Surveyors with Local Government Department on 23rd and 24th October, 1934, and on Engineering Inspector of Department of Local Government and Public Health on 12th March, 1935, in connection with proposed offices for County Board of Health - be allowed."

EXTENSION OF DATE FOR VALIDITY  
OF CREDIT NOTES

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Colfer, it was decided to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to extend to 30th April, 1935, the period for validity of Credit Notes in respect of rate for year 1934/35.



Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 29th March, 1935, be received and considered."

COUNTY COUNCIL INSURANCES:- It was decided to take a vote on recommendation of Finance Committee to accept the quotation of Messrs. McDonagh & Boland, 51, Dame Street, Dublin, and Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd., both quoting at same figures on behalf of the Ocean and Accident Guarantee Corporation Ltd.

The following is result:-

FOR: Messrs. McDonagh & Boland:- Messrs. Bowe, Colfer, Connors, Culleton, Cullimore, Keegan, Kelly, Kinsella, Lawlor, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, Ryan, M. Redmond, T. Redmond, Ronan and the Chairman. (17).

AGAINST: Messrs. Corish, Day, Doyle, Gibbon, O'Byrne, Quin and Smyth. (7).

Mr. Sweetman (1) did not vote.

The Chairman declared the quotation of Messrs. McDonagh & Boland accepted.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 29th March, 1935, as submitted to this meeting be and hereby adopted."

#### APPOINTMENT ON COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by the Chairman:- "That as recommended by Co. Library Committee, Rev. J. Browne, D.D., St. Peter's College, Wexford, be appointed Member of this Committee vice Rev. J. O'Connor, C.C., Duncannon, resigned."

#### IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

Under date 12th March, 1935, letter was read from above Company pointing out that the Co. Council could appoint a delegate to attend and vote at the Annual General Meetings.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the appointment of Mr. John P. Kelly, Co. Councillor.



Col. Quin proposed the appointment of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, Co.Councillor, but the latter would not allow his name to go forward and Mr. Kelly was accordingly appointed.

#### RATE COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE

The following under date 8th April, 1935, (G.46979-35 Loch Garman) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letters of the 13th and 19th ultimo I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions poundage, as authorised in the letter of the 11th ultimo, being paid to all collectors whose names are set out therein at the rate of 7d as recommended by the County Council.

"Poundage at the same rate may be paid to Collectors Philip Doyle, J. Flood and W. Cummins, who have lodged an amount equivalent to the first moiety and the arrears carried forward from 1933/34 assessment.

"With regard to the five collectors who had not complied with the Council's condition as to lodgment, the Minister will not withhold sanction to these collectors being treated in the same manner as the other collectors, that is to poundage at 7d being paid in respect of cash lodgments provided they have lodged the specified amount by 31st March; lodgments at all branches of the National Bank to be included.

"It is considered that the concessions which have now been sanctioned by which all collectors who have lodged a moiety plus the equivalent of last year's arrears by 31st March receive poundage at the maximum rate fully meets any claims the Collectors may have owing to the special difficulties of the present year. The Minister hopes that, having regard to these concessions, the Council will not press the question of interim payments where the conditions have not been complied with. Any collector who has not now lodged a moiety plus a year's arrears should be warned that he will be disqualified for the higher poundage."

#### EXTENSION OF VALIDITY OF CREDIT NOTES

Under date 2nd April, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.53167-35 Loch Garman Fa) stating that the Minister consented to any ratepayer who up to 1st May, 1935, had paid his rates for 1934/35 being repaid so much of the rates paid by him as is equal to the amount of credit note issued to him and delivered by him to the rate collector.



### SANCTION OF OVERDRAFT

Under date 5th April, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (54386/35 Loch Garman) that the Minister sanctioned continuance of Overdraft Accommodation not exceeding £40,000 on Accounts of Wexford Co. Council up to 31st May, 1935.

### WAGES FOR LABOURERS ENGAGED AT HOUSES UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. Kelly:- "That no loan be granted to any applicant under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts unless the Co. Council rate of wages, viz. 30/- per week, be paid to builders' labourers engaged on the houses."

The Chairman said he considered the motion ultra vires. Even if adopted he did not see how it could be enforced by the Council.

In view of this decision Mr. Kelly withdrew his motion.

### AUDITOR'S REPORT - MENTAL HOSPITAL

Under date 1st April, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (A.45743/35) forwarding report of Auditor on his Audit ~~of the report~~ of the Accounts of Enniscorthy District Mental Hospital for the two half years ended 31st March, 1934. Attested abstracts of the Accounts were also forwarded.

### SALE OF ROAD MATERIAL TO THE PUBLIC

The following under date 1st April, 1935, (R/IR/89) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health, (Roads):-

"With reference to your letter of 19th ult. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the question of amending existing legislation so as to allow Co. Councils to sell road materials for the repair of certain lanes not public roads will be considered when a suitable opportunity occurs."



### MAIN ROAD UPKEEP GRANT

Under date 14th March, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (R.G.M./201/35) that a grant of £11662 had been provisionally allocated for the upkeep of Main Roads for Wexford County Council for financial year 1935/36 representing 40% of the amount passed by the County Council for the upkeep of Main Roads.

### LOAN FOR RURAL SCHOOLS

The following under date 3rd April, 1935, (S.53519-35 Loch Garman Pg) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to previous correspondence in regard to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to make a grant to the County Wexford Vocational Education Committee for erection and equipment of Vocational Education Schools at Adamstown, Kilmuckridge and Shelbaggin, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned a loan of £3,500 to enable the grant in question to be made. The Minister has obtained the authority of the Minister for Finance for the issue of the loan from the Local Loans Fund. The loan will be repayable on the annuity system within a period of 25 years with interest at the rate of 4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>% per annum.

"The Minister for Finance has intimated that instalments in repayment of this loan and of all existing loans from the Local Loans Fund must be paid punctually on each 1st May and 1st November.

"The Treasury Solicitor will prepare the Mortgage Deed for the loan and will communicate direct with the Council on the matter."

### SHEEP DIPPING PROGRAMME 1935

Under date 3rd April, 1935, the Department of Agriculture, wrote (E.788-35) in connection with the assistance which would be afforded by the Garda Síochána to the Council in respect of provisions of Sheep Dipping Order of 1915. The proposals were the same as those obtaining in previous years.

Under date 19th March, 1935, the Department of Agriculture wrote (E.1621-35) asking to be furnished with particulars of the arrangements which the Council proposed to make with a



view to carrying out in a proper manner the provisions of the Sheep Dipping Order, 1915.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Michael Redmond:- "That the following be appointed as lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors for both dipping periods of 1935 at £1 per week each plus actual and necessary cost of 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, Killanne, Killoughrim, Kilmallock, Kildealy and The Leap.

Gorey District:- Patrick Ormonde, Ballyellis, Carnew; for the Electoral Divisions of Ballylarkin, Ballynestragh, Coolgreany, Courtown, Gorey Rural, Gorey Urban, Kilgorman, Kilnashue, 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, Rossmingue and Wells.

New Ross District:- M.J. Hennessy, Monamolin, Rathnure, Enniscorthy.

Wexford District:- James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin."

#### DEVELOPMENT TURF BOGS MOUNT LEINSTER

The following under date 28th March, 1935, was read from the Turf Development Board Ltd.:-

"I am directed to refer to previous correspondence on the subject of development of bogs in the Mount Leinster area and to state that my Board has had an extensive survey made of these bogs.

"My Board has carefully considered the result of this examination and has decided that the expenditure necessary to carry out the Turf Development Scheme in this area would not be warranted by the results likely to be achieved. It is regretted, therefore, that it will not be possible to proceed further in the matter."



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Bowe seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the Turf Development Board be requested to inform this Co. Council as to cost of development of bogs at Mount Leinster and a summary of the reasons why they believe the proposals for development are uneconomic."

#### INSTRUCTOR IN HORTICULTURE AND BEE-KEEPING

The following resolution was submitted from the meeting of Co. Committee of Agriculture which was held on 25th March, 1935:-

"That the Minister for Agriculture be requested to approve of the appointment of an additional Instructor in Horticulture and Bee-keeping at a salary of £100-£10-£200, with usual maintenance allowance and appropriate cost of living bonus.

"That the appointment (should the Minister's consent be forthcoming) be referred to the Local Appointments Commission for recommendation to this Committee."

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

"That in accordance with Section 22 (3) of the Agriculture Act 1931, we approve of the decision of County Wexford Committee of Agriculture at their meeting on 25th March, 1935, to create a new Office by the appointment of an additional Instructor in Horticulture and Bee-keeping at a salary of £100-£10-£200 per annum, plus cost of living bonus and Maintenance Allowance at the rate of £40 per annum. Also locomotion expenses at the following rates: 4d per mile for motor-car; 2½d, motor cycle; 1½d, pedal cycle, and actual payments for hired vehicles."



KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE LOCAL COMMITTEE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be again requested to sanction appointment of Local Committee for Kilmannock Drainage Area under Section 23(1) of Arterial Drainage Act 1925, appointed at the meeting of this Co.Council on 14th January, 1935."

CARNE PIER IMPROVEMENT.

Col. Gibbon said that at last meeting of the Council a wrong impression had been created as regards the proposed improvement of Carne Pier as it was understood very large works were in contemplation. What the local people wanted was to raise the height of the present pier and to extend it by about the width of the Co.Council Chamber. If that were done the future maintenance would cost less than the present maintenance figure. He proposed the following resolution:- "That in the event of State Grant being forthcoming for improvement of Carne Pier as suggested by the local residents, by raising the existing pier and extending it slightly, the Co.Council will have no objection to maintain the structure."

Mr. Culleton seconded.

The Co.Surveyor said that raising the end of the pier would be a decided advantage as at certain stages of the tide it was "awash" and extending it by about 40 feet at the outside would give shelter behind the pier for fishing boats. The proposals would cost about £1000.

The resolution was adopted.

The Chairman proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Doyle and adopted:- "That the Co.Surveyor be instructed to prepare plans for proposals for improvement at Carne Pier (as outlined in resolution proposed by Col.Gibbon) for submission to the Office of Public Works. That in



"forwarding same the Co.Surveyor point out that the County Council are willing to undertake the future maintenance of new works, the cost of which said new works is to be made available from Relief Grant."

#### BALLYHACK HARBOUR

The following under date 20th March, 1935, was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"With reference to your letter of the 26th January, we have been in communication with the Department of Agriculture (Fisheries Branch) and are informed that under an agreement dated 27th February, 1914, between your Council and that Department, certain works were carried out at this Harbour. It appears that under Clause 8 of the Agreement your Council undertook full responsibility for securing clear title to the site for the said works and the approaches thereto. Before considering the question of a grant from the Relief Fund I shall be glad to be informed whether the Council is now the owner of the Harbour and approaches, and also whether they are prepared to contribute any sum towards the work which the Co.Surveyor recommends in his report of the 11th January to the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and which he estimates to cost £300."

Under date 23rd March, 1935, Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, wrote that the dumping ground etc. at Ballyhack Harbour had, by agreement made on 27th February, 1914, between the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction and the Co. Council of Wexford, been conveyed in fee simple to the Co. Council who are now the owners of the Plots in question.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That the Co. Council agree to provide £100 for work proposed to be carried out at Ballyhack Harbour, provided a State Grant of £200 be forthcoming."



COURTOWN HARBOUR - FRUIT STALLS

Under date 18th March, 1935, the Harbour Master, Courtown Harbour, wrote inquiring if the Harbour Committee had power to have removed the two fruit stalls on Co. Council property owing to nuisance being committed around them.

Under date 26th March, 1935, the Harbour Master, Courtown Harbour, wrote the Co. Surveyor that the Co. Council were recommended by Courtown Harbour Committee on 1st June, 1926, to allow Mrs. Furlong to erect a refreshment stall on County Council property, rent to be sixpence per week. Mrs. Furlong sold the stall to Mrs. Doyle, Gorey, who had her rent paid to 31st December, 1934.

The Co. Surveyor said the second stall was erected previous to the Harbour having been taken over by the County Council. At one time the latter sought to have it removed but the owner claimed to have established a freehold and the matter dropped.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by the Chairman:- "That Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, be directed to take steps to determine the tenancy of fruit stall at Courtown Harbour now held by Mrs. Doyle, Gorey, and, in respect of which permission for erection had been given to Mrs. Furlong."

COURTOWN HARBOUR - WEIGHBRIDGE PLOT

In connection with difference of opinion between the Co. Council and the agent to Courtown Estate as to ownership of above plot the latter wrote under date 2nd April, 1935, that he could not think the present Lord Courtown's Grandfather agreed to let and that the Council agreed to take premises which they already owned. He would be in Ireland on 4th or 11th May, 1935, and suggested that the Co. Surveyor should then go into the matter with him.

It was decided that the Co. Surveyor should arrange an



interview with Courtown Estate Agent and report result to first available meeting of the Council.

The Co. Surveyor pointed out that according to the Map the property in question appeared to be owned by the Council.

### ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR.

Under date 4th April, 1935, the following report from County Surveyor was read:-

"On 26th March, 1935, I visited St. Helen's and made a special inspection with reference to the proposed improvement works.

"In the years 1928 and 1929, I prepared a scheme for a breakwater, and with this in hand I re-examined the site. The old rubble mound breakwater has been so flattened out as to offer little or no protection, and the rubble which has been carried shorewards has blocked the basin, reducing the area to less than half its original dimensions. I am satisfied that a very useful little harbour can be made for fishing boats at St. Helen's at a most reasonable cost.

"I now find that local fishermen are anxious that if work be carried out here that it should be so designed as to offer facilities for mooring alongside any protection wall that may be built. I quite agree that this would be of decided advantage and it will not add materially to the cost. I have accordingly amended my original scheme which now is as follows:

"More or less on centre line of original rubble mound I propose to erect a mass concrete wall, reinforced with old rails as may be found necessary. This wall will be founded, where possible, on rock, and elsewhere on what is now thoroughly consolidated rubble lying between the rock spurs. There will be a parapet three feet thick and four feet high on the Sea side of wall allowing a pathway on basin side of six feet. This wall itself exclusive of parapet will be 12 ft. wide at base by 9 ft. high on average, and 9 ft. wide at top. The basin side will be vertical, and the Sea side battered. The wall will be constructed with large blocks of stone thoroughly packed and embedded in concrete forming a monolithic mass. Possibly it may be advisable to reinforce the wall near the Sea face with some form of steel mesh reinforcement to take any tensile stress, but I think this will hardly be necessary. The parapet should be so reinforced. Outside of the wall the rubble removed from the inside should be dumped in as large blocks as possible, and thus forming the best possible protection to the wall and basin. The total length of wall will be 132 feet. It will be advisable to blast out some spurs of rock at the entrance which will be about 46 ft. wide.

"As the greater part of the rubble mound to be removed will be used either in constructing the wall or in banking up on the Sea side, the cost will be low. Moreover, any surplus stone will be taken over by the Co. Council and prepared for Road Material, and the Council will bear this cost.



"I estimate the cost of the work as above described at say £900 and I am satisfied that if it be put entirely in my hands I can make a good job at the figure stated."

Col. Gibbon suggested the Council might give £200 towards the work.

Miss O'Ryan said that some improvements would have been made but the Engineer from Office of Public Works recommended too big a job. If the Council were not prepared to make a contribution she feared that a State Grant would not be forthcoming. She considered the Co.Council should agree to contribute one-third of cost of improvement at St. Helen's Harbour up to a maximum of £300.

The Co.Surveyor said he was of opinion that the improvements could be done for £750 but the Board of Works' Engineer considered that they would cost £1200. When he (Co.Surveyor) gave the estimate for £750 he had allowed for the local people removing some of the stuff but as the amount of help in that respect was difficult to calculate he had omitted it from his recent estimate.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the Wexford County Council hereby agree to contribute one-third of the proposed improvements at St.Helen's Harbour up to a maximum of £300 on condition that the balance will be forthcoming from State Funds. That the Co.Surveyor, in the event of the Government agreeing to this proposal, put the work in hands without delay.

#### CAHORE PIER

Messrs. Philip Crowe and Patrick Dempsey, fishermen at Cahore Pier attended relative to proposals for improvement of the structure. The project for the improvement of the Pier - the deputation pointed out - was before the Council two years ago and a delegation from the Council with the T.Ds. for the County met Fr.Kavanagh, P.P., Ballygarrett, and the local people when it was agreed that the improvements were



necessary but the Department had turned down the project owing to the cost. An extension of the pier would afford great benefit as at present there was berthage for four boats only and it was a great hardship on the fishermen, particularly in bad weather to have to pull their boats on shore every night or in rough weather. They had 15 boats in the fishing fleet and there was a prospect of additions this year. As the fishermen had to land their catches in Courtown for the Sea Fisheries Association by 10 o'clock in the morning they had to be at the pier by 8 o'clock with the last boats. When eight or nine boats came with fish only four could discharge and the others had to "lay off" until the four were discharged. There were over thirty families dependant on the fishing industry as well as fish hawkers and others.

Mr. Smyth bore out what the deputation said and pointed out that although some years ago when the project first came up the Council were unanimous, it was turned down by the Government.

The Co. Surveyor said that when they applied before there was a long delay before they had a reply rejecting the proposals on the ground that the value to be secured would not be commensurate with the cost estimated at £3,000. Since then some additions had been made to the fishing fleet.

Mr. Crowe, a member of the deputation, said they would get larger boats but unless the extension of the pier was arranged for it would not be possible to haul up those boats on the beach every night.

The Co. Surveyor said if the Pier was extended it would afford a larger protective area but he could not see how boats could be kept at the pier all through the Winter. He asked the deputation if a slipway would be any addition to the place provided the extension of the pier could not be carried out.

Mr. Crowe believed it would not.



Col. Gibbon said no-one seemed to know quite what was the best step to take in the matter. He recommended that it be adjourned and in the meantime that the Co. Surveyor endeavour to prepare plans etc. with an Advisory Engineer from the Office of Public Works and also to investigate the possibilities. They could then get a deputation to meet the Co. Surveyor and the Government Engineer at the Pier.

Mr. Crowe read a letter from the Fishery Department under date 23rd March, 1934, stating that they had no funds at their disposal to meet the cost of the extension of the pier which was estimated at £4000.

The Chairman said that unless the Council were prepared to help the project financially they could not calculate on Government assistance. It had been turned down already and would be turned down again unless the Council were prepared to find some portion of the cost.

Mr. Corish said the first thing to be done was to arrive at a decision as to whether the proposals were desirable. He suggested that the Co. Surveyor ask the Fishery Department to send down an Engineer to Cahore to go into the application of the fishermen in conjunction with the County Surveyor. When the joint report came before the Council they would be in a position to deal with it as they would have all information at their disposal.

After further discussion Col. Gibbon embodied the suggestions of Mr. Corish in the form of a resolution.

Mr. Corish seconded and the motion was adopted.

#### FORD OF LYNH DRAINAGE

The Co. Surveyor submitted letter from Office of Public Works under date 28th March, 1935, stating that their records indicated that the plans etc. of Ford of Lynh Slob Lands referred to in Wexford Harbour Act 1846 were destroyed in a fire in the Peace Office, Wexford, in June, 1921.

Col. Gibbon suggested that the Council should try the



Quit Rent Office in Dublin, but the Co.Solicitor said he had made an unsuccessful application there.

Col.Gibbon proposed and Mr.Doyle seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Co.Solicitor write to the Public Works Department in London for copy of Plans of Ford of Lyng Sloblands which must have been produced to the House of Commons before the Wexford Harbour Act of 1846 was passed."

#### ROSSLARE TOWN PLANNING.

Under date 4th April, 1935, the following was submitted by the Co.Surveyor:-

"As directed by the County Council I have examined the condition of Rosslare with reference to its development in accordance with the Town and Regional Planning Act.

"I am satisfied of the necessity of some definite scheme without which I believe Rosslare will never develop into a first class Watering Place. The Health Board has already provided a water supply, and has in contemplation a sewerage scheme. Both of these will entail an increased rate on the area, and the more enhanced the total rateable value the less will be the individual rate. At the present time no restrictions are imposed either as regards the style of building or the lay out of same. Consequently many people will hesitate in acquiring building sites and erecting high class houses. Already there are many structures in existence in the area which are an eyesore, and in cases an obstruction to the view.

"I have carefully gone through the "Act" and strongly recommend that the "Planning "Authority" (the Co.Council) decide that a "Planning Scheme" be made for Rosslare Area. I suggest as boundary of this area the following:-  
(a) from the N.E.corner of the embankment in Hopeland, running Southward by the Townland Bounds of Burrow and Bearlough, to the Railway Gates in Bearlough; (b) thence South Easterly by the Eastern bounds of the Railway to the Railway Bridge in Rosetown; (c) thence by the South Eastern boundary to the Sea. On the N.E. side the Sea will be the boundary from a point due East of the corner of embankment in Hopeland (d) to the corner of Townland of Rosetown (c).

"In the event of the Co.Council deciding to make a Scheme, it will then be necessary to draft provisions dealing with New Roads, Buildings, Preservation of Amenities, Public Services etc. These matters may be left to a local Committee in consultation with such Officer as shall be appointed to prepare maps, plans etc., and the draft provisions may be adopted or amended by the Planning Authority."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr.Corish:- "That report of County Surveyor re Rosslare Planning be referred to Mr.Elgee, County Solicitor, with a view to having the necessary provisions



"of the Town and Regional Planning Act carried into effect as regards Rosslare District."

#### ROSSLARE SEWERAGE SCHEME

Under date 13th March, 1935, the Secretary, Co. Board of Health wrote that the Engineer's Estimate for the proposed sewerage Scheme for Rosslare was £9,000.

#### INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

Under date 13th March, 1935, letter was read from Wexford Corporation suggesting that a novel scheme of work would be the clearance of the strand at Ferrybank, Wexford, to enable it to be used as a safe bathing resort, but as the area was under the jurisdiction of the Co. Council the Corporation did not wish to make the suggestion to the Inter-Departmental Committee but asked the Co. Council to embody it in any proposals which they were forwarding.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by the Chairman:- "That the Co. Council recommend to the Inter-Departmental Committee the clearance of back strand at Ferrybank, Wexford, which could be made by such clearance a safe and commodious bathing place. That in the event of this recommendation being accepted it is expected that Wexford Corporation will procure the consent of General Doran to the work being carried out provided such consent be necessary."

#### TELEGRAPH POLE - NEW ROSS BRIDGE

On the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer it was decided that copy of the following letter from Town Clerk, New Ross, be forwarded to Engineer, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, and that he be asked to comply with the request of New Ross Urban Council in this matter if at all possible:-



"I am directed by the New Ross Urban District Council to acknowledge the receipt of your communication dated 21st March, 1935, relative to the erection of telegraph pole adjacent to the Bridge and to request your Council to ask the Engineer in Chief of the Department of Posts & Telegraphs to erect the pole in the kerb instead of at the wall of Mr. O'Gorman's yard as proposed. Erection close to the wall assists easy access to the premises and might lead to trouble for the owner."

### TACUMSHANE LAKE

The following report was submitted by Co. Surveyor, who stated he had forwarded copy to Office of Public Works as directed by the Council:-

"As directed by the Co. Council I beg to report that on March 27th ult., I visited Tacumshane.

"The Lake lies about 4 miles to the Eastward of Kilmore Quay, and was formerly a river estuary or sea inlet. The mouth of this along the coast extends for about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles, and for the entire of this length there is now a bar of drift sand and gravel forming a lagoon, and completely blocking the outlet of inland waters. From time to time this bar has been cut through by local people to lower the water of the lagoon. Also some years ago a permanent outlet consisting of a 4 ft. diameter C.I. pipe with flap gates etc., was constructed through the bank; this latter is now in part destroyed and entirely useless. The site of the pipe is somewhat less than half the length of the bar from its Eastern end. The cut through the bar has usually been made just to the Westward of the site of pipe, and owing to tidal action the channel gradually worked its way to the Westward. I am informed that on one occasion when the cut was made more to the Eastward that the channel worked to the Eastward also. It has been observed that the period during which this movement of the channel takes place is normally about 13 years; however since the last cutting of the bar the time has been 25 years. When the channel reaches the full Westward (or Eastward) extent of the bar, it closes, and again forms a lagoon, which is its present condition. Various estimates have been given as to the acreage of land now flooded, but without a survey it is impossible to give an accurate figure; it may be taken that it runs into three figures. The proper time to cut the bar is during highest water in the lagoon. Some weeks ago the water level was considerably higher than at present, and the level is continually falling owing, no doubt, to percolation through the bank. Ameliorative measures should be put in hands at once to be effective and economical. I estimate the cost of making a cut will be in or about £300."

The Co. Surveyor said he understood that an Engineer from the Office of Public Works had made an inspection of the place and was prepared to recommend a State Grant.

Col. Gibbon said that if the work was done through a Relief Grant it might be possible to provide a permanent channel at the Lake. He proposed:- "That as already approved



"by the Council we strongly advocate a State Grant for the "cut" in Tacumshane Lake."

Mr. Culleton seconded and the motion was adopted.

#### OLD COUNTY COURTHOUSE PREMISES.

The following report under date 3rd April, 1935, was read from the County Surveyor:-

"On the 3rd instant, in company of the Town Surveyor, I made inspection of the ruined Courthouse on the Quay. I now report that many parts of the old walls have become in such a condition that they are in danger of falling. There is no satisfactory method of fencing off the place, and accordingly I recommend that at least the upper part be taken down.

"In my opinion it would be well to entirely clear the site. If this be decided upon the front, facing the Quay should be carefully removed with a view to its re-erection in connection with some public building if possible.

"I estimate the cost of taking down at, say, £250."

The Co. Surveyor said that the top part of the structure would fall down.

Miss O'Ryan proposed that Mr. Corish, Mr. Doyle and the Co. Surveyor should examine the building and decide on what was best to be done.

Mr. Colfer seconded, but Mr. Corish said that a Committee could not do anything in the matter.

The Chairman asked Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, if he had been able to do anything further towards establishing the title of the three ground landlords not yet bought out.

Mr. Elgee replied in the negative.

The Chairman said he was quite certain if they were not paying a good rent the persons concerned would have established title long since. He proposed that the Council obtain the opinion of Counsel as to what steps should be taken to compel Title to the unbought portion of old Courthouse site being made.

Mr. Corish seconded and the proposal was adopted.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the



"Co. Surveyor be empowered to expend £250 in taking down walls of old Co. Courthouse and clearing site but that work should not begin until the Finance Committee have had an opportunity of considering Counsel's opinion in the matter."

#### PLANTING TREES IN COOLGREANY VILLAGE

Letter was read from Rev. P. Maguire, C.C., Johnstown, Arklow, as to planting of a number of trees, given by Forestry Department in connection with "Arbour Day in Schools", in the street of Coolgreany Village.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District, reported that the planting had been carried out to his satisfaction.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the Council approve of the action taken by Father Maguire in the matter of planting trees in Coolgreany Village."

#### BRIDGE OVER CLODY RIVER

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That Carlow Co. Council be requested to state if they have considered an application for the reconstruction of Bridge over Clody (Bunclody) river and with what result."

#### BURROW ROAD ROSSLARE

Under date 26th March, 1935, Mr. Ibar Murphy, Hon. Secretary, Rosslare Fianna Fail Cumann, wrote calling attention to an application which had been before the Council in the years 1931/32 from the residents of the Burrow, Rosslare, as to construction of a road to and from their homes. There were upwards of 16 houses on the Burrow caught by the ebb and flow of the tide throughout the year. After the ebb tide the strand was covered with slime and mud, through which the unfortunate inhabitants had to wade. This year conditions had become accentuated, and the Rosslare Cumann asked the



Council to construct the road and also to construct a protective wall, as otherwise the road could not be satisfactorily maintained. The people of the Burrow contended that as ratepayers and members of the community who pay for the social services, they were entitled to such a road, and wall. Mr. Murphy also called attention to the plight of upwards of 20 children from the area, who had to contend with the present wretched conditions on their way to and from school. He considered it disgraceful and inhuman to expect them to attend in Winter time, considering the hardships they had to endure.

Mr. Doyle said that this matter had been before the Council many times, and had been turned down owing to the expense, as the Council considered that the benefits to be derived would not be commensurate with the cost. The place had been inspected by Co. Council committees and as no road could be maintained at the particular place without the erection of a wall, the cost of the project was estimated to be about £1,000. He also desired to point out that the people concerned were not totally dependent on the strand referred to in Mr. Murphy's letter as there was another strand which could be used by school children. He (Mr. Doyle) would be glad to see the work carried out if it could be brought within reasonable cost. However, he was unable to locate 16 homes as being concerned with the flooding.

The Chairman suggested that a detailed report in this matter giving estimated cost, number of families etc. should be submitted by the Co. Surveyor.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"That application for reconstruction of road and wall at Burrow, Rosslare, be listed for consideration under Minor Relief Schemes Vote. That the Co. Surveyor prepare report



"giving estimate of cost, number of families affected and any other information he believes it advisable the Council should have."

#### PROPOSED ROAD FOR BALLYHACK

Under date 14th March, 1935, letter was read from Wexford Co. Board of Health that at a recent meeting of that body, a recommendation was made to construct a new road at Ballyhack estimated cost £200, in connection with nine cottages which were being built there. The Board requested the Co. Council to have the work included in Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution:- "That recommendation of Co. Board of Health relative to construction of new road at Ballyhack be scheduled for Grant under Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

#### APPLICATION FOR GRANTS UNDER MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the following applications relative to repair of lanes be listed for consideration under Minor Relief Schemes Vote:-

1. Mounthoward Lane, Monamolin
2. Monawilling Lane, Oulart.
3. Lane - Mullawn to Croghan.
4. Cronecribbon Lane
5. Ballingarry Lane
6. Macoyle Lane, Inch.
7. Clonmore Lane, Glenbrien.
8. Davidstown Lane.
9. Ballygalvert Lane.
10. Garryhasten Lane, Clonegal.
11. Seamount - over banks connecting Courtown and Sandy Lane.
12. Lane - Palace East Railway Station.
13. Kyle Lane, Oulart."

#### CARPET FOR COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBER.

In connection with the offer of an unknown donor to supply a carpet for Co. Council Chamber the following report from Co. Surveyor was read:-

"I have measured up the floor in the Council Chamber, and suggest that the proposed carpet be in four pieces. In front of the Chairman's desk, or rostrum the effective floor area is 29'6" X 23'6", and this would form the main piece to be



"decorated with Coat of Arms. The floor of rostrum will require a piece 9'9" X 8'0", and at sides of rostrum two pieces 10'0" X 5'0".

"I shall be obliged if you consult the Co.Council before I furnish the dimensions to The Dun Emer Guild."

The Chairman proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That consideration of report of County Surveyor as to carpet for Co.Council Chamber be deferred pending consideration of report of Co.Surveyor as to the acoustic properties of the Council Chamber."

#### GOREY PETROL PUMPS

Applications were received from R.H.Nixon, Ford Motor Dealer, Gorey, in connection with erection of two petrol pumps and one oil lubricating pump on the Gorey Main Street Kerbside tanks to be on his own premises.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That permission be granted to Mr. R.H. Nixon, Avenue Garage, Gorey, for erection of two petrol pumps and one lubricating pump on Kerbside outside his premises at Main Street, Gorey, in accordance with the terms of his application under date 27th March, 1935."

#### EXTENSION OF HOUSE ON ROAD

Mr. E. Roche, Roughmead, Drinagh, wrote that with a view to opening business he found it necessary to ask the leave of the Co.Council to extend portion of his premises at south end six feet towards the road which might possibly be going about one foot beyond the stipulated limit.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That Mr. Roche be informed in reference to his application as to extension of his premises at Roughmead, Drinagh, the Co.Council will not agree to anything outside the regulations. Any buildings or alterations which Mr. Roche decides on must meet with the approval of the County Surveyor."



### POISONS & PHARMACY ACT

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 be issued to Edward Rochford, Merchant, Taghmon, as information has been received that the Garda Síochána offer no objection to issue of same."

### EASTER SUNDAY COMMEMORATION

The following resolution which was adopted at meeting of Co. Council on Monday, 11th March, 1935, was submitted:-

"That consideration of invitation to Easter Commemoration ceremony at Crosstown Cemetery be deferred for the present."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That the question of attending Easter Sunday Commemoration in Wexford be left open to the Members of the Council to attend if they so desire."

### CENTRAL SAVINGS COMMITTEE

From information supplied by the Central Savings Committee it appeared that the balance remaining invested for these certificates at the end of January was £166,460 in Co. Wexford, representing an investment of £2<sup>14</sup>/<sub>100</sub> per head of County's population, the number of Savings Associations being 108.

### "CUTS" IN SUGAR BEET ACREAGE.

Mr. John Sinnott, Clonroche, came before the meeting in regard to drastic "cuts" in sugar beet acreage which had been made this year by the Irish Sugar Manufacturing Company. Although he was a member of the Central Executive of the Beet Growers' Association he came before the meeting in his individual capacity and in view of the statements which had been made to him by 35 growers. Last year the Wexford Growers had helped the Company by growing beet for their new factories. He asked the Council to impress on the Minister for Agriculture the necessity of conferring with the Sugar Manufacturing



Company as to the desirability of extending the manufacturing period, i.e., to open Carlow factory seven days earlier and to maintain work there for seven days longer than the contemplated campaign provided, or for such longer period as was necessary to absorb the tonnage produced.

Col. Gibbon said that the manner in which the beet growers had been treated was perfectly disgraceful. They had assumed they would be allotted the same acreage as last year and without a word of warning after they had prepared their land for beet, and when it was not possible to have an alternative crop, they were told their beet acreage would be substantially reduced. In his own case the reduction was from twenty-five to eleven acres. Hundreds of small farmers in the Kilmore area were affected. The Government should see that Wexford, which had done such a great deal for the beet industry should be protected.

Mr. Sinnott pointed out that a number of growers of last year had been completely passed over this year and secured no contract whatever.

Mr. Sweetman said that the people of North Leinster were confidently expecting a new factory there but if any new factory was to be established Wexford, which was the pioneer County in beet growing had a prior claim to it.

Mr. Doyle, while in favour of the proposal of Mr. Sinnott, did not see what useful purpose would be served by the Council adopting a resolution on the lines suggested. He considered the interests of Growers could be well looked after by their Association. He was glad that some of the oldest established growers had not had their acreage curtailed. A lot of new growers came in last year and it was with them cuts had been made. He was not scared about them as they had remained on the fence a long time before taking up ~~the~~ beet growing.

Mr. Corish said if the Council passed a resolution



asking the Minister for Agriculture to help in the matter the Minister would respond to their appeal.

They should ask for the establishment of a factory for  
Wexford.

Mr. Culleton proposed that the proposals of Mr. Sinnott for additional working days for Carlow factory be adopted and forwarded the Department of Agriculture and Irish Sugar Manufacturing Company with a request that the most favourable consideration should be given to the request.

Col. Quin seconded the motion which was adopted.

Mr. Sweetman proposed:- "That in view of the prominent part taken by Wexford farmers in developing the Sugar Beet Industry and to the fact that they have been pioneers in the Industry in Ireland, we call on the Government to establish the fifth Sugar Factory in County Wexford which will help to alleviate the grievances that our farmers are certain to suffer by a curtailment of their beet acreage.

Mr. T. Redmond in seconding held that the factory for Wexford should be established in New Ross, the people of which district in the early stages of the sugar beet industry having been led to believe that their wishes in this matter would have been carried out.

The motion was passed nem.con.

J. H. Allen

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING, 13th MAY, 1935

M I N U T E S

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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



The Monthly Meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 13th May, 1935.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, (Chairman, Co. Council) 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, J.P. Kelly, W. Kinsella, J. Lawler, P. Murphy, S. O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, P. Ronan, M. Smyth and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor and the following Assistant Surveyors were also in attendance:-

Messrs. T. Treanor, T. Cullen, P. O'Neill, and J.F. Birthistle.

The Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £352:16:8d (ordinary salaries) and for £21362:5:5d (Road Contractors' payments, transfer to Public Bodies etc.) were examined and signed.

#### THE LATE MRS. ENNIS, OULARTARD HOUSE, FERNS.

On the motion of Mr. Ronan seconded by Mr. Lawlor a vote of condolence was adopted to Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, in the death of his mother.

#### THE LATE MONSIGNOR ROGERS.

Miss O'Ryan proposed a vote of condolence with the relatives of the late Right Rev. Monsignor Rogers, San Francisco, a native of Enniscorthy, a great man and a great patriot. The Country suffered a great loss by his death.

Mr. Ronan seconded the motion which was adopted in the usual manner.

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

MEETING 12th April, 1935: 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, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 12th April, 1935.

Present: Mr. D. Allen, (Chairman Co. Council), presiding, also Messrs. Patrick 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 also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5625:4:4d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF:- The following shows amount of Gross Warrant of Rate collected to date:-

<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Gross Warrant Percentage collected.</u>
E.J. Murphy	87.9
M. Kehoe	86.9
P. Carty	85.2
D. Kenny	84.2
J. Curtis	83.4
M. McCarthy	81.7
J. Cummins	79.9
J.J. O'Reilly	79.4
J. Deegan	79.2
P. Doyle	79.1
P. Nolan	77.7
J. Flood	76.1
S. Gannon (No. 6)	76.0
A. Dunne	74.7
S. Gannon (No. 10)	74.1
W. Cummins	71.4
J.J. Sinnott	68.6
M. Murphy	65.2
J. Quirke	64.2
W. Doyle	63.5
	<u>76.3</u>

The sum outstanding is £28869. At the corresponding period last year the percentage collected was 60. The amount of arrears included in the outstanding total of £28869 is £11841.

In connection with Irrecoverable and Temporary uncollectable Rates the Chairman said that they would not strike off any Rate in respect of holdings for which no rate was paid this year. They should aim at carrying forward in most cases two years' arrears up to 31st March, 1935.



It was then agreed to ask the Collectors to supply the following lists:-

1. List of Ratepayers who owe more than two years' arrears and whose rates in excess of two years the Collectors recommend should be struck off as irrecoverable.
2. List of ordinary Irrecoverable Rates.
3. Particulars of Rates which the Collectors recommend should be carried forward for collection with warrant for 1935/36.

Any sums which do not appear on these lists and amounts which the Co.Council delete from the lists must be lodged by the Collectors.

It was decided that the Co.Council would fix a date for the closing of the 1934/35 Rate Collection.

The 20th May, 1935, is recommended by the Finance Committee.

It is expected that Collectors will, before the closing of Warrant for 1934/35, lodge in respect of arrears, a sum equivalent to the amount carried forward from the 1933/34 collection.

#### TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS - RATE COLLECTORS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the continued employment of Mr. Sean Gannon as temporary Collector for No.6 District, and Mr. John Deegan, as temporary Collector for No.7 District, for collection of Rate for financial year 1935/36."

#### APPLICATION FOR DEFERRED POUNDAGE

Under date 29th March, 1935, Mr. P. O'Byrne, ex-Rate Collector, (No.9 District), applied for payment of £30:6:9d amount of poundage deferred in 1929 for arrears of 1923 and 1924 Rate. These arrears of which Bantry Commons was a part were afterwards struck off as irrecoverable and he claimed he was entitled to the amount.



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The Secretary stated that Mr. O'Byrne was treated in the same manner as any other backward Collector for 1929. Portion of the poundage was applied to the reduction of outstanding Rate.

The Co.Solicitor said the amount was Statute barred.

The Committee decided that Mr. O'Byrne be informed that it was not possible to reopen the question of payments of poundage in the year 1929.

#### WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICES, NEW ROSS

Mrs. Mary J. Stevenson, Priory St., New Ross, wrote under date 2nd April, 1935, that <sup>as</sup> the tenancy of the Co.Council for the office for Weights and Measures verification which she had let to them, had been determined, she believed she should be allowed something for wear and tear of place while in the occupation of Inspector. Ten shillings per week, she admitted, was a good rent but the cost of coal and firewood, which she had to provide out of that left only 5/- per week for rent. She had also lent her table and chairs and a writing desk since the place was first taken by the Council in 1925, and this furniture had, during these years, depreciated in value.

It was decided to inform Mrs. Stevenson that the Co.Council had no power to pay anything to her beyond the 10/- per week for which she agreed to rent the premises.

#### SOW DRAINAGE RATES

Mr. Peter Whitty, Ballyrannell, Glenbrien, wrote under date 9th April, 1935, that he wished to go before the Finance Committee meeting with a grievance in connection with Sow Drainage Rate.

Mr. Whitty came before the meeting and held that as he was at a distance from the River Sow the drainage system was of no utility to his holding and he should not, therefore, be responsible for the Rate.

The Chairman pointed out that as Mr. Whitty's name was on the Charging Order of the Office of Public Works for whom the



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Co.Council in this matter were agents, it was not in the power of the Council to relieve Mr. Whitty of his liability. Before the Charging Order was issued Mr. Whitty was notified of the matter by the Office of Public Works but he took no steps to make objection, and the Co.Council were powerless in the matter. If Mr. Whitty considered he had any redress he should consult a Solicitor.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

Under date 7th April, 1935, John Greene, Bellefield, Enniscorthy, to whom the Co.Council had advanced a loan of £130 for erection of house under above Acts, wrote that he wished to repay to the Council the balance (£128:16:8d) of the amount which they had advanced.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Co.Council be recommended to allow John Greene, Bellefield, Enniscorthy, to clear off his indebtedness to the Co.Council for loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

The Co.Solicitor submitted letter from George W. Warren,& Company, Auctioneers, Gorey, under date 16th March, 1935, stating that James Murphy, late of Market Square, Gorey, and now of Kilmurry, wished to sell the house which he had erected with the help of the loan of £135 which he had received from the County Council. James Murphy had gone to reside with his brother Michael Murphy in Kilmurry and who intended to transfer his farm etc. to James. Messrs. Warren asked if the Co.Council would have any objection to the house erected under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts being put up for auction on the understanding that the amount due to the Co.Council on foot of the loan will be paid out of the purchase money.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That Messrs. Warren & Co., Auctioneers, be informed that the Co.Council are recommended by the Finance Committee to agree to the sale of house erected by James Murphy, Market Square, Gorey, on condition that they have



"a guarantee that the loan advanced by the Co.Council will be repaid."

In connection with Insurances of houses erected under above Acts quotation was received from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances offering to insure houses to the extent of £10,000 at 1/3d per £100.

It was pointed out that applicants for loans were obliged to insure the houses when complete but that no provision had been made to cover insurance while the dwellings were in course of erection.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That insurance of houses erected or in course of erection with the aid of loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be effected (to the extent of the County Council's interest in said houses) with the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances at 1/3d per £100. Amount of Insurance: £10,000 first Scheme and £6,000 Second Scheme, Total, £16,000, Premium £10."

#### GOREY COURTHOUSE

Under date 1st April, 1935, the Hon. Secretary, Gorey Gaelic League Branch, wrote asking for permission to use the Gorey Courthouse for the monthly meetings of the Branch. They would take full responsibility and see that everything would be left in order.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by the Chairman:- "That the Gorey Branch of Gaelic League be granted permission to hold their monthly meetings in Gorey Courthouse on the terms set out in their letter to the Co.Council under date 1st April, 1935."

#### FATAL INJURY TO HORSE

Under date 30th March, 1935, William Corcoran, Bannpark, Graanford, wrote that on 19th February, 1935, his horse fell on the slippery road near Scarawalsh and had to be destroyed. He suffered great loss in consequence and asked if the Council



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would compensate him for the death of the animal which was worth about £12.

Mr. R.J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, wrote under date 5th April, 1935, that the road on which the horse had fallen was much the same as three or four thousand miles of tarred road throughout the Country. The road had not been sprayed for four or five years; parts of it would be done this year, and it would be less slippery for a few years. As he (Mr. Ennis) understood the law the Co. Council were not liable for compensation in the present instance. There were a number of decisions to this effect and of course plenty of horses fell before ever there was a tarred road.

Messrs. M.J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, New Road, Gorey, wrote under date 6th April, 1935, to the Co. Solicitor that they noted the Council would not admit legal liability in this case but apart from that they suggested that the Council should make Mr. Corcoran an ex-gratia payment by way of compensation. He was a poor man and was not in a position to purchase a horse to replace the one which had been destroyed.

Under date 11th April, 1935, Messrs. McDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers, 51, Dame Street, Dublin, wrote to the County Surveyor, that they had heard from the Insurance Company in the matter and they asked the Co. Council to write to Mr. Corcoran denying all liability in the matter.

It was decided to inform Mr. Corcoran that the Co. Council have no liability for the accident to his horse.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The Sergeant, Garda Siochana, Fethard-on-Sea, wrote that he intended applying at Ballycullane District Court for committal to St. Michael's Industrial School, of Mary Walsh, Aldridge, Duncannon. The child was ten years old; the Mother was destitute and the father was in England or Wales. He had not written or made any effort to support his family for a number of years.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor.



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Sister M. Baptist, Convent of Mercy, Industrial School, Wexford, wrote that she intended applying to Wexford District Court for the committal of Florence Coghlan, John Street, Enniscorthy, to this School, the application being made on the grounds that the child's father and step-mother failed to exercise proper guardianship.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor.

#### GOREY HILL QUARRY

Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, New Road, Gorey, wrote under date 5th April, 1935, on behalf of Miss Harriet E. Palmer, Gorey Hill, claiming £3 ( and £1:1:0d costs) for compensation for injury to her lands and house caused by blasting at Gorey Hill Quarry on 25th March, 1935.

The Co. Surveyor said the matter was in the hands of the Insurance Company.

#### PRINTING RECEIPT & DEMAND NOTES.

Two tenders were received for the printing of Rate Collectors' Receipt and Demand Notes viz:-

Messrs. J. English & Co., Quay, Wexford.....	£28.
"The People" Wexford.....	£38:10:6d

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That the Tender of Messrs. English & Co., Quay, Wexford, at £28 for printing Rate Collectors' Receipt and Demand Notes for year 1935, be accepted."

#### PROPOSED EX-GRATIA GRANT TO MR. R. MALONE, V.S.

Under date 10th April, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.49717/35 Loch Garman Sd) that there was no statutory authority which would enable the Co. Council to make the proposed grant of £100 from their own funds to Mr. R. Malone, V.S., on condition that he would retire from his position as Veterinary Inspector under the Co. Council.



### CRIMINAL INJURY APPLICATION.

Application for compensation from the Order of St. John of God, Wexford, for injury to a dwelling house, their property - 124, The Faythe, Wexford - was referred to the Co. Solicitor to oppose.

### DEMANDS ON URBAN COUNCILS

In connection with the application of the Co. Council to the three Urban District Councils to pay their liability on foot of Co. Council demands, no reply was received from Enniscorthy Urban Council.

The Town Clerk, New Ross, wrote that the matter was referred to the Finance Committee who would consider how far the Rate Collection to date could meet the wishes of the Co. Council.

The Town Clerk, Wexford, wrote that in order to bring the payment of the Co. Council's demands up to date as soon as possible, the Wexford Corporation were not closing their Rate Collection on 31st March, 1935, and hoped to be able to make substantial payments in the near future.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That the Urban District Councils be requested to pay by the 30th April at least half the amount of County Council Demand for year ended 31st March, 1935."

### BALLYCARNEY CUMANN FIANNA FAIL

Letter was read from above regarding a statement by Assistant Surveyor as to the refusal of benefit to James Jordan, Munfin. The latter was engaged last January and suspended in February. Jordan applied for his unemployment card and was registering at Unemployment Exchange for four or five weeks when he was informed he was not entitled to benefit. This also prevented him from applying under the Unemployment Assistance Act. It was very unfair to Jordan to be knocked out of work without having any stamps to draw upon, while others with years' stamps to their credit were kept on. A man with a young family should be the last man to be disemployed.



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It was decided to defer consideration of the matter for report of Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the District.

#### DERELICT FARMS

Under date 10th April, 1935, the Department of Lands and Fisheries wrote acknowledging receipt of lists of holdings on which rates were outstanding and stating that the proposals for the acquisition of the holdings in question had been submitted to the Land Commission for consideration.

#### NEW STAMP DUTIES.

The following under date 9th April, 1935, was read from Galway County Council:-

"At a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Galway County Council held on 6th April, 1935, a communication received from the Department of Local Government with reference to payment of Stamp Duty was considered. The Circular which was dated 29th ultimo, intimated that on and from the 1st instant cheques, Paying Orders, and other instruments issued by local authorities will be liable for stamp duty, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 6 of the Finance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1935, which has now become law.

"Galway County Council strongly resents this new enactment which will place an estimated additional burden of at least £1,500 per annum on the ratepayers of County Galway, and having regard to the fact that the imposition of such stamp duties was not considered necessary hitherto, it is believed that the present is a most inopportune time for the introduction of the new legislation referred to, having regard to the fact that local authorities are endeavouring, with difficulty, to meet the constantly increasing cost of local services without placing an undue burden on the ratepayers. Galway County Council suggests that each County Council in the Free State should protest against the imposition of the stamp duties referred to, and should request the Members of the Dail for their areas to take up the matter on their behalf."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That we agree with the protest made by the Galway County Council as regards the additional burden imposed upon ratepayers by new stamp duties and request our T.Ds. to take up the matter not only on our own behalf but on behalf of all the Co. Councils in An Saorstát, and endeavour to secure repeal of the enactment."



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 12th April, 1935, be received and considered."

INJURY TO PONY:- Mr. Connors said that the County Council should compensate Mr. Corcoran for the loss of his pony which was caused by the ~~the~~ action in having the road in such a slippery condition.

The Chairman said that as the Insurance Company had repudiated liability the only thing Mr. Corcoran could do would be to bring the Council into Court.

Mr. Connors said he was driving a horse over the road every day and realised how dangerous it was. Evidently it was made for motorists only. No horse traffic could stand on it and yet there was nothing done.

No order.

GOREY HILL QUARRY:- The Secretary stated that the claim of Miss Palmer had been settled by the Insurance Company.

ILLNESS OF MR. R. MALONE, V.S.:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Doyle seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to inform this Council if there be any legal method by which the Council can pay over to Mr. Malone the £100 ex-gratia grant voted to him, as the Council consider some recognition of Mr. Malone's long and faithful service should be made."

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con:- "That the Minister for Agriculture be requested to agree to a further three months' sick leave to Mr. R. Malone, V.S., and to the employment of Mr. F. Staples, V.S., to discharge the duties in Mr. Malone's district during the period, remuneration to be the same as that of which Mr. Malone was in receipt."



URBAN COUNCIL DEMANDS:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Ronan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That Enniscorthy Urban Council be requested to lodge half amount of demand on them by County Council to March last. This Council must realise that the County Council are working on an overdraft and the failure of Urban Councils to pay their demand in due time is mulcting the rural ratepayers in payment of avoidable Interest."

BALLYCARNEY FIANNA FAIL CUMANN:- The following under date 24th April, 1935, was submitted from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the District:-

"It seems fairly obvious that this letter is mainly intended as an attack on me specially in view of the fact that this man was working at the time the letter was written. Consequently I do not propose to make any reply to it, except to deny that I made any false statement, and to point out that the letter enclosed from the Department of Industry and Commerce is the best possible proof of the truth of the statement which I did make."

It was decided to adjourn further consideration of the matter until Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the District, is present.

EXTRA STAMP DUTIES

Mr. Bowe proposed the adoption of the Finance Committee's recommendation.

Mr. Culleton submitted that the employees of the Council should not be obliged to pay for the stamps on receipts. The Council should pay it.

Mr. O'Byrne seconding Mr. Bowe's proposition said that the amount involved would be a considerable sum, when spread over the Co. Council, the Board of Health, the Mental Hospital, and the Co. Vocational Education Committee.

Mr. Cummins - It is all very well to pass the resolution. This is an Act. Will the T.D.'s take action in regard to it? There is no one satisfied with this.

Mr. Bowe's motion was unanimously adopted.

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 12th April, 1935, be and are hereby confirmed."



MEETING 26th APRIL, 1935: 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, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 26th April, 1935.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, (Chairman, Co. Council), presiding; also Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, W. Cullimore, W.P. Keegan, J.P. Kelly, W. Kinsella, Sean O'Byrne, and Miss N. O'Ryan.

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

### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3140:11:8d was examined and signed.

### RATE COLLECTION

The following shows the amount collected to date on gross amount of warrant:-

<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage lodged</u>
E.J. Murphy	93.0
D. Kenny	91.9
M. Kehoe	89.3
P. Carty	87.3
J. Curtis	86.8
M. McCarthy	84.7
J.J. O'Reilly	84.6
J. Deegan	84.3
P. Doyle	83.2
J. Cummins	81.3
P. Nolan	79.0
J. Flood	78.9
A. Dunne	78.0
S. Gannon (No. 6)	77.2
S. Gannon (No. 10)	76.3
W. Cummins	73.0
J.J. Sinnott	70.9
M. Murphy	69.8
J. Quirke	66.0
W. Doyle	64.9
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Average... 79.3	

The improvement as compared with the corresponding period last year is 14.5 per cent. The amount outstanding on gross Warrant was £25,323:4:3d which included £11,440:6:7d outstanding arrears.

The Chairman said the Finance Committee would expect Rate Collectors to make a special drive during the next three weeks so that the Council could count on a satisfactory close of the



Collection. The Rate Inspector should give all the time he could spare from now to the close of the collection in helping the backward Collectors.

### CREDIT NOTES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to extend the period for validity of Credit Notes in respect of Rates for 1934/35 financial year from 1st May to 31st May, 1935, in order to facilitate a number of ratepayers."

### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS LOAN

The following is full list of applicants under above:-

*[The following list of applicants is crossed out with a large diagonal line.]*



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

LIST OF ALL APPLICANTS TO DATE

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT

(Already accepted by Finance Committee)

		<u>Loan</u>
1.	<u>BYRNE, PATRICK J.,</u> 7, Market Square, Enniscorthy.	<u>£180</u>
2.	<u>CORCORAN, MARY A.,</u> Killagoley, Enniscorthy.	<u>£200</u>
3.	<u>DEMPSEY, DANIEL,</u> Currawn, Edermine.	<u>£150</u>
4.	<u>DOYLE, JOSEPH.,</u> Woodville, Ballyhogue.	<u>£180</u>
5.	<u>GOFF, HENRY J.,</u> Shannon, Enniscorthy.	<u>£180</u>
6.	<u>KEHOE, PATRICK J.,</u> Old Church Road, Enniscorthy.	<u>£180</u>
7.	<u>O'REILLY, THOMAS.,</u> Island Road, Enniscorthy.	<u>£180</u>
8.	<u>ROSS, ERNEST E.,</u> Bellefield, Enniscorthy.	<u>£200</u>
9.	<u>SHEEHAN, DANIEL,</u> Old Church Road, Enniscorthy.	<u>£180</u>
10.	<u>SOMERS, MISS BRIGID,</u> Townamullogue, Courtnacuddy	<u>£100</u>
11.	<u>WHITTY, MICHAEL,</u> Tomanooole, Ballycarney.	<u>£180</u>
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APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

1.	<u>Bolger, John,</u> X Ballywoodrane, Blackwater.	<u>£150</u>
2.	<u>Brady, Michael,</u> Brownswood, Enniscorthy.	<u>£130</u>
3.	<u>Breen, John,</u> Rathnure, The Leap.	<u>£145</u>
4.	<u>Breen, Mrs. Mary,</u> Boolabawn, Davidstown.	<u>£150</u>
5.	<u>Breen, Nicholas,</u> Milltown, Ferns.	<u>£180</u>
6.	<u>Burke, Patrick,</u> Woodlands, Monart.	<u>£120</u>
7.	<u>Carley, Walter,</u> X Rectory Road, Enniscorthy.	<u>£180</u>
8.	<u>Doyle, Denis, Francis,</u> Jamestown, Oylegate.	<u>£180</u>
9.	<u>Doyle, Seamus,</u> Ballyrankin, Strahart, Ferns.	<u>£325</u>
10.	<u>Downes, Nicholas,</u> X Scarawalsh, Ferns.	<u>£170</u>
11.	<u>Dunne, John,</u> Killagoley, Enniscorthy.	<u>£180</u>
12.	<u>Finn, Denis,</u> Ballydaw, Marshallstown.	<u>£150</u>
13.	<u>Foley, John,</u> X Greenane, Killanne.	<u>£60</u>

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Applications to be considered

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT (Continued)

		<u>Loan</u>
14.	<u>Foley, John,</u> Greenville, Enniscorthy.	£100
15.	<u>Foley, John,</u> Monglass, Caim.	£120
16.	<u>Goldie, William,</u> St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy.	£200
17.	<u>Hawkins, Edward,</u> Rectory Road, Enniscorthy.	£180
18.	<u>Hendrick, Charles,</u> Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy.	£150
19.	<u>Higgins, Murtha,</u> Tomnalossett, Enniscorthy.	£180
20.	<u>Hiney, Owen,</u> Rectory Road, Enniscorthy.	£180
21.	<u>Holbrook, John J.,</u> Oulart Road, Enniscorthy.	£200
22.	<u>Jordan, Owen,</u> Bellefield, Enniscorthy.	£180
23.	<u>Kearns, William,</u> Ballinakill, Ferns.	£100
24.	<u>Keating, John,</u> Ballinavockran, Bunclody.	£75
25.	<u>Kelly, Edward,</u> Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy.	£200
26.	<u>King, Margaret,</u> Oylegate, Enniscorthy.	£180
27.	<u>Mullett, John,</u> Greenville, Enniscorthy.	£200.
28.	<u>Murphy, David,</u> Curragraigue, Ballindaggin.	£100
29.	<u>Murphy, John,</u> Widows' Lawn, Enniscorthy.	£180
30.	<u>Murphy, Paul,</u> Brownswood, Enniscorthy.	£150
31.	<u>Murphy, Peter,</u> Aughnagalley, Enniscorthy.	£100
32.	<u>Murphy, Richard,</u> Fairfield, Enniscorthy.	£180
33.	<u>Murray, William,</u> Tinraheen, The Ballagh.	£80
34.	<u>Nolan, John,</u> Ballymorgan, Ferns.	£60
35.	<u>Oakes, James,</u> Ballynure, Marshallstown.	£100
36.	<u>O'Leary, Joseph,</u> 5, St. John Street, Enniscorthy.	£200
37.	<u>O'Leary, Michael,</u> Knocknasilloogue, Blackwater.	£210
38.	<u>O'Neill, James,</u> Ballydaw, Marshallstown.	£150
39.	<u>O'Neill, Patrick,</u> Old Church, Enniscorthy.	£180
40.	<u>O'Reilly, Thomas,</u> Island Road, Enniscorthy.	£180
41.	<u>O'Rourke, Thomas,</u> Cooladine, Enniscorthy.	£200

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Applications to be considered.ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT (Continued)

		<u>Loan</u>
42.	<u>Ormonde, Thomas,</u> Jamestown, Scoby, Enniscorthy.	£150
43.	<u>Pembroke, Martin,</u> Old Church Road, Enniscorthy.	£200
44.	<u>Reck, Laurence,</u> Bellefield, Enniscorthy.	£180
45.	<u>Redmond, Denis,</u> Blackstoops, Enniscorthy.	£180
46.	<u>Redmond, Mark,</u> Ballycoursey, Glenbrien.	£160
47.	<u>Redmond, Martin,</u> Greenane, Killanne.	£100
48.	<u>Stoneham, Thomas,</u> Ballyelland, Davidstown.	£110
49.	<u>Sullivan, Daniel,</u> Ballyelland, Davidstown.	£180
50.	<u>Waters, Michael,</u> Ballyeden, Davidstown.	£150
51.	<u>Willis, James,</u> 3, Hillview Terrace, Enniscorthy.	£180.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE.

GOREY DISTRICT

		<u>Loan</u>
1.	<u>Clare, Jeremiah,</u> Custodium, Inch.	£200
2.	<u>Doyle, Mrs. Mary Jane,</u> Monamolin, Gorey.	£300
3.	<u>Dwyer, Thomas,</u> Mount St. Benedict, Gorey.	£200
4.	<u>Fitzsimons, James,</u> Seamount, Riverchapel.	£100
5.	<u>Fortune, Patrick,</u> Monagrena, Monamolin.	£200
6.	<u>Lee, Robert,</u> Ballinacree, Castletown, Inch.	£250
7.	<u>Murphy, Maurice,</u> Ballymackey, Inch.	£200
8.	<u>O'Connell, John,</u> Coolateggard, Gorey.	£100
9.	<u>Stafford, James J. &amp; Margaret,</u> 13, St. Michael's Place, Gorey.	£225
10.	<u>Spencer, Robert,</u> Ballymoney, Gorey.	£200
TOTAL.....		£1975

Applications for consideration

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1.	<u>Atkins, John,</u>	Main Street, Gorey.	£225
2.	<u>Brougham, Elizabeth,</u>	St. Michael's Place, Gorey.	£170
3.	<u>Clince, James,</u>	Ballyscarton, Gorey.	£200
4.	<u>Doyle, Mrs. Mary J.,</u>	Gurteen, Inch.	£250
5.	<u>Ennis James A.,</u>	Cahore Cottage, Clonevan.	£300
6.	<u>Funge, Michael,</u>	The Bridge, Gorey.	£200
7.	<u>Hempenstall, John,</u>	Island Upper, Craanford.	£100
8.	<u>Kavanagh, John,</u>	Cronecribbon, Inch.	£150
9.	<u>Keegan, Wm.P.,</u>	Esmonde Street, Gorey.	£225
10.	<u>Kilty, Mary,</u>	Ballinabarney, Tinahely.	£100
11.	<u>Leary, Ellen,</u>	Ballywalter, Kilmuckridge.	£100
12.	<u>McCarthy, Thomas,</u>	North Parade, Gorey.	£300
13.	× <u>O'Brien, Wm.,</u>	Ballymoney, Gorey.	£200
14.	<u>O'Reilly, Michael,</u>	9, Luxor Avenue, Harehills, Leeds.	£200
15.	<u>O'Reilly, Michael,</u>	Bruce, Clonevan.	£100
16.	<u>Paskins, George J.,</u>	Courtown Harbour.	£275
17.	<u>Redmond, Edward,</u>	Riverchapel, Courtown.	£150
18.	<u>Sinnott, James,</u>	Riverchapel, Courtown.	£225
19.	× <u>Whelan, John,</u>	Kilbora, Camolin	£180



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCILAPPLICATIONS ACCEPTED BY FINANCE COMMITTEENEW ROSS DISTRICT

			<u>Loan</u>
1.	<u>Doherty, Wm.,</u>	Great Island, Campile.	£100
2.	<u>Doyle, James,</u>	Newcastle, Foulksmills	£150
3.	<u>Stafford Joseph,</u>	Boley, Ballycullane.	£108
		TOTAL,...	<u>£358</u>

Applications for Consideration.

1.	<u>Barden, Patrick,</u>	Battlestown, Ramsgrange.	£180
2.	<u>Hackett, John,</u>	Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge	£175
3.	<u>Miskella, Richard,</u>	Coolboy, Foulksmills.	£75
4.	<u>Stafford, Patrick,</u>	Ballycullane.	£200
5.	<u>Lynch, Mary Anne,</u>	Ballycohier, Ballywilliam.	£40

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Applications accepted by Finance Committee

WEXFORD DISTRICT

1.	<u>Carr, John,</u>	Ballywitch, Kilrane.	£100
2.	<u>Cleary, Robert,</u>	Churchtown, Kilrane.	£155
3.	<u>Codd, Robert J.,</u>	Ferrycarrig, Wexford.	£200
4.	<u>Kehoe, Antony,</u>	Whiterock, Wexford.	£110
5.	<u>Loughlin, John,</u>	Ballykelsh, Tagoat.	£180
6.	<u>Maddock, John,</u>	Cullenstown, Bannow.	£180
7.	<u>Mangan, Brigid,</u>	Glenbough, Screen.	£160
8.	<u>Moran, John,</u>	Bulgan, Glynn.	£170
9.	<u>Stafford, Thomas,</u>	Ballyhire, Barntown.	£120
10.	<u>Swords, Joseph,</u>	Bayview Terrace, Rosslare Harbour.	£180
11.	<u>Tierney, Thomas,</u>	Lane of Stones, Carne.	£60.
Total.....			<u>£1615</u>

APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

1.	<u>Allen, James,</u>	2, Riverview Terrace, Wexford.	£180
2.	<u>Donohoe, Ml. &amp; Catherine,</u>	Rosslare Harbour.	£150
3.	<u>Hayes, Nicholas,</u>	Nineacre, Carnsore, Broadway.	£100
4.	<u>Kelly, Richard,</u>	Sanctuary, Killinick.	£100
5.	<u>Murphy, Patrick,</u>	Rosetown, Barntown.	<u>£180</u>

N.J. FRIZELLE,

Secretary, Wexford County Council.

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.  
19th April, 1935.



Allocation of Loans under above Acts was made as follows:-

<u>ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT:</u>	Already allocated .....	£1910
	To be allocated at Meeting....	590
	<u>TOTAL.....</u>	<u>£2500</u>

The following names were proposed:-

	<u>Loan</u>
John Bolger, Ballywoodrane, Blackwater.	£150
Walter Carley, Rectory Road, Enniscorthy.	£180
Nicholas Downes, Scarawalsh, Ferns.	£170
John Foley, Greenville, Enniscorthy.	£100
Owen Hiney, Rectory Road, Enniscorthy.	£180
John J. Holbrook, Oulart Road, Enniscorthy.	£200
Margaret King, Oylegate, Enniscorthy.	£180
David Murphy, Curragraigue, Ballindaggin.	£100
Paul J. Murphy, Brownswood, Enniscorthy.	£150
John Nolan, Ballymorgan, Ferns.	£60
Thomas O'Rourke, Cooladine, Enniscorthy.	£200

The following were accepted on a show of hands:-

John Bolger, Ballywoodrane, Blackwater. (£140) six in favour;  
 Margaret King, Oylegate, Enniscorthy. (£150) five in favour;  
 David Murphy, Curragraigue, Ballindaggin. (£100) 8 in favour;  
 Paul J. Murphy, Brownswood, Enniscorthy. (£140) 8 in favour;  
 John Nolan, Ballymorgan, Ferns. (£60) eight in favour. Total £590.

The following applications were rejected:-

W. Carley, (Two for); Nicholas Downes, (Three for);  
 John Foley, (Two for); Owen Hiney, (Three for);  
 John J. Holbrook, (Three for); Thomas O'Rourke, (Two for).

<u>GOREY DISTRICT:</u>	Already allocated.....	£1975
	To be allocated at Meeting.....	525
	<u>TOTAL....</u>	<u>£2500</u>

The following applications were proposed by the Chairman  
 seconded by Mr. Colfer and accepted:-

	<u>Loan</u>
John Kavanagh, Cronecribbon, Inch.	£150
W.P. Keegan, Esmonde Street, Gorey.	£225
Mary Kilty, Ballinabarney, Tinahely.	£100
Michael O'Reilly, Bruce, Clonevan.	£50
<u>TOTAL...£525.</u>	

<u>NEW ROSS DISTRICT:</u>	Already allocated.....	£358
	Applied for at this meeting.....	£670
	Balance unapplied for.....	£1472
	<u>Total.....</u>	<u>£2500</u>

The following applications were accepted on the motion of  
 Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Corish:-

	<u>Loan</u>
Patrick Barden, Baitlestown, Ramsgrange.	£180
John Hackett, Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge.	£175
Mary Anne Lynch, Ballycoheir, Ballywilliam.	£ 40
Richard Miskella, Coolboy, Foulksmills.	£ 75
Patrick Stafford, Ballycullane.	£200
<u>Total.....</u>	<u>£670</u>



<u>WEXFORD DISTRICT:-</u>	Already allocated.....	£1615
	applied for at this meeting.....	710
	Balance unapplied for.....	175
		<u>£2500</u>

The following applications were accepted on the motion of Mr. Kinsella seconded by Mr. Cullimore:-

	<u>Loan</u>
James Allen, 2, Riverview Terrace, Wexford.	£180
Michael & Catherine, Donohoe, Rosslare Harbour.	£150
Nicholas Hayes, Nineacre, Carnsore, Broadway.	£100
Richard Kelly, Sanctuary, Killinick.	£100
Patrick Murphy, Rosetown, Barntown.	£180
<u>TOTAL.....</u>	<u>£710</u>

In connection with the unapplied balance of £1472 in New Ross District it was decided, on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Miss O'Ryan, that special advertisement inviting applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts from residents in the Rural Area of New Ross District be issued, and that after taking the amount involved in these new applications into consideration the balance be allocated to other Districts as the Finance Committee will decide.

All applications for such loans must be lodged with the Co.Council not later than 24th May, 1935.

In regard to notice of motion by Mr. J.P. Kelly, County Councillor, that the Council borrow a third sum of £10,000 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, the meeting decided to recommend to the Council the acceptance of the motion, loans to be confined to persons living and working in the Rural area of the County.

It was also decided that after allocation of unapplied balance of loan for New Ross District, all outstanding applications be regarded as void.

Relative to the insurance of houses erected or in course of erection under loans the Secretary reported he had obtained cover for £16,000 from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

Under date 22nd April, 1935, application was received from Annie Nolan, Drummond, Ballyellis, Carnew, for loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.



It was decided to inform Mrs. Nolan that her application could not be entertained as the last date for lodging applications was 31st March, 1935.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Notifications as to proposed committal of Margaret Caulfield, Battlestown, Duncannon, and Michael, James, John, William, Anna Mary and Elizabeth Mythen, The Duffry Gate, Enniscorthy, to Industrial Schools, were referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

#### CO. SOLICITOR AND OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES.

The Co.Solicitor submitted account of out-of-pocket expenses amounting to £33:19:11d for year £1934/35.

In connection with payments in this Account to persons giving evidence of value at the hearing of applications for compensation for criminal injury applications, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That the Co.Solicitor arrange (if possible) to have evidence of value of premises etc. in respect of which compensation is claimed under Criminal Injury Acts, given by Assistant Surveyors at a fee of £2:2:0d for each application, this amount to cover all expenses."

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Co. Solicitor's out-of-pocket expenses for financial year 1934/35 amounting to £33:19:11d be recommended to County Council for payment."

#### COMPLAINT OF WORKER

Under date 23rd April, 1935, James Murphy, Courtnacuddy, Enniscorthy, wrote asking for permission to come before the meeting of Finance Committee as he was a "victimised" road worker.

The Co.Surveyor read letter from Mr.Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, in which it was stated that James Murphy, was employed from time to time in Clonroche section, when men were required for spraying or other special works in addition to the



permanent staff. For the past couple of years Mr. Cullen had not required his services as he had been unable to keep the regular staff on full time.

Under date 24th April, 1935, Mr. R.J. Ennis reported:-

"I tried this man on Winter road work during the Winter of 1933/34, and came to the conclusion that he was not a worker. Consequently I put another man in his place for last Winter. I found a very considerable improvement in the roads.

"It would not be exactly correct to describe Murphy as a road worker for the past eleven years. I know that he spent a considerable time, seven or eight years ago, as a second man on the County Home lorry. Moreover, I find that for the last five years he worked only 34 weeks in Section 17, of which I am now in charge, and 45 weeks in Section 21, (in charge of Mr. Cullen).

"This man did get seven weeks' work about two months ago. I put him on more or less as a charity man."

James Murphy came before the meeting and said that he started work with the County Council in 1928, and had been fairly constantly employed from that period until now. Since Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, had taken over the control of Road Section 17, he had only been employed for four weeks in 1934, and six weeks in 1935, up to the present day. When the Assistant Surveyors' districts were changed in November, 1933, he (Murphy) was informed by one of Mr. Ennis' gangers that if he went to work in the area he would get a share of the employment. He did this but he was stopped working six weeks before Christmas. He understood that Mr. Ennis had complained to a Co. Councillor that he was not satisfied with his work, but he defied anybody to point out any faults in connection with it. When he left, a new man was put on in his place.

The Co. Surveyor said in 1931, Murphy worked for 15 weeks under Ganger Morrissey; for 1932, 19 weeks under Ganger Bowe, and three weeks under Ganger Morrissey. For 1933, he worked six weeks under Ganger Morrissey, and 26 weeks under Bowe. In 1934, he worked four weeks under Ganger Morrissey, and in 1935, six weeks under the same Ganger.

The Chairman proposed:- "That James Murphy be given another trial as a Road Worker under the County Council."

Mr. Kelly seconded, and the motion was adopted.



### INCREMENTS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That we recommend the annual increments, already fixed, be paid in the case of the following members of County Council staff:-

Secretary's Office:- J.H. Cadogan, £10; S. Hayes, £7:10s;

J. Moloney, £7:10s; P.M. Donohoe, £5; Miss D.B. Killeen, £5.

Co. Surveyor's Office:- Denis Radford, £10; Miss E.M. Norton, £5;

J. O'Kennedy, £7:10s."

### ROAD MATTERS

Mr. Keegan called attention to flooding of two houses at Gorey Bridge, which had recently taken place. All the surface water from Gorey streets was emptying into this place and flooding the septic tank. The consequence was that the stuff in the tank was forced back into the houses which of course was most unhealthy.

The Co. Surveyor said he would obtain a report of the matter and would see what could be done to remedy the flooding.

### HAND BREAKING MATERIAL IN QUARRIES

Mr. Keegan stated that a resolution had been adopted by the Co. Council that material at Tara Hill and Bellecarrig quarries should be broken by hand at the rate of 7/- per cubic yard, but he found a ganger working at Tara Hill quarry, who had 45 acres of good land and was paid £2 per week with only two men under him. The next thing probably would be that an engine would be brought to the quarry to break the material and he objected to the orders of the County Council being flouted in this manner.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the amount of material required in Tara Hill was very small, in fact what they wanted was chippings and these could not be procured by hand-breaking.

Mr. Keegan held that the orders of the Council must be carried out, or a sufficient reason advanced to prove that it was not possible to do so.



The County Surveyor stated he would get a full report in the matter for next meeting.

RIVERCHAPEL STREET.

Mr. Keegan and the Chairman referred to Riverchapel Street and pointed out that it would be necessary to use a few barrels of tar to consolidate the sea-gravel which was being used for its repair. In dry weather this material was scattered about the place and people could not live in their houses owing to the dust. This of course would be accentuated during the tourist season.

The County Surveyor said he would do what was possible to carry out this suggestion.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Lawlor:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 26th April, 1935, be received and considered."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Lawlor: "That inasmuch as Mr. John Greene, Duffry Gate, Enniscorthy, has paid off the sum of £130 advanced to him under the Provisions of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts 1890 to 1931, that our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Reconveyance of the Mortgage dated the 27th day of February, 1934, to the Council for securing the repayment of the said sum of £130."

Under date 19th March, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.40419-35-Loch Garman) approving of loans to James Sheill, Bree, Enniscorthy, £80 and Joseph F. Swords, Bayview Terrace, Rosslare Harbour, £180.

Under date 23rd March, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.47718/35 - Wexford C.C.) approving of loans to James J. and Margaret Stafford, Castle St., Gorey, £225, and James Fitzsimons, Seamount, Courtown Harbour, loan £100.

Under date 25th March, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.44190-35-Wexford C.C.) approving of loan of £108 to Joseph Stafford, Boley, Ballycullane.

Under date 4th April, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.52567-1935-Loch Garman) approving of loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Patrick Kehoe, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, £180, and Harry Goff, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, £180.

TARA HILL QUARRY & HAND BREAKING ROAD MATERIAL: Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, reported:-

"The question of Ganger in this quarry having land has been frequently before last Council but no order was ever made. Regarding hand breaking it is my intention to get all material for Third Class and Contract Roads broken by hand as has been done for the past two or three years. The material required



"for Main Road IM must be machine prepared, properly broken clean stone and chippings only being possible for use on this road. So far I have had only one applicant for hand-breaking and am of opinion that later on when work is scarce will be the best time to put men at hand breaking work."

Mr. Keegan said that the resolution to have material broken by hand in Tara Hill and Belcarrig quarries had been passed months ago but never carried out. It was news to him that only one man came forward looking for hand breaking work: he could get a dozen. Why were two men and a ganger put in to quarry stones when men were ready to break them at 2/- per yard?

Mr. Treanor said there were three men working in the quarry. There was a lot of material partly quarried, and he got those men to get that stuff out for the stone breaker. They wanted 300 or 400 yards of material for the trunk road to Gorey and Arklow and when that material was quarried out he intended to put the Council's resolution into effect in the quarry.

Mr. Keegan - The people will starve while your good intentions are coming.

Mr. Treanor said that when the loose material was quarried out and broken he would let the men in.

Mr. Keegan asked what Mr. Treanor meant when he referred to the quarrying of loose material.

Mr. Treanor said it was material left after a blast. Quantities of material had to be quarried out after a blast.

Mr. Keegan - I hold that the resolution passed by the Co. Council has been turned down by you (County Surveyor), and that you did not see that the job was carried out.

Mr. Treanor - It has not been turned down by the County Surveyor. If it has been turned down by anybody it has been turned down by me.

The Co. Surveyor said that one point Mr. Keegan overlooked was that after a blast there was not merely the stuff thrown down. A lot of rock in the face of the quarry was shaken,



and they cleared out that first and left a clean face before they asked men to start in a quarry.

Mr. Keegan asked what it was intended to do with the stones that had been quarried in Tara Hill. Were they going to break them by machinery or by hand?

Mr. Treanor said they intended to break them by machinery.

Mr. Keegan - That means you have flouted the order of the County Council.

Mr. Treanor - I have not

Mr. Keegan - That means that Mr. Treanor is going to do exactly what he likes. That is his answer now. I want to know the conditions in Belcarrig.

Mr. Treanor said that in regard to Belcarrig quarry, he was anticipating a grant for a road and he wanted to have material there in the event of the grant being obtained. In any case he wanted fine-broken material in the quarry for tar-patching work. He had not had a single application wor work there.

Mr. Keegan asked the Co.Surveyor if it was not a fact that the resolution referred to was passed by the Co.Council.

Co.Surveyor - If the quarry is not fit to put men in ---

Mr. Keegan - There was no "if" about it at all. There was a resolution as I understand, that it was to be tried as an experiment to break material at 7/- a yard, and Mr.Treanor asked about the tools, he wanted an allowance for them. However, it was passed there and then. Now I find that this order of the Council has been flouted, and Mr.Treanor says he has stones broken in both quarries and he is going to break them by an engine. I take it that that is the explanation, so there is no use in having resolutions here when you have officials saying "You can go to h----; I will do it my own way."

Co.Surveyor - The quarry face is such that there is a lot of stuff partially quarried that must be cleared away before you put men in.



Mr. Keegan - I hold there was no such proviso.

The Chairman closed the discussion.

In reply to Mr. Corish, Mr. Treanor said there would be about fifty days' work for eight men hand-breaking in Tara Hill Quarry.

CAMPILE QUARRY & HAND BREAKING MATERIAL: Letter from the Campile branch of the Irish Labour Party stated that owing to there being such a large number of unemployed in that area at present they asked the Council to have half the stones broken by hand instead of machinery, and have the road leading from Horeswood Church to Portobello Cross repaired immediately, and have Tinnock Lane connected with Boderan Road. No doubt, the Council realised the hardships an unemployed family would suffer through no fault of theirs, and they would urge the necessity of having work commenced immediately.

Mr. P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district, reported that it would be impossible to carry out the suggestion contained in the letter in regard to hand-breaking. At present there was a surplus of large gauge broken stones in the quarries in the area, and the only method of using them was to roll them in. More than half the material required was small gauge of  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch up to  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches, and to produce that class of material in sufficient quantities all the material quarried must be broken by a machine. If only half were machine broken there would shortly be a stock of coarse stones, both machine and hand broken, that could not possibly be spread on 90% of the roads in the district. The road from Horeswood Church to Portobello Cross was in the hands of a contractor, and was in a reasonable state of repair. Tinnock lane had been recommended for a grant under the Minor Relief Scheme.

Mr. Colfer said that in Campile quarry they could carry on hand-breaking. Had they any roads on which they could use the material? Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor - Not without a Steam Roller.



Mr. Colfer said there was a lot of unemployed, and they would be satisfied to get 20 or 25 per cent of the work.

The Chairman said there was no doubt that with more hand-breaking there would be more employment, but would there be any use in putting out loose stones unless they tarred or rolled them fine?

Co.Surveyor - Not unless they were fine. You could not use any material at this season of the year unless you used tar with it, and then it must be fine-broken material.

No order.

APPLICATION HAND-BREAKING, CUMMER QUARRY: Mr.P.Graham, Secretary to the Coolgreany Fianna Fail Cumann, wrote stating that he had been requested by a large number of unemployed men in the vicinity of the council's quarry at Cumber to make application on their behalf for the hand-breaking of the stones quarried there, as he understood, for crushing.

Reporting in connection with the letter in reference to Cumber quarry, Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, stated that all material for roads other than main roads would be broken by hand as heretofore. On the main roads, Craanford to Carnew - material from that quarry only was used, and as mixed with tar for patching must be machine-broken. Where tar macadam was used tarred screenings were necessary, and the latter could only be obtained from breaker, so that machine-breaking in that quarry was absolutely essential.

The following resolution was received from Enniscorthy Branch, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union:-

"That we request the Wexford Co. Council to have all stones broken by hand, instead of by machinery, as far as it is possible to do so."

The following resolution was received from Gorey Branch, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union:-

"That in future all stones will be broken by hand instead of machinery (except in the case of screenings) where it is possible to do so, thereby giving employment to more men."

No order.



RIVERCHAPEL STREET:- Mr. Treanor reported that he had been asked some time ago by residents to have the place attended to by tar macadam or by tar patching or spraying, and had this in mind when preparing Estimates. A price had been put in which would have enabled this very necessary work to be carried out. It was rather a big job and could not possibly be done out of the amount allowed for Section No.8 in which this road No,213c is situate. It would require to be raised as it was gone very much in the centre. This work together with that already mentioned would cost at least £150.

The Co.Surveyor said he would arrange to put some tar on the place. It was undoubtedly a work which should be done.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.Colfer seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 26th April,1935, and as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby approved."

MEETING 10th MAY, 1935:- 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 10th May, 1935.

Present:- Messrs. D. Allen, (Chairman, Co. Council) presiding, also, Messrs. P. Colfer, W.P. Keegan, Wm. Kinsella, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, wrote that he could not be at the meeting as he had to attend at the Land Commission Offices.

Under date 4th May, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote the Co. Surveyor asking him to attend in Dublin on 10th instant for a preliminary discussion with the Chief Engineering Adviser of the Department on the provisions of the Town and Regional Planning Act 1934.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4061:3:8d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following shows the amount collected on gross warrant for 1934/35 up to date:-

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage collected on Gross Warrant.</u>
E.J. Murphy	94.9
M. Kehoe	90.7
D. Kenny	90.1
J. Curtis	89.3
J.J. O'Reilly	88.6
P. Carty	88.5
J. Deegan	87.8
P. Doyle	85.7
M. McCarthy	85.5
J. Cummins	82.6
J. Flood	80.7
P. Nolan	80.6
A. Dunne	80.3
S. Gannon (No. 10)	79.6
S. Gannon (No. 6)	79.1
W. Cummins	75.7
M. Murphy	74.5
J.J. Sinnott	73.9
J. Quirke	69.9
W. Doyle	67.5
	<u>Average.....81.7</u>



This is 12% better than at the corresponding period last year.

The amount uncollected is £22,361.

The Rate Inspector, in reply to the chairman, said that with the exception of what was being collected through Solicitors the collection had practically "dried up". The Collectors had handed nearly all outstanding rates for collection to their Solicitors. In some cases they said it would not be worth while incurring legal costs the probability of payment being so remote, in the other cases they expected payment within the next fortnight.

After further discussion the Chairman suggested informing Rate Collectors that unless they can reduce the £22,000 outstanding to at least £12,000 the Finance Committee were not prepared to regard the position as satisfactory.

The Chairman's suggestion was adopted.

In connection with the full details of all items of outstanding rates which it is proposed to furnish each County Councillor for his own area, it was decided to hold meetings of the Co.Councillors for the four County Electoral areas as follows:-

WEXFORD:- Co.Council Chamber, Monday, 27th May, 1935, 10.30 a.m.

GOREY:- Courthouse, Gorey. Tuesday, 28th May, 1935. 2 p.m.

ENNISCORTHY:- Courthouse, Enniscorthy. Wednesday, 29th May, 1935.  
At 2 p.m.

NEW ROSS: Courthouse, New Ross. Friday, 31st May, 1935. 2 p.m.

and  
The Chairman, /Vice-Chairman are to act at all centres and Co.Councillors on the borders of two districts are to be summoned to the two meetings concerned with these districts.

POUNDAGE TO RATE COLLECTORS:- The Secretary stated that at the meeting of Finance Committee held on 15th March, 1935, the

following resolution was adopted:- "In view of the fact that a number of Collectors will suffer a "serious cut" in poundage owing to the issue of credit notes, we request the Department of Local Government and Public Health to agree that Collectors be paid poundage equal to that secured by them for the 1931-32 warrants, the latest period before the system of credit notes was adopted."



Under date 30th April, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.63190/35 Loch Garman) asking for a statement setting out the following particulars in respect of each Collector appointed before 1st April, 1931:-

- (a) Average poundage earnings over the three years ended 31st March, 1931.
- (b) The amount of warrant for 1930/31 and for the year 1934/35.
- (c) The amount proposed to be paid in accordance with the resolution of the Finance Committee.
- (d) The date of the appointment of each Collector.

The information was transmitted to the Department on 4th May, 1935, and in response the Department wrote (G.75715-35) that provided the Collectors concerned lodged by 31st May, 1935, not less than 87½ per cent of their warrants the Minister was prepared to sanction payment of the sums proposed in addition to poundage at 7d on cash lodgments. All Collectors should be warned immediately that failure to lodge 87½% of their warrants by the 31st May, 1935, would debar them from poundage on the second moiety of rate for 1934/35.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the following sums be paid Rate Collectors who comply with the conditions laid down in letter of Department of Local Government and Public Health (8th May, 1935, G.75715/35):-

Philip Doyle (No.3 District) £3:5:6d;  
 J. Deegan (Temporary No.7) £34:19:8d  
 J. Cummins (No.8) £17:19:3d; W. Cummins (No.11) £17:17:9d  
 J.J. O'Reilly (No.13) £8:19:11d; J.J. Sinnott (No.16) £1:16:10d  
 E.J. Murphy (No.17) £6:6:2d; J. Quirke (No.1) and  
 J.M. Curtis (No.19) owing to additions to their collection area received for last year more poundage than in 1931/32.

Collectors M. McCarthy, P. Nolan, Art Dunne and P. Carty, who were paid poundage in 1932 calculated at 5d in the £. received greater remuneration in respect of existing warrant as poundage for same had been agreed to at 7d.



COMPLAINT OF RATEPAYER

John Cowman, Rossard, Templeshanbo, wrote under date 2nd May, 1935, complaining that Collector Deegan, (No.7) never called to his house for rates. Deegan approached him on the 1st March, 1935, at Bunclody fair and was told he would be paid when Cowman sold a couple of cattle. He was served with a summons for the amount on 20th March and on 6th April, 1935, offered the amount but Deegan referred him to his Solicitors. He again offered the rates to Deegan on 13th April but the latter would not take the money and gave him plenty of cheek. The rates were again offered on 20th April but Deegan still refused to accept them. Just before the Court was held he consented to take them with 30/- expenses. Deegan all this time was accepting rates from other people and on the 20th April, 1935, Cowman paid him rates for another man. Cowman asked to know why he was "victimised" He had never <sup>been</sup> concerned in a "No Rate Campaign".

A copy of the complaint was transmitted to Mr. Deegan who stated that he had on three occasions been promised payment by Mr. Cowman. When he applied to him again Cowman wanted to know "What hurry was he in" and why did he not collect all the thousands outstanding. In reply he (Deegan) said he would have to issue a summons and Cowman told him to go ahead. When the summons was issued Cowman could come forward with the rates but the matter was then in the hands of the Solicitor. The fact of allowing the rates to remain outstanding for such a length of time proved that, if anything he (Deegan) erred by being too lenient.

Mr. Deegan's explanation in the matter was considered satisfactory.

RATE INSPECTOR

It was decided to afford the Rate Inspector the services of one temporary Rate Clerk for two days per week for two months to bring his records up to date.



SOW DRAINAGE RATE

The following deputation attended in connection with Sow Drainage Rates:- Messrs. M. Ryan, Coolnaboy, Oylegate; Walter Mernagh, Clonmore, Glenbrien; Peter Cullen, Killisk; John Mernagh, Oulartleigh; John Sutton, Tinraheen, The Ballagh; Mark Murphy, Middletown; Edward Kavanagh, Ballina.

Mr. Ryan said that it was an impossibility for the drainage ratepayers to meet the rate. The district paid its ordinary rate as well if not better than any in the County. The Drainage Ratepayers considered the drainage charge should be a levy on the County at Large. They had to pay for sewerage and water schemes and from which no farmer in the district derived benefit.

The Chairman explained in detail the position of the Council. For a number of years the Co.Council although compelled by Act of Parliament to take over this drainage area with the charges thereon had refused to have anything to do with the matter as the work carried out by the Board of Works was unsatisfactory. Through the action of the Council a free grant of £5000 was provided by the Government for further renovation and improvement and it was admitted that with this money very effective work had been carried out. The Co.Council had no desire to take over the drainage area at any time. It was forced on them through the provisions of the Drainage Act and they had been obliged to pay the Board of Works' charges to date though only a few Pounds of rate had been paid. There was no use in asking the Co.Council to seek powers to make this charge a levy on the County at Large. That would not be equitable to ratepayers who were not concerned with the area, and the deputation should realise that such a proposal would be turned down by the Co.Council. It was definitely understood by the late Co.Council when they applied for the £5000 Grant that Drainage ratepayers were prepared to give a guarantee to



repay the first loan charges. If the Co.Council had at that time been made aware that the rate would not be paid they might have been very slow in approaching the Government for a Grant. The only feasible proposal he could see was for the compounding of the arrears over the life of the loan.

The other Members of the Committee agreed.

Mr. O'Byrne said the late Council had passed resolutions on several occasions asking that the arrears would be spread over a period of ten years at least but the Board of Works would not agree to a further period than four years.

The Secretary stated that the arrears for the four years to the 1st May, 1933 had been compounded and as decided by Office of Public Works in letter of 17th January, 1933, (No.25807/32) these arrears with interest thereon were payable over the four years from the 1st May, 1933 with the normal Instalments accruing due for the period. On the original Charging Order the yearly repayment was £263:4:4d. For the four years during which the arrears were payable from 1933 the annual payment in respect of Charging Order was £551:2:6d. In respect of years 1934 and 1935 there was an additional sum of £120 levied for maintenance.

After further discussion it was suggested to the deputation they should offer suggestions to the Co.Council as to what relief they expected concerning the payment of the drainage rate.

Mr. Ryan thanked the Members of the Committee for going into the matter with the deputation.

#### CRIMINAL INJURY APPLICATION

Application for £100 compensation for injury to his Standard Motor-car was received from Rev. Henry E. Lambert, C.C., Mayglass, and referred to the County Solicitor to oppose.



SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 29th April, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.64191-1935-Loch Garman) stating that the Minister had sanctioned loans under above Acts to:-

Robert Lee, Ballinacree, Castletown, £225;

Robert Cleary, Rosetown, Rosslare, £155;

OLD COURTHOUSE PREMISES.WEXFORD.

In connection with the opinion of Mr.D. Fawsitt,B.L., as to the powers of the Co.Council to compel the owners of the Rents issuing out of the old Courthouse premises at Wexford/<sup>to sell same</sup>it was decided to adjourn consideration of Mr. Fawsitt's opinion for the attendance of Mr.Elgee,Co.Solicitor.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION.

The Inspector, National Society for the prevention of cruelty to children, wrote that he intended to apply at Wexford Court on 15th May,1935, for the committal of Mary Fitzpatrick, Ballyminane, Killinick, to St. Michael's Industrial School, Wexford, The child was 10 years old, her mother was dead and the father was not in a position to exercise proper control and guardianship. He was a casual labourer.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, Co.Solicitor.

USE OF CO.COUNCIL CHAMBER

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the use of County Council Chamber, be granted to Co.Wexford Vocational Education Committee for Irish Scholarship Examination on Saturday, 25th May,1935."

GOREY COURTHOUSE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the use of Gorey Courthouse be granted to the Committee of Gorey Branch of the Gaelic League for the purpose of holding a Concert to raise



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"funds to send members of the Branch to the County Feis, provided that the Committee be responsible for the building while in their custody and that the premises are given up in a clean and tidy condition."

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 3rd May, 1935, Mr. John J. Murphy, 4, Main Street, Enniscorthy, Co. Council University Scholar, applied for an extension of his Scholarship in the Faculty of Medicine. Mr. Murphy pointed out that the Course being one of five years he would have to continue his studies for a further two years before qualifying in his profession.

The following resolution was adopted:- "The Finance Committee cannot see their way to recommend the Co. Council to agree to Mr. Murphy's request for an extension of the period of his University Scholarship."

Mr. Patrick Doyle, Co. Council University Scholar, who is pursuing the Mechanical and Electrical Course in the Faculty of Engineering, wrote applying for the extension of his Scholarship for a further year to enable him to complete the course and to procure his degree.

The following resolution was adopted:- "The Finance Committee cannot see their way to recommend the Co. Council to agree to the application of Patrick Doyle for an extension of the period of his University Scholarship."

Correspondence was submitted from the University Authorities and from Mr. W. F. Redmond, 2, Londonbridge Road, Dublin, S.E. 5, University Student, who had relinquished his Scholarship to enter the service of the Office of Public Works as Junior Executive Officer.

Letter was read from the University Authorities under date 20th February, 1935, stating that Mr. Redmond attended Second Year Lectures in the Faculty of Arts for the whole of the Michaelmas Term, 1934/35. (Oct. 11th to December, 15th, 1934.)



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Mr. Redmond wrote holding that he had attended lectures up to the 12th January, 1935.

Under date 25th April, 1935, the University Authorities wrote that the last date on which they had a record of Mr. Redmond's attendance at lectures was 15th December, 1934, the last day of the Michaelmas Term. The Professors of Irish and of Mathematics were both absent owing to illness at the beginning of Hilary Term and their rolls were not marked during the period January 9th to 12th. It was possible that Mr. Redmond might have attended on those four days or some of them but there was no record of such attendance.

It was pointed out that Mr. Redmond had been paid £28 and allowing hostel fees at 30/- per week from 11th October 1934, to 12th January, 1935, (say  $13\frac{1}{2}$  weeks) the allowance would have been £20:5s.

A resolution was adopted directing the Secretary to apply to Mr. Redmond for a refund of £7:15s. on foot of his Scholarship.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 10th May, 1935, be received and considered."

GOREY COURTHOUSE: Col. Quin objected to the Gorey Branch of the Gaelic League obtaining use of Gorey Courthouse without payment of a reasonable fee.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 10th May, 1935, be and are hereby confirmed."

#### OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE NO.4.

Recommendation was received from above Sub-Committee for the election of Mr. James Connors, William Street, Gorey, to fill the vacancy on the Sub-Committee caused by the resignation of Mr. P. Connolly, who has left Gorey.

Mr. Bowe proposed and Mr. Kinsella seconded the election of Mr. Connors.

Mr. Cullimore proposed and Mr. Ronan seconded the election of Mr. W.P. Keegan, Co. Councillor.

The latter was, on a show of hands, elected by 13 votes to 11.

#### LOAN - SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice and which had been circulated to the members of the Co. Council on 13th March, 1935, was moved by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the County Council borrow from the Local Loans Fund a further sum of £10,000 (Ten Thousand Pounds) to be repayable in 35 years, Interest to be calculated at the rate of  $4\frac{3}{4}$  per cent, for the purpose of making advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts 1899-1931."

Mr. Lawlor seconded and the motion was adopted, Col. Quin dissenting.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of



Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That the Government be requested to promote the necessary legislation to allow of the provisions of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts being extended so as to cover loans for the reconstruction of houses."

LOAN - ENNISCORTHY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL.

The following motion stood in the name of Mr. Lawlor:  
it was circulated to Co. Councillors on 15th March, 1935:-

"That the Council agree to raise by way of loan a sum of £7,000 (Seven Thousand Pounds) for the purpose of making a Grant to the Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee for the erection of, purchase of, and equipment, and payment of Architect's and Engineer's fees in respect of new Vocational School in Enniscorthy, said loan to be obtained from the Local Loans Fund, period of repayment being 35 years, on annuity basis, and with Interest at 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ %."

Mr. Lawlor, in moving his motion, said that the Council had already agreed to provide schools for Adamstown, Shelbaggin, and Kilmuckridge, important enough in their own way, but not nearly so important as Enniscorthy. The present premises were quite unsuitable for use as a modern school.

Mr. Kelly, in seconding, said that the present school in Enniscorthy was too small, badly situated, dilapidated and could not accommodate the pupils, the numbers of which had increased by 100% and a large portion of these came from the rural area.

Mr. Doyle said that within the last week ~~had~~<sup>they</sup> had seen great complaints about the difficulty of keeping up the attendance in these schools. If that was the case the proposal involved an awful lot of money and the Council should have some evidence that the expenditure was absolutely necessary and that the school would be successful before agreeing to such a large amount. Moreover there seemed to be extravagance in this particular case. He had been informed by some of the Vocational people that an extraordinary fine site with ten acres of land and two houses could have been obtained for about £250, half the money which the Vocational Committee proposed paying for something less than an acre. Some members said the former site



was most suitable but if the attendance could not be kept up he thought they were going too fast in spending all this money in building. Even if they had a small school it might be quite sufficient for the needs of the locality.

Miss N. O'Ryan - I certainly was very much against the payment of £500 for a site at the meeting of the Vocational Education Committee, as I believe £500 for less than an acre is extravagant. The Board of Health have a very good site at the old fever hospital with about one acre of ground, and it is a continuation of the Lymington Road. It could be got for a small figure. I am not against the erection of the school, but I consider the price is extravagant.

Chairman - Could we refer it back to the Vocational Education Committee?

Miss O'Ryan - We are not getting the whole field on the Lymington Road; a wood is being reserved.

Mr. Kelly - Cannot you pass the loan subject to the site?

Mr. Keegan - I also protested at the meeting of the County Vocational Education Committee, as I considered it far too much

Chairman - As a public authority we should not stand for it

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That further consideration of the motion to provide a grant of £7000 for Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee to enable them to erect new Vocational School in Enniscorthy be adjourned to next meeting. That the Vocational Education Committee be informed the County Council could not approve of the proposal to purchase ~~for~~ <sup>site for</sup> school for £500 which they regard as an exorbitant figure.

They recommend the Vocational Education Committee to take steps to secure a suitable site at a reasonable price. The Co. Council would be obliged for particulars as to classes and attendance of pupils at present Technical Institute, Enniscorthy."



KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE AREA

Under date 12th April, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health, wrote (F.11808/1935 Loch Garman) (Pd) that as regards the proposal of the County Council to appoint a local Committee to administer the Kilmannock Drainage Area, the provisions of Section 23 (1) of the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925, did not apply in the case of Drainage Districts transferred under the provisions of the Drainage Maintenance Act, 1924. The Council were, however, empowered by Section 58 of the Local Government Act 1925, (as amended by the Local Government Act, 1927), to appoint such a Committee, if they were of opinion that the business of the maintenance of the drainage district would be better or more conveniently managed thereby. The quorum, procedure and place of meeting of such a Committee are matters to be fixed by regulations of the Co. Council. With regard to the delegation of powers under Sub-Section (4) it would be preferable that the Committee should be advisory in character, and that only limited powers should be delegated to them.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That in accordance with Provisions of Section 58 of the Local Government Act 1925, (as amended by Local Government Act 1927) the following be appointed as a committee to administer Kilmannock Drainage area:- Messrs. Cummins, Colfer, Meyler, Murphy and Walsh, (Co. Councillors) Messrs. N.J. Murphy, O'Neill, Doherty, Major Barnewall and Captain Henahan, (non Councillors), the Chairman to be Co. Councillor.

"As regards delegation of powers to this Committee under Sub-Section (4) of Local Government Act 1925, it is hereby agreed that the recommendations of this Committee must be sanctioned by the Co. Council. The procedure of Committee is to be in accordance with Standing Orders of County Council, the quorum is to be four and the meetings are to be held in Campile."



WATER SUPPLY - FERRYCARRIG

Sealed Order under date 11th April, 1935, (No.P.H.20423/1935) fixing Wexford Dispensary District as the area of charge for provision of a supply of water, and maintaining same at Ferrycarrig was received from Department of Local Government and Public Health.

AUDIT OF CO.COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

The Co.Secretary submitted Form 12 (Article 26) of Public Bodies Order as to appointment of Auditor of Co.Council Accounts to 30th September, 1934, by Mr. S. O'h-Ealuighthe, commencing on 7th May, 1935.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1915

Under date 11th April, 1935, (No.181/35) the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Wexford, wrote relative to request by the Co.Council that the Gardai should proceed against two farmers who had not carried out the provisions of above Order. He pointed out that prosecutions for offences against this Order by the Gardai were limited to cases in which failure to comply with its terms came directly under their notice. As this was not the case in regard to the two cases which had been reported he considered the institution of proceedings was a matter for the County Council.

The Chairman pointed out that it was some considerable time since the offences had been committed and in consequence he suggested that no proceedings be taken.

This was agreed to.

Under date 30th April, 1935, the Department of Agriculture wrote (E.2566/35) stating that no objection was offered to the re-appointment of the following as Sheep Dipping Inspectors during the forthcoming dipping season, remuneration £1 per week with a refund of the actual amount spent in postage, viz:-



ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT: James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns, and Myles Roban, St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy.

GOREY DISTRICT: Patrick Ormonde, Ballyellis, Carnew, and James Prendergast, Knockskimolin, Oulart.

NEW ROSS DISTRICT: M.J. Hennessey, Monamolin, Rathnure.

WEXFORD DISTRICT: James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin.

#### TURF DEVELOPMENT - MOUNT LEINSTER

Under date 25th April, 1935, the Secretary, Turf Development Board, Ltd., wrote relative to the resolution adopted by the Co. Council on the 8th April, 1935, in connection with the turf development scheme in the Mount Leinster area, that an extensive survey of the district, made by one of the board's engineers, revealed the fact that the areas reported on were almost useless deposits of "scraw" or "sod turf", some 15 inches deep, with occasional patches from 2ft. 6 inches to 3 feet deep of black turf, excluding the top sod. Only one of the relatively deep deposits - approximately 80 acres in extent - would be in any way accessible, and then only after reconstruction of an old bog road. As that deposit was far removed from the prospective turf-cutters, it was ruled out of consideration. The only other turbary located, of any consequence, was an area of about 70 acres, averaging 3 feet of marketable turf, and was situated on the southern slope of Mount Leinster, at an elevation of 2,600 feet. It would require an aerial ropeway about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles long to negotiate the final 1,200 feet from the furthest extremity of a reconstructed bog road, and, in addition, drying sheds at the road, and hutments on the mountain top, would need to be erected, as it would be impossible for turf-cutters to climb the mountain every day. The existing roads were badly cut up by mountain floods and their gradient was such as would necessitate the relaying of considerable lengths, as well as spending large sums to make provision for suitable water-tables to prevent eroding streams.



from coming down the roads during heavy rainfalls. It was estimated that it would cost at least £2,500 for the aerial ropeway plant, and the necessary housing hutments and drying sheds at the load and discharge points, respectively, in addition to the cost of reconstruction of the old bog road. In view of the large expenditure likely to be involved, and the very small amount of standard turf that would be made available, the board felt that the council would agree that it was not a scheme that should be proceeded with.

Mr. Bowe said that it would be advisable to send a copy of the letter to the local Committee interested in the matter. In the past there had been a big difference between the estimates of their surveyor and the Department's in regard to the development of harbours. Would it be possible for the Co. Surveyor to survey the area and give them an estimate of the cost?

The Chairman said the Council had no responsibility in the matter at all, and would not be financing it in any case.

Mr. Bowe - I know, but the people wanted the support of the Council.

Chairman - They have that support.

It was decided to send a copy of the letter to the local Committee concerned.

#### SUGAR BEET ACREAGE

The following under date 18th April, 1935, was read from the Sugar Beet Company, 32, Nassau Street, Dublin:-

"I am directed to acknowledge your letter of the 15th inst. relative to the reduction of the sugar beet acreages allotted in County Wexford, and setting out a resolution of your Council calling on the Government to establish an additional sugar factory in County Wexford, and to say:-

(1) That the acreage of beet grown last year in the district which ordinarily serves the Carlow factory was much in excess of the requirements and capacity of that factory and that a very considerable part of the produce of such acreage was diverted, at the Company's expense, to new factories, in order to provide them with a reasonably adequate supply of beet for their first season's working; that each of the new



"factories will, during the coming three seasons, obtain from within its own district such supply of beet as will fully, or almost fully, meet its requirements; that, accordingly, the acreage available this year for allotment to growers in the district which will serve the Carlow factory had to be reduced to that which would yield the Carlow factory's normal requirements of beet and that the allotment of this acreage has been made in accordance with the Scheme recently announced in the daily press.

(2) "That, having regard to the quantity of sugar annually consumed in the Saorstát and to the estimated production of the Company's four factories, the Company are not in a position to arrange to extend the manufacturing season at the Carlow factory and so arrange to deal with the produce of an increased acreage.

(3) "That the four existing factories are capable of producing almost all of the Country's sugar requirements, and that, therefore, the Board are of the opinion that the establishment of a further factory would not, at present, be warranted."

Under date 20th April, 1935, (Ref.No.114/35) the Minister for Agriculture acknowledged the resolutions of the Council in regard to acreage and the establishment of a new factory in Wexford County.

Col. Gibbon said what they objected to was the way in which the Wexford farmers had been treated. They were allowed to prepare their land all through the Winter and incur expense in purchasing manure. In Kilmore, men who had been in the habit of hiring land to grow beet followed out this practice for this year. If they had been told in good time it would have been all right but they were not told of the reduced acreage until the 7th April, 1935, when it was not possible to put in an alternative crop. Rumours had gone round that contracts had been given to men who up to now had never grown beet, and that some men went to the factory and had their acreage increased.

Mr. Bowe agreed with the last statement of Col. Gibbon, and said he was personally acquainted with men who had benefited in the manner mentioned.

The Chairman said that thousands of people would be only too glad to take up any Contracts that might be refused in Wexford.

No order.



PROPOSED MENTAL HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The following resolution was read from the Mental Hospital Committee:- "That subject to sanction by Department of Local Government of the plans and specifications, the County Council be asked to approve of this Committee carrying out the following improvements under the Hospitals Trust Sweepstakes Grant scheme for the improvement and equipment of mental hospitals - (1) Installation of refrigerator; (2) installation of steam generating and central heating plant; (3) installation of laundry machinery; (4) building a hospital for treatment of newly-admitted patients; (5) building a nurses' home; (6) building a chapel; (7) provision of adequate bathing accommodation, at gross estimated cost of £61,450."

In reply to Col. Quin, the Chairman said that the Council's share of the cost would be 50 per cent, the balance being provided from the Hospital Trust Sweepstakes Grant.

Mr. Cummins proposed that the Co. Council approve of the resolution as the improvements were absolutely necessary.

Mr. O'Byrne said that seeing that Enniscorthy Mental Hospital was the only one which had never received a Government contribution they should ask for a bigger grant than 50 per cent.

The Chairman said the Minister decided what the amount of the Grant was to be and in one case only had the contribution to a Mental Hospital been fixed at a higher figure than 50%. If the Council wished they could refer the matter back to the Mental Hospital Committee and ask them for lower figures as some members of the Council considered the expenditure of all the money in the resolution would not be justified.

Mr. Lawlor said the matter had been gone into very fully by the present Committee as well as by their predecessors.

Mr. Doyle said the matter would be quite right if they had no other commitments but they had agreed to loans running into hundreds of thousands and every one of which meant an increase on the rates. When they had normal times the present institution sufficed, now when their circumstances were much worse it was proposed to heap this large outlay on the ratepayers. The extra new buildings would mean extra staff with of course, at increased annual expenditure. He suggested that



consideration of the matter should be adjourned until the ratepayers were in a better position.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. M. Redmond:- "That consideration of the resolution from Mental Hospital Committee relative to improvements and additions to the Institution be adjourned to next meeting of the Council and that, in the meantime, our Secretary be instructed to furnish Co.Councillors with a copy of the resolution in question and of the accompanying explanatory memorandum."

#### ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD

Under date 11th May, 1935, the Secretary, Electricity Supply Board wrote (A.220/1/1(a)) as to the laying of high tension underground cable to Great Southern Railway Station, Rosslare. This would necessitate the breaking up of the road but the minimum amount of disturbance would be caused <sup>and</sup> damage to persons using the road and to the property of the Wexford County Council would be avoided. The work would be carried out by the Board's employees under the direct supervision of their district engineer, Waterford, who would be instructed to get into communication with the Co.Surveyor and to meet his requirements as far as possible.

Mr. Corish proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Co.Council offer no objection to the laying of underground cable by Electricity Supply Board at Rosslare, on condition that the road is replaced to the satisfaction of the Co.Surveyor and also that the Electricity Supply Board agree to maintain it to the satisfaction of the Surveyor for six months after laying of cable."



SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

The Secretary stated he had received from Mr. Shane O'Neill Sinnott, 7, Grattan Terrace, Wexford, that morning an application for award of University Scholarship.

The Chairman stated that according to the instructions of the Council, all applications should have been lodged by the 3rd May, 1935. He was informed that Mr. Sinnott was under the impression he had up to the 13th May, 1935, on which to hand in his application.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That Mr. Shane O'Neill Sinnott, be allowed to compete for University Scholarship."

The following list of applications for award of University Scholarships, and which had been circulated to the County Councillors was submitted:-



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

LIST OF STUDENTS APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS.

<u>BAILEY, SIMON,</u>	Green Street, Wexford. Father, Iron Turner; Valuation £1. (ARTS AND COMMERCE)
<u>BUTLER, DANIEL,</u>	Killurin, Wexford. Father, Farmer. Valuation £16:5s. (AGRICULTURE).
<u>BYRNE, JAMES,</u>	"Bayview", St. John's Road, Wexford. Father, Baker. Valuation £7. (ARTS)
<u>COGLEY, ELLEN,</u>	Tomfarney, Clonroche. Father, Labourer. Valuation £1:15s. (COMMERCE)
<u>CURTIN, CORNELIUS,</u>	Johnville, John Street, Wexford. Father, retired Customs & Excise Officer. Valuation £14:10s. (ARTS).
<u>DALY, MARY,</u>	Coolerin, Campile. Mother, Housemaid. (ARTS)
<u>DELANEY, PATRICK A.,</u>	The Barracks, Adamstown. Father, Farmer. Valuation £30. (ARTS)
<u>DONNELLY, KATHLEEN F.</u>	Hilltown, Ballymitt. Father, Shopkeeper. Valuation £8:15s. (ARTS).
<u>DOYLE, MARTIN,</u>	Rosbercon, New Ross. Mother, Dressmaker. Valuation £4. (ARTS).
6. <u>DORAN, JAMES,</u>	Palace East, New Ross. Father, Road-worker. (AGRICULTURE)
1. <u>DRUHAN, JAMES M.,</u>	Lady's Island, Broadway. Father, Farmer. Valuation £25:5s. (ARTS).
2. <u>FORDE, JAMES A.,</u>	Delta Cottage, Gorey. Father, Farmer. Valuation £19. (ARTS).
3. <u>FURLONG, ROSEANNA,</u>	Mulrankin, Bridgetown. Father, Farmer. Valuation £62:10s. (MEDICINE).
4. <u>GOLDEN, BRIDGET, P.,</u>	14, High Street, Wexford. Father, Ex-R.I.C. Valuation £6:10s. (COMMERCE)
5. <u>HANLEY, JAMES,</u>	School Street, Wexford. Father, Labourer. Valuation £3. (COMMERCE)
6. <u>HASSETT M.O'R.</u>	Rathronan Castle, Bridgetown. Father, Civil Engineer. (ARTS)
7. <u>HICKEY, MARGARET C.,</u>	Spawell Road, Wexford. Father, Chief Executive Officer, Vocational Education Committee, Wexford Town. No valuation. (COMMERCE & ARTS)
8. <u>HUGHES, MARGARET,</u>	Irish Street Hill, Bunclody. Father, General Gardener. (ARTS).
9. <u>KIRBY, CYRIL J.,</u>	Upper George Street, Wexford. Father, Chemist. Valuation £44. (CHEMISTRY)



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<u>LAMBERT, WILLIAM G.,</u>	"Sunnyside", Broadway. Mother, National Teacher. Weekly Tenant, house valuation £6. (AGRICULTURE).
<u>MARTIN, JAMES,</u>	Kellystown, Adamstown. Father, Labourer. Valuation 5/0d (ARTS)
<u>MCDONALD, PATRICK KEVIN,</u>	Kilmuckridge, Gorey. Father, School teacher. No valuation. (SCIENCE).
<u>O'BYRNE, WILLIAM,</u>	Shelmaine, Tagoat. Father, Farmer. Valuation £169:10s. (AGRICULTURE)
<u>O'CONNOR, MARGARET M.,</u>	Killeens, Wexford. Father dead. Mother holds house weekly tenant. (COMMERCE)
<u>WHITE, JAMES,</u>	Nickaree, Duncormack. Father, Farmer. Valuation £45. (AGRICULTURE).
<u>SINNOTT, SHANE O'NEILL,</u>	7, Grattan Tce, Wexford. Father, Joiner. Valuation £5:10s. (ENGINEERING) (Architectural)

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NO.5 (Cornelius Curtin):- Mr. T. Redmond proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was carried on a show of hands, <sup>16,</sup> (a clear majority of the members present being in favour):-

"That Cornelius Curtin, Johnville, John Street, Wexford, be regarded as not eligible to compete for University Scholarship. We are of opinion that his father, who is a retired Customs & Excise Officer, is in a position to afford him a University Education without assistance from the Council."

NO.17 (Margaret C. Hickey):- Col. Quin proposed and Mr. Doyle seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the name of Margaret C. Hickey, Spawell Road, Wexford, be excluded from the list of candidates as being eligible to compete for University Scholarship, as we are of opinion that her father, who is C.E.O., Vocational Education Committee, Wexford, is in a position to afford her University Education without assistance from the County Council."

NO.22 (Patrick Kevin McDonald):- Col. Quin proposed and Mr. Bowe seconded the following resolution which was adopted on a show of hands and for which 13 voted (this being a clear majority of the members present):-

"That Patrick Kevin McDonald, Kilmuckridge, Gorey, be regarded as not eligible for competition for award of University Scholarship, as in our opinion his parents are in a position to provide for him University Education without assistance from the Council."

No.23 (William O'Byrne):- Mr. Keegan proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution:- "That Wm. O'Byrne, Shelmaine, Taghat, whose father has a valuation of £169:10s in rural area, be regarded as ineligible for competition for University Scholarship as we consider he could procure University Education without assistance from the Council."

On a show of hands 8 voted in favour of the resolution and 10 against.



The Chairman declared that Mr. O'Byrne would be regarded as eligible to compete for Scholarship."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kinsella seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That list of applicants applying for University Scholarships, as submitted to this meeting be regarded as eligible to compete for same with the exceptions of Cornelius Curtin, Margaret C. Hickey, and Patrick K. McDonald."

The following report of Scholarship Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly.



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCILSCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

A meeting of County Scholarship Committee was held in Co.Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 27th April, 1935.

Present:- Rev. Brother Foran, (Presiding), Miss O'Ryan, M.C.C. Messrs. R. Corish, M.C.C., Sean O'Byrne, M.C.C., and John J. Kelly, N.T.

The County Secretary was also in attendance.

Apologies for non-attendance owing to prior engagements were received from Mr. D. Allen, Chairman, Co.Council and Mr. John P. Kelly, M.C.C.

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL  
SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The only change in above was a recommendation that the following resolution of the Co.Council should be embodied in the Scheme for 1935:-

"That as regards eligibility of candidates  
"applying for Scholarships and Bursaries under  
"Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme,  
"children whose parents reside in Rural areas,  
"and in whose case the one or the two parents  
"jointly have an income of £300 per annum, be  
"debarred from competing for such scholarships  
"and bursaries."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

It was agreed to insert a provision in above Scheme that Holders of Scholarships who propose taking up employment or sitting for examination for this purpose should inform the Co.Council before making any arrangements to discontinue their Studies or to sit for any examination to secure employment.



Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Doyle seconded the following resolution which was adopted unanimously:-

"That all female University Scholars of this Council be obliged to reside in a recognised hostel."

### QUARRY AGREEMENTS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. M. Redmond:- "That the Seal of the Co. Council be impressed on agreements as regards working of the following quarries and that where required by statute the necessary stamps be fixed to said agreements.":-

<u>Quarry</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Quarry</u>	<u>Owner</u>
Annagh Gap	Patrick Byrne	Annagh Gap	Patk. Byrne
Aughnagopple	Lord Carew c/o Stopford & Turner, Estate Agents.	Ballinaboola	Mrs. A. Byrne
Ballybuckley	Philip Murphy	Ballyboggan	Miss J. Bishop
Ballyboy	John Hill	Ballybrennan	John Deacon
Ballyclough	John A. Tomkins	Ballyconnick	Peter Kelly
Ballyellis	John Jacob	Ballyellis	M. Kennedy
Ballygarvan	James Hanlon	Ballykelly	J. Kennedy
Ballykelly	John Murphy	Ballykelly	Patk. Walsh
Ballymurray	T. Murphy	Ballymurray	Miss M. Kavanagh
Ballyregan	M. Brennan	Barmoney	Paul Roche
Belcarrig	Mrs. S. Fanning	Boley	M. Molloy
Brownswood	Reps. G. Byrne	Burkestown	John Conway
Bridge	Patk. Power	Ballythomas	Mrs. M. A. Noblett
Ballinglee	James Byrne	Campile	Matthew Harte
Carrigbawn	James H. Tector	Carrigbyrne	T. W. Jeffries
Carrigeen	Reps. Cath. Rath	Cherryorchard	Florence Hawkins
Clohamon	Drevar Fottrell & Sons	Clologue	Reps. Mary A. Leacy
Clolourish	John Kirwan	Clonhaston	Wm. Walsh
Cummer	A. Kinsella	Curraghduff	Peter Byrne
Edenvale	Patk. Murphy	Gorey Hill	John Nolan
Grange	Patk. Ryan	Gurtins	Jos. Moran
Haggard	Mrs. Howlett	Haggard	Marks Murphy
Kiltrea	Anastatia Roche	Killurin	Mrs. M. A. Carey
Munfin	Reps. John Rothwell	Meylers Park	Patk. Murphy
Palace	Patk. Nolan	Palace	John Doran
Poulmounty	(J. Fluskey) c/o Stopford & Turner	Ryland	R. W. Hall-Dare
Tomgarrow	Thos. Delaney	Tubberfinnick	W. Kavanagh
Tinnecarrig	Ter. Doyle	Tinnecarrig	P. Meaney
Upton	Mrs. B. Coady	Rathduff	Martin Nolan
Rathduff	Martin Nolan	Rathduff	J. Forrestal.



MORTGAGE FOR £3,500 LOAN  
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION ACT, 1930

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Ml. Redmond:- "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 £3,500 (Three Thousand five hundred Pounds) proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Vocational Education Act, 1930 etc."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Ml. Redmond:- "That inasmuch as this Co. Council does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Co. Council, but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require, it is resolved that the requisition for each advance shall be intimated to said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Council for time being, countersigned by Secretary to said Council, and that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners and that all such advances shall be lodged to our account in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank."

PAYMENT OF CO. COUNCIL WORKERS

Mr. Culleton said that some time ago a resolution had, at his instance, been adopted, establishing an imprest Account for the payment of workers for the first week taken on and when discharged. Some of these men who had been out of employment were badly off but, if paid on the Saturday for the number of days worked during the preceding week they could arrange with shop-keepers to enable them to carry on the following week. Under the existing system it would be nearly three weeks before some of them were paid. The resolution also



provided that a man should be paid when he was discharged. He wished to know why the terms of the resolution had not been carried out.

The Co. Surveyor said he had only applied the fund to men who had made actual application to him for payment.

Mr. Culleton said this was not the intention of his resolution which he held should be put in force.

Col. Quin agreed.

The Co. Surveyor said he would make out a tabulated statement for the Finance Committee giving particulars of the men who would be affected and also as to the state of the fund when payments would be taken into account as referred to by Mr. Culleton.

Mr. Corish said that when a man was not paid immediately after discharge his payment at the Unemployment Exchange might be held up. They should instruct the Co. Surveyor to devise ways and means to have Mr. Culleton's resolution carried out.

On the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Corish the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Co. Surveyor be directed to make provision for the payment of Co. Council workers, who came into employment at a period which will not allow of their payment in the ordinary course until the lapse of practically three weeks and that he also arrange for payment of Road Workers at the termination of their employment."

In connection with meetings of Finance Committee it was decided to consider at next meeting if it would be possible to hold the Committee meetings at an earlier hour in order to allow of Paying Orders being posted earlier.

#### KILMORE HARBOUR

Col. Gibbon said that something should be done in the shape of a relief grant to deal with the amount of sand coming into this harbour. He did not suggest dredging but



thought the Co.Surveyor should go into the whole thing on the basis of trying by means of a relief grant having the sand taken out by local unemployed labour.

The Co.Surveyor said that something could be done if the Co.Council could procure a Grant but there was no provision for the work in the Council's estimates. There was one point in connection with this harbour in which he (Co.Surveyor) was in doubt and local opinion varied so much it formed no guide - whether it would be advisable to breach the breakwater and let the current through. This breakwater was built over 30 years ago and a number of fishermen held it was the cause of the silting. It had been breached by the sea in a couple of places. He(Co.Surveyor) thought things had improved since the breaches occurred. The local people believed it a decided disadvantage but he was in doubt himself. When one began to interfere with sea currents it was not possible to be certain of the consequences.

Col. Gibbon said that the sand came in at the head of the harbour and not at the mouth. He asked the Co.Surveyor to examine the present condition of the silting and report.

The Co.Surveyor agreed.

#### TACUMSHANE LAKE FLOODING

Miss O'Ryan asked if the Co.Surveyor had found out anything about drainage in Tacumshane District.

The Co.Surveyor said he had written to the Office of Public Works in reference to the matter. The water had gone down and there would be objection to doing the work as it would mean having to dig deeper.

Miss O'Ryan said that a large amount of land was affected Co.Surveyor - Of course it is not flooded now.

Miss O'Ryan said that a lot of land in the area that was valuable land in the past was covered with water in the winter. It was hard lines on people who were paying rates for that land to have this happen.



In reply to Miss O'Ryan, the Co. Surveyor said they could not do anything except cut through the bank, and this would cost about £300.

Miss O'Ryan said that even if it did cost £300, there were grants given for less deserving purposes. It was hard on the people to have their land under water for a period of the year. If the Co. Surveyor could give them anything concrete in regard to the amount of rateable land affected by flooding they might make representations with a view to getting a grant to do something. They might put up a strong case, and probably they would get something for the work. Tacumshane lake extended over to Ballyhealy.

The Co. Surveyor said he would look further into the matter.

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR

A query was received from Courtown Harbour Committee asking if there had been any further developments regarding the dredging of the inner basin. The fine weather was passing and there was no sign of anything being done.

The Co. Surveyor said that at the request of the Office of Public Works he had forwarded (in preparation of the visit of the dredger) the soundings they required.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kinsella:- "That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to communicate with the Office of Public Works with a view to having their dredger sent to Courtown Harbour without delay in order to deal with the dredging of the inner harbour."

Under date 7th May, 1935, recommendation was received from Courtown Harbour Committee that the Harbour Master be empowered to employ two men to help at shutting and opening of the sluice gates as the work was too heavy for the Harbour Master and Watchman.



The Chairman said up to this the fishermen for whose industry the new sluice gates had been erected, had helped to open and close these gates, and he proposed that the Co. Council inform the Courtown Harbour Committee that the fishermen were expected in this matter to give the same assistance as in the past.

Col. Quin seconded the resolution which was adopted.

#### TOWN & REGIONAL PLANNING ACT, 1934.

The following under date 23rd April, 1935, was read from Wexford Corporation:-

"With reference to your letter of the 19th February last forwarding copy of a Resolution adopted by Wexford Co. Council on the 11th idem, requesting Wexford Corporation to convene a meeting of Urban Representatives to consider the Town and Regional Planning Act, 1934, I wish to inform you that such a Conference was held on the 17th instant.

"The following delegates were in attendance:-  
Wexford Corporation: The Mayor, Ald. R. Corish, T.D.; and Councillor Thomas Buckland. Enniscorthy Urban Council: Councillors Pender and Murphy. New Ross Urban Council: Councillors Byrne and Murphy. The three Town Clerks were also in attendance, and the Mayor of Wexford presided at meeting.

"The meeting considered the Act very carefully, and unanimously decided to recommend the three Urban Authorities to put it into practical effect by adopting Planning Resolutions as soon as possible.

"The delegates further decided to confer with the County Council Representatives as soon as such a Conference could be arranged with a view to discussing matters of mutual concern such as the control or regulation of Buildings in the area under the jurisdiction of the County Council, but contiguous to the Urban Areas."

Mr. Ronan thought they should not continue to give loans to build houses in the vicinity of towns. A lot of houses built under the last loan in the vicinity of Enniscorthy were a scandal, and should be blown away. There were problems arising such as water supply and sewerage which would give a lot of trouble.

Miss O'Ryan said they had that difficulty in regard to people living in urban areas, and moving out a little bit, but until the urban councils adopted the Act it would be very



hard to refuse people who wanted to build houses. Under the next loan there would be a clause making loans applicable only to people living and working in rural districts. One way out of the matter would be for a town to extend the urban boundary or adopt the Act and work it themselves.

Col. Quin - Mr. Ronan says that in many cases the houses built are a disgrace which practically means that the money was wasted.

Mr. Ronan - No - from an architectural point of view.

Miss O'Ryan - Offensive to the eye only.

Chairman - They are unsightly.

Mr. Ronan - The houses are built all right. I have nothing to say against the building of them.

Miss O'Ryan suggested that if the ratepayers' money were to be involved it would be only right that any houses built should be inspected by the Co. Surveyor, and certain regulations complied with. There was no reason why houses should not be artistic as well as comfortable.

Secretary - The plans and specifications of all those houses have to be approved by a Government Engineer.

Miss O'Ryan - But why should not we have our Co. Surveyor to have a look at them also?

The Co. Surveyor said that the Department of Local Government and Public Health had held a Conference with Co. Surveyors on the subject of Town Planning on the 10th May, 1935. The position in the matter from an engineering point of view was somewhat confusing and the Local Government Department had decided to issue a special memorandum in connection with the Act, so that councils would be able to fix frontage lines and deal with such matters as ribbon development. Where houses were built in a row, no provision was made for water supply and sewerage. The whole idea among the Surveyors was to avoid a system which would entail large expenditure, and they asked the Department to furnish a draft scheme of town planning



because they did not know at the moment what they had to do.

Mr. Corish said that the engineers of the Co. Health Board should be brought into consultation on the matter.

After further discussion it was decided to adjourn further consideration of the matter until instructional memorandum and model scheme prepared by Department of Local Government and Public Health were available.

#### ROAD MATTERS

CAMOLIN PARK ROAD:- Mr. Corish said that he and the Chairman would endeavour to have, during the coming week, an interview with Mr. Hugo Flinn, Parliamentary Secretary to the Department of Finance with a view to having the State Contribution for reconstruction of road through Camolin Park increased. He understood that Mr. Flinn was to communicate with the Council in the matter.

SIDE FILLING OF ROADS:- Mr. Culleton said he had been asked to raise a question in regard to the road from Tenacre Cross to the Parting Roads. Part of it was rolled last summer and part of it was to be done this year. Many people in the district contended that the filling of the sides of the road could have been done more economically with material from Ballycogley and Coolougher quarries. Surely it was more costly to get the material from Kerlogue.

The Co. Surveyor said it was a little more costly, but not a great deal. He found that certain material did not suit. He used previously a second quality material for side-filling and bottoming, but found that the road did not stand under the traffic. One of the best roads in the County was done with second-class material and it stood, but it got time to consolidate. They must use as good material now in the bottoming as in the top.

Mr. Culleton said he was not referring to bottoming, but to the filling of the sides.

The discussion ended.



FLOODING AT GOREY BRIDGE:- Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District, reported that he interviewed one of the residents Mr. Dempsey, who said that the flooding was caused by an old sewer on opposite side of the road from his house. This was unable to carry off the water after heavy rain due to it being choked from outfall to a point almost facing his house. The grate for road water and its outlet do not ever cause flooding but the grate should be moved from before Mr. Dempsey's house as it was very unpleasant at times. He (Mr. Treanor) had arranged to have this done. The cause of the flooding as he had reported on a former occasion was a matter for the Health Board.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Treanor said that the flooding was caused by a sewer of the Board of Health which was choked but Mr. Keegan denied this.

It was decided that the Co. Surveyor should - when next in Gorey - inspect the place with Mr. Keegan and make report to next meeting.

CURRACLOE ROAD:- Mrs. O'Connor, Hon. Secretary, Curracloe Development Association, wrote that the Association was anxious to have the Wexford - Curracloe road put in proper condition before the opening of the Tourist season and wished the Council would deal with the part which was left unfinished last season.

The Co. Surveyor said the work would cost about £300.

Mr. Corish proposed that the Co. Surveyor communicate with the Tourist Development Association who were in touch with the Department of Local Government and Public Health as regards contributions for the improvements of roads in tourist areas and request them to bring the case of the Curracloe - Wexford Road to the attention of this Department and do what was possible to obtain a grant for its repair.

Mr. Kelly seconded the resolution which was adopted without dissent.



LANES ETC.:- It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the following lanes be listed for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote when money becomes available:-

(1) Lane - Knockina Bridge to Bridge in Mullawfinn.

Recommended by Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, who described it as a rather important lane.

(2) Knocklehaun Lane. Mr. Treanor reported that as regards the flooding on Road No.90 used as a reason for having this lane put in order a proposal for abating the flooding had been approved and provided there were no objections the work would be put in hands at once. This lane had been already recommended for a Grant under Minor Relief Scheme.

(3) Boleybradda Lane (Inch) (4) Knockduff Lane, Ferns.

(5) Ballyeland Lane, Davidstown. (6) Ballyconlore Lane, Inch."

#### PLOT OF GROUND AT COOLGREANEY

Mr. Patrick S. Treacy, Coolgreaney, applied for vacant piece of ground on the lower side of the Ball-alley, Coolgreaney, for building purposes.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, reported that the Council should not give approval to Mr. Treacy's application as in his (Mr. Treanor's) opinion the plot in question did not belong to the Council.

No order.

#### BUILDING WITHIN THIRTY FEET OF ROAD CENTRE

Mr. P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, reported that when inspecting contract road No.663 (Meyler's Park) he noticed a shed was being erected within 30 feet of the centre of the road by Peter Connors, Meyler's Park, New Ross. There was an old outhouse standing nearer the road than the new shed. This had been removed and the fence taken down adding considerably to the width of the road. The new shed was in line with and attached to the dwelling house and would not cause obstruction.



The Chairman proposed and Mr. M. Redmond seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That as regards erection of shed on road No.663 by Peter Connors, Meyler's Park, no action be taken."

#### TAGOAT AND KILRANE LABOUR PARTY.

A letter from Secretary to above and which was received only the Saturday previous to Co.Council meeting, complaining that no man from the area had been employed on roads and that the same thing applied partly to work in the local quarry, was adjourned to next meeting to give the Co.Surveyor time to investigate the statements.

#### ROADS IN SOUTH WEXFORD

Memorial and letter from Mr. Michael Rowe, Tinnock, Campile, as to procuring a Government Grant to continue the Tinnock road to form a junction with the public road connecting Coole and Boderan, was referred to Finance Committee.

#### REPORT OF CO.ANALYST

Report of Co.Analyst for quarter ended 31st March, 1935, was submitted. A total of 239 analyses had been carried out, viz., Foods 185; Drugs 51; Waters 3. Two samples of new milk were found to be adulterated and three waters sent by County Board of Health viz., two from Rathgarogue and one from Latimerstown were condemned.

#### PETROL PUMP LICENCES

Mr. R.H. Nixon, Jnr., Avenue Garage, Gorey, applied for licence for third petrol pump outside his premises in the Main Street, Gorey, the storage tank to be installed on his own premises.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That licence for petrol pump issue to R.H. Nixon, Jnr., Avenue Garage, Gorey, for premises in Main Street, Gorey, in view of report of Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, that the pump when erected would not cause obstruction



"pump is to be erected to the satisfaction of the Co. Surveyor."

Under date 28th April, 1935, Michael Finn, Main Street, Gorey, applied for permission to erect a kerbside pump outside his premises.

Mr. Treanor reported that it was the intention of Mr. Finn to remove an oil cabinet and erect the pump in its place. The pump was in position at Garage in side street and would be transferred to place now occupied by oil cabinet. The tank under floor of garage would supply the pump which would obviate the necessity of putting down new tank. Pump when erected will not cause any obstruction.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That we agree to erection of petrol pump in Main Street, Gorey, by Mr. Michael Finn, provided he pays the usual statutory fee for same and that pump is placed in position to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor"

#### ADVERTISING CO. COUNCIL CONTRACTS

A resolution was received from Moyacomb Cumann Fianna Fail requesting the Council to discontinue the system of giving contracts in regard to roads and bridges, privately, and that all contracts over £5 be advertised in future. A similar resolution was received from Clohamon Fianna Fail Cumann.

The Co. Surveyor stated that where the Council had to employ masons the work as a rule was done by direct labour. If work were required on bridges they might have a contract for the masonry. There were occasions such as sudden damage in which they could not advertise as the work had to be done.

Mr. Ronan - The real grievance is that certain men only get the work. I propose that all jobs of £5 and over be advertised, this resolution not to apply to work in connection with sudden damages.



Mr. Keegan - That does not interfere with the carrying out of work by direct labour?

Chairman - No.

Mr. Keegan seconded Mr. Ronan's proposition which was adopted

#### PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That the recommendations of Co. Surveyor as regards payments to Road Contractors as appearing on Form 22 be and are hereby approved subject to any modifications noted therein and initialled by the Chairman."

#### POISONS & PHARMACY ACT RENEWAL LICENCE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Walsh seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That renewal of Licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to Mr. James S. Hennessy, South Street, New Ross."

*Dennis Allen 4th June 36*

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING

7th JUNE, 1935.

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 Co. Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 7th June, 1935.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs. P. Colfer, J. Connors, R. Corish, C. Culleton, W. Cullimore, J. Cummins, J. Day, M. Doyle, Col. C.M. Gibbon, W.P. Keegan, J.P. Kelly, W. Kinsella, J. Lawler, S. O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R.P.W. Quin, Michael Redmond, Thos. Redmond, P. Ronan, M. Smyth, M. Sweetman.

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 £618:6:5d was examined and signed.

#### THE LATE MRS. KELLY, CLONARD

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Miss O'Ryan and adopted in silence:-  
"That we offer to Mr. John J. Kelly, N.T., Lynd House, Clonard, a Member of our Co. Wexford Scholarship Committee, our sincere sympathy in the death of his wife, Mrs. Gwendoline Kelly, N.T., Barntown."

#### THE LATE MRS. ENNIS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the following reply to vote of condolence to Mr. R. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, in the death of his Mother be inserted on this day's Minutes:-"

"Please convey to your Council my sincere thanks for their vote of condolence in my recent bereavement. I should wish to thank you also for your expression of sympathy."

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

MEETING 24th MAY, 1935:- The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th May, 1935, were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 24th May, 1935.

Present, Messrs. P. Colfer, W. Cullimore, W.P. Keegan, J.P. Kelly, W. Kinsella, Sean O'Byrne and Miss N. O'Ryan.

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

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly, the Chair was taken by

Miss O'Ryan.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3708:4:1d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following gives the percentage of Rate on gross warrant collected to date:-

<u>Name of Rate Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage on Gross Warrant.</u>
E.J. Murphy	95.9
J.J. O'Reilly	92.7
J. Curtis	92.7
M. Kehoe	91.2
D. Kenny	90.5
J. Deegan	89.2
P. Carty	88.5
M. McCarthy	87.0
P. Doyle	86.2
J. Cummins	82.9
J. Flood	82.4
A. Dunne	82.2
P. Nolan	80.6
S. Gannon (No. 10)	79.8
S. Gannon (No. 6)	79.7
W. Cummins	76.7
J.J. Sinnott	76.1
M. Murphy	74.8
J. Quirke	72.5
W. Doyle	68.6
	<u>Average.. 83.0</u>

The amount collected at corresponding period last year was 73.6.

The actual amount outstanding is £20721.



EXTENSION CREDIT NOTES:- The meeting approved of the terms of advertisement as follows calling attention of Ratepayers to the validity of Credit Notes:-

"Ratepayers who still hold Credit Notes for 1934/35  
"Rate are hereby notified that Credit Notes applicable  
"to both first and second moieties will be accepted by  
"Rate Collectors up to 31st May, 1935.

"Ratepayers who are in arrear in respect of rates for  
"periods previous to 31st March, 1935, will also be  
"allowed the value of first moiety Credit Notes  
"provided they pay the first Moiety rate for 1934/35  
"by 31st May, 1935, and will in addition be allowed the  
"value of the second moiety credit note, provided they  
"pay the second moiety by 31st May, 1935, even if at the  
"time of payment there are arrears due in respect of  
"previous years."

DRAINAGE RATES - BONDS RATE COLLECTORS:- Under date 15th May, 1935, the New Ireland Assurance Company wrote giving formal confirmation of cover in respect of bond for the following Rate Collectors relative to collection of Drainage Rates:-

M. Kehoe.....£160  
W. Cummins.....£300  
M. Murphy.....£30  
W. Doyle.....£10.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the Finance Committee approve of Joint Bond for the four Rate Collectors concerned with Drainage Rates in the sum of £500 with the New Ireland Assurance Company and that the Co. Council be recommended to pay premium for same."

ILLNESS OF RATE COLLECTOR: Under date 20th May, 1935, Michael McCarthy, Rate Collector, (No. 4 District) wrote from St. Bricin's Hospital, Arbour Hill, Dublin, where he was at present undergoing a course of treatment for stomach trouble, that as regards his collection he did his best to close ~~his~~ collection reducing his arrears considerably and had lodged 87% of his gross warrant. This was only about  $\frac{1}{2}\%$  less than the Minister's requirements for payment of full poundage. He asked the Finance Committee to use their influence to have him paid in full.



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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 allow Wexford Co. Council to pay full poundage to Rate Collector M. McCarthy, (No.4 District), in view of the fact that he is at present under-going treatment in a Dublin Hospital, and but for which he would have lodged the specified 87½% to qualify for payment of full poundage. At present his collection falls below this percentage by £35:3:1d to meet the amount fixed by the Minister. In view of his illness and to the fact that the Finance Committee are aware he carried out his duties in a very satisfactory manner, they request the Minister to agree to this concession."

SOW DRAINAGE RATE: In connection with the visit of deputation of Sow Drainage Ratepayers to Finance Committee at their meeting on 10th May, 1935, the following letter was read from Mr. Michael Ryan, Coolnaboy, Oylegate:-

"At the meeting of Ratepayers of River Sow held on Sunday the 19th instant, it was decided to offer the original half year's rate, arrears to be counted from the time the river was completed, which would leave us 1½ years in arrear to the 31st March last, time of payment to be extended by 1½ years for payment of same.

"Also the first work done on the river was useless which the Co. Surveyor can prove. We do not see why we should be held liable for it. They also decided to send a deputation to wait on the Minister for Local Government."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Kinsella:- "As we are aware that the collection of arrears of Rate for Sow Drainage for repayment of Sow Drainage Loan, would impose a very substantial burden on the ratepayers concerned, we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to allow the collection of this rate to start as from present financial year and to remain in



"force until Loan and Interest along with Maintenance Charges have been paid off. The results of the work carried out by the Office of Public Works is practically now only apparent; and as the drainage ratepayers consider the advantages from the improvement of the system are only now making themselves felt, we would request the Minister to comply with our request, otherwise very considerable difficulty will arise in securing payment of this rate."

APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF RATES:- The Agent for Courtown Estates, Gorey, wrote asking for refund of rates on "Marlfield" and "Levuka" which had been vacant for some years.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Cullimore:- "That the Co. Council be recommended not to agree to any rebate in the case of "Marlfield" and "Levuka" premises, Courtown Harbour, Gorey, as the Finance Committee are of opinion that tenants could have been obtained for both places if they had been offered at reasonable rents."

Application was received from Mrs. Susan Heery, Duncannon, for refund of rate on stores and lime kiln which were unoccupied since 1929.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That as recommended by Rate Collector P. Carty, (District No. 20) refund of rates on lime kiln and stores, property of Mrs. Susan Heery, Duncannon, for years 1933/34, amounts respectively of 18/6d and 19/4d be agreed to."

COMPLAINT OF RATEPAYER:- Under date 23rd May, 1935,

Mr. Edward W. Warren, Solicitor, Gorey, wrote:-

"Mrs. Corcoran, Ballybane House, Enniscorthy, Rate No. 10a, Boolabawn, and 8a Moneytucker, was in arrears with her rates and your Collector, Mr. Gannon, and his Solicitors, Messrs. O'Flaherty & Co., wrote to her agreeing to accept payment at the rate of £10 per month, as they were aware she was not in a position to pay more. She made this payment regularly and to their satisfaction, but in spite of that a Decree was taken out against her at the Enniscorthy District Court on the 9th instant, and she considers that this was very unfair treatment, having regard to the fact that she was keeping rigidly to the arrangement made with the Collector.



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"There is a worse feature about the matter and that is that her only means of livelihood is the taking in of monthly stock on the lands in question, and at the time the Decree was obtained she had upwards of 100 cattle and 200 sheep grazing. When the owners, however, saw the publication of the Decree, they presumably became afraid that the stock would be seized, and immediately removed every beast on the place, so that the Court proceedings have had the effect of putting her in the position of having no way whatever of making money. She would be glad if this matter would be brought before your Council, and she will continue to pay her rates at the rate of £10 per month. The Collector is willing to accept same, but she would have no way of doing so unless she is able to get monthly stock again. To enable her to do this a Notice will have to be published in the Local papers which will assure the graziers that their stock will not be disturbed. Mrs. Corcoran would be glad if you would bring this matter before the County Council, and would be grateful if they would instruct their Collector not to take further proceedings provided the instalments are paid regularly."

The Rate Inspector stated he was informed by Mr. Gannon that Mrs. Corcoran had not carried out her agreement to pay £10 per month and that she had refused to sign a consent to a decree causing resultant publication to which she now objected.

It was decided to refer Mr. Warren's letter to Mr. Gannon, Rate Collector, for Nos. 6 and 10 districts, for his observations.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

WEXFORD DISTRICT: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That application of Thomas Mythen, Ballinrooawn, Screen, for loan of £100 be granted, provided he pays amount of rates due by him to 31st March, 1935, to Co. Council in full."

NEW ROSS DISTRICT:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by the Chairman:- "That application of Philip Kennedy, Shelbaggan, for loan of £250 be agreed to."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That application of Mary Anne Lynch, Ballycoheir, Ballywilliam, for loan of £40 be agreed to."

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT: (First Loan):- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That John Mullett, Greenville, Enniscorthy, be accepted for



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"loan of £200 to replace application of Gerald Meagher, St. John's Villas, Wexford, withdrawn."

The Secretary stated that after that day's meeting, the amounts unallocated on the second loan would be:-

New Ross District, £1182, and Wexford District, £75.

Applications had been made for forms from New Ross District during the week.

After consideration it was decided to allocate all outstanding balances at the Finance Committee meeting of 7th June, 1935.

GENERAL MATTERS:- Under date 21st May, 1935, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that he had been notified by Mr. Warren, Solicitor, Gorey, that the house of James Murphy, Market Square, Gorey, had been put up for auction, but was not sold. It was quite possible a seller might yet be found as he had received enquiries about the house.

Under date 10th May, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Housing Section) wrote (H.69972/1935 Loch Garman), approving of loan of £180 to Daniel Sheehan for house at Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, and under date 20th May, 1935, (No. H.80376/35, Loch Garman), the Department of Local Government (Housing Section) wrote approving of loan of £189 to Thomas Dwyer for house at Kilmichael Upper, Gorey.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction *reimbursement of Public Works of* transfer of £5000, portion of second loan, obtained by Wexford County Council under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

#### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to extend period of Council's overdraft at £40,000 to the end of July, 1935."



STRIKING OF RATE

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 extend date on which Rate for existing financial year can be struck by Wexford Co. Council to 1st July, 1935."

LAND COMMISSION - ANNUITY DEFAULTERS

In connection with the resolution of the Co. Council asking the Land Commission to make up their accounts for payment of land Annuities to 31st March, instead of 31st January each year, the Land Commission wrote (Corres. No. 3036/35 Co. Wexford) under date 25th April, 1935, that they were under a statutory obligation to furnish their Accounts to the Minister for Finance on 31st January and 31st July and had no power to vary these dates

No order.

GROUND RENTS - OLD COURTHOUSE

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, explained the detailed opinion of Mr. D. Fawsitt, B.L., Counsel, in connection with query as to whether the Co. Council could in any way compel owners of ground rents of the old courthouse to sell same to the Co. Council. Mr. Fawsitt stated that in the absence of a binding agreement the Council had no power to compel the sale of these rents. Although a statutory body they were in no better position legally than an individual in like circumstances.

Mr. Elgee explained that the Ground rents unpurchased were:-

St. Vincent de Paul.....	£13:16: 8
Sandwith Estate.....	£71: 3:10
Hatchell Estate.....	£18: 9: 0

The other ground rents had been bought out at 20 years purchase.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That the Co. Solicitor be instructed to lay before the Minister for Local Government and Public Health a statement setting out the position of Wexford



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"County Council as regards rents of old County Courthouse, Wexford. The building was burned out in 1921, and large structural portions of it are ready to fall. The Co. Council will be obliged to spend a substantial amount in securing it to prevent injury to the public. They would further point out that the ground rents in question are at an exorbitant figure, agreed to by the old Grand Jury. The Finance Committee suggest that if necessary, the Minister should introduce legislation to enable the Council to compel the ground land lords in this and similar cases to dispose of their interests. Owing to the very high figure at which these stand it is not possible to dispose of the premises although the site would be most suitable for a business establishment."

PAYMENT OF CO. COUNCIL ROAD ETC. WORKERS.

At the meeting of the Co. Council on 13th May, 1935, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Co. Surveyor be directed to make provision for the payment of Co. Council workers, who come into employment at a period which will not allow of their payment in the ordinary course until the lapse of practically three weeks and that he also arrange for payment of Road Workers at the termination of their employment."

The Co. Surveyor stated he had examined his records for the past seven fortnights from the beginning of the present year to see how the Imprest A/c. would be affected as regards payment of men on employment and on discharge with the following result:- For the fortnight ended 26th January, 1935, he would require to have in the Imprest A/c, £234; 9th February, 1935, £195; 23rd February, 1935, £306; 9th March, 1935, £198; 23rd March, £216; 6th April, £238; 30th April, £219.

The Secretary stated it would be doubtful if sanction could be obtained to a higher figure than £50 for the Imprest Account. He suggested that as each worker came into employment he should receive a Certificate signed by the Co. Surveyor or the Assistant Surveyor for the district, giving the dates when he entered employment and when his first payment would be made.



This Certificate should also be used when a man was going out of employment.

It was decided to recommend the Co. Council to adopt this suggestion, the Co. Surveyor to utilise the present Imprest A/c of £50.

#### TRADES UNION LABOUR

Under date 15th May, 1935, the following was read from Mr. P. Hawkins, Hon. Secretary, Wexford Trades Union Council:-

"I have been instructed by above Council to draw your attention to Notice appearing in Local Press issues of 18th May, 25th May and 1st June viz:- "That on and after June 3rd no Trade Unionist will be allowed to work with or after a Non Trade Unionist or handy man."

The Co. Surveyor said he would take it that the communication did not apply to men working in rural areas.

#### ROADS IN SOUTH WEXFORD.

A memorial and letter from Mr. Michael Rowe, Tinnock, Campile, as to procuring a Government Grant to continue the Tinnock Road to form a junction with the public road connecting Coole and Boderan was referred to Finance Committee for consideration.

The following deputation in connection with the proposal came before the Finance Committee:- Messrs. Ml. Rowe, Wm. Murphy, P. Harte, Thos. Sutton and Edward Walsh.

The Memorial pointed out that the townland of Tinnock was served by a road which was a cul de sac with an entrance at the Council's Quarry at Carroll's Rock, but had no exit. Thirteen families resided on the road including five large farmers. At present when the memorialists wished to reach the village of Ramsgrange, they had to travel in a backward direction. If the existing road were continued in a straight line for about 600 yards they would secure an easy exit on the Coole and Boderan road, within easy reach of Ramsgrange. This road would also serve people from Coole, Boderan, Monachee etc. and would facilitate the carrying of corn and beet to Campile. The memorial was extensively signed.



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The following report as to the Tinneck-Coole Lane was submitted from Mr. P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the District:-

"The extension of the above lane would provide an alternative route to Road 790, and at a short distance from it. It would not be of any use except to the people immediately concerned i.e., three families living in the lane. The distance from the end of the existing lane to Road 792 is about 160 paces.

The cost of the extension, fencing and surfacing, would be £600 exclusive of compensation for land required."

The Co. Surveyor pointed out that the proposal was to make a parallel road to No. 790 which was in a very bad condition and which carried so much traffic that the Council had applied to the Department of Local Government to have it scheduled as a Main Road.

Mr. Colfer said if the proposals were agreed to it would greatly relieve traffic on the road No. 790 which was maintained by the Council.

The Co. Surveyor said this lane would never be as wide and as satisfactory for traffic as No. 790. Under the Minor Relief Scheme the Government preferred to give not more than £100 and often less for any particular scheme in order to spread relief for unemployment over as wide an area as was possible. If they spent £600 on this project it would mean a reduction somewhere else.

In the course of the discussion it was ascertained that Mr. Wm. Murphy, a member of the deputation through whose land 90% of the new road would run, was willing to give the necessary land required but Mr. Edward Murphy of Coole was expecting compensation for his portion.

After further discussion it was decided that Mr. Cummins and Mr. Colfer, Co. Councillors, with Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the District, should interview Mr. Ed. Murphy, with a view to obtaining his consent to give the necessary land.

The Chairman pointed out that in all applications for Minor Relief Schemes it was necessary that the Scheme should be agreed to by local people and that there should be a guarantee that any



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land required for the purpose of widening would be given without cost to the Council.

#### SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES.

With reference to the resolution of the Co. Council to debar from competition for Scholarship under Secondary and Vocational Schemes, the children of ratepayers residing in rural districts and who had a clear income of £300, the following letter under date 23rd May, 1935, No. F. 41241 was read from the Department of National Education:-

"With reference to your letter of the 11th instant, and previous correspondence relative to the scheme for scholarships to be awarded by the Wexford County Council in 1936, I am directed to say that, if the Council are of opinion that the suggested clause should be introduced, the Department will not offer any objection, in view of the fact that the question of the conditions to be inserted in the scheme regarding "means" of parents is largely a matter for the Council's own discretion.

"I am to add, however, that it is noted that, in the existing clauses, the "means" of parents in rural areas are assessed on a valuation basis, whilst in the proposed addendum the basis is that of income. It would appear, therefore, that there is a possibility of confusion arising from the inclusion of both these bases, particularly as there is no mention of the number of children in family in the case of the latest amendment. It is not clear that a candidate eligible on one basis might not be ineligible on the other."

The Chairman said that the resolution of the Council had been passed to deal with cases of ratepayers residing in a holding in the Rural area with a very small valuation and yet were well able to provide secondary education for their children. If the valuation basis alone was to be a criterion as to means people to whom she referred could not be excluded. It was, therefore, very necessary that the provision in question as to the limit of £300 income should be included in the Scheme, and she proposed a resolution to that effect.

This was seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted.

#### NEW STANDING ORDERS

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly it was decided that new Standing Orders as submitted be printed, and that copy be forwarded to each Councillor.



ELECTORAL (REVISION OF CONSTITUENCIES) ACT  
1935.  
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Under date 21st May, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health, wrote (Circ.70/35) forwarding copy of the Electoral (Revision of Constituencies) Act 1935.

It was decided that list of existing polling places be furnished to each Councillor and that they be asked for their observations with a view to further conveniencing electors.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (EXTENSION OF FRANCHISE)  
ACT 1935.

Under date 21st May, 1935, (Circ.No.70/35) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote forwarding copy of Local Government (Extension of Franchise) Act 1935, conferring Local Government franchise on all Dail Electors.

SALE OF FOOD & DRUGS (MILK) ACT  
1935.  
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Under date 21st May, 1935, (Circular P.H.67/35) the Department of Local Government and Public Health forwarded copy of above Act and explanatory memorandum with regard to same.

On the motion of Mr.O'Byrne seconded by Mr.Colfer it was decided that Secretary obtain twelve copies of above Act for use of ex-officio Inspectors under Food and Drugs Act.

CRIMINAL INJURY APPLICATION

Application for compensation for Criminal Injury for £20 damage to Transformer Bushing at Carriglawn, the property of the Electricity Supply Board was referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.



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 24th May,1935, as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

OLD COURTHOUSE PREMISES:- In connection with above, the Secretary in reply to Mr.Doyle said that Mr.Elgee, Co.Solicitor had informed them that some of the owners of the ground rent could not be found. If it had not been that the Co.Council agreed to purchase the ground rents they would not have received the compensation for the burning of the Courthouse.

Mr.Keegan asked why would the people concerned with the unpurchased interests be anxious to sell as long as they are getting the money mentioned in the Finance Committee's report.

Mr.Elgee said he could purchase Miss Sandwith's interest which was only £12 of the amount mentioned as the total for the Sandwith Estate. There were other charges on the estate. There would be no use in buying out Miss Sandwith's small interest.

Mr. Keegan - What is the present letting value of the building?

Mr. Elgee - At the moment it is nil, except one small part of it.

On the motion of Mr.O'Byrne and seconded by Mr.Colfer the recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted with the addendum that Mr.Elgee forward a covering letter with it.

PAYMENT OF CO.COUNCIL WORKERS:- Mr. Corish proposed and Mr.Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to allow Imprest A/c in the hands of Co. Surveyor for payment of men entering into employment for first time to be raised from £50 to £100."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.Colfer seconded by Mr.Cummins:



"That we again call the attention of the Department of Local Government and Public Health to the request of this Council that legislation should be adopted by which County Councils would be in a position to advance money for the reconstruction of houses in rural areas under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th May, 1935, be and are hereby confirmed except in so far as same have been amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

MEETING 7th JUNE, 1935:- The Minutes of above meeting of Finance Committee were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in Co. Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 7th June, 1935.

Present:- Messrs. D. Allen, (Chairman), presiding, also P. Colfer, R. Corish, W. Cullimore, W. P. Keegan, J. P. Kelly, W. Kinsella, S. O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4046:4:9d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: Rate Collection up to 7th June, 1935, was submitted as follows:-

<u>Collector's Name</u>	<u>Percentage collected gross Warrant</u>
E.J. Murphy	96.1
J.J. O'Reilly	93.8
J. Curtis	92.8
D. Kenny	92.3
M. Kehoe	91.8
J. Deegan	90.5
P. Carty	89.4
M. McCarthy	87.0
P. Doyle	86.8
J. Flood	84.7
A. Dunne	84.5
J. Cummins	82.9
S. Gannon (No.10)	82.1
P. Nolan	81.8
J.J. Sinnott	81.0
S. Gannon (No.6)	79.9
W. Cummins	76.7
M. Murphy	76.7
J. Quirke	74.3
W. Doyle	71.0

The total collection was 84.4% of gross warrant, the amount outstanding being £19014:2:7d.

Reports of meetings of County Councillors for the four County Electoral areas to examine all outstanding items or rates were submitted as follows:-



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

RATE COLLECTION

CONSIDERATION OF OUTSTANDING AMOUNTS

Meetings for examination of all items of outstanding Rate were held in Wexford, Gorey, Enniscorthy and New Ross, during the week ended 1st June, 1935, of the County Councillors for each area concerned.

WEXFORD DISTRICT - MEETING HELD ON 27th MAY, 1935:- Miss O'Ryan presiding, Messrs. P. Colfer, W. Cullimore, John Day and W. Kinsella, being in attendance.

The following Rate Collectors were present and were closely questioned in respect of each individual item:-  
Messrs. W. Quirke, Philip Doyle, Wm. Doyle and P. Nolan.

Mr. M. McCarthy was absent as he is an inmate of St. Bricin's Hospital, Dublin.

GOREY DISTRICT - MEETING HELD ON 28th MAY, 1935:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman, Co. Council, presided and there were also present Messrs. W. Keegan, Sean O'Byrne and Mr. Smyth.

The following Rate Collectors were present:-  
Messrs. J.J. O'Reilly, Denis Kenny, Art Dunne and J.J. Sinnott.

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT - MEETING HELD ON 29th MAY, 1935:- Mr. P. Ronan, presided and there were also in attendance:- Messrs. J.J. Bowe, J.P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, James Lawlor and M. Sweetman.

The following Rate Collectors attended:- Messrs. J. Cummins, W. Cummins, J. Deegan, S. Gannon, J. Flood and M. Murphy.

NEW ROSS DISTRICT - MEETING HELD ON 31st MAY, 1935:- Mr. T. Redmond presiding, also Messrs. M. Redmond, P. Colfer and J.E. Walsh.

The following Rate Collectors were in attendance:-  
Messrs. E.J. Murphy, M. Kehoe, J.M. Curtis and P. Carty.

Each Councillor had been supplied with copies of returns received from Rate Collectors setting out the Collectors' recommendations in respect of:-



- (a) Rates on lands etc. in respect of which a number of years' arrears are outstanding and on which Collector recommends that part of the arrears be struck off as irrecoverable.
- (b) Rates on Vacant Buildings and on holdings on which there is no possibility of collecting rates.
- (c) Lists of Holdings in respect of which the Collector recommends that arrears outstanding be carried forward for collection with Warrants for 1935/36.

The various items of outstanding rate were examined and ruled on by the Committees at the different centres.

It was pointed out that sanction of Local Government Department would be necessary to the striking out of arrears referred to at (a).

Instructions were given to Collectors in respect of the collection of some items due by Public Bodies. It was decided that reports be sent to Land Commission in respect of certain derelict farms.

It was pointed out to the Collectors that in cases in which men were employed by the County Council or County Health Board on roads or cottages or in any other capacity and who owed rates, a statement to that effect should be furnished to the Public Body concerned.

Collectors were instructed to furnish lists of any holdings which they could not trace or in respect of which they were doubtful as to the actual occupier so that application might be made to the Valuation Department for further information in such cases.

Collectors Dunne and Sinnott in Gorey Area were instructed to take proceedings in the cases of R. Whitney, W. Byrne, A. Cummins and Col. Bryan, the Co. Council to be responsible for legal costs if these are not recovered by Collectors on Decree against Ratepayer concerned.

Collectors were also given instructions as to inclusion on Revisions Lists of buildings now in ruins or demolished.



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At the New Ross Rates Meeting, Collector Curtis stated that as the Collectors were not paid Poundage on Credit Notes they suffered a heavy "cut" in fees.

It was pointed out to Mr. Curtis that the Local Government Department had stated they would not allow payment for Credit Notes to be made to Collectors in any County. The Department had during the year sanctioned payment at the rate of 7d in the £. to all Collectors who by the 31st May had accounted for 87½% of Warrants. A number of Collectors were provisionally paid at 5d. in the £. and one Collector at 6d.

Sanctions had also been received on representations from Local Government Officials' Union to payment by the County Council for Collectors appointed before 1st April, 1931, of a sum sufficient to bring their poundage up to the amount on the 1931/32 Warrant.

Mr. Curtis said he had been informed by a Rate Collector in Kilkenny, that Poundage fees on Credit Notes had been allowed in that County. He thought that at least an extra 1d. in the £. should be allowed.

As the Collection in the New Ross District was the most satisfactory in the County the Meeting recommended Mr. Curtis to obtain a statement from the Kilkenny Rate Collector as to the amount allowed on Credit Notes in Kilkenny and forward same to the Finance Committee for consideration at meeting on 7th June, 1935.

The following are the amounts recommended by the various Rates Committees for striking off as irrecoverable:-



District	Collector	Strike off Buildings	Recommended to be struck off Land.	TOTAL
Wexford	James Quirke	£ s d 65:19: 7	£ s d 584: 1: 6	£ s d 650: 1: 1
	Wm. Doyle	35: 0:11	738: 1: 8	773: 2: 7
	P. Doyle	23: 1: 4	117:18:10	141: 0: 2
	M. McCarthy	123: 5: 2	189:11: 8	312:16:10
	P. Nolan	128:10:10	620: 7: 5	748:18: 3
		375:17:10	2250: 1: 1	2625:18:11
GOREY	J.J. O'Reilly	64:12: 4	91: 5:11	155:18: 3
	D. Kenny	6:18: 6	118:18: 3	125:16: 9
	A. Dunne	50: 8: 2	517:12: 9	568: 0:11
	J.J. Sinnott	7: 7: 5	423: 3: 2	430:10: 7
		129: 6: 5	1151: 0: 1	1280: 6: 6
NEW ROSS	E.J. Murphy	18: 9:10	-	18: 9:10
	M. Kehoe	13: 6:10	137:19:10	151: 6: 8
	J. Curtis	25: 0: 0	109: 3: 5	134: 3: 5
	P. Carty	51:10: 3	38: 3: 3	89:13: 6
		108: 6:11	285: 6: 6	393:13: 5
ENNISCORTHY	S. Gannon (No. 6)	28: 2: 6	106: 4: 5	134: 6:11
	S. Gannon (No.10)	23: 1: 3	142:11: 5	165:12: 8
	J. Deegan	65: 0: 1	34:10: 0	99:10: 1
	J. Cummins	38:12: 9	376:10: 9	415: 3: 6
	W. Cummins	3:14:10	427: 3: 5	430:18: 3
	M. Murphy	31: 9: 0	421: 3: 7	452:12: 7
	J. Flood	18:18: 2	141: 3:11	160: 2: 1
		208:18: 7	1649: 7: 6	1858: 6: 1
	TOTAL	£822: 9: 9	£5335:15: 2	£6158: 4:11



It was pointed out that as the £5,335:15:2d represented rates on land, the ownership of which had not changed, they could not be struck off, and would have to be carried forward.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly that £822:9:9d rates on vacant buildings and on holdings in respect of which the rated occupiers were destitute or could not be traced, be struck off as irrecoverable.

RATE COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE:- Under date 6th June, 1935, Mr. J. J. Byrne, Hon. Secretary, Irish Local Government Officials' Union, (Wexford Branch), wrote asking the Finance Committee to request the Minister for permission to pay poundage due to Rate Collectors for year 1934/35. It was understood that Collectors' Warrants would be closed during the week and the Union would be obliged if the Committee requested the Minister to allow the Co. Council to pay in full, poundage due.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction payment of full poundage fees at the rate of 7d in the £. to Collectors, who, by 15th June, 1935, lodge 87½% of the total sum represented by warrant for 1934/35, added to arrears applicable to 1933/34 assessment. The arrears in respect of previous periods are to a large extent uncollectible, and the concession relating to arrears was agreed to by the Minister in respect of interim payment of poundage fees for financial year 1934/35.

"That the Minister be further requested to sanction payment of additional poundage fees, based on warrants for 1931/32 to the following Collectors, who, owing to their failure to account for 87½% of their total warrants by 31st May, 1935, were not entitled to payment of this additional remuneration:-

Philip Doyle (No.3)	£3:5:6
Joseph Cummins (No.8)	£17:19:3d
Walter Cummins (No.11)	£17:17: 9d
John J. Sinnott (No.16)	£ 1:16:10d
Sean Gannon (No.10)	£18: 4: 4d."



ILLNESS OF RATE COLLECTOR:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.Colfer seconded by Mr.Kelly:- "That we approve of Collector P. Nolan, (District No.5) acting as deputy Collector for Mr. Ml. McCarthy, No.4 District, during the latter's illness."

Under date 6th June,1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.92192/35 Loch Garman (Fa) that if Mr.McCarthy closed his warrant by the 15th June,1935, the Minister would be prepared to entertain proposal for the payment of poundage at the 7d rate.

COLLECTION DISTRICTS NOS. 6 & 7:-Under date 5th June,1935, the following letter (G.86459/35 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to the entry in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council at their meeting on the 13th ult. regarding the collection of rates in District No.6 and District No.7, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is not prepared to sanction the continuance of the present arrangement involving merely temporary appointments renewable annually. The Council should now, as originally contemplated, amalgamate Districts Nos.6 and 10, the collection to be carried out by Collector Gannon. A formal proposal to that effect under Article 92 of the Public Bodies Order,1925, should be submitted for the Minister's approval. A map indicating the relative positions of the Districts should be furnished at the same time.

"A permanent appointment to Collection District No.7 should be made as the result of Public advertisement which should be submitted for the Minister's approval before issue."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "Finance Committee recommend the Council to request the Minister to allow the temporary appointments of Rate Collectors Gannon (No.6) and Deegan (No.7), to stand for the present financial year but to offer a guarantee to the Minister that his wishes as regards the two Rate Districts in question will be carried out by the Council at the close of Warrants for 1935/36."

COMPLAINTS RE RATE COLLECTORS:- Under date 27th May,1935, John Cowman wrote that he was not satisfied with the explanation of Mr.Deegan with regard to payment of his rates, as he explained to Mr.Deegan on the 1st March that he would pay when he sold his cattle. Notwithstanding this he was summoned on the 20th March



though the rate collection was not closed. He objected to the payment of the costs in the circumstances, and stated that if the Council would not refund it he would have his case put before the Minister for Local Government, "to see if there is a different law for different people".

The meeting declined to re-open this matter as they considered the explanation offered by Mr. Deegan at last meeting of Finance Committee fully met the complaint of Mr. Cowman.

William Farrell of Kilmichael, Arklow, wrote under date 22nd May, 1935, asking how it came about he had to pay £1:2:0d costs on his rates which he always paid in a reasonable time. He was summoned, though he knew other people who had not yet paid but were well able to do so. The favoured friends of the Rate Collector could pay when they like but he would not allow the Collector to have his cronies. Other people as well able to pay as he should be summoned. Unless he received satisfaction he would see further about the matter.

This letter had been submitted to Mr. O'Reilly for his observations and under date 6th June, 1935, Mr. O'Reilly stated he called four times for the rates and the last time he called, although Six Days' Notice had expired, and he knew from Farrell's daughter, that he had the money for rates in the house, he refused to pay him. He had repeatedly given trouble as to payment. It was true that some people had not paid, but they could not possibly pay them, whereas Mr. Farrell could.

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly, the following resolution was adopted:- "That with reference to complaint of Wm. Farrell of Kilmichael, Arklow, as to payment of his rates, we regard the explanation of Rate Collector O'Reilly in this matter as satisfactory."

In connection with the complaint of Mrs. Melinda Corcoran, Ballybane House, Enniscorthy, Rate Collector Gannon wrote under date 5th June, 1935, that Mrs. Corcoran owed to the 31st March last, in rates £102:19:6d, including £31:14:1d carried forward



from previous year, £40 had been paid to the date of the decree 9th May last, and it appeared from Mrs. Corcoran's letter that the Collector would not get any more money before the close of the collection. He, therefore, went on with the Court proceedings which he had threatened for some months. However, four days before doing so he made a final appeal to Mrs. Corcoran and suggested she should sign a consent to the decree in order to avoid publicity. She refused. He told her if she paid £16:2:9d, it would, with the Credit Note, clear up her first moiety and arrears. There was no agreement made with Mrs. Corcoran except the acceptance of her offer to pay by instalments, but the Collector did not feel justified in recommending that £63 arrears should be carried forward into next year's rate, especially in view of Mrs. Corcoran's statement that she had 400 sheep and cattle on her lands. However, as the amount had now been reduced to £36:3:7d and as she held a Credit Note for £10:13:3d the Collector was satisfied she was making a genuine effort to pay and in view of the promises given by Mr. Warren, Solicitor, on her behalf to continue monthly payments of £10, the Council may assure Mrs. Corcoran that no further action would be taken against her, provided the promise was carried out to the close of the coming collection.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer it was decided to accept explanation of Collector Gannon as regards collection of rate of Mrs. Corcoran as satisfactory.

OUTSTANDING RATES:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That lists of outstanding rates be printed and circulated to each Councillor, said lists to show amounts of arrears due with number of years outstanding."



### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The Secretary stated that the amount of unapplied balances from New Ross and Wexford districts for second loan under above Acts was £1337, viz. from New Ross District, £1262, and Wexford District, £75.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution:- "That application of John Barron, Battlestown, Ramsgrange, (New Ross District), for loan of £180 be approved."

Taking this application into account the amount of unapplied balances were £1157.

Mr. Corish proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following resolution:- "That £600 of the unapplied balances for second loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be allocated to Gorey District, and that ~~the~~ £557 be applied to Enniscorthy District." Passed.

The following resolution was also adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That applicants from Gorey and Enniscorthy districts to cover outstanding balances of loan be selected by the Finance Committee at their meeting on 21st June, 1935."

### COURTOWN HARBOUR DREDGING

Under date 4th June, 1935, the following was read from Mr. Kieran McNeill, Chairman, Courtown Harbour Committee:-

"Will you please kindly read the enclosed at next meeting of your County Council. Proposed by Mr. Butler and seconded by Captain Kearon:- "That as we are now into the month of June and there is still no effort being made to complete the dredging of the inside harbour, we are forced to the conclusion that there must be some influences at work to prevent the development of Courtown as a shipping centre. We fail to see how the County Surveyor can justify the continual blunders which have marked this work from the start - in fact the dredging of Courtown has become a joke through the County. In view of this fact and as ratepayers and Members of a Public Body, we consider that full enquiry be held into the handling of this work by the County Surveyor. As the development of Courtown Harbour would not only benefit Courtown but a great portion of the North of Co. Wexford we trust you will give this matter the importance it deserves. In the event of no inquiry being held we intend to give the County Surveyor an opportunity of justifying his actions through the public press."

The Co. Surveyor stated it certainly was not his fault that any delay had occurred relative to the dredger visiting



Courtown Harbour. He had pressed the Board of Works time and time again to send their boat there. Practically before every meeting of the Council he had written to the Board for a definite reply pointing out that the matter would be probably raised by the Council at their meeting, and he wished to be in a position to afford them some definite information. All he received at any time was an acknowledgment of his letter and that the matter was receiving attention. He had done everything possible to secure the dredger for Courtown Harbour as they now had a channel which would allow of her working there.

Mr. Keegan said those who were acquainted with the facts recognised that neither the Co.Council nor the Co.Surveyor were in any way to blame but it was most unbusinesslike on the part of the Department not to take steps to send the dredger before this as the £400 of the ratepayers' money which had been spent was of practically no use as the corresponding amount from the Department had not been made available. The influences referred to in the letter were not directed to the Co.Surveyor or anyone in the County but referred to an adjoining County where it was believed influences were at work to keep the dredger away from Courtown Harbour. He believed the whole blame for the delay was not on the Co.Council or the Co.Surveyor but on the Department concerned and on the Minister.

The Chairman stated that the Council fully recognised that no effort had been spared on the part of the Co.Surveyor to have the dredger finish the work at Courtown Harbour basin, and he certainly was not responsible for the delay.

After further discussion the following resolution was proposed by Mr.Colfer, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That the Chairman and Mr.Corish again interview officials of the Office of Public Works to arrange for their dredger to finish the work at Courtown Harbour inner basin without further delay."

The Secretary called attention to a resolution which had been adopted on the 25th April, 1932, appointing Courtown Harbour



Committee for three years or until their Successors had been appointed.

It was decided that the question of reappointment of this Committee be considered at meeting of County Council on 1st July, 1935.

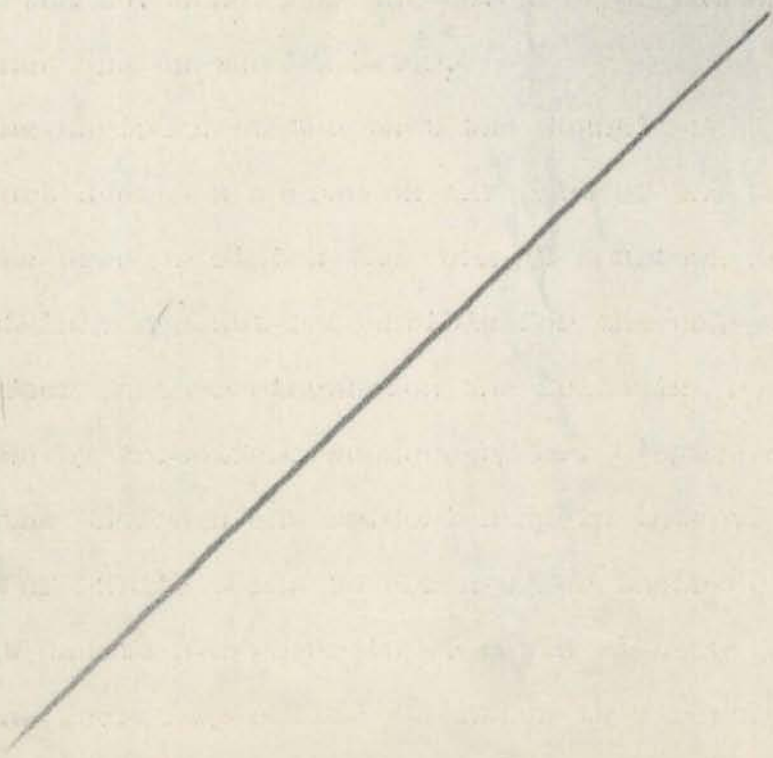
#### FOOD & DRUGS ACTS EQUIPMENT

Under date 3rd June, 1935, the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, forwarded with letter (No. 1224/35) requisition for Food and Drugs Equipment for eight ex-officio Inspectors.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly, the following resolution was adopted:- "That requisition for equipment under Food and Drugs Acts, submitted by Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, to this meeting, be agreed to, and that necessary equipment for Inspectors be supplied, small articles to be purchased locally."

#### OVERDRAFT

Under date 3rd June, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.90708/35 Loch Garman (Fa) sanctioning continuance of overdraft accommodation at £40,000 to the 31st July, 1935, Interest thereon at the agreed rate to be paid.





The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Lawler:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 7th June, 1935, be received and considered."

COURTOWN HARBOUR:- The Chairman proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:- "That the Courtown Harbour Committee be informed the County Council are perfectly satisfied with the action of the County Surveyor in endeavouring to secure the dredger of the Office of Public Works for Courtown Harbour and take exception to the observations in the resolution of the Committee as regards this official. Controversy in the Press by the Committee will not help in any way to secure the object they have in view. The Council protest against the tone of the communication from the Courtown Harbour Committee and realise that both on the part of the Co. Surveyor and the Co. Council no opportunity has ever been lost to obtain the services of the dredger."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 7th June, 1935, be and are hereby approved."

#### ANNUAL MEETING AND STRIKING OF RATE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Cummins:- "That the annual meeting of Wexford County Council be held on Monday 1st July, 1935."

In connection with this matter letter under date 5th June, 1935, (G.91436/35 Loch Garman (Fa) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health conveying the consent of the Minister to the making of the Rate for financial year 1935/36 on 1st July, 1935.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Cummins:- "That Rates for financial year 1935/36 be struck at annual meeting of Co. Council to be held on 1st July, 1935."



COUNTY COUNCIL UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

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

"That the resolution of the County Council of 13th May, 1935, refusing to allow Patrick Kevin McDonald, Kilmuckridge, to compete for award of University Scholarship owing to parents' means be rescinded and that he be regarded as eligible to compete for such Scholarship."

In moving his motion Mr. Keegan said that when he voted against the boy's eligibility before he was under the impression that a scholarship awarded to his sister had been availed of, but he now understood the girl had gone to a training College for Teachers, so that, if the Council agreed to the motion they would be granting a substitution Scholarship only.

Mr. Kelly seconded.

Mr. McDonald, father of the applicant, wrote under date 20th May, 1935, expressing astonishment at the Council declaring his boy ineligible to compete for Scholarship on the score of means as this matter was discussed and decided by the Council on a previous occasion, when it was decided that the boy's sister was eligible to compete. Since then his means had decreased as he had suffered by "Economy Cut" and by decrease owing to fall of "Average". He had seven children none of whom were earning, four being at School. The applicant whose eligibility was not questioned was sent to Blackrock College for the express purpose of competing for this University Scholarship. Now at the very end of his school career was it not a hardship to be told he could not compete?

In a second letter under date 27th May, 1935, Mr. McDonald stated that his salary was £352 and his wife's - she being also a Teacher - £270, total £622.

Col. Quin opposed the motion. These Scholarships were for



the children of poor parents and no one could describe Mr. McDonald, Senior, as a poor man.

Mr. Doyle also opposed. Large numbers of people in the County whose means were considerably below those of Mr. McDonald had to finance the education of their children without help from the ratepayers. It would be a travesty of the University Act to agree to a scholarship in a case where the parents had an assured annual income of £622.

Mr. Corish said that the education of his children must have been a source of great expense to Mr. McDonald.

Mr. Smyth also opposed the motion. If they allowed the children of people with good incomes to compete against really poor children there would be no hope that the latter would ever secure scholarships. In this case the boy would have had the advantage of a special preparation for the Exam. with the result that a poor man's son would be at a disadvantage when they were in competition.

Miss O'Ryan also opposed. She said she understood that a daughter of Mr. MacDonald was also a qualified teacher and would be adding to the income of the family.

Mr. T. Redmond said it was never contemplated that a member of a family who had £12 per week going in would be regarded as eligible to compete for a Scholarship.

A poll was taken on the motion with the following result:-  
FOR: Messrs. Colfer, Connors, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor and Ronan. (9).

AGAINST:- Messrs. Day, Doyle, Kinsella, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, M. Redmond, T. Redmond, Smyth, Sweetman and the Chairman. (11)

Messrs. Cullimore and Gibbon (2) were not present when Poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

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



"That the resolution of Wexford County Council refusing to extend the period of University Scholarship of Patrick Doyle, Duncannon, be rescinded, and said Scholarship be extended up to necessary Degree period."

Mr. Cummins, in moving his motion, said that the boy was the son of very poor parents and had been successful at all his examinations. A year's extension was necessary. If the Council did not agree they would jeopardise the chance of this student being able to secure a position.

Mr. Colfer seconded.

Miss O'Ryan agreed with Mr. Cummins. The boy should have his chance of securing his Degree. They should regard the case as exceptional in view of the position of his parents. His father was a labourer.

Mr. Doyle said that an argument had been put up that the boy's whole time would be lost if he did not get the extension. He did not agree with that. A boy's three years in a University would not be lost. He thought the boy was very well fitted to carry on in the world after three years' University education.

Chairman - I would scarcely agree with Mr. Doyle. If a boy has received education in engineering and has not qualified, he could not become even an assistant surveyor.

Miss O'Ryan - He will get no occupation whatever unless he qualifies.

A poll on Mr. Cummins' motion resulted as follows:-

FOR: Messrs. Colfer, Connors, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Day, Doyle, Keegan, Kelly, Kinsella, Lawler, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Mr. Redmond, T. Redmond, Ronan, Smyth and the Chairman. (19)

AGAINST:- Col. Quin (1). Did not Vote - Mr. Sweetman (1).  
Col. Gibbon (1) was not present for poll.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.



NEW VOCATIONAL SCHOOL FOR ENNISCORTHY

The following motion which had been circulated to Councillors on 15th March, 1935, and consideration of which had been adjourned from last meeting of the Council was moved by Mr. Lawler and seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the Council agree to raise by way of loan a sum of £7,000 (Seven Thousand Pounds) for the purpose of making a Grant to the Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee for the erection of, purchase of, <sup>site</sup> and equipment, and payment of Architect's and Engineer's fees in respect of new Vocational School in Enniscorthy, said loan to be obtained from the Local Loans Fund, period of repayment being 35 years, on annuity basis, and with Interest at  $4\frac{3}{4}$  per cent."

On the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by the Chairman it was decided that Rev. J. Codd, Adm., Enniscorthy, and Mr. Seumas Doyle, Members of Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee, who attended as a deputation from the latter, be heard by the Co. Council, and that the Council resolve itself into Committee during Fr. Codd's statement."

Fr. Codd said that the memorandum issued by the County Vocational Education Committee as regards the six sites which had been examined by the sub-Committee appointed in the matter, and copy of which had been furnished each Co. Councillor, gave in detail the accommodation, price, etc., of all these sites. The Enniscorthy sub-Committee considered the site at O'Flaherty's Park, Lymington Road, as easily the best. When Mr. O'Flaherty was asked the price at which he would be prepared to dispose of the plot, he did not know the figure but said he would have the plot valued. The Valuer fixed the price at £650 - on the basis of the prices for similar sites in Enniscorthy at the present time. Having pointed out to Mr. O'Flaherty that the Committee considered this a very high figure for a site for a school which would be of great benefit to the local people



and district, he agreed to take £500 as a minimum. The Committee had to consider several matters in connection with the selection of a site for a technical school for the town. They had to consider they were about to erect a building which would cost thousands of Pounds and which would be used not for 30 or 40 years but to satisfy the needs of future generations. Therefore the position of the site as regards centrality was a most important factor. The site which had been recommended did not merely represent one acre and three roods of ground, but it was railed in at a cost fixed by Mr. Williamson, a local builder, of £130, for a frontage of nearly 400 feet, and it was planted. The action of the County Council in considering the site too dear raised a new situation and Mr. O'Flaherty was again approached in the matter the Committee pressing him to meet the view of the Co. Council regarding the proposal as for a social civic service and not looking at the site from the point of market value.

Mr. O'Flaherty taking this view agreed to fix the price at £400. The Inspectors of the Department of Education had frequently called attention to the inadequacy of the accommodation of the present building. Two of them had waited on him and said that although they had inspected several places they had seen only one site. He (Fr. Codd) believed that Mr. O'Flaherty would not have much trouble in securing £500 for the site on the market but had agreed to accept the £400 as the new Technical School would be a great asset to the District.

Mr. Seumas Doyle endorsed the statement of Fr. Codd and said that the fever hospital site would be most unpopular from several points of view.

Mr. Doyle (Co. Councillor) considered that in view of the condition of the country the matter of erecting a new Technical School should be deferred and moved the following as an amendment:- "That the Co. Council delay consideration of the granting of £7000 for Technical School at Enniscorthy for six months."



Mr. O'Byrne did not think there was any question as to the necessity for the school but in view of all the loans recently raised by the Co. Council was the present an opportune time to incur further liability?

Mr. Doyle concurred with Mr. O'Byrne's suggestion. He was not opposed to the School. He was a member of the County Vocational Education Committee, but was unable to attend the meetings as well as he desired. Although he supported the erection of the school their commitments were tremendously large. If it were only a matter of £3,500 they would support it willingly but they had in the offing loans for Wexford Harbour, which would approximate £100,000 for hospitals in Gorey, New Ross and Wexford, and for the Mental Hospital, the total of which would run to £170,000 or £180,000. It was the duty of Department Inspectors to recommend the erection of a school, but he did not mind such recommendations. If they were to listen to recommendations of inspectors for the past 25 years he did not know what the rates would amount to. The rates were thousands in arrears, and he suggested that the matter be delayed until they would be in a better position to meet their liabilities.

Mr. Lawler pointed out that the number of pupils in the existing school was increased from 170 in 1931/32 to 270.

Miss O'Ryan said the Vocational Education Committee could raise the money, but they would have to pay the whole amount whereas by asking the Co. Council to raise it the ratepayers would be responsible for only half the amount. As regards other loans to which Mr. Doyle referred, those stood on their own feet. They were living in an age of progress.

Mr. Lawler - The other loans should not be brought into this.

Miss O'Ryan - If we are to keep up the social services and expect a higher standard we have to pay for them.



Col.Quin stated that Mr.Doyle's estimate of the total amount of loans was under the figure. With the demolition of houses and cottage schemes, the amount would be nearer to a quarter of a million. He did not know where the money was to come from. They were rapidly going to destruction and bankruptcy.

Mr. Corish said that they had heard for years the cry that education was starved. Wexford County had a lower indebtedness on foot of loans than any other County in Ireland. Apart from Inspectors' reports the environment of the present school was undesirable. There was a shortage of skilled men in Ireland to-day proving that they would have to take every advantage to further vocational education and should not, therefore, lose the present opportunity.

Mr. T. Redmond spoke in favour of the motion.

Fr.Codd said that a very large percentage of the pupils in the existing school resided in the rural area.

Mr. Sweetman supported the motion.

The Chairman opposed the amendment. The Council adjourned the motion to satisfy themselves on the matter of a site. They had obtained that day information which satisfied them. They were also agreed that the necessity for the school existed. Technical education was a policy of the Government and its predecessors. The people had been agitating for hundreds of years to get better educational facilities for their children. He did not agree with those who said there was no scope for the future. There was great hope and never was there a better outlook for the country than at the present time.

Mr. Cummins said it was ridiculous to be drawing the red herring of the ratepayers across the motion. There was not a single ratepayer who would begrudge the money for the school.

A poll was then taken with the following result:-



FOR:- Messrs. Connors, Day, Doyle, O'Byrne, Quin and Smyth. (6)

AGAINST:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Cullimore, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawler, O'Ryan, M. Redmond, T. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman. (13).

Messrs. Culleton, Gibbon and Kinsella, (3) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution was then put and carried by 14 to 5. The voting was the exact reverse as for amendment but Mr. O'Byrne voted in favour of the resolution.

Fr. Codd thanked the members for their kindly reception of the deputation. He hoped the statements made by them helped to clarify the position which was their purpose in attending.

#### MENTAL HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The following resolution from the Mental Hospital Committee adjourned from the meeting of May, 13th, was read:-  
"That subject to sanction by Department of Local Government and Public Health, the Co. Council be asked to approve of this Committee carrying out the following improvements under the Hospitals' Trust Sweepstakes Grant Scheme for the improvement and equipment of Mental Hospitals: Installation of refrigerator; installation of steam generating and central heating plant; installation of laundry machinery; building hospital for treatment of newly-admitted patients; building nurses' home; building chapel; provision of bathing accommodation, at an estimated cost of £61,450."

The following is a summary of estimate of cost furnished by Mental Hospital Committee as to the above improvements:-  
Engineering - Installation of refrigerator, £600; installation of steam generating and central heating plant, £15,000; installation of laundry machinery, £3,600; contingencies, £1000; total, £20,200. Architectural - Building an admission hospital, £19,000; building a nurses' home £10,000; building



a chapel, £7,000; providing bathing accommodation, £5,250; total £41,250; Gross total, £61,450.

The refrigerator is needed to deal properly with the food supplies. Installation of steam generator, central heating and laundry plants is the replacement of worn out machinery. Building of chapel is because (a) the premises occupied by the existing chapel are required for patients' use; (b) the existing chapel is too small, and is incapable of extension. Building of admission unit, nurses' home and provision of bathing accommodation are proposals which <sup>have</sup> their origin in mental science to modernise the hospital and as such form part of general scheme on which Grants out of the Sweepstakes' Funds will be made.

The Mental Hospital Committee, on the grounds that the heating, laundry and refrigerator installations are services requiring immediate attention should be proceeded with without delay, while the others, though desirable, are not of like immediate urgency, have asked the Department to permit the Committee to carry out services requiring immediate attention and agree to a postponement of the others to a perhaps more opportune time, but to this the Department would not agree.

The following explanatory Memo. from the Mental Hospital Committee was circulated to Co.Councillors with Agenda paper for meeting of Co.Council on 7th June, 1935:-



## WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

### PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS—CO. MENTAL HOSPITAL.

At the meeting of Wexford County Council on 13th May, 1935, the following resolution from Co. Mental Hospital Committee was under consideration:

"That, subject to sanction by Department of Local Government and Public Health, the Co. Council be asked to approve of this Committee carrying out the following improvements under the Hospitals' Trust Sweepstakes Grant Scheme for the improvement and equipment of Mental Hospitals:

- 1.—Installation of Refrigerator.
- 2.—Installation of Steam Generating and Central Heating Plant.
- 3.—Installation of Laundry Machinery.
- 4.—Building Hospital for treatment of newly-admitted patients.
- 5.—Building Nurses' Home.
- 6.—Building Chapel.
- 7.—Provision of Bathing accommodation.

Estimated Cost: £61,450."

The following is a summary of estimate of cost furnished by Mental Hospital Committee as to the above improvements:

#### ENGINEERING:

	Estimated Cost.
Installation of Refrigerator .....	£600
Installation of Steam Generating and Central Heating Plant .....	£15,000
Installation of Laundry Machinery .....	£3,600
Contingencies .....	£1,000
Total for Engineering Works .....	£20,200

#### ARCHITECTURAL:

Building an Admission Hospital .....	£19,000
Building a Nurses' Home .....	£10,000
Building a Chapel .....	£7,000
Providing Bathing Accommodation .....	£5,250
Total for Architectural Works .....	£41,250
Gross Total .....	£61,450

Notes as to necessity for carrying out of improvements:

The Refrigerator is needed to deal properly with the food supplies.

Installation of Steam Generator, Central Heating and Laundry Plants is the replacement of worn out machinery.

Building of Chapel is because (a) the premises occupied by the existing Chapel are required for patients' use; (b) the existing Chapel is too small and is incapable of extension.

Building of Admission Unit, Nurses' Home and provision of Bathing Accommodation are proposals which have their origin in mental science to modernise the Hospital and as such form part of general scheme on which grants out of the Sweepstakes' Funds will be made.

#### GENERAL REMARKS.

The Mental Hospital Committee, on the grounds that the heating, laundry

and refrigerator installations are services requiring immediate attention should be proceeded with without delay, while the others, though desirable, are not of like immediate urgency, have asked the Department to permit the Committee to carry out services requiring immediate attention, and agree to a postponement of the others to a perhaps more opportune time, but to this the Department would not agree.

The following is the detailed report submitted by the Mental Hospital Committee as to the Improvements:

#### ENNISCORTHY MENTAL HOSPITAL

Detailed report on Improvements to be carried out under the Hospitals' Sweepstakes Scheme as read and approved of by Mental Hospital Committee at meeting on the 9th April, 1935.

Periods which involve heavy capital outlay on modern equipment necessarily recur in the life of this Mental Hospital, because, not only must costly machinery and equipment, which is worn out after years of constant and heavy usage, be replaced, but as well new and improved services, which are made effective through research and invention, become indispensable to the proper employment of the Institution, and must sooner or later be installed. The history of this hospital in regard to this question of periodic re-equipment is that it was built and equipped in a thoroughly modern manner, for the period, less than 70 years ago, and in less than 30 years from its opening as a Mental Hospital the original cooking, heating, washing and sanitary arrangements were in such a defective and worn-out condition that an entirely new set of these services had to be installed along with other necessary equipment. As a consequence during the years 1896 to 1904 over £40,000 were borrowed and spent on re-equipment works. Incidentally in this connection it may be remarked that it is a matter of Mental Hospital history, that during the years immediately preceding the Great War, Enniscorthy was among the three best equipped Mental Hospitals in Ireland. However, that is a position which could only be maintained by spending considerably more each year than would be required to meet ordinary capital and maintenance charges; and in view of the charge on the county rate to repay the loans of the '96 to '04 period together with the increase of maintenance cost because of conditions arising from the war, Committees of Management during the past twenty years have refrained from asking the Co. Council to provide for more than ordinary maintenance and capital outlay. So that the condition of the institution at present is relatively similar, in regard to equipment, to that of 40 years ago. In this connection, however, the fact that a portion of the Hospitals' Sweepstakes Funds is being set aside for the improvement and equipment of Mental Hospitals should make the question of re-equipment easier on the ratepayer than was the case in years gone by.

This fund was inaugurated about 3 years ago and since then the various Mental Hospital Committees have been at work preparing improvement schemes so as to establish their respective county and district claims on the fund.

As regards the administration of this money it is necessary to point out that



it is under Governmental control not only in regard to the proportion which grants from the fund will bear to money supplied by Committees of Management, but also in regard to the improvement on which grants are to be expended. This, in effect, means that grants will only be given for the carrying out of improvements which are approved of by the Department and that the present policy of the Government as regards financing is that works carried out, must be financed in equal parts by grant and money raised by borrowing and repaying same on the instalment system through the county rates.

Under the machinery set up for the purpose of enabling Committees of Management to submit schemes for Departmental approval, this Committee has secured approval of the carrying out of the following list of improvements: Installation of steam generating and central heating plant; provision of up-to-date laundry machinery; installation of refrigerator; building an admission block for patients requiring special treatment on admission; building a nurses' home; provision of adequate bathing accommodation; and building a Chapel. The gross estimated cost of these improvements is £61,450.

As regards the necessity for undertaking the carrying out of this list of improvements, the most urgent and incidentally the cheapest is the refrigerator as this is a much overdue necessary modern appliance to deal properly with the food supplies of the institution. The need for building a Chapel, while not a matter of great urgency, is due to the fact that the premises occupied by the existing Chapel is badly needed for extra accommodation at the female side. As well, the present Chapel is too small for its purpose and is incapable of extension. The proposed new steam and laundry installation is simply because of wear and tear effects of close on forty years' constant and heavy usage. The actual condition of these services at the moment is that the laundry machinery is in a worn-out condition and is only kept in use by constant repairing and renewing of broken and worn-out parts. The condition of the steam boilers is that two of them cracked and were patched some ten or twelve years ago and are working since then 25 per cent. under the normal original working pressure and are at any moment in danger of giving way under this reduced pressure which would necessitate a further reduced working power and thereby render them incapable of working the institution. From the present obsolete central heating system has not been in use for the past fifteen years. As a service it was never satisfactory on account of the heavy coal consumption required to work it, thus making it too costly for general use. As the price of coal was only about half the present-day price when this machinery was installed, it is not unlikely that a rise in price of this fuel was fully appreciated by those responsible. As well, central heating 40 years ago belonged to the luxurious and experimental, rather than general and established order of things.

The building of an admission unit, a nurses' home and the provision of adequate bathing accommodation are improvements called into being by medical research on the treatment of insanity as a disease. It is a matter of history that institutions such as this were ori-

ginally built to relieve congestion in jails and other forms of detention, and thus provide a less costly place of safe-keeping for those suffering from mental derangement. In those days insanity was among the incurable diseases and the afflicted were, as a consequence, relegated to lives of isolation and detention apart from their fellow beings. This, to say the least of it, harsh method of treating the afflicted has given way through the influence of medical science to a humane way of dealing with the sufferers. To-day insanity, under modern methods of treatment, is a very curable disease. Hence it is that, a detached hospital for the treatment of insipient cases without bringing the sufferer into contact with the patients and life of the main institution and a nurses' home, with suitable sleeping and recreation quarters, in order to attract the most suitable type of candidate for nursing, are features of the Hospitals' Sweepstakes scheme for the improvement and modern equipment of Mental Hospitals.

The foregoing, apart from the duty or obligation of the Committee to claim a share of funds from an outside source for equipment of the institution, are the main reasons for undertaking this extensive improvements' programme. And as may be observed, while all the proposals are necessary to the equipment of the hospital on modern lines, it is at the same time evident that while some are services requiring immediate attention, others could easily be postponed for a time. As the carrying out of works which entail increased public expenditure is never popular and at present owing to a variety of causes abnormally so, it is right to point out in regards to the proposed improvements that the Committee as public representatives, have been placed in the position of claimants to this county's share of money which is being set aside from an outside source for the improvement of institutions such as this. In this connection, it is necessary to repeat that although the fund is available, its distribution is under the control of experts appointed by the Government and only works approved of by them can be carried out, so that the Committee have not been at liberty to do as they would wish. In explanation of this, it is pointed out that, as the heating, laundry and refrigerator installations are services requiring immediate attention, while the other improvements are not of like immediate urgency, the Committee asked the Department to agree to a postponement of building an admission unit, nurses' home, and provision of bathing accommodation, but to this the Department would not agree on the grounds that the provision of an admission unit is of the utmost importance, and the building of a nurses' home desirable, and should be proceeded with.

The Co. Council adjourned consideration of the Scheme to next meeting, and directed that the above particulars be furnished each Co. Councillor.

In the course of the discussion at last meeting, it was pointed out that the contribution from the Hospitals' Trust would not exceed 50 per cent., and that the Co. Council would be responsible for the other moiety.

N. J. FRIZELLE,

Secretary, Co. Council,  
Co. Council Offices, Wexford,  
15th May, 1935.

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Fr.Codd, Adm., Enniscorthy, Chairman of the Mental Hospital Committee, said that the Committee had agreed to have certain items postponed, but the Department would not agree. The latter stated that as the expenditure on items proposed to be postponed was so small it was better go on with the whole scheme. The laundry, heating and refrigerator were badly needed.

Mr. Doyle said that if the Government insisted on the entire scheme they would be only beating the air by proposing to postpone portion of it. They should pass it on its entirety or reject it in full.

Mr. Kelly said that the Government never insisted on the whole scheme being put through - but items which the Committee were anxious to go on were not approved.

The Chairman said the Department had no power to compel the Co.Council to go on with the Scheme.

Mr. Sweetman said that the Scheme had been drawn up before the present Council came into power. It should be gone into again, particularly as regards the electric supply from Kilcarbery.

Col. Quin considered the whole scheme had been over-estimated. He could not see where the full money estimated for the heating scheme could be required.

The Chairman proposed that the portion of the amount set aside under the head of "Engineering" viz. £20,200 should be approved.

Mr. Kelly seconded.

Mr. Cummins proposed that the Council approve of the full estimate, viz. £61,450.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr.P.Ronan seconded the following resolution:- "That consideration of resolution of Mental Hospital Committee in respect of proposed improvements be further adjourned to next meeting of the Co.Council, the Mental Hospital Committee, in the meantime, to consider the



"the point raised by Mr.Sweetman as to Electric power for the Institution and also to submit to the Co.Council a Scheme, independent of any suggestions of the Department of the improvements which the committee themselves are of opinion should be carried out.

The Chairman withdrew his motion in favour of Mr.O'Byrne's proposal and the latter was adopted nem.con.

#### CARRIG-ON-BANNOU WATER SUPPLY

Sealed Order P.H.21602/1935 fixing area of charge for Water Supply and maintaining same at Carrig-on-Bannow on the Bannow Dispensary District was received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

#### ILLNESS OF MR.R.MALONE, V.S.

Under date 23rd May,1935,the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.82791/1935 Loch Garman) that the Co.Council had no statutory authority enabling them to make ex-gratia grant of £100 to Mr.R.Malone, M.R.C.V.S.,in the event of his retirement from the position of Veterinary Inspector under the Council.

Under date 25th May,1935, (No.G.1271/35) the Department wrote asking when it was expected that Mr.Malone would be fit to resume duty. If it appeared to be unlikely that he could resume for an indefinite period, the Minister would have to consider the question as to whether he could continue to accord his approval of the employment of a substitute in Mr.Malone's place.

The Secretary read letters from Miss Malone under date 1st June,1935, and 5th June,1935, stating that Dr.Walker,who was attending her father, would see him in the course of the week and she would then endeavour to furnish a reply to the letter of the Department.

The Chairman proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-



"That the Department of Agriculture be requested to sanction the appointment of Mr. Staples, V.S., as substitute for Mr. R. Malone, V.S., until the points raised in the letter of the Department ~~to the Department~~ (25th May, 1935 - G.1271-35) have been dealt with."

#### APPROVAL UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 28th May, 1935, the Registrar, University College, Dublin, wrote that the Academic Council had approved of the University Scholarship Scheme of Wexford Co. Council for year 1936/37.

#### HACKNEY MOTOR TAXATION

Under date 13th May, 1935, the Organising General Secretary of National Motor Hackney Trade Association, wrote requesting the Council to pass a resolution calling on the Minister or Ministers concerned "to reduce the heavy burden of taxation which is crushing the motor hackney traders of the Country".

In an enclosed memorandum it was submitted that the Minister should carefully consider the following recommendations:-

1. A flat rate of £10 per annum.
2. Quarterly payments of tax to be pro rata, viz. £2:10s per quarter.

It was estimated in the memorandum that this concession would cost £25,000, assuming that no additional hackney cars would be placed on the road as a result.

Col. Quin did not think they should change anything.

Mr. Corish thought some of the hackney people were suffering very great disabilities. Of course, the main grievance was that as they were only able to take out their licences quarterly they had to pay a higher rate.

The Secretary said that if they applied the recommendation to hackney motors they would have to apply it



to private motors as well. Any man who took out a quarterly licence had to pay higher.

Mr. Corish - There could be special legislation for hackney people.

Mr. Doyle said he thought the increased rate for quarterly licences was a terrible injustice not alone on hackney people but on everybody. Of course, a well-off man could afford to pay tax for a full year, but others would on some cars have to pay, probably, £18 as compared with £15. He thought they should have a resolution of protest against it

Mr. Corish proposed that the Council request that legislation be introduced under which the amounts of all quarterly motor taxes would be one-fourth the amount of the yearly tax.

Mr. Kelly seconded.

Miss O'Ryan said she thought some small addition to the quarterly licences would be necessary to cover the cost of issuing them.

Col. Quin suggested that the issuing of quarterly licences meant a great deal more work.

The proposition was passed, Col. Quin dissenting.

#### GOREY COURTHOUSE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That Gorey Town Commissioners be afforded the use of Gorey Courthouse for Enquiry into Housing Scheme promoted by them and which is to be held by Inspector of Department of Local Government and Public Health."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That Gorey students' Union (Technical School, Gorey) be afforded the use of Gorey Courthouse for Wednesday evening 26th June, 1935, for the purpose of holding a short Scoraideacht in connection with the termination of Academic year, Committee of Students'



"Union to be responsible for the building while in their custody and agree to give up the premises in a clean and satisfactory condition."

#### PROPOSED MOTOR PARKING PLACE

A Memorial was received from a number of residents at Ballymoney, Gorey, Seaside resort, asking that the derelict plot of ground situate near the foreshore at Ballymoney, and containing approximately 2 Roods, statute measure, should be converted into a motor car parking place for the convenience of visitors during the summer months.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the Council had no title to the plot in question.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan, to schedule the application under Minor Relief Scheme.

#### WALL AT HOPELANDS, ROSSLARE

Under date 23rd May, 1935, the Co. Surveyor reported that he had made a further inspection in connection with the proposed wall at Hopelands, Rosslare. At the meeting of the Council on 11th May, 1931, he reported that the wall required would be 913 lineal yards long, at an estimated cost of £960. He saw no reason to modify this estimate.

Adjourned to next meeting.

#### PROPOSED BRIDGE OVER CLODY RIVER.

Under date 15th May, 1935, the Secretary, Carlow Co. Council wrote that his Council would be prepared to include the above bridge in its Provisional Road Works Scheme for year ended 31st March, 1937, if Wexford Co. Council would do likewise.

The Co. Surveyor considered that Carlow Co. Council were really the party most interested in this particular bridge.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the matter be referred to Co. Surveyor for report.



### CARNE PIER

A Memorial signed by a number of ratepayers in connection with improvements to the above was received. The Memorial asked that the Pier should be raised to the first level, extended by 25 yards and storm wall also raised. At present boats could not get in or out except at high water, and had to be pulled up on Slip during period, October to April, and the outer portion of the Pier was under water with ordinary tides. The proposed improvements would obviate these difficulties.

The Co. Surveyor considered that the extension of the Pier by about 20 feet, which was the length suggested under the Scheme at present under consideration, would be quite sufficient. He had made arrangements to take some borings on three or four occasions but had been unable to do so up to the present. However, he would have this work carried out as soon as possible, and would furnish the particulars to the Office of Public Works.

### BALLYCARNEY FIANNA FAIL CUMANN

Extract from Minutes of County Council Meeting of 13th May, 1935, as to employment of a man named Jordan and reply from Mr. Ennis thereto, appearing on Minutes, was read.

Mr. Ennis said he understood these people were an anonymous body.

No order.

### TAGOAT AND KILRANE

#### COTTAGE TENANTS' ASSOCIATION AND LABOUR PARTY

At the meeting of the Co. Council on 13th May, 1935, complaint was read from the Secretary of above body that the County Council did not employ men from either Tagoat or Kilrane for work on the roads, while the same thing partly applied to work in the local quarry. Members were unanimous in agreeing that unemployed in the vicinity where



work was being carried out should have first preference.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the District, stated that ~~there~~ the men employed in the area were old employees of the Co. Council. During busy spells they took on three or four additional men. All the men with the exception of one were married and had dependants. The single man referred to was one of two brothers, who depended mainly for their existence on the work given on the roads. The local quarry was very tough and only skilled men were suitable. With the limited funds at their disposal they could not take on extra hands for road work, and all things considered it was only possible to carry on with the ordinary staff.

This explanation was regarded as satisfactory.

OLD ROAD, COURTOWN TO GOREY.

The Co. Surveyor submitted letter under date 8th May, 1935, from G. Langley Taylor, Agent Courtown Estate, asking that as this portion of the estate was about to be developed the Co. Council should deal with the old road and make it up to modern standards. Two plots had already been disposed of on building leases and a third was likely to follow shortly.

The Co. Surveyor said that as far as he could make out <sup>road</sup> this/ was never formally closed. With the development proposed now in Courtown Demesne, he thought it was a very proper request that the road should be taken up and maintained by the Co. Council again. They would have to bring it forward next November.

Mr. Keegan - Why should we take it up? I remember a time that if you carried a gun along the road it was private. It was always kept as a private road. I know it since the year 1891, and it was kept by the Courtown family during that period.

Co. Surveyor - There is no question about it, the County road as at present running from the end of the concrete to the square is a new road, and before that the other was the only public road in the locality.



Chairman - The matter can come up again.

ROAD FROM GOREY TO KILTENNELL

The Co.Surveyor submitted letter from Mr.G.Langley Taylor, Agent, Courtown Estate, asking that above road, both ends of which were in the possession of the Council, should be taken over by them in its entirety. The portion held as a private road by the Courtown Estate would be dedicated to the public if the Co.Council would take it over. The traffic on the road was nearly all other traffic than that going to Courtown House.

Mr. Keegan stated that this road had been always kept as a private road by the Courtown family, and he was opposed to any change being made in the matter.

It was decided that consideration be adjourned for the present.

LINGSTOWN ROAD

The Secretary, Tomhaggard Branch, Irish Labour Party, asked that much needed repairs to Lingstown Road should be carried out. Its present condition was the cause of great inconvenience to a number of families who reside in the district. In stormy weather it was impossible for men to get to their work or to Mass or children to school.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.Keegan seconded by Mr.Colfer:- "That the Councillors for Wexford County Electoral area be appointed a Sub-Committee to inspect and report on Lingstown Road. That they also inspect and report as to road from the Village of Tagoat to the Strand at Carne (through Lady's Island), Mr.Culleton to arrange date and hour of meeting with Co.Surveyor, and to inform the local people concerned as to the visit of the Sub-Committee."



### HAND BREAKING IN QUARRIES

Report under date 24th May, 1935, as to hand breaking in Tara Hill, Belcarrig and Cummer Quarries, from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, was read.

No order.

### FEIS CHARMAN 1935.

Invitation to the Members of the Council to be present at the official opening of Feis Charman, New Ross, on Whit Sunday at 2 p.m. was received from the Hon. Secretaries.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Colfer a resolution was adopted that all members of the Council who could possibly do so, attend.

### APPLICATION - ERECTION OF KIOSK AT COURTOWN

Application was received from Mr. Patrick Doyle, 75/76 Main Street, Gorey, for permission to erect at the Square, Courtown Harbour, a kiosk for the purpose of selling tobacco, cigarettes, papers etc.

The Co. Surveyor said he could not recommend the Council to accede to the request and it was accordingly refused.

### MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES

The Co. Surveyor stated he had received a list of districts in which the Office of Public Works thought Relief Schemes should be carried out, as it was believed it was in these districts the incidence of unemployment was highest. So far as he could ascertain they would get a very small amount of relief money and he might point out that so many works had been put on the list that even if they spent ten times as much as they were granted they would not be able to deal with half the applications agreed to.

Applications in connection with the repair of the following lanes were scheduled for consideration under Minor Relief Scheme when money was available:-  
Lane off Ballywilliam Road; Flynn's Lane (Caim)  
Road, Gurteen - Ballyfad (Inch).



### MINOR DRAINAGE WORKS

Mr.Colfer proposed that Office of Public Works be requested to provide relief Grants for drainage of "Marshes" at Ballylannon (Wellingtonbridge), and Marshmeadows,(New Ross), which were going out of cultivation because the drains had not been attended to, and the present owners were unable to deal with them.

Mr.T.Redmond seconded the resolution which was passed.

The Co.Surveyor said as regards reclamation work such as that referred to by Mr.Colfer, and which had gone into disrepair by the neglect of the owners, it was very doubtful if the Office of Public Works would provide a Grant. It was a totally different proposition to the cleaning of rivers which were flooding land, and in respect of which grants had been made available.

### DANGEROUS CORNER AT CLONROCHE.

The Cloughbawn Fianna Fail Cumann wrote asking for easement of a dangerous corner in the Village and repair of road surface at Leech's "Bend", about a mile from the Village.

Report was submitted from Mr.T.Cullen,Assistant Surveyor for the District, that a special proposal had been adopted to improve this corner and work would be put in hands as soon as funds were available.

The road at Leech's Turn would be dressed with tar-bitumen mixture in a short time which would remove to a great extent the risk of horses slipping.

### FOOTPATH AT BLACKSTOOPS,ENNISCORTHY.

In reply to Mr.Ronan, Mr.Ennis,assistant Surveyor for the District, said the work at the footpath at Blackstoops, Enniscorthy, cost £52 this year and £53 last year. It was too big a job to carry out in any one year.



LICENCES POISONS & PHARMACY ACT

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.Colfer seconded by Mr.Lawler:- "That new Licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act issue to Walter Doyle (Doyle Bros.), Bridgetown, and renewals of licences under same Act to N.Tackaberry, Bunclody, and James J.Codd, 26/27 Court Street, Enniscorthy."

CONGRATULATIONS TO COL.GIBBON,  
COUNTY COUNCILLOR.

Mr.Kelly proposed the following resolution:- "That we offer our esteemed colleague Col. Gibbon, our heartiest congratulations on his success in the Hospital Sweep and express the hope that he will be even more successful on the next occasion.

Mr. Keegan, in seconding, expressed surprise to find Col. Gibbon a gambler. He was one of the pillars of the Church Representative Body which condemned these Sweeps in all moods and tenses.

The resolution was adopted.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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ANNUAL MEETING 1ST JULY 1935

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MINUTES

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COUNTY HALL,  
WEXFORD

N.J. FRIZELLE  
Secretary County Council.



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The annual meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 1st July, 1935.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman, (presiding) also Messrs J.J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Richard Corish, Christopher Culleton, William Cullimore, John Cummins, John Day, Michael Doyle, Col.C.M. Gibbon, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, William Kinsella, James Lawler, T.J. Meyler, Philip Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth, Malachi Sweetman and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and Assistant Surveyors Treanor, O'Neill, and Birthistle were also in attendance.

The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

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Treasurers Advice Notes for ordinary payments £15174: 0: 9d and for Transfers to Public Bodies amounting to £21037: 15: 0d. were examined and signed.

#### ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

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Mr. Cummins said he had the privilege on the last occasion of proposing Mr. Allen as chairman of the County Council and he desired to propose him again that day to hold office until his successor has been appointed and has taken office. He did not believe any of the councillors were anxious for a change. He considered the Wexford County Council had carried on very well having regard to the trying circumstances of the past twelve months. He would like to see more harmony and more unity amongst the Councillors. There was a spirit existing today that all should be united for the common good. Cardinal MacRory, Prince of the Church, sounded that note last week when he stated that, during his



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travels through America and Australia, the people of these two great continents deplored the disunion amongst us in this country. He (Mr. Cummins) thought that, apart from all this, President de Valera, so far as he could read every speech he was making, was appealing to the people for unity, to sink their differences and to unite for the benefit of Ireland. He (Mr. Cummins) had been of this opinion for a very long time and thought that last year the Wexford people would have been able to lead the way for the rest of Ireland in that direction. He was a long time in public life in the county and he would always see that, when the people were united, they won everything, and disunited they got nothing. Going back to the time of the Irish Parliamentary Party any benefit they got for the country was when there was union amongst them, but when the split came nothing could be obtained. If it were at all possible, the people of Wexford County should unite and set an example to the rest of the country. They met in the County Council to further the interests of the people whom they represented to the best of their ability. Let them have their parties outside the County Council but at the County Council they should consider nothing only the common good. He hoped and trusted this unity would be brought about during the next twelve months.

Mr. Corish, in seconding, said that Mr. Allen had used all his energy in endeavouring to further the best interests of the Council during his term of office. He has been most assiduous and most attentive to his duties and never missed a meeting for the whole year. The position of Chairman of a County Council for the moment was no sinecure. He accepted heavy responsibilities which would weigh upon the shoulders of any man. He



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would like to support the appeal of Mr. Cummins for unity and would beg the Councillors wherever it was possible to see eye to eye. If they would not agree on any particular point, they should at least respect the opinions of those who differed from them. If they endeavoured to understand each other's point of view they would do very much better in the business. As for himself, owing to the very close attendance of Mr. Allen, he had not been given an opportunity of presiding at the County Council meetings and he hoped this state of affairs would continue to prevail in the future.

Colonel Gibbon proposed the election of Mr. Doyle as Chairman, and, in doing so, said he wished to cast no reflection on Mr. Allen, but Mr. Doyle was the leader of the largest individual party in the Council and for that reason he believed they were entitled to the chair, and another thing, Mr. Doyle had great experience of the County Council's work having acted as Chairman for so many years.

Mr. Kinsella seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result.

For Mr. Allen : Messrs Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and Miss O'Ryan - 13.

For Mr. Doyle : Messrs Bowe, Connors, Day, Gibbon, Kinsella, Murphy, O'Byrne, Smyth and Walsh - 9.

Messrs Doyle and the Chairman (2) did not vote while Mr. Maylor (1) was absent for the division.

The Chairman having declared himself elected, in returning thanks, said he hoped to have the support of the members of the Council in carrying on their work during the year.

Mr. Doyle also thanked those who voted for him. He was sure they had no idea they would succeed in securing the Chairmanship. However, that was all over now and he assured the Chairman that he would, with his party, assist the chair in every possible way during the year.



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The Chairman then subscribed the usual declaration of acceptance of office.

#### ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Miss O'Ryan proposed that Mr. Richard Corish be re-elected Vice-Chairman of the Council, to hold office until his successor has been appointed and has taken up ~~the~~ office. Mr. Corish represented a very important section of the Irish people.

Mr. Kelly seconded the motion which was adopted.

Mr. Corish returned thanks and stated that, as he had already mentioned, he did not get very much to do owing to the Chairman's close attendance and he hoped the same state of affairs would last during the coming year.

Mr. Corish then subscribed the usual declaration of acceptance of office.

#### STRIKING OF RATE

Proposed by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Miss O'Ryan and adopted:- "That we hereby allow and make the rates as agreed to at meeting of this Council on 8th April, <sup>last</sup> and as set out and assessed in 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 valuation of the hereditaments now in force therein, is concerned, is in conformity with the valuation supplied by General Valuation Office and in accordance with 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, 1936, such relief to be given by way of abatement as determined by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health."

"That the following sums ~~be~~ agreed to at meeting of



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this County Council held on 8th April, 1935, be demanded from the three Urban Councils of the County for financial year 1935/36:-

Enniscorthy.....	£3254: 1: 6d.
New Ross.....	£2983: 0: 6d.
Wexford.....	£6445: 6: 2d.

DEATH OF DR. W.C. LAWLER, CORONER FOR  
NORTH WEXFORD  
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Mr. Ronan proposed a vote of condolence with the family of Dr. W.C. Lawler, Coroner for North Wexford, whose death occurred on 25th June, 1935. He had been practically 28 years in the employment of the Council and had given great satisfaction in the discharge of his duties. He was a big loss to his profession .

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by the Secretary, who stated that Dr. Lawler was a fine official and carried out his duties in a most satisfactory manner.

The motion was adopted in silence.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE  
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Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 21st June, 1935, were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 21st June, 1935.

Present Messrs. D. Allen (Chairman), presiding, P. Colfer, W.P. Keegan, J.P. Kelly, W. Kinsella and Sean O'Byrne.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4123:8:11 was examined and signed.

#### CLOSE OF RATE COLLECTION

The Secretary stated that some of the Rate Collectors' districts had been closed and others were being examined. A fully detailed statement as to the close of the warrants would be submitted to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

POUNDAGE FEES: Under date 5th June, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.96774/35 Loch Garman (Fa) that as a special concession the Minister was prepared to authorise payment of Poundage at 7d to each Rate Collector who had lodged by the 15th June, 1935, an amount equivalent to 87½% of the 1934/35 assessment plus the full arrears included in his warrant from the 1933/34 assessment. If the five Collectors mentioned in the letter of 11th June, 1935, from County Council to the Department, fulfilled these conditions the extra remuneration proposed could be paid to them.

DISTRICTS NOS. 6 & 7:- Under date 20th June, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.99742/35 Loch Garman (Fa) that on the specific understanding that the Council would make permanent arrangements in respect of Collectors for Districts 6 & 7, the Minister sanctioned the temporary arrangements proposed by the Council for the collection of the warrants in these districts for the current financial year.



In reference to application made to the New Ross Rates Committee meeting by Collector J. Curtis for extra poundage fees to meet loss sustained through poundage not having been paid on Credit Notes, the Secretary reported that Collector Curtis had not yet forwarded, as requested, letter from the Rate Collector in Kilkenny who had stated that Poundage fees on Credit Notes were paid in that County.

Mr. Colfer stated that Collectors had a good deal of trouble with Credit Notes and it was only fair that they should be remunerated for this extra work. The additional agricultural Grant had resulted in a heavy "cut" in Collectors' remuneration.

The Chairman pointed out that the Local Government Department had issued a Circular to all County Councils that payment of poundage fees on Credit Notes would not be sanctioned. The Department had, however, on the application of the Local Government Officials' Union sanctioned payment to satisfactory Collectors on the basis of poundage calculated on Warrants for 1931/32. This applied to Collectors appointed before 1st April 1931. Collectors whose poundage fees for 1934/35 Warrant had been increased from 5d to 7d in the £. were in receipt of greater remuneration for 1934/35 than they obtained in 1931/32. Also any Collector whose District had been substantially enlarged since 1931/32 was now in receipt of greater remuneration for Poundage than amount paid in 1931/32.

Collector Curtis's area had been enlarged and his poundage fees for 1934/35 were considerably in excess of sum paid for 1931/32. The additional amount he received through his area being increased was more than poundage fees on Credit Notes.

Mr. Colfer said he considered that any Collector who had accounted for 89% of Warrant should be paid a bonus to help to make good the poundage fees on Credit Notes to the payment of which sanction was not granted.

It was pointed out that the following seven Collectors



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had accounted for 89% of Warrant:-

Messrs. E.J. Murphy, J.J. O'Reilly, J. Curtis,  
D. Kenny, M. Kehoe, J. Deegan and P. Carty.

Collectors E.J. Murphy, J.J. O'Reilly and J. Deegan had been paid extra Poundage as a bonus to bring their remuneration to that obtained in 1931/32.

Collectors D. Kenny, M. Kehoe and P. Carty, had, owing to increase in Poundage rate from 5d. to 7d in £. received greater remuneration for 1934/35 than that applicable to their districts in 1931/32.

Collector Curtis, who had accounted for practically 93% of his gross warrant had received no extra remuneration for 1934/35 as his normal rate of Poundage was 7d in the £., and his net remuneration for 1934/35 exceeded that of 1931/32.

Mr. Colfer proposed that as the other Collectors mentioned had received extra remuneration for 1934/35 a bonus of 1d in the £. be paid to Collector Curtis for 1934/35 Warrant.

Mr. J.P. Kelly seconded.

On a vote the motion was supported by Messrs. Colfer and Kelly (2) while Messrs. Kinsella, O'Byrne and the Chairman (3) voted against.

Mr. Keegan (1) declined to vote.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

In connection with loan granted Mrs. Mary J. Doyle, Monamolin, it appeared she proposed to add to her existing residence and in consequence as loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts granted by the County Council were only in respect of new houses the decision in this case was reviewed.

The Chairman stated the Appointed Officer had some doubt in this matter, but having consulted another engineer of the Department came to the conclusion in view of the extensive nature of the additions that the new structure should be regarded as a new building.



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Correspondence was read from a number of applicants or from Solicitors on their behalf relative to loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

For John Murphy, Summerhill, Enniscorthy, from Messrs. P.J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors.

John J. Holbrook, Oulart Road, Enniscorthy.

Ellen Leary, Ballywalter, Kilmuckridge, Gorey.

Martin Redmond, Greenane, Killanne.

Mr. P. Ronan, County Councillor, wrote in respect of application of Patrick Byrne, Coolbawn, Ferns, for loan of £200. This man, Mr. Ronan stated, applied under the first loan but his application was dropped as he was unable at the time to make title. He was under the impression that the application would hold good for the second loan and that when he started building the house, the money would be forthcoming. The building was begun about a month ago and the mason and merchants who supplied materials were waiting for payment. Mr. Ronan made a special appeal to the Finance Committee to endeavour to meet the application.

Under date 19th June, 1935, Mr. Michael Whitty, Tomanoule, Ballycarney, wrote asking that his application for loan of £180 be cancelled. He was not in a position to proceed with the erection of the house.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution:- "That loan of £180 agreed to in the case of Michael Whitty, Tomanoule, Ballycarney, whose application has been withdrawn, be transferred to Patrick Byrne, Coolbawn, Ferns."

Passed.

Messrs. M.J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Gorey, wrote applying for additional loan of £75 for Edward Dwyer, Ballyoughna, Killenagh, Gorey.

Refused.

In the case of James Doyle, St. Michael's Road, Gorey, the Secretary stated that loan in this case for £170 was approved, the



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house being then valued, from an inspection of the plans by the Assistant Surveyor, at £190.

Mr. John Elgee, County Council Solicitor, reported that the Mortgage Deed had been signed for £180.

Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, for Doyle, now applied for the extra £10, Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District, furnished a new certificate that the building as completed with site was value for £200.

It was decided that extra £10 be allocated to James Doyle, for house at St. Michael's Road, Gorey, as certificate had been received from Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, that the value of this house when completed is £200.

John Hackett, Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge, wrote that as times were too bad he would not proceed with the erection of the house under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

Under date 8th June, 1935, letter was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, pointing out that on 31st December last, he had written to Patrick Scully, St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy, asking him to send in his Title Deeds to plot on which he proposed to build his house under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

Under date 11th June, 1935, Mr. Elgee, had received a letter from Messrs. P.J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, on behalf of Patrick Scully, which stated that from the 2nd February last they had been endeavouring to procure the Receivable Order for redemption of the portion of the Annuity apportioned on the plot from the Land Commission, but had not succeeded up to the present.

The Secretary reported that Johanna Fortune, Ballyoughna, Killena, who had been approved for loan of £60 under the first loan was only now in a position to proceed with the erection of the house. As the £10,000 in respect of the first loan had already been allocated the Committee decided on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by the Chairman to allow Mrs. Fortune to proceed with the building and to allow £60 from repayment made by John Greene, Enniscorthy.



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The Secretary stated in connection with the amounts unapplied - viz, £1157 in New Ross and Wexford Districts, £600 was to have been allocated to Gorey and £557 to Enniscorthy. Since then the amount, owing to withdrawals, had been increased to £1332, and taking £600 and £557 as a percentage basis the new figure which Gorey would get would be £691 and Enniscorthy £641.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the unapplied balance under second loan obtained by Wexford County Council under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be applied as far as possible on the basis of £691 for Gorey District and £641 for Enniscorthy District."

The following allocations were then agreed to:-

<u>ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT:-</u>	Nicholas Downes, Scarawalsh, Ferns.....	£70
	John Foley, Greenville, Enniscorthy.....	£100
	Charles Hendrick, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy.....	£150
	John J. Holbrook, Oulart Rd., Enniscorthy.....	£200
	Peter Murphy, Aughnagally, Enniscorthy.....	£100
<u>GOREY DISTRICT:-</u>	James Clince, Ballyscarton, Gorey.....	£187
	John Hempenstall, Island Upper, Graanford.....	£100
	Wm. O'Brien, Ballymoney, Gorey.....	£200
	James Sinnott, Riverchapel, Courtown Harbour....	£225

Under date 11th June, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.86125/35 Loch Garman) approving of loan of £100 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Miss Brigid Somers, Rathturtin, Clonroche.

Under date 11th June, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.83303/35 Wexford) in reference to the resolution of the Co. Council as to the extension of the provisions of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, to cover loans for the reconstruction of houses, that under the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions)



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Act, 1932, grants were made available to agricultural labourers for the purpose of reconstructing houses in their own occupation.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested in impending legislation relative to housing, to make provision to empower County Councils to grant loans for the reconstruction of dwelling houses by persons residing in rural areas."

ASSESSMENT - LOCAL AUTHORITIES  
(OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES) ACT, 1926.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the County Council be recommended to pay £146:18:1d, amount assessed on them under the above Act for the year ended 31st March last."

EXPLOSIVES ACT 1875  
REGISTRATION OF PREMISES.

Under date 11th June, 1935, Letter (No. I.R./45) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) relative to the responsibilities of local authorities in connection with the registration of premises under the Explosives Act 1875. This communication enclosed memorandum from the Department of Justice with sample forms etc. to be used in connection with registration.

The Secretary stated that the registration of premises with Wexford County Council was being carried out.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

Notification from the Garda Síochána, Enniscorthy, as to the proposed committal of John J. Walsh, (12 years and 8 months), and Sylvester Walsh (10 years and 8 months) of the Folly, Enniscorthy to a suitable Industrial School, was referred to Mr. Elgee, County Council Solicitor,



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APPLICATION FOR WEIGHTS & MEASURES OFFICE  
FERNS DISTRICT.

Under date 14th June, 1935, Messrs. J.A.Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, Enniscorthy, wrote on behalf of Messrs. John Bolger and Company Ltd., Ferns, as to the inconvenience caused to traders in Ferns by having to bring their weights and measures to Enniscorthy for verification. Messrs. Bolger & Co., asked that the Co. Council should consider issuing an order establishing an office in Ferns at which Weights and Measures could be verified. The matter had been before the Co. Council on a previous occasion but had not been acceded to for some reason. The local Inspector, (Sergeant Keenan) would raise no objection, provided the premises placed at his disposal were suitable. Messrs. Bolger & Co., would offer suitable premises at a charge of 5/- per week during the time Weights were being adjusted.

A short Memorial from the traders of Ferns in favour of the application was also submitted.

A recommendation was adopted asking the Chief Supt. Garda Siochana, for his observations on the application and also what additional cost (approximately) would be incurred if the application was acceded to.

ST. HELEN'S QUARRY

The Co. Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. J.K. Cooper, Solicitor, Wexford, on behalf of John Carr, Ballywitch, Kilrane, offering the Co. Council an acre of land at £80 or half an acre at £40 for the purpose of developing quarry at St. Helen's. About seven years ago the Council had purchased half an acre of land in connection with this quarry for £40.

It was decided that the Co. Surveyor (who was absent from the Finance Committee meeting, being engaged at an inspection with an official from the Office of Public Works at the Ford of Lyng) should furnish his observations on the matter.



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REVISIONS OF VALUATION

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That applications for Revision of Valuation submitted to this meeting be agreed to and forwarded to General Valuation Office, Dublin."

CRIMINAL INJURY APPLICATION.

Application for compensation for injury to motor car, amount £6:3:6d was received from Robert Codd, 4 Lower George St., Wexford, and referred to County Solicitor to oppose.

FOOD & DRUGS ACTS.

Requisition from Garda Síochána as regards applications under above Acts included one fountain pen.

It was decided to inform the Garda Síochána that this could not be supplied. All members of the Co. Council staff procured fountain pens at their own expense.

GOREY COURTHOUSE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kinsella:- "That we confirm the action of our Chairman in affording use of Gorey Courthouse for Feis Ceilidhe on Thursday 20th June, 1935, as through an oversight, the Hon. Sec. of Gaelic League, Gorey Branch, omitted making the usual application to the Co. Council for the use of the building."

USE OF "NOFRANGO" FOR BUILDING PURPOSES

The Co. Surveyor submitted under date 15th June, 1935, the following letter from Mr. P. Hawkins, Hon. Secretary, Wexford Trades Union Council:-

"I am instructed by above Council to inform you that in connection with job being done in Old Jail for the County Health Board, if the partition walls are not done in block or bricks the masons will refuse to work. Nofrango work cannot be entertained by the Council."

Adjourned to next meeting.

DAMAGE TO TAR CASKS ON ROAD 43M

Under date 20th June, 1935, the following report was read from Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District:-



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"It was reported to me Sunday 16th instant that tar casks on Craanford Road had been damaged, and I had same attended to Monday morning. I made an inspection Monday and reported the matter to Gardai giving particulars of information I received. I went out with Sergeant McGee on Tuesday and as a result of inquiries made it is quite possible that arrests will shortly be made.

There are 19 casks holed, two so badly as to be quite empty - remainder from half to three quarters of contents gone."

The Finance Committee decided to request the Co. Council to represent to the Co. Surveyor the advisability of arranging for the distribution of tar casks on roads only when material is available and when tar will be utilised without undue delay.

#### SOW DRAINAGE RATE

Messrs. Michael Ryan, Coolnaboy and John Sutton, Tinraheen, The Ballagh, attended as a deputation in connection with Sow Drainage rates. They stated they had seen officials of the Office of Public Works who could hold out no hope of any further concession beyond that already agreed to viz:- the spreading of the arrears over a four years' period. The deputation pointed out it was absolutely impossible for the majority of the drainage ratepayers to meet this amount.

After discussion it was decided that the Chairman and Mr. Corish T.D. should consult with officials of the Department of Local Government and Public Health to ascertain if the following suggestions made by the Co. Council could be carried out:- viz. Sow Drainage Ratepayers to pay a year's rate as per original Charging Order with Maintenance Charges for the current financial year, and in succeeding years until the amount of loan repaid to Office of Public Works by the Co. Council has been discharged by the Drainage Ratepayers. The difficulty with which the Council would be faced was as to their authority to collect money from Drainage Ratepayers for the periods after which the Loan from the Office of Public Works had been paid off by the County Council.



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Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 21st June, 1935, be received and considered."

Rate Collection - Poundage Fees: In connection with the application of Rate Collector John M. Curtis, District No.19, the Secretary stated that the New Ross representatives at Rates meeting owing to the fact that their collection was better than in other districts, considered the Collectors of this district should get a special concession in the shape of being allowed poundage on Credit Notes as Mr. Curtis said this had been agreed to in the neighbouring county of Kilkenny. It was ascertained that the Department of Local Government and Public Health have not agreed in any county to this proposal. Wexford County Council were so informed by the Ministry and in order to help the Collectors the Finance Committee with the sanction of the Department and on representations by Local Government Officials' Union induced the County Council to pay certain Collectors, whose collections were considered satisfactory, a bonus on last year's warrant so as to bring their poundage to the level of that applicable to 1931-32 warrant. In addition the County Council with the approval of the Minister approved of increased poundage to satisfactory collectors from 5d to 7d. In the case of Mr. Curtis the loss of poundage on credit notes would be about £15 while his increased poundage in consequence of his district having being enlarged was £30, the difference between £103 poundage for '31-32 and £133: 13: 7d poundage on his last warrant. There are three Collectors who have as satisfactory a collection as the four New Ross men, the payments to the seven being E.J. Murphy £6: 6: 2d; J.J. O'Reilly (Gorey) £8: 19: 1d; J.M. Curtis increased district; D. Kemy (Gorey) increased poundage 6d to 7d; M. Kehoe increased poundage 5d to 7d and P. Carty increased poundage rate 5d to 7d.



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A penny in the £ on Mr. Curtis' district would be about £21.

After discussion Mr. T. Redmond gave notice of his intention to move at next meeting of the Council that Mr. Curtis receive the same amount of bonus as Mr. E. J. Murphy viz., £6: 6: 2d.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Mr. Doyle - Have we any supervision for the building of these houses?

Secretary - Yes; the money is only paid on the Certificate of the Assistant Surveyor and he inspects the houses three times during the course of erection, and the plans have already received the sanction of the Housing Officer of the Local Government Department.

Mr. Doyle - A certain house, built by a person other than a tradesman, was brought under my attention and I must say the house is badly done. I do not know anything else about the matter - the house is not very close to me, and I am informed no tradesman whatever was employed on the job. I do not want to prevent the owner getting his house as cheap as possible, but I would like to know if it is built to order.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said he was very glad the point cropped up. When this matter came up in the first instance arrangements were made for a compromise between the County Council and the Assistant Surveyors. At that time, on behalf of the Surveyors, it was pointed out that the fee of one guinea would not remunerate them to give close supervision in the construction of the houses, and they were told at the time by the Council they were simply acting as valuers. They explained to the Council that they did not wish to oppose the plan for the building of small houses, but that the fee would not cover such inspections as needed, and they were informed such inspection by them was not necessary, and that they would not be held accountable for the construction. The point Mr.



Doyle raised was perfectly correct, and there were cases where houses were not properly built. He did not wish to throw any difficulty in the way of anybody building houses, but he came across one recently - a house not yet built - where no damp course was put in. He drew the man's attention to it - though he did not regard it as his business - and it was for the man's own sake he mentioned it. He told him it was very foolish not to put in a damp course, and he said he would put it in the rest of the walls. He (Mr. Birthistle) visited the place later and the man on the job was putting in concrete. He looked around and said to him, "You didn't put in the damp course". He replied - "No sir, I did not get it." That sort of thing was happening and for the sake of the Council there should be closer inspection.

Ald. Corish said that very serious.

Mr. Culleton said he believed any engineer or Local Government Board Inspector would be contravening the Act in issuing a certificate for a house built by people who never served their time to any particular trade.

Mr. Lawler - Are these men building their own houses, or is it handymen who are building them ?

Mr. Birthistle - Assistant Surveyor - It is mixed up. In some cases you will find tradesmen, in more cases handymen and ordinary labourers. I am only saying things are happening, and we are not able to see to it. There should be closer inspection. We cannot undertake it apart from our work. The case Mr. Doyle quoted is absolutely true.

Mr. Doyle - I don't want to throw cold water on the building of anybody's house; it was brought to my notice by more than one. I just mentioned the matter about supervision and I was not aware that Mr. Birthistle had visited the house so often, and if I were I would not mention the matter at all. Proceeding, Mr. Doyle said that if a house, in the circumstances



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fell, and the owner was not in a strong financial position to rebuild, he thought the Council would suffer the loss.

Chairman - That is quite true. It is an important point from the Council's point of view. These loans extend for 35 years and the Council should see in their own interest that reasonable precautions are taken for the building of these houses, as it might happen they would lose on the transaction. Mr. Birthistle had given them very valuable information on the matter. The Surveyor's duty ended in certifying the value of the work done, and the value of the whole premises, and it was a matter for the Council to see their interests properly safeguarded in the erection of these houses.

Miss O'Ryan - There is a grant given to people to build their own houses under this Act, and they can only get a grant on the inspection of the Housing Officer of the district. I think the attention of the Housing Officer and the Department should be drawn to this. You have money given as a free grant to build a house and nine-tenths of the remainder is lent by the ratepayers. It is a serious thing if public money given to a man to build a house is not going to be a return for the money advanced. If a man is going to build a house and build it in his own way, let him build it out of his own money, but if he is to build it from money lent by the ratepayers, he should build it to the satisfaction of the people who lent the money. It struck me before that there was no supervision in the building of the houses.

Mr. Corish said the Council should be grateful to Mr. Doyle for raising this important matter. He submitted in advancing loans some stipulation should be made for the proper building of the houses. Mr. Birthistle had pointed out that it would be impossible for the Surveyors to give the necessary attention to the construction of the houses apart altogether from the question of their fees. As far as he (Mr. Corish) knew the Appointed Officer of the district got two guineas



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Secretary - One guinea.

Mr. Corish - One guinea for the rural district for the preparation of plan and specification submitted before the house is built, and then he comes along, when the house is completed and gives a certificate or otherwise. That is the serious part of the matter. Supposing a person proceeded to build a house in jerry built fashion, where does the responsibility come in? Mr. Birthistle says that is not his responsibility and the way the matter presents itself to me, the Council does not expect the Surveyors to take any responsibility. If the house is built in jerry built fashion and, when completed, the appointed Officer refuses to certify for the grant, it would leave the Council in a serious position. Of course the house might be left there, and our money would be in jeopardy. Until the period of 35 years was up the Council owned a certain amount of a house built under the Act. He suggested that the Finance Committee go into the matter carefully before going into any further loans. He thought they were entitled to assume, taking the basis of the amount asked for by most of those applying, that the houses should be built by competent men. They were entitled to find out what it cost to build a house, and whether some put any of the money into their pocket. They found things a bit lax, and it was time to tighten them up. The matter about the damp course was serious and that house might deteriorate very rapidly. The floors would have to be renewed very constantly and he suggested that the Finance Committee devote special attention to this.

Mr. Bowe said he thought Mr. Birthistle's point was not so much criticism of the men employed as the people who were getting the houses built. If they do not get the material for the houses it did not matter who built them.

Mr. Culleton - My contention is if you don't get competent men to build them the material won't matter.



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Mr. Keegan said it was false economy to put handy men to building houses, because they would waste more material.

Col. Gibbon proposed that full powers be given to the Finance Committee to take such action as they found advisable in the interests of the Council.

The Secretary said if they made a departure from the present procedure they must get sanction. He suggested referring Mr. Corish's proposition to the Finance Committee for a report.

This was agreed to.

Proposed Office at Ferns for Verification Weights & Measures:

Mr. Cummins mentioned that if it was decided to have a Weights & Measures Office established in Ferns, there were several other villages which would ask for the same facilities. From Duncannon and Arthurstown and around there, people had to go 9 or 10 miles into New Ross to have their weights and measures verified.

The Chairman said the trouble about agreeing to the application would be that several other places would have to be catered for and the Council should realise that a very big outlay might be necessary.

Mr. Cummins said it was a terrible thing that a man would have to travel ten or twelve miles to have the weights and measures used by him verified. In his opinion the people should be inconvenienced in every way and wherever there was a demand, a Weights & Measures Office should be provided.

It was decided to postpone further consideration of this matter until the views of the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, had been received.

St. Helen's Quarry: The County Surveyor stated that the present quarry at St. Helen's was worked out and the proposal was to establish a new quarry at the other side of the road. They could not deal with the matter owing to Mr. Carr residing in a dangerous position if the new quarry were worked. Mr. Carr, was however building a new house and intends to let his present



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premises in the danger zone remain unoccupied. He (County Surveyor) suggested they should offer Mr. Carr £60 for an acre of his land on the understanding that his present house when vacated would not be occupied.

Mr. Doyle proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded a resolution approving of the suggestion of the County Surveyor.

This was adopted.

Damage to Tar Casks: Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said that recently it was impossible to leave drums of tar on the roads.

The County Surveyor said there was not a great deal of interference with these tar drums in this county but in some other counties it was a very serious matter.

The Chairman proposed that the County Council call the special attention of the Garda Authorities to the interference with drums of tar by puncturing which wasted their contents and ask the Garda to keep a close eye in this matter in order to protect the property of the ratepayers.

Mr. Corish seconded.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. O'Byrne thought that the tar should be stored in Wexford.

County Surveyor - That procedure could be adopted if they had a big job on hands, but it would not be possible with isolated barrels of tar to mix with three or four yards of chippings.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said that the tar casks were thrown in the ditches by the people.

Mr. Doyle suggested that it might be possible to have tar drums stored at some farm yard. He did not think any farmer would refuse to give facilities to the County Council in this matter.

The County Surveyor said he would see if Mr. Doyle's suggestion could be carried out.



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The Chairman said it was regrettable to see public property, such as pumps, tar casks, and parapets of road bridges wantonly interfered with by children and young persons. There was no reason why Wexford people should not show some respect for public property as the residents of other counties. He hoped the Gardai would be able to bring some of those guilty of this conduct to justice.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee, in respect of meeting held on 21st June, 1935, as submitted to this meeting, be and are hereby confirmed."

#### ROAD WORKERS AND IMPREST ACCOUNT

Under date 28th June, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health, wrote (R/RM//32) that the Minister did not favour the extension of the County Surveyor's Imprest Account of £50 for payment of certain road workers.

Mr. Culleton referred to the handicaps put on men in waiting for payment.

The Chairman suggested that it might be possible for the County Surveyor to devise a plan whereby as few men as possible would be taken on at a period when there was a delay of more than a fortnight in making payment to them. Weekly payments had been proposed to the Council but it was found that these had not been adopted in any other county. He could not believe the hardship on workers was so great as Mr. Culleton appeared to think, and, as a matter of fact, all the other workers in the county were jealous of the men employed by the Council.

Mr. Doyle considered there was no real hardship in the matter. They found people too ready to leave their employment to work on the roads. It was true that some people were paid every week, but in plenty of places they were paid only fortnightly.



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Mr. Culleton said he would give notice of motion to ask the Minister to reconsider his refusal to allow the Council to raise the Imprest Account of the County Surveyor from £50 to £100.

#### LINGSTOWN ROAD

The County Surveyor pointed out that the Sub-Committee of the County Council saw this road only on Friday last and their report was not yet to hand. An application had been made for repair of this road, portion only of which was in charge of the County Council. An engineer of the Office of Public Works had made an inspection of the place with a view to a State Grant being provided for its repair.

It was decided that the County Surveyor should submit report in writing embodying the Sub-Committee's views on this road and also on the road Tagoat and Carne.

#### CURRACLOE ROAD

Attention was drawn by Mr. Corish to the condition of Curracloe Road, two miles of which were absolutely impassable. He mentioned that efforts were being made to develop Curracloe and the disused coastguard station was taken over by a business lady, who was running a hotel there, and the Council got a certain amount of rates out of it. There were houses being erected there also and the place was beginning to look up. He asked if anything could be done for the part of the road between Fahy's Cross and Johnstown. It was deteriorating rapidly and would cost the Council a good deal of money if something was not done.

Mr. Kinsella said there was a dangerous turn and some serious accidents there. There were a good many people coming to Curracloe and he supported Ald. Corish as to the necessity of improving the stretch of road referred to.

The County Surveyor said he applied to the Tourist Development Association to put that road in order and they informed him that they had the matter before the Local Govern-



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ment Department to include it as a Tourist road. As regards temporary renovation if they applied £100 from the Contingency Fund it would keep it from getting worse.

Mr. Kinsella - You ought to make it better instead of keeping it from getting worse.

County Surveyor - Where is the money to come from ?  
Proceeding the County Surveyor said it would cost £500 to carry out the repairs from Fahy's Cross to Johnstown.

Mr. Cummins - Have you got the money to do it.

County Surveyor - No.

Mr. Cummins - What is the use of talking about it then ?

The Chairman proposed and Mr Corish seconded the following resolution:- "That the County Surveyor be empowered to spend £100 out of the Contingency Fund on the <sup>Corradole</sup> road."

Passed unanimously.

#### KILTEALY ROAD

Mr. Bowe drew attention to the condition of the Kiltelaly road and on the Chairman's suggestion the matter was referred to Mr. Ennis for a report.

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR COMMITTEE

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan the following were appointed as members of the Courtown Harbour Committee to hold office until annual meeting of the Council to be held in 1938, or until their successors have been appointed:-

Earl of Courtown, Kiernan McNeill, Central Bar, Courtown Harbour; Rev. John O'Grady C.C. Riverchapel; Rev Mr. Verschoyle, The Rectory, Ardamine; Messrs Thomas McGarry, Courtown Hotel, Dudley Butler, Ounavarra Hotel; Richard Garland, Courtown Harbour; Michael Fitzpatrick, Courtown Harbour; Michael Wafer, Middletown, Courtown Harbour; William Kearon, Kilbride, Courtown Harbour; W.P. Keegan M.C.C., Esmonde Street, Gorey; Sean O'Byrne M.C.C., The Avenue, Gorey; Myles Smyth M.C.C., Glasscarrig House, Clonevan.



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DEPUTATION FROM FISHERMEN

Under date 25th June, 1935, the following letter was read from Mr. Michael Butler, Rosbercon, New Ross, Secretary to Barrow and Nore Fishermens' Association:-

"We are advised by Mr. J. Walsh and Mr. T. Redmond, two members of your Council, to apply to you for an appointment for a deputation from this Association to go before your Council at their next meeting to request their support in this Association's protest to the Government against Fishery Commission's finding to abolish all netting in Irish Rivers. The Urban Council and Development Association have passed resolutions and promised us their unstinted support. Capt.A.D. Place, Chairman, and two members intend to go before your Council. Hoping you will see your way to grant our request as it is of the utmost importance to Co. Wexford fishermen and public at large."

The following attended as the deputation:- Capt.A.D. Place, Messrs Richard Power and Laurence Dooley.

Capt. Place, who acted as spokesman, stated they came before the Council for their support in opposing the recommendation of the Fishery Commission to abolish all forms of netting for fish in tidal waters. On the Nore and Barrow there were 400 men with at least 1200 dependants engaged in the fishing industry, and members of their association, and whose earnings ran to £10,000 a year at a low estimate. It would be a matter of very considerable hardship if all these men were thrown out of employment. Compensation had been mentioned but this was a very uncertain quantity, and it would be difficult to see that compensation went to the right people. Great numbers of men who had been fishing all their lives never held a licence themselves though year after year they had contributed portion of its cost. But it was recognised that compensation would never fully make up to a man for the loss of his livelihood. The right of fishing was vested in the public and in bad times many



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people turned to fishing to tide them over. If all the fishermen in the County were considered their earnings would certainly amount at £40,000 or £50,000 and the loss of this to the county would be deplorable. The fishermen asked the support of the County Council in protesting against the abolition of net fishing and to appoint a couple of councillors to act on the deputation~~s~~ proposed to be sent to the Ministry of Fisheries. They would admit that the establishment of the Commission was very necessary and he was very sorry they could not approve of all their findings.

Mr. Richard Power said it was difficult to understand the grounds on which the recommendation of the Commission to abolish net fishing had been made, as this was an old and remunerative industry. They agreed with some of the findings of the Commission such as for instance, the abolition of Conservators but no suggestion so far as he was aware, had ever been made to the Commission that it would be an advantage to the country if net fishing were abolished and all fish caught by weirs instead. The recommendation to abolish netting would deprive a very considerable section of the people of their means of livelihood and he did not believe this was ever contemplated by the Government. The deputation asked the Council to support the resolution of protest and to ask the Commission to reconsider their decision as to net fishing, and for the Government not to adopt this particular recommendation.

Mr. Dooley endorsed the views of Capt. Place and Mr. Power.

Mr. Walsh said the recommendation in question was before the New Ross Urban Council and New Ross Development Association both of which took a very serious view of the proposal which would have a most injurious effect on the trade of New Ross and both adopted a strong resolution of protest. He then proposed the following:- "That this Council protests in the strongest possible manner against the recommendation of the Fishery Commission to abolish net fishing in tidal waters, and request the Government not to give effect to this proposal."



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Mr. Thomas Redmond in seconding the motion, said that every figure given by Captain Place was capable of verification.

Mr. Michael Redmond also spoke in favour of the resolution.

Mr. Doyle in support of the resolution said he could not for the life of him understand why the Commission should hit at the poor man and allow the rod men and the rich men - owners of fishing waters - to go ahead as they wished.

Mr. Cummins in supporting the resolution, said he thoroughly agreed with all that Captain Place had said. The same thing could be said of the fishermen on the Suir, from the Tower of Hook to Clonmel. He thought it was an extraordinary step for the Commission to attempt such a thing as to deprive thousands of men of their livelihood.

Mr. Sweetman considered the resolution premature. The report of the Commission was not yet published and its recommendations might not be carried out for 40 or 50 years. The whole idea of the Commission was to make the industry not less but more remunerative. It would take years to change over from private net fishing to an organisation dealing with the industry catching the largest number of fish possible. The Government had no responsibility for the findings of the Commission.

Mr. Corish agreed that the Commission had not published ~~in~~ any report. Any reference to the proposed abolition of net fishing had been made in an injudicious statement of the Chairman of the Commission. It was expected that the report would be published next month. He believed there should be a certain amount of restriction as regards net fishing and every Tom, Dick and Harry should not be allowed when they had no work on the land for their men to send them out to fish and interfere with those who had to fish for a livelihood. So far as he could gather a recommendation such as this would be made and not a proposal to abolish net fishing wholesale. When the report was issued and when the exact recommendations of the Commission were available the Council could discuss the matter in detail. He strongly supported the resolution but believed that the Minister



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for Fisheries would not receive any deputation until the report had been published.

Capt. Place said he had been told by the Minister for Fisheries he was waiting for the Commission's recommendations to embody them in a Bill.

Mr. Walsh said that when it was stated in the Press that the Commission were recommending the abolition of net fishing the Fishermen's Association naturally thought it time to move.

Mr. Thomas Redmond said there was no evidence before them to show that the Government might not deal with the findings of the Commission in a year from now.

Mr. Culleton agreed with ~~the~~ Mr. Thos. Redmond that there was nothing to prevent the Government in a single year adopting the recommendations of the Commission.

The Chairman said the Commission was set up by the Government to advise on the improvement of fisheries in the country. When the report was issued it would go before the Executive Council, and it was a matter for the Government then to give effect to the findings of the Commission by legislation or not, and nothing could happen until legislation was passed. He agreed with the resolution proposed by Mr. Walsh though in raising the matter here today they might be a bit premature, for as Mr. Corish pointed out the report is not issued at all yet.

Capt. Place said he would like to explain one matter arising out of Mr. Sweetman's statement. The proposal to abolish net fishing was not contradicted and they felt, after it had been published, there must have been something in the report and that therefore they must organise in time. He had the Minister for Fisheries' own words that they were waiting for the report before formulating a new bill. He told him that himself, that he could not do anything until he had



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the findings of the Commission, and very likely the findings of the Commission will be embodied in the new bill in autumn. He (Capt. Place) thought Mr. Sweetman was therefore wrong in assuming that the findings of the Commission might be put off for fifty years. As to the improvement of fishing, did Mr. Sweetman suggest it was going to improve the individual fishermen? The proposal of the Commission was to put weirs across the rivers to catch every single fish going up. Those weirs only employed twenty men - He had some experience of them in Limerick.

The resolution was then put and adopted.

The Chairman proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Walsh and adopted:- "That a small committee of the Council be appointed to consider the findings of the Fishery Commission when available."

The following Committee was appointed:- Messrs Cummins, Doyle, Kelly, Col. Quin, Murphy, T. Redmond and Walsh.

COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH AND  
RESIDENCE.  
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Under date 13th June, 1935, the following letter was read from the County Wexford Board of Health:-

"At the meeting of the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance on the 3rd inst. an application was received from Dr. C. Bastible, Co. Medical Officer of Health for a field adjoining Farnogue, which is part of the Rosepark property, for the purpose of building a residence for himself.

"Members of the Board felt that it would be convenient to have the Co. Medical Officer of Health resident in proximity to the Board's offices. The members were generally of opinion that the County Medical Officer of Health's application should be granted, and they directed me to write the County Council informing them that they were prepared to recommend the leasing of the plot applied for to Dr. Bastible. They, at the same time, directed me to write to Dr. O'Brien, who at present enjoys



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the use of the field asking for his agreement to the recommendation."

Dr. O'Brien, Resident Surgeon, County Hospital, Wexford, wrote under date 1st July, 1935, as follows:-

"On the 13th ult. I had a letter from Mr. Sinnott re an application from Dr. Bastible to build a residence for himself in a field on the Rose Park property.

"Acting on a resolution passed on 5/5/24 the Wexford County Council purchased Rose Park residence - which includes the field in question - as a residence for the Surgeon of the County Hospital.

"In the circumstances I am not prepared to agree to the application as I regard the field as part of the property."

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, stated that the premises at Rosepark were purchased for the use of the Surgeon of the Co. Hospital and handed over to him. He would hold them as his property so long as he occupied the position of Resident Surgeon.

Miss O'Ryan asked if the County Council had power to place any property on the field in question.

Mr. Elgee replied in the negative.

Mr. Mayler said that, if the Council owned the property the best thing would be for the County Board of Health to erect a house for Dr. Bastible on agreed terms.

The Chairman said it appeared to him as of very little use to be discussing the question in view of Dr. O'Brien's refusal. If Dr. Bastible and Dr. O'Brien could come to some agreement in the matter, the Council would then be in a position to have the question brought before them for further consideration. He suggested that the County Board of Health should be so informed and this was agreed to.

#### LOAN - SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 20th June, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.95171/35 - Loch Garman)



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stating that the Minister had recommended the Commissioners of Public Works to issue to the Wexford County Council the sum of £5,000, as the first instalment of the Loan of £10,000 sanctioned for the purpose of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

AUDITOR'S REPORT - CO. WEXFORD VOCATIONAL  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
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Under date 11th June, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (A92200/35) forwarding copy of the Auditor's Report on his audit of the Accounts of the County Wexford Vocational Education Committee for the year ended 31st March, 1935, together with attested Abstracts of the Accounts.

PROPOSED JETTY AT ROSSLARE STRAND  
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Under date 20th June, 1935, the following letter No. W.I./168/35, was read from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries Branch:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that representations have been made to the Sea Fisheries Association of Saorstát Éireann Ltd., through Mr. Nicholas Duggan, The White House, Rosslare Strand, as to the need for landing accommodation by way of a jetty there which, it is claimed, would greatly facilitate summer visitors and also the local fishermen during the winter season. The Minister would be glad to learn the views of the Wexford County Council in the matter; and, should they be favourably disposed towards the project, he will await hearing what they would propose to do towards having such a work carried out. The present value of the winter herring fishing at Rosslare is not very great."

The County Surveyor stated he would present a report on this matter at next meeting of the County Council.

Mr. Doyle favoured the appointment of a local committee



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to deal with the matter.

Col. Gibbon pointed out that, whatever committee was appointed, there should be some investigation into the question as to whether this jetty would affect the silt, as had happened by the erection of the pier at Ballygeary.

After further discussion Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That a Committee of the Councillors of the County Wexford Electoral Area be appointed to examine and report with the County Surveyor on the proposal to erect a jetty at Rosslare strand. That this Committee be empowered to co-opt three local representatives."

WEEDS AND AGRICULTURAL SEEDS (IRELAND)  
ACT 1909  
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Under date 20th June, 1935, the Department of Agriculture wrote (P.2094-35) requesting that the County Surveyor be asked to take such necessary steps as would ensure that roads and lands in the control of the County Council would as far as practicable be kept clear of noxious weeds (thistle, ragwort and dock) throughout the present season.

The Secretary stated that he had, on the 21st June, furnished copy of the Department's letter to the County Surveyor for his information.

Mr. Sweetman referred to the fact that it would be advisable if some scheme could be devised by which the services of men, who were in receipt of Unemployment Assistance, could be utilised for this extra work on the roads, clearing away weeds, trimming hedges etc. He gave notice of his intention to move at next meeting a resolution on this matter and pointed out that his proposals would not mean any financial liability on the part of the Council.

Mr. Culleton considered that the weeds should be cut by hand.

The County Surveyor said that taking the road from



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Ferry carrig to Enniscorthy, the full money allowed for its maintenance would not be sufficient to pay for the employment of men to cut weeds on this particular section. Discussions for the employment of men in receipt of Unemployment Assistance as suggested by Mr. Sweetman, had taken place at several meetings of the County Surveyor's Association and an attempt was being made to arrive at some scheme in that direction.

#### BALLYHACK HARBOUR

Under date 7th June, 1935, letter (No. 9358/35) was read from the Office of Public Works, stating that before considering the Wexford County Council's application for a State Grant, they would be glad to have an assurance that the harbour or the portion of the harbour to which the proposal referred is the property of the Council and that the Council is responsible for its maintenance.

Under date 8th June, 1935, Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that on 3rd October, 1914, the County Council purchased from Lord Templemore, a plot of foreshore adjoining the Pier at Duncannon, together with a plot of ground which is described on the map in the Conveyance of the 3rd October, 1914, as "Dumping Ground", but this is a distinct plot from the plot adjoining the Pier which formed the bed of the Harbour of Ballyhack and this being so, he was of opinion that the Council owned the above Harbour.

#### COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL - ANNUAL MEETING

Under date 20th June, 1935, Mr. A. Keogh-Nolan, Secretary, County Councils' General Council, wrote that the Annual meeting of his Council would take place during Horse Show Week (6th to 10th August).

#### POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT 1908

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. M. Redmond seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That new licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908



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issue to Laurence Doyle, General Merchant, Ferns, and renewals of licences under same Act to H. Hill, Ballycanew; Laurence Harpur, North Main Street, Wexford; Daniel Keating, New Ross; Edward Connolly, Market Square, Newtownbarry; Myles Byrne, Market House, Main street, Gorey; Robert Hanan, Hardware Merchant, North Main Street, Wexford.

DEPUTY CORONER - SOUTH WEXFORD.

Mr. Fintan M. O'Connor, Coroner for South Wexford, wrote that he had appointed Mr. Laurence Kirwan, Solicitor, Wexford, to act as his deputy in his absence or the absence of Mr. Kavanagh who had already been appointed Deputy Coroner by him.

CORONER FOR NORTH WEXFORD

The question of filling vacancy in the office of Coroner for North Wexford was referred to the Finance Committee for report as to salary, conditions etc.

IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kelly, Mr. R. Corish was re-nominated as the representative of the Council on the Board of Directors of the Irish Tourist Association for the year ending March, 1936.

REPAIR OF LANES

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

"That the following lanes be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes when money under same becomes available:-

Raheenaska Lane, Oulart; Ballyleigh Lane, Ballywilliam; Ballagh Lane."

*Denis Kelly*  
12th Aug 35



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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 12th AUGUST, 1935.

M I N U T E S

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE, ESQ.,  
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 12th August, 1935.

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, J.P. Kelly, J. Lawler, T.J. Meyler, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth, Malachi Sweetman and J.E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £15,898:12:9d were examined and signed.

#### THE LATE MRS. KELLY

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the following reply to vote of condolence to Mr. J.J. Kelly, National Teacher, in the death of his wife be inserted on this day's Minutes:-

"Please convey to the Members of your Council my sincere thanks for their vote of condolence with me in my recent bereavement.

"I also wish to thank yourself for your kind expression of Sympathy."

#### THE LATE MR. MICHAEL T. HICKEY.

Mr. Cummins proposed a vote of condolence with the family of the late Mr. Michael T. Hickey, Garryrichard, Foulks mills. The father of the deceased and other members of the family had, in the past, been County Councillors and had taken a prominent part in the life of the County. He, (Mr. Cummins) regretted deeply that the occasion for this vote had arisen.



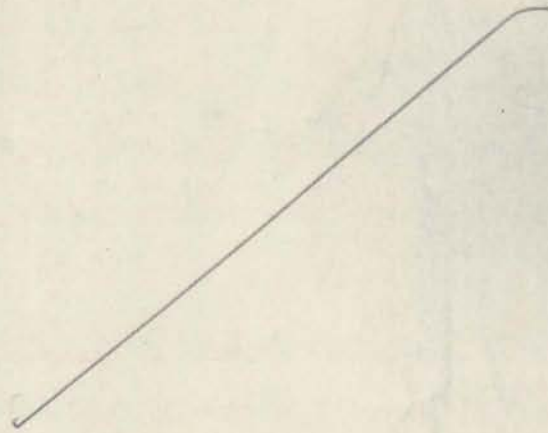
Mr. Doyle in seconding said that Mr. Hickey was one of a family well known and respected in Wexford County. His father had been a distinguished member of the old Council who had taken a deep interest in its affairs.

The Secretary on behalf of himself and staff also expressed sympathy with the family of the late Mr. Hickey in their great loss.

The motion was adopted in the usual manner.

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 5th JULY, 1935.:- The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of above meeting were submitted as follows:-





The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 5th July, 1935.

Present - Mr. Denis Allen (Chairman) presiding also Messrs P. Colfer, W.P. Keegan, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4,855: 18: 8d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

State of: Return of Rates collected, carried forward as temporary uncollectable and struck off as irrecoverable was submitted.

The amount carried forward was £16,758: 3: 2d. as against £17,742: 5: 4d. last year, an improvement of £984:2:2d.

Application Rate Collectors: Under date 3rd July, 1935, Mr.J.J. Byrne, Town Clerk, Wexford, Hon. Secretary, Irish Local Govt. Officials' Union (Wexford Branch) wrote applying for extra remuneration for Rate Collectors in supervising the completion of Abatement Forms in connection with rebate of rates on Agricultural Land. Last year the Collectors received 6d per form and the Union felt it was only necessary to remind the Council of the extra work to secure favourable consideration of the request. The following resolution was adopted:-: on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That the same remuneration as obtained in connection with last year's Poor Rate warrants be allowed to Rate Collectors for the examination of Employment Forms and verification



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of particulars in same relative to rebate of Rates on Agricultural Land."

Sow Drainage Rate: Under date 29th June, 1935, the following letter F.100472/35. Co. Wexford. was read from the Department of Local Government & Public Health:- "I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant, relative to the motion passed by the Wexford Co. Council on 7th idem regarding the collection of sums due to the Co. Council of foot of the Sow Drainage District Charging Order. The Minister will not raise any objection to the proposals of the County Council with respect to the collection of the annuity payable under the Charging Order, if it is the intention that the sums paid to the Commissioners of Public Works out of the Co. fund will be collected in full and lodged to the credit of the County fund."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman:- "That as regards Rates for Sow Drainage Area the County Council will collect in full from the ratepayers concerned all sums due to the Commissioners of Public Works under Charging Order plus maintenance charges, in conformity with previous resolutions adopted by the County Council in this matter."

Proposed by the Chairman, and seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, and adopted:- "That Mr. M. Ryan, Coolnaboy, Oylegate, be informed (on behalf of Sow Drainage Ratepayers) that the Co. Council would be prepared to appoint an Advisory Committee to offer suggestions to the County Council for the maintenance of the Drainage system as has already been done for the Kilmannock Drainage area."

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR

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The County Surveyor reported that an Engineer from the Office of Works had visited Courtown Harbour on 22nd June, 1935,



and made an inspection of the inner basin and it was probable as a result that arrangements for dredging there would be made immediately.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the Co. Surveyor be empowered to have removed from Courtown Harbour the bank of sand there as it is an inconvenience to the business of the Harbour."

#### ----- MESSENGER OF COUNTY COUNCIL -----

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Colfer that a uniform be provided for the County Council messenger.

#### RATES ON "LEVUKA" AND "MARLFIELD" - COURTTOWN ESTATE -----

Under date 25th June, 1935, Mr.G. Langley-Taylor, agent to Courtown Estate asked for reconsideration of the decision of the Finance Committee and County Council refusing to refund rates on above houses as both the properties had been in the hands of Agent continuously and would have been set if any reasonable offer had been made. If the Finance Committee could suggest any means by which tenants could be procured he would be glad to have their views.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "The Finance Committee do not see their way to recommend the County Council to alter their decision as regards application for refund of rates for "Levuka" and "Marlfield" premises."

#### HOURS AT MOTOR TAXATION OFFICE -----

The following Circular letter (No.MT. 230) 26th June, 1935, was read from the Department of Local Government & Public Health (Roads) :-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to refer to this Department's Circular letter



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(MT./222) of the 6th March last, relative to the necessity for daily banking of motor tax receipts, and to state it has been represented to this Department that an earlier and more uniform hour of closing to the public of the Motor Tax Offices of Registration Authorities would greatly facilitate Authorities in giving effect to the Minister's requirements in the matter. The Minister desires, where the practice is not already in force, that the Motor Tax Offices should be closed to the public at 3 p.m. for five days and at 12 noon on the early closing day recognised by the Council. Adequate notice of the change should be given by Authorities to the motoring public."

"The Minister trusts that Authorities, by arrangement with the Banks, will thus be enabled to bank each day's receipts on that day."

The Secretary stated that the necessary arrangements in this matter had been made with the Treasurer of the County Council - the National Bank.

#### FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the tender of Messrs Hely Ltd., 26-28 Dame Street, Dublin, for supply of three brass seals for use of Inspectors under above Acts at 6/3d each be accepted."

#### CORONER FOR NORTH WEXFORD

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That the County Council be recommended to have the vacancy for Coroner for North Wexford filled through recommendation of Local Appointments Commission salary to be at the rate of £125 per annum."

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

Under date 26th June, 1935, Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, wrote that as house proposed to be erected by Mrs Mary Jane



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Doyle, Courtballyedmond, Monamolin, was not in the nature of the reconstruction of an existing building but was in addition to and much longer than her present residence and could be regarded as an "new " building and it would be in order for the County Council to advance loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts for its erection.

Under date 24th June, 1935, Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, wrote that in connection with the proposal to advance a loan to Patrick Barden, Battlestown, Duncannon, there was a deed of Charge for £250 with Interest at 6 % registered against the lands and this being the case he could not certify the title as being in order.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That Mr. Patrick Barden, Battlestown, Duncannon, be informed that until he is in a position to furnish evidence of clear Title for his lands the County Council cannot advance to him loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

"That Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, communicate with Mr. Barden, and explain to him that if he can procure a plot free from Charge or Mortgage the Finance Committee will consider favourably his application for loan for erection of house."

Mr. J. F. Birthistle, Asst. Surveyor, Wexford District, <sup>that</sup> wrote/as reported by him the house of John Loughlin, in respect of which loan under Small Dwellings Acts had been approved was completed a considerable time back, slight dampness - really ground damp - appeared in a couple of walls. This could be cured by plastering with waterproof cement. However the house was value for loan.

It was decided that copy of Mr. Birthistle's report be furnished John Loughlin for his observations.

Mr. Birthistle reported as regards house of Robert



Cleary, Churchtown, Kilrane, that all foundations were in and external walling completed, also part of the internal walling and two fire breasts. Construction sound generally: window frames bedded. This was the house in respect of which a discussion had taken place at last County Council meeting. No damp course had been inserted and accordingly there was the possibility of ground damp, at a later date. A good precaution would be to insist on a dado of waterproof cement to a height of 3ft. 6 inches.

It was decided to furnish Mr. Cleary with copy of Mr. Birthistle's report.

Arising out of the discussion which occurred at last meeting of the County Council as regards supervision during erection of houses in respect of which the County Council had agreed to advance loans it was mentioned that the Appointed Officer of the Department of Local Government and Public Health was concerned only with the approval of plan of house and furnishing Certificate when building was completed.

The Assistant Surveyors were appointed by the County Council to furnish ( at remuneration of £1: 1: Od. per house) reports as to the money to be advanced during the progress of the work, but had no responsibility as regards the soundness and suitability of materials or of the manner in which the house was being built.

In consequence the Finance Committee are of opinion some steps should be taken on these two points to safeguard the interests of the Council.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That we recommend the County Council to provide an additional £1: 1: Od. per house under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts for Assistant Surveyors to ensure closer investigation of houses during their erection, inspections to be arranged by the Surveyors



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from time to time in conjunction with the inspection of roads of their districts."

Letters of sanction in respect of the following loans were received from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

Thos. Tierney, Clougheast	£60
Thos. Stafford, Shilmalier Commons	£120
John Loughlin, Ballykelsh	£171
Robert Spencer, Ballymoney Upper	£180
Mrs Catherine Donohoe, Rosslare Hbr.	£150
Nicholas Hayes, Nineacre, Carne.	£100
James Doyle St. Michael's Rd. Gorey.	£180
(in lieu of the £170 sanctioned in the letter of Dept. 4th July, 1933 (H.61343/35)	
John Kavanagh, Cronecribbon, Inch.	£150

USE OF "NO FRANGO"  
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The following from Mr. P. Hawkins, Hon. Sec. Wexford Trades Council adjourned from last meeting of the Finance Committee came forward for consideration:

"I am instructed by above Council to inform you that in connection with job being done in Old Jail for the County Health Board, if the partition walls are not done in block or bricks the masons will refuse to work. Nofrango work cannot be entertained by the Council."

The County Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. J. H. de M. Waller, Technical Adviser to Nofrango Ltd., Molesworth House, 1 South Frederick Street, Dublin, to whom the above resolution had been sent by County Surveyor. Mr. Waller said that this was the first time when any such difficulty had arisen with a Trade Union and on the face of it the position taken up by the Trade Council was untenable. It had been invariably held that the selection of the various materials for the several parts of a building are matters for the architect and Engineer and not for the Trade Union concerned and "Nofrango" Ltd., had no knowledge of any case in which such action by a Trade Union had succeeded. It was obvious that this was an attempt on the part of the masons to filch employment from the plasterers and "Nofrango" Ltd. were confident that neither the Board of Health nor the plasterers would stand for this.



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

"That the resolution of Wexford Trades Col. as regards refusal to recognise "Nofrango" in building construction be marked "read".

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

Under date 29th June, 1935, letter was read from Mr. P.Hannan, as to the committal to Industrial School of Bridget Mary O'Daly (12) and Mary Teresa O'Daly (10) at Longford District Court on 26th June, 1935. Their father was an inmate of the Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, and the children were found wandering at Knockahaw, Longford Co. The mother had no visible means of subsistence. The children were born in Wexford town in which the father, before entering the Mental Home had a small drapery shop.

The Secretary pointed out to Mr. Hannan that no notice of application to commit the children had been received by Wexford County Council.

After consideration the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That acting on the advice of the Co. Solicitor, the Finance Committee disclaim liability for the maintenance of the O'Daly children in Industrial School."

#### PRINTING STANDING ORDERS.

The Echo Co. Enniscorthy, tendered to print 75 copies of revised Standing Orders of the Co. Council at £1:17: 6d. and "The People" Wexford at £2:11: 6d.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the tender of the Echo. Co. Enniscorthy, to supply 75 copies of Revised Standing Orders at £1: 17: 6d be accepted work to be completed within a month from date copy is furnished."



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## PETROL PUMP STANDARDS

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Under date 25th June, 1935, the Department of Industry and Commerce (39412) wrote that it was necessary for the Council to supply a set of petrol pump standards for the use of the weights and measures Inspectors in the County. Irrespective of administrative reasons this provision would result in a considerable saving of time and expense. The price of the set would be £45.

Under date 18th July, 1935, the Department of Industry & Commerce wrote (139458) in reply to letter from Secretary of the County Council that a set of standards had been obtained in 1929 but it was now found necessary to make provision for a second set.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That the County Council be recommended to provide a second set of Petrol Pump standards for use of Inspectors under Weights & Measures cost not to exceed £45."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That we request the Department of Industry & Commerce to arrange for portion of the fees charged to traders for verification of weights & measures being paid over to County Council to be applied in relief of Rates."

### ILLNESS OF MR. R. MALONE V.S.

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The following under date 2nd July, 1935, (E.1271-35) was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to previous correspondence in connection with the absence from duty through illness of Mr. Malone, M.R.C.V.S. I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that the question of settled arrangements for the discharge of Veterinary Inspection duties under the Diseases



of Animals Acts in the Wexford district cannot be allowed to be continued in abeyance indefinitely. Accordingly a reply is now requested on the point as to whether and, if so, when Mr. Malone will be in a position to resume duty in the district."

The Secretary stated that copy of the Department's letter was furnished to Mr. Malone on the 3rd July, 1935,

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That our Secretary ascertain the views of Mr. Malone M.R.C.V.S. for Wexford district with reference to query received from the Department of Agriculture, under date 2nd July, 1935, (E.1271-35)."

#### CONCRETING OF FOOTPATHS ETC

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The following resolution was received from the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union (Gorey Branch):-

"That we call on the County Council to employ tradesmen to do the concreting of footpaths and bridges in future and pay Trade Union wages, as it is most unfair to see tradesmen idle, and work which should be given them, given to handymen to do at labourer's pay."

It was decided that consideration of this resolution be adjourned to next meeting, when it is expected the County Surveyor will be able to submit information on the point raised therein."

#### REVISIONS OF VALUATION

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

"That supplemental applications for revision of valuation submitted to this meeting be agreed to and reported to General Valuation Office."

#### LINGSTOWN AND TAGOAT-CARNE ROADS

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Under date 4th July, 1935, the following was read from the County Surveyor:-



"The Committee met in Tomhaggard at 3 o'clock p.m. on Friday, 28th June, 1935. There were present Alderman Corish, Mayor, and Mr. Culleton: the County Surveyor and Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor were also present.

"The Committee inspected the road by Lingstown Castle and along the shore of Tacumshane Lake. The County Surveyor pointed out the termination of the County Road at the Lake: this is at the second labourer's cottage, but a partially made roadway continues round the lake for some distance. Between the two cottages the County Road is liable to flooding, but at present is high and dry above the lake level. The County Surveyor stated that recently an Engineer from Board of Works had made an inspection of the gravel bank at the sea end of the lake, and that probably a Grant may be obtained to cut the bank. If this be done the County Surveyor is of opinion there will be no flooding of the road for some time to come, and small surface repairs can be carried out with ordinary County Funds. The extension of the road along the lake shore would be an expensive job, and not warranted by the local circumstances.

"The Committee then travelled to Carne and inspected the road from Carne through Lady's Island to Tagcoat, and on to Rosslare. The road, formerly a gravel repaired road, is not able to stand up under present lorry and motor traffic, and is very much pot holed. The money allowed in this section for repair of County Roads is only £343 for 31.7 miles which averages only £10: 16: 0d. per mile. The County Surveyor's estimate was £1025. It is impossible at this figure to better maintain the road, and the Committee recommends that, if possible, a loan should be obtained to deal with this most important Road."

The Chairman proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution:-

"That report of Co. Surveyor as to Lingstown and Tagcoat-



Carne Roads be received and submitted to the County Council for consideration." The Finance Committee desire to point out that they are not in favour of the raising of loans as suggested by the Committee. The adoption of such a procedure would be to involve the Council in a number of small uneconomic loans, and also destroy the effectiveness of the Road Works Scheme."

VESTING ORDERS LAND ACT 1931

Copy of Orders was submitted vesting in a number of tenants lands in Enniscorthy district.

No order.



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 5th July, 1935, be received and considered."

USE OF NO FRANGO:- Mr. Culleton suggested that consideration of this matter should be adjourned to next meeting when it could be fully gone into. It was a very contentious matter.

Mr. Corish said that it would be better take no decision in the matter but Mr. Culleton pressed his suggestion and the matter was accordingly adjourned to next meeting of the Council.

LINGSTOWN ROAD:- Patrick Dooley and Stephen Doyle both of Lingstown attended as a deputation in connection with this road.

Mr. Doyle stated that they were instructed by the local branch of Labour Party to come before the Council and point out the impassible condition of this road. At one side 100 yards were in a very bad state and at the other side 200 yards. Any work should be done before the bar at Tacumshane Lake was cut. There was a quarry in the locality which could be used if the road was repaired.

The Co. Surveyor said this was a "presented" road as far only as Madden's cottage. The trouble was caused by the flooding at high spring tides of a hollow. This could be prevented by raising the road. The local people held that if repairs were to be done they should be carried out before the bar was cut.

Col. Gibbon said that the flooding took place when men were going to and coming from work and when children were going to school.

The Co. Surveyor suggested that £25 might be drawn from the Contingency Fund to raise the hollow.

On the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Miss O'Ryan the following resolution was adopted:- "That £30 be withdrawn from the appropriate Contingency Fund to raise hollow on Lingstown Road."



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting of 5th July, 1935, be and are hereby confirmed."

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 19th JULY, 1935:- The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of above meeting were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 19th July, 1935.

Mr. D. Allen, Chairman, Co. Council, presided, and there were also present:- Messrs. P. Colfer, M. Doyle, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, W. Kinsella, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4387:6:9d was examined and signed.

#### ILLNESS OF MR. R. MALONE, V.S.

The following letter under date 10th July, 1935, (E.1272/35) was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letter of the 3rd instant in connection with the question of the discharge of Veterinary Inspection duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts in Wexford District, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that it is unsatisfactory that this matter should have so long remained unsettled. It is noted that you have again entered into correspondence with Mr. Malone and the Department will require that definite information in the matter, should be forthcoming here not later than the 15th instant. Meanwhile the temporary employment of Mr. Staples as Local Authority Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts in place of Mr. Malone may be regarded as approved by the Minister."

The Secretary stated he had received on the 13th July, 1935, a medical certificate from Dr. Walker, Portlaw, that Mr. Malone was in every respect better and stronger than he was on the occasion of his last examination for certificate. If his present improvement continued there was a good prospect that Mr. Malone would be able to resume his work towards the end of the year. Dr. Walker asked that Mr. Malone be granted another three months' sick leave, when a further report on his condition could be obtained. This Certificate had been furnished to the Department of Agriculture on the 15th July, 1935.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed that a further three months' leave be granted to Mr. Malone as from 22nd May, date of expiration of period mentioned in last medical certificate. Mr. Staples, V.S.



to continue to act as Locum Tenens at the same rate of remuneration as was received by the latter.

Mr. Kinsella seconded the resolution which was adopted.

#### HARBOUR MASTER - KILMORE QUAY.

Under date 9th July, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.107662/35 Loch Garman Sg) that as regards proposed appointment of Mr. Patrick Kehoe as Harbour Master, Kilmore, the preliminary to an appointment of this kind was a public advertisement, and the Minister was not in a position to sanction the present appointment having regard to the manner in which it was made by the County Council.

The Secretary stated that the father of the present harbour Master, Walter Kehoe, who formerly filled the position, died suddenly some years ago, leaving a Widow and a helpless family. The old County Council appointed the Widow as Harbour Master during the minority of the present holder, Patrick Kehoe, on condition that she would resign when he came of age. This she did and the Council then appointed Patrick Kehoe, considering that in the circumstances, an advertisement was not necessary.

It was decided that the Chairman of the Co. Council (Mr. Allen) explain in full the circumstances to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and endeavour to obtain sanction to the appointment of Mr. P. Kehoe, without advertisement, in view of the fact that he has been discharging the duties for a couple of years.

#### OVERDRAFT.

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 asked to sanction extension of period of overdraft of £40,000 for Wexford Co. Council up to the 30th September, 1935."



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SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 10th July, 1935, Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, wrote that Nicholas Whelan, Dunbrody, Campile, obtained a loan of £125 from the Co. Council under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. The mortgage in respect of this was registered on 20th October, 1933. Nicholas Whelan appeared on Land Registry as the owner of the lands and he (Mr. Elgee) was led to believe that this Nicholas Whelan who was so registered was the same person as Nicholas Whelan who had obtained the loan. He had, however, since discovered that the owner of the lands was the father of the latter. The mortgage for £125 was not therefore in order and to have the matter corrected at the Land Registry, the County Council should execute a release of the Mortgage of the 20th October, 1933. When this release was executed and duly registered Nicholas Whelan who obtained the loan would execute a new mortgage for the full amount. The Deeds to carry this into effect had been prepared and were ready for execution.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That in view of the circumstances mentioned in letter of Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, under date 10th July, 1935, release of mortgage from Nicholas Whelan, Junior, Dunbrody, Campile, for loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be agreed to."

CRIMINAL INJURY APPLICATION

Thomas Hayes, Thomas Street, Wexford, and Thomas White, Tyrone House, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary, notified the Co. Council of their intention to apply for £5:10s. compensation for damage to window panes and structure of tennis pavilion, High Street, Wexford.

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



### CONCRETE WORK AND TRADESMEN

Report under date 17th July, 1935, was read from Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey District, to the County Surveyor as follows:-

"Yours re above with copy of letter re same from J.F. McSweeney regarding work in above in my Area and in reply to which I beg to state:- That works as referred to are not such as come within the sphere of masons' work. The only portion of this class of work with which tradesmen might be concerned would be in the making of the necessary formes, and such as were required were made by duly qualified tradesmen.

"I may point out, as it is referred to in letter, that to best of my knowledge there are not any tradesmen in the building line idle in Gorey."

The meeting considered Mr. Treanor's report satisfactory.

### RATE COLLECTION

COLLECTORS' LODGMENTS:- It was decided to issue special instructions to the Rate Collectors, pointing out that they must proceed with their collection immediately, in view of the amount of overdraft of County Council.

CLOSING OF FIRST MOIETY OF RATE:- Miss O'Ryan proposed that rate for first moiety of current collection be closed by 31st October, 1935.

The Chairman seconded.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kinsella seconded an amendment that the closing date be fixed for 30th November, 1935.

On a show of hands four voted for 31st October and four voted for 30th November.

The Chairman gave his casting vote for the 31st October which was declared carried.

POUNDAGE TO RATE COLLECTORS:- Mr. Kinsella proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction payment of full poundage fees to the following Collectors, as sanction has not yet been received to payment in these cases:- J. Quirke, W. Doyle, W. Cummins, M. Murphy and J.J. Sinnott."



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 sanction payment of Poundage to all Rate Collectors in respect of lodgments subsequent to 31st May, 1935."

CREDIT NOTES:- Application was received from Mr. T.J. Kelly, Solicitor, New Ross, under date 8th July, 1935, asking for recognition of Credit Note for £1:18s. in the case of Richard Boland, of Donard, deceased. Mr. Kelly contended that it was the delay of the Board of Health in not paying £30, value of two plots for labourers' cottages to Mr. Boland which caused the payment of his rates to be deferred.

Mr. Colfer, a member of the Co. Board of Health, held that the delay in this case was not caused by any action of the Board of Health but by a dispute between the Widow and deceased as to who should receive the money for the plots.

It was decided to inform Mr. Kelly that as the period for the validity of the Credit Notes expired on 31st May last it was not possible for the Council to accede to his request in the case of the late Richard Boland of Donard.

#### MOTOR TAXATION OFFICE

Under date 19th July, 1935, the following application was read from Local Taxation Officer:-

"As the Audit of the Accounts in this Department is now practically completed there remains over 19,000 vouchers to be filed in their respective Folders.

"I would be glad if arrangements were made to grant me three assistants for about three weeks to complete above work."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the Local Taxation Officer be afforded the services of two temporary clerks, remuneration at the rate of 1/- per hour, for three weeks, to enable him to file motor vouchers after audit and that the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to refund the amount of wages paid these Assistants."



Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kinsella seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to contribute in full, the amount of salary of Mr. Richards, Local Taxation Officer, as owing to recent legislation etc. his time is now fully occupied in Motor Taxation Office. The Finance Committee would point out that when the Department asked the County Council to contribute portion of this official's salary it was understood he would be able to give part of his time to the ordinary work of the Council. This, owing to new conditions, is no longer possible and the Finance Committee consider that the Department should, therefore, pay his salary in full."

#### PRINTING OUTSTANDING RATES.

Quotations were received for the printing of lists of outstanding rates.

Miss O'Ryan and the Chairman pointed out that as these quotations did not cover a column for amount of rates paid during the past financial year, new quotations with the inclusion of this alteration in the form should be obtained.

This was agreed to.

#### MAIN ROAD UPKEEP

Under date 16th July, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (R.G.M./201/35) that Main Road Upkeep Grant for current financial year had been fixed at £11,662.

#### APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF HARBOUR MASTER - CARNE PIER.

Mr. W.L. Doyle, Dentist, 14, Selskar Street, Wexford, wrote on behalf of the owners of fishing boats at Carne Pier, asking the Council to appoint a Harbour Master there. Since the beginning of the fishing season there was a considerable increase in the number of boats using the Pier, and the resulting congestion was very great. A Harbour Master was



necessary to have the boats kept in proper line and moored in a satisfactory manner.

The following resolution was agreed to:- "That Mr. W.L. Doyle be informed the Finance Committee regret they cannot see their way to recommend to the Council the appointment of Harbour Master for Carne."

#### FORD OF LYNG

The following under date 11th July, 1935, was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"With reference to your letter of 22nd January last enclosing your Council's resolution on the question of the completion of the drainage work on the Ford of Lyng, I am to say that the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance has had this matter under consideration.

"From our correspondence with the Co. Surveyor we understand that the further work now contemplated is the clearance of the channel above Rathdowney Bridge to connect up with the work carried out on the upper reaches of the stream under Minor Relief Schemes in 1933/34, and that the total cost of the proposed work is estimated at £300. We are also informed by the County Surveyor that the Slob Commissioners' Solicitors have intimated to your Council's Solicitor that they agree to expenditure of the unexpended balance of the £150 lodged by them in connection with the works below Rathdowney Bridge, as a contribution towards the cost of the present proposal. This means in effect a contribution of £50 from the Slob Commissioners towards the work above Rathdowney Bridge, as we understand that £100 of their original contribution must be spent in order to complete the works agreed upon last year. As however the Slob Commissioners were prepared to contribute if necessary, a maximum of £200 to last year's work, and as we understand from the Co. Surveyor that they are responsible for the channel up to the old high water mark above Rathdowney Bridge, we consider that they should be strongly pressed to make a further £50 available.

"If they agree to do so, and if arrangements can be made to have the work carried out as before to an agreed specification prepared under the joint responsibility of their Engineer and the County Surveyor, the Parliamentary Secretary is disposed to recommend a further grant from the Relief Vote for the current year on the understanding that no more suitable scheme for the relief of unemployment in the area is brought to his attention in the meantime."

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That in view of the fact that Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, has furnished the Solicitors to the Slob Commissioners with copy of letter from the Office of Public Works asking that the said Commissioners should contribute a further sum of £50 as originally agreed to between them and the reps. of the Council



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"consideration of letter in this matter from the Office of Public Works be adjourned pending receipt of reply from Commissioners."

PROPOSED JETTY AT ROSSLARE STRAND

It was decided that the Committee appointed to deal with the above matter meet at the Whitehouse, Rosslare, on Friday, 26th July, 1935, at 6 p.m. (Summer Time) meeting to be summoned by the County Surveyor.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COMBINED PURCHASING)  
ACT 1925.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That the assessment of £153:14:4d on Wexford Co. Council under above Act, as referred to in communication from Department of Local Government and Public Health, under date 17th July, 1935, (S.87631/35 Ilgh (C.P.A) be paid."

EAST COAST HERRING FISHERY

Under date 16th July, 1935, the Department of Agriculture (Fisheries Branch), wrote that in connection with proposal to make a by-law affecting the East Coast Herring Fisheries, meetings would be held at Arklow, Rosslare and Dunlaoghaire.

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Co. Solicitor, (Mr. Elgee) represent the Co. Council at the Public Inquiry to be held at the Golf Hotel, Rosslare, on 31st July, 1935, at 12 noon, into a proposal to make a By-law affecting East Coast Herring Fisheries, and that, so far as is possible, he give assistance to Solicitors representing the fishermen."

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AT MENTAL HOSPITAL,  
ENNISCORTHY.

Resolution was received from the Mental Hospital Committee Enniscorthy, stating they were conferring with Engineers as to the electric power and water supply to the Institution and would communicate further with the Co. Council when the



reports in these matters had been considered.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That consideration of Mental Hospital Committee's resolution as to proposed improvements be adjourned pending report as to electric power system and water supply to the institution."

#### USE OF GOREY COURTHOUSE

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution:- "That Gorey Courthouse be made available for entertainment by the pupils of Gorey Vocational School on 26th July, 1935, on condition that the Courthouse be left clean and tidy after the function and that the promoters be responsible for the premises while in their custody."

Passed.

#### RESIGNATION OF SHORTHAND-TYPIST COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICES

Miss Dorothy B. Killeen, Shorthand-Typist in the Office of County Secretary, wrote under date 18th July, 1935, resigning her position, resignation to be effective as from 31st August. She also asked for Marriage Gratuity allowance under Section 44(4) of the Local Government Act 1925.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That resignation of Miss Dorothy B. Killeen, Shorthand-Typist in Office of County Secretary, be accepted, to become effective as from 31st August next."

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That advertisement be issued for the position of Shorthand-Typist (female) in Co. Secretary's Office, Salary £90 per annum, rising by increments of £5 to £150. Appointment to be made on result of qualifying examination in Irish, English, Arithmetic, Shorthand and Typewriting - age limit 18 - 30."



Mr. Colfer gave notice of his intention to move the following at next County Council meeting:- "That Miss D.B. Killeen, Shorthand-Typist in Co.Secretary's Office receive from the County Council, amount of gratuity (£26:5s) to which she is entitled under Section 44(4) of Local Government Act 1925, on the occasion of her marriage."

UPTON QUARRY

Under date 16th July, 1935, Captain C.S. Doyle, Adjutant, Headquarters Volunteer Forces, Wexford District, Griffith Barracks, Dublin, wrote that Volunteers living in the Rourke's Cross Area, required a place to be used as a miniature range for rifle practice during the Summer. Upton Quarry had been recommended as suitable and he wished to know if there would be any objection to its use by the Volunteer forces.

The Co.Surveyor stated that neither he nor the Co.Council had authority to give permission to utilise this quarry and it would be necessary for Captain Doyle to arrange with the owner, as the Co.Council had only a lease of the place. Personally he was quite satisfied that the quarry should be used in the evenings when no work was being carried out there.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Co.Surveyor inform Captain Doyle he will have to make his own arrangements with the owner of Upton Quarry in connection with proposed rifle practice there by Volunteers."

POLE SIGN

Mrs. Amy Ellis, Widow of the late Harry Ellis, 28, John Street, New Ross, wrote for permission to erect a pole sign at the entrance to this street.

The Co.Surveyor stated that the pole would be most objectionable and he would consider it an obstruction.

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr.O'Byrne it was decided to refuse the application.



### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Intimation that they would, on 23rd July, 1935, make application to New Ross Court, for the committal to St. Aidan's Industrial School, of Ellen Donovan, Dungeer, Taghmon, illegitimate, under Section 58 (1) (h) of Childrens Act 1908, as amended by Childrens Act 1929, was received from Garda Siochana, New Ross.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, Col Solicitor.

### SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

Mr. P. O'Regan, Ballybro, Tagcoat, wrote under date 18th July, 1935, that his daughter Catherine, who held a Secondary and Vocational Scholarship from the County Council from 1933, had been a Boarder in Loreto Convent, Wexford, since September of that year. According to Dr. Wyse it would be detrimental to her health to continue as a Boarder. She was, however, anxious to avail of the Scholarship and he intended to send her as a day pupil to the convent with the sanction of the County Council.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of this request for production of Medical Certificate from Dr. Wyse.

Rev. Mother, Loreto Convent, wrote under date 19th July, 1935, that Miss E. Sinnott's Scholarship under Secondary and Vocational Scheme expired this year. As she had to spend three years in preparing for Intermediate Certificate, her course of studies was not complete. Rev. Mother had promised to take her back next year to enable her to complete preparation for Leaving Certificate Course. She (Rev. Mother) had been informed by Mr. O'Regan that his daughter intended in future to attend the Convent as a Day Pupil and if the County Council allowed £30 to her as expenses, perhaps the balance might be applied for the purpose of allowing Miss Sinnott to complete her course of studies.

It was decided to inform the Rev. Mother, Loreto Convent, Wexford, the Finance Committee regretted they had no power to recommend the Council to agree to her request.



The Secretary, University College, Dublin, wrote forwarding results of examinations of eleven students holding University Scholarships under Wexford County Council.

These results were considered satisfactory.

#### DAMAGE TO TAR CASKS

The Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, wrote under date 9th July, 1935, that the attention of the County Force had been specially directed to the practice of damaging tar casks, the property of the Council.

#### DIRECTION POST

Under date 15th July, 1935, Mr. G. Langley-Taylor, Estate Agent, Courtown, wrote asking for permission to erect a small sign post at the junction of road leading to Kiltunnel, directing people to Courtown House.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Miss O'Ryan the following resolution was adopted:- "That no objection be offered to the erection of a sign post at junction of road leading to Kiltunnel, provided same be erected to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

#### OLD COURTHOUSE PREMISES

The Co. Solicitor wrote under date 6th July, 1935, forwarding copy of letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, with copy of his letter and enclosure, as to rents payable out of site of old Wexford Courthouse which stated that his letter had been forwarded to the Department of Justice, to whom any further correspondence in the matter should be addressed.

The Co. Surveyor said a great deal of trespass was being carried out at the site. Barricades had been broken down and when new barricades were erected they also were interfered with. The place was positively dangerous to the public at the moment as the walls were being pulled down.

In reply to the Chairman the Co. Surveyor said it would cost a couple of hundred pounds to take down the whole



building. Its removal was considered previously by <sup>the</sup> old Council, but the latter wished to purchase the ground rents, before taking any steps to demolish the structure.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the Co.Council be recommended to advertise for tenders for demolition of old Courthouse, materials to become the property of the Contractor."

#### DANGEROUS CORNERS

Miss O'Ryan said the Co.Surveyor should submit a comprehensive report as regards easement of dangerous corners in all parts of the County. All corners coming on to main roads should be eased, and there was no use in having people killed before action was taken. A comprehensive report could be dealt with in next year's Road Works Scheme.

Miss O'Ryan's suggestion was adopted.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kelly the following resolution was adopted:- "That the County Surveyor issue general instructions to the district Surveyors to have all hedges at all dangerous corners in their districts pruned or plashed in order to prevent accidents."



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Lawlor seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 19th July, 1935, be received and considered."

ILLNESS OF MR. R. MALONE:- Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That in view of certificate of Dr. Walker we hereby agree to an additional three months' sick leave to Mr. R. Malone, V.S., Wexford, as from the 22nd August, 1935, the Department of Agriculture to be asked to sanction this proposal and to the continuance of the duties in the district being carried out by Mr. Frank Staples, V.S., at present rate of remuneration."

FORD OF LYNG:- The following under date 22nd July, 1935, to County Solicitor from Messrs. Meldon & Co., Solicitors for Slob Commissioners, 71, Dame Street, Dublin, was submitted:-

"Referring to your letter of the 13th instant. Our clients have instructed us to lodge with the Commissioners of Public Works the £50 as requested by their letter to your clients' Secretary. The £50 together with the £150 already lodged by us is the full amount of the contribution which the Commissioners agree to make towards the works provided for in the Consent between the County Council and the Commissioners dated the 1st day of August, 1934. It is to be distinctly understood that the Commissioners' contribution of £200 is the utmost that they are prepared to make and that they must not be asked for any additional sum.

"The Commissioners have never accepted liability for the channel up to the old high water mark above Rathdowney Bridge, and they still refuse to accept any such liability.

"We have written to the Secretary if the additional grant of £200 has been made by the Board of Works and if we are to lodge the £50."

The following under date 9th August, 1935, (17403/35) was read from Office of Public Works:-

"With reference to your letter of the 23rd ult. I am to say that we have now received a further contribution of £50 from the Slob Commissioners through Messrs. Meldon & Co., Solicitors. I enclose herewith copies of their letters of the 22nd July and 6th August indicating the terms under which their contribution is made.

"A grant of £200 from the Relief Vote has been provisionally approved, but according to the latest figures available, the number of men in receipt of Unemployment Assistance in the neighbourhood would not justify the commencement of work at the present time.

"We have written to the Co. Surveyor, requesting him to prepare his scheme of work in collaboration with Mr. Delap, but



"instructions to begin operations will not be issued to him until the unemployment situation in the district warrants this course."

In letter to the Co.Surveyor under date 9th August, 1935, the Office of Public Works wrote that in view of the lodgment of the £50 from the Slob Commissioners the Parliamentary Secretary was prepared to make a grant of £200 from the Relief Fund but the work should not be put in hands without further notification from Office of Public Works as from the latest figures available the number of men in the district in receipt of unemployment Assistance did not warrant its commencement at the moment. It was suggested that the Co.Surveyor should prepare a scheme in collaboration with Mr.Delap so that it would be ready when it was decided that the work should proceed.

Col. Gibbon said that strong representations should be made to the Office of Works to have this drainage carried out immediately. If left much later in the year it could not be done.

The Co.Surveyor agreed with Col.Gibbon it was necessary to carry out the work now. He would arrange with Mr.Delap what was necessary although he (Co.Surveyor) had already gone into the matter with the Board of Works' Engineer and had agreed on a Scheme.

Mr. Corish said this work should not be dependant on the amount of unemployment in the district; it would be impossible to get near the place in the winter.

Mr. Culleton agreed and pointed out that unless the work was done now, value for the money to be spent could not be obtained.

Col. Gibbon proposed and Mr.Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That representations be made to the Office of Public Works that drainage work at Ford of Lyng should be proceeded with at once. If postponed to a later date it will not be possible to enter the place while the present is a most favourable time to deal with this work."



Mr. Doyle said he knew the place better than any other Co.Councillor and it was his opinion that if the work was postponed for a month or until there was a break in the weather work could not be carried out and it would have to hang over until June or July next. The Slob Commissioners said at the Conference that if the £200 which they were to contribute was not sufficient to finish the work they would see further.

RESIGNATION SHORTHAND-TYPIST:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.Cummins seconded by Mr.Keegan:-  
 "That we confirm the recommendation of the Finance Committee accepting the resignation of Miss Dorothy B. Killeen as Shorthand-Typist in Office of Co.Secretary to become effective as from 31st August,1935."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.Colfer seconded by Mr.Kelly:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee for 19th July, 1935, be and are hereby confirmed."

MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE - 2nd AUGUST,1935:- Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of above meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 2nd August, 1935.

Mr. D. Allen, Chairman, County Council, presided, and there were also present:- Messrs. John P. Kelly, William Kinsella, William Cullimore, Patrick Colfer, W.P. Keegan, Sean O'Byrne and Miss N. O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5136:6:7d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: Lodgments by Rate Collectors to 31st July, 1935, amounted to £351:17:9d.

The following circular which had been issued to Rate Collectors on 25th July, 1935, was submitted:-

"The Finance Committee at their meeting on 22nd instant had before them the question of amount of County Council overdraft.

"As this has nearly reached the sanctioned limit I am instructed by the Committee to direct the Rate Collectors to do all they possibly can to push forward their collections. Unless they take energetic steps in the matter the present limit of overdraft must be increased provided the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health can be obtained.

"In the circumstances the Committee feel you will fully realise the absolute necessity of getting in at once all the Rate possible."

The Chairman proposed:- "That Rate Collectors be notified that the Finance Committee will insist on their making immediate and regular lodgments in respect of current warrants so that the collection will be in full swing by the next meeting of the Finance Committee."

Miss O'Ryan seconded the resolution which was adopted.

It was also decided to notify Collectors that first moiety must be closed by 31st October, 1935, independently of lodgments made in respect of second moiety.



CREDIT NOTES:- Application from Miss Jane M. Ryan, Edermine, asking for refund in respect of Credit Notes Nos. 1041 (£3:0:8d) and 1042 (7/10d), first moiety in each case, was submitted.

Rate Collector W. Cummins certified that Miss Ryan paid her rates before 31st May, 1935, and it was decided that refund applied for be made to Miss Ryan.

Mr. Robert Sinnott, Tomgarrow, Wells, made application to have Credit Notes, No. 3639, (£3:3:11d), first moiety, and No. 8355, (£3:4:0d), Second Moiety, recognised towards payment of his rates to 31st March, 1935. Mr. Sinnott stated he expected to have received cheque from Health Board which would have enabled him to have paid his rates within the prescribed period for the validity of Credit Notes.

It was decided to adjourn the application to next meeting in order to obtain particulars from the County Board of Health as to the amount due to Mr. Sinnott.

PRINTING LISTS OF OUTSTANDING RATES:- For the printing of lists of outstanding rates, the following tenders were submitted:-

"The Echo", Enniscorthy.	£15: 7: 6
Redmond Bros., do	£15:10: 0
"The People" Newspapers Ltd., Wexford.	£23: 0: 0

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Miss O'Ryan, the tender of the "Echo" at £15:7:6d, being the lowest, was accepted.

OVERDRAFT

Under date 24th July, 1935, the following letter, No. G.121476/35, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 20th inst. on the subject and to state that he has sanctioned the continuance of Overdraft Accommodation not exceeding £40,000 (Forty Thousand Pounds) on the accounts of the Wexford County Council up to the 30th September next. Interest may be paid thereon at the agreed rate.

A signed duplicate of this letter is enclosed for transmission to the Bank."



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APPLICATION FOR INCREASE OF SALARY  
MR. D. RADFORD.

The following application from Mr.D.Radford,Senior Clerk,  
County Surveyor's Office, was submitted:-

"My period of probation as Senior Clerk in Co.Surveyor's Office, in room of the late Mr.Moore deceased, is now completed, and I now wish to make application to have my salary adjusted to that fixed for the position. I base my application on the following facts which demonstrate clearly, that as matters now stand, I am not being paid in proportion to extra duty and responsibility entailed; also, that in comparison with the appointment to the Junior position which I had occupied I was most unfairly treated.

"(1) I was originally appointed as Junior Clerk in September 1920, starting salary £78 per annum. Increments were £5 for a period thence by £7:10s. I had reached a salary of £157:10s. in this position when Mr.Moore died and I was appointed to his position. His salary for that year was £206.

"(2) The appointment to the Junior position was proposed at a starting salary of £156, being 30/- per year less than the figure I had reached.

"(3) I believe that the extra duties and responsibility attaching to my new position as Senior Clerk would leave me entitled to the salary and increments set out for such position. For the current year this would be £216.

"Apart from this aspect of the question, am I not in justice entitled to the same treatment as accorded to the new appointment? The Junior Clerk began almost where I left off, after my 14 years' service, and was also given my higher increment. I was left at the same salary, although of course I was given a higher increment representing an extra £2:10s. per annum.

"At the end of this present year the difference between our salaries will be £4 for the year; namely 1/6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d per week.

"In conclusion I would suggest that there is nothing unreasonable in my request - which is: to be given the salary attaching to the position of Senior Clerk for the current year viz. £216."

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

"As Mr.Radford's probationary period in above position has now elapsed I beg to report, for the information of the County Council, that he has proved himself attentive and satisfactory.

"I understand Mr.Radford is now applying for adjustment of his salary, and I have no hesitation in recommending him to the favourable consideration of the Council."

The resolution setting out the terms of Mr.Radford's appointment as Senior Clerk was submitted to the meeting as follows:-



"That the County 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 months' probationary period."

Mr. Radford's present salary is £167:10s. per annum, rising by annual increments of £10 to £312 per annum.

Miss O'Ryan proposed:- "That, as Mr. Radford's probationary period as Senior Clerk has expired and in view of the satisfactory report from the Co. Surveyor, his appointment to said position on a permanent basis be agreed to."

Mr. Kinsella seconded. Passed.

Miss O'Ryan stated that the maximum salary which Mr. Radford will eventually reach viz. £312 per annum, was a good salary for the position. It would, however, take him a further 15 years' service to reach his maximum, and, in view of his long service as Junior Clerk she proposed that his present salary be fixed at £200 per annum rising by annual increments of £10 to the maximum already agreed to viz. £312 per annum. This would mean an increase in Mr. Radford's present salary of £32:10s. per annum.

Mr. Kinsella seconded. Passed.

Miss O'Ryan stated she would give notice of motion for County Council meeting on 12th August, 1935, to have the recommendation of the Finance Committee agreed to by the County Council.

#### VACANCY FOR SHORTHAND-TYPIST

The following communication from the Local Government Department under date 24th July, 1935, No. G.122043/35 was read:-

"With reference to your letter of the 22nd instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is not prepared to sanction the filling of the vacant position of shorthand-typist by any method other than as the result of open competitive examination.

"The Minister approves of a salary scale of £90 per annum, increasing, subject to satisfactory service, by annual increments of £5 to a maximum salary of £150 per annum.



"A draft of the advertisement and of the conditions of Appointment which the Minister has approved is enclosed."

The following is copy of draft of advertisement:-

"Application Forms for and particulars of the whole-time pensionable post of Shorthand-Typist (Female) in the offices of the Wexford County Council may be obtained from the Secretary, Wexford County Council, County Hall, Wexford.

Salary: £90 per annum rising by annual increments of £5 to a maximum salary of £150 per annum. Age Limits: 18-30 years.

Latest date for receiving completed applications

1935."

The following is copy of conditions of appointment:-

- " 1. The post is whole-time, permanent and pensionable.
- " 2. Salary: £90 per annum, increasing, subject to satisfactory service, by annual increments of £5 to a maximum salary of £150 per annum.
- " 3. Age Limits: Candidates must be between the ages of 18 and 30 years on the 1st August, 1935.
- " 4. The appointment will be made on the result of a competitive examination, the subjects for which shall be:

Irish; English; Arithmetic; Shorthand;  
Typewriting.

"The candidate who obtains the highest marks and passes in every subject will be appointed if within the prescribed age limits and if medically certified as being free from physical defects or disease likely to interfere with the proper discharge of her duties. Reputable evidence as to character must be furnished. The pass marks in each subject will be 33 and one-third per cent of the maximum.

- " 5. The candidate appointed shall enter on a period of probation of six months and shall not be finally appointed until there is satisfactory proof of fitness.
- " 6. The candidate appointed will be required to resign on marriage and to notify her marriage to the Co. Secretary immediately on its taking place.
- " 7. The appointment will be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

"Candidates will be notified in due course of the date and place of examination.

"Canvassing is strictly prohibited.

"Applications in the form below should reach me not later than the morning of the                      1935.

"An examination fee of five shillings should accompany the application."

It was decided that appointment be made as a result of competitive examination and be open to applicants whose parents or guardians have resided in Co. Wexford for a period of five years.



MOTOR TAXATION OFFICE

The following letter from the Local Government Department (Roads), under date 16th July, 1935, No. MT.209/32, was submitted:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant, relative to the lodgment of Motor Taxation Receipts, and to state that the Minister agrees with the arrangements made with the Bank in the matter, and will raise no objection to the alteration in the early closing day to facilitate the working of the arrangements."

It was decided that early closing day in Motor Taxation Office be altered from Saturday 12 noon to Thursday, 12 noon.

It was also decided that hours for public business be fixed as follows:- 9 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. (without a break from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.) except Thursday. The present hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a break from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

It was decided that Messrs. John O'Leary, Wexford, and P.K. Byrne, Gorey, be appointed to carry out filing work in Motor Taxation Office for which two temporary clerks were approved at last meeting of the Finance Committee.

WEIGHTS & MEASURES OFFICE AT FERNS

The following letter from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, under date 25th July, 1935, No. 1563/35, was submitted:-

"Adverting to your communication of the 3rd instant, I understand this question was previously raised about four years ago, but the project fell through because of the unsuitability of the accommodation offered at Ferns.

I understand that the building now offered is the same one with some repairs effected. I am informed that it is still altogether unsuitable and that it is being utilised, inter alia, as Dance Hall, Concert Hall, Travelling Shows, and at the moment as a Technical instruction room.

"If a suitable office is provided at Ferns and meets with the approval of the Weights and Measures Inspector, I see no serious objection to the verification work being performed there.

"A new set of standards would not be required as Ferns is in the Court District of Enniscorthy and the standards from the latter place could be conveyed to Ferns.

"The following is the approximate expense that the proposal may entail:-



	£	s	d
"(1) Removal of standards to Ferns and back		15	0
"(2) Rent of office while in use. 4 weeks at £1 per week.		4	0: 0
"(3) Subsistence allowance for W. & M. Inspr. 7/6 per night for 4 weeks.		10:10	0
		<u>£15</u>	<u>5: 0</u>

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, to recommend the Co. Council to provide a Weights and Measures Office at Ferns provided suitable accommodation is provided free of charge.

#### ST. HELEN'S QUARRY

The following letter under date 25th July, 1935, from Mr. J. Kennan Cooper, Solicitor, Wexford, was read:-

"I am much obliged for yours of the 6th inst., which I duly placed before my client, Mr. John Carr, and I have now heard from him.

"Owing to the circumstances in which he is placed Mr. Carr could not accept less than the sum of £80 for an acre of his land.

"I would be much obliged if you would kindly let me hear from you if the County Council are prepared to purchase the acre at this price and if so, kindly let me have a draft Map showing the exact locality of the acre proposed to be purchased."

It was decided, on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kinsella, that Mr. Cooper be informed that the County Council cannot increase the offer of £60 made to Mr. Carr at last meeting of the County Council.

#### POLLING PLACES AND SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS

It was decided that consideration of alterations in Polling Places be deferred until information is received from Carlow County Council as to the present polling places for the 12 Electoral Divisions which have been transferred from Co. Carlow to County Wexford Constituency.



SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

LOANS, RECONSTRUCTION OF DWELLING HOUSES:- The following letter under date 26th July, 1935, No.H.113480/35, Loch Garman, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was submitted:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge receipt of resolution passed by the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance relative to the question of extending the provisions of Small Dwellings Acts to cover loans for reconstruction of dwellinghouses of persons residing in Rural Areas."

The following application from Edward Dempsey, Ardamine, Courtown Harbour, Gorey, was submitted:-

"About two years ago I made application to the Co.Council for the loan of £125 for the purpose of building a house and the loan was granted to me but was held up till I would have the deed of my plot in order. I was held up for a considerable time by the Land Commission sub-dividing the plot and was further held up in the Land Registry Office, Wexford. In the meantime our Solicitor, Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, was told it would be necessary to renew the application and this they did not do and just as we were getting every preparation ready for building we received a letter from Mr. Elgee, Co.Council Solicitor, stating our claim was cut off. I now appeal to the Co.Council to know if this could be altered as I have no house and am living with my Mother-in-law this past five years and it would be a great hardship if I was to be put off for another year. Hoping the Co.Council will alter their decision and release my loan."

It was decided to inform Mr. Dempsey that Finance Committee are not in a position to deal with his application at present, allocations under the second scheme of loans having already been made.

LOAN £100 - MR. JOHN HEMPENSTALL, ISLAND UPPER, CRAANFORD:-

The following letter under date 19th July, 1935, was read from Mr. J. Elgee, Co.Solicitor:-

Referring to the application by Mr. John Hempenstall for a loan under the above Acts, I write to say, that I have inspected the Land Registry Folio in connection with his Holding, and I find, that there is a Deed of Charge for £50 registered against the lands, and this being so, I am not in a position to certify that his Title is in order."

The Chairman stated he understood Mr. Hempenstall had considerably reduced the amount of his indebtedness to the Credit Corporation.

Mr. Elgee said he would ascertain the exact amount of



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Mr. Hempenstall's present indebtedness and report on the matter further.

REPAYMENT BY MR.J.T. SUTTON:- The following letter under date 31st July, 1935, was read from Mr.J. Elgee, Co.Solicitor:-

"In this case Mr.Sutton informs me that he is desirous of paying off the balance due in respect of the sum of £125 which he borrowed from the Council under the above Acts, and the money is available for doing so. I will be glad if you would bring this matter before the Finance Committee at their meeting on Friday next for their recommendation to the Council that the repayment of the loan be accepted."

It was decided that repayment of amount outstanding viz.£123:12:1d be accepted from Mr.J.T. Sutton.

SANCTIONS TO LOANS:- Under date 19th July, 1935, the following letter, No.H.115822/35 Loch Garman, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 11th instant on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the making by the Wexford County Council of the following advance under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Premises</u>	<u>Amount</u>
William Peare.	Bellefield, Enniscorthy.	£175:10s."

Under date 19th July, 1935, the following letter, No.H.118768/35, Loch Garman, was read from the Local Government Department:-

"With reference to your letter of the 16th inst.on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the making by the Wexford Co.Council of the following advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Premises</u>	<u>Amount</u>
James Clince.	Ballymoney, Gorey.	£187.
Mary Kilty.	Ballinabarney, Tinahely.	£100."

Under date 19th July, 1935, the following letter, No.H.117931/35 Loch Garman, was read from the Local Government Department:-

"With reference to your letter of the 15th inst.on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the making by the Wexford Co.Council of the following advance under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Premises</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mrs.Mary J. Doyle.	Monamolin.	£175:10s."



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RYLAND QUARRY

The following letter from Mr. George O'Connor, Clerk of Works, Shan Ross Abbey, Roscrea, addressed to the Chairman was read:-

"You will I trust pardon the liberty of this note and find it of such interest, that your consideration will be favourable.

"At the moment we are engaged on the building of a large Hospital and Chapel here. Mr. T. J. Cullen, Suffolk Street, Dublin, is the Architect.

"He has specified that all the external work be finished in Spar dashing from Ryland Quarry (under your Council).

"He had an interview with your Co. Surveyor, and gave us to understand that your Council had issued an order stopping the sale of this material. This material is specified for several of his contracts, but outside of your quarry the only other source of supply for a like material is from England, which we do not want to touch.

"We are very anxious to get the chippings from Ryland Quarry and are prepared to pay any reasonable price, arranging to take delivery or meeting your Council in any manner that you may suggest.

"Kindly give this matter your consideration, it will certainly be a little industry on its own, Mr. Cullen has promised to have the material used on several of his contracts, once he is sure that it is obtainable.

"The work in hand just now will take about 15 Tons, and I am sure that Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty will deal with the matter for the builder (Mr. Sean O'Byrne, Roscrea), if an arrangement is come to."

The Co. Surveyor stated he had no objection to the material being supplied provided the Department's approval was obtained.

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:- "That copy of letter from Mr. George O'Connor be submitted to the Local Government Dept. and that the Minister be requested to agree to the Co. Council supplying at a price to be fixed by the Co. Surveyor, the material from Ryland Quarry required for work at Shan Ross Abbey and also to a number of applicants who are anxious to utilise the material in connection with the finishing of external work on buildings in spar dashing as suitable material for such work cannot be obtained from any other source outside England.



ILLNESS OF MR. J. MOLONEY

Under date 22nd July, 1935, Certificate was submitted from Dr. S.A. Furlong, Wexford, stating that Mr. J. Moloney, Clerk in Secretary's Office, was unable to work owing to neuritis and debility.

It was decided that sick leave be granted to Mr. Moloney for the period of his illness and that the Secretary be authorised to transfer a Temporary Rate Clerk for work in General Office during Mr. Moloney's illness, rate of remuneration to be 1/0d per hour.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Under date 30th July, 1935, Sergeant J. Kelly, Garda Siochana, New Ross, wrote stating that an application would be made at New Ross District Court on 13th August, 1935, for the committal of Michael Grace, Haughton Place, New Ross, to Artane Industrial School.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor.

EAST COAST HERRING FISHERIES

Under date 31st July, 1935, the following letter was read from Mr. J. Elgee, Co. Solicitor:-

"I beg to report that as instructed by the Council, I attended on their behalf at the Enquiry held as to the above in the Golf Hotel, Rosslare, today.

"Only six fishermen from Rosslare and one from Ballyconigar, Blackwater, attended the enquiry. None of the Pier men put in an appearance, and stated they knew nothing of the Enquiry when the Inspector put through a Telephone call to the Pier to find out why they were absent. Accordingly, he heard the views of those that were present, and they were all in favour of the size of Mesh for Nets being allowed to remain as at present, accordingly, the Inspector stated, that he would report on the matter to that effect to the Minister of the Department."

MINIATURE RIFLE RANGE - GOREY WORKHOUSE

The following letter, under date 31st July, 1935, was read from Captain C.S. Doyle, A/Executive Officer, Wexford District, Volunteer Force Headquarters, Griffith Barracks, Dublin:-

"The Volunteers in the Gorey Sluagh require a site for Miniature Range Practices. A suitable one exists in the grounds of the old workhouse in Gorey, which is under your jurisdiction. I should be glad to have the Council's permission to avail of same, at your convenience. With apologies for troubling you."



Miss O'Ryan stated that the County Board of Health had already approved of this application, and it was decided to inform Captain Doyle that the County Council had no objection to site for Miniature Range Practice at Gorey Workhouse being utilised by Gorey Sluagh.

EMPLOYMENT OF MR. JAMES MURPHY, COURTNACUDDY

Mr. Kelly stated that he had a letter from James Murphy, Courtnacuddy, that, although he was promised work under the Co. Council some time ago, he had not yet obtained employment and there was a big job by the Council on the Ballymackessy - Kilttealy road.

Referred to the Co. Surveyor.

GOREY STREETS

Mr. Keegan referred to the condition of Esmonde Street, Gorey. He stated that the roadway from Byrne's Corner to Gorey Bridge had been neglected for the past six weeks.

The Chairman said that scavenging work in Gorey Town was carried out on Saturdays only, and during the middle of the weeks the streets were often in a very bad state. The state of the streets had recently been commented on by visitors to the town. He thought scavenging work in Gorey should be carried out at least twice a week.

The Chairman requested the Co. Surveyor to look into the complaints regarding Gorey Streets so that steps might be taken to remedy the matters complained of.



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 August, 1935, be received and considered."

APPLICATION INCREASE OF SALARY D. RADFORD:- This matter was taken with the following motion by Miss O'Ryan and of which she had given previous notice:-

"That the salary of Mr. Denis Radford, Senior Clerk in County Surveyor's Office, be increased from £167:10s. to £200 per annum together with annual increments already fixed by Co. Council for this position."

Mr. Kelly seconded the motion which was passed nem. con.

APPOINTMENT SHORTHAND-TYPIST:- Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution:- "That the examination for Shorthand-Typist for Office of Co. Secretary be conducted and supervised by Mr. Myles Redmond, Secondary Teacher, Christian Brothers' School, Wexford, and Thomas Fane, "Wexford People Office", the former to be responsible for examination in Irish, English and Arithmetic and the latter for Shorthand and Typing, remuneration £1:1s. for setting and marking papers for each subject and £1:1s. for supervising Examination, date of which is to be fixed by Co. Secretary."

Mr. Doyle proposed:- "That the papers for examination in connection with appointment of Shorthand Typist be set and examination supervised by an Examiner residing outside of Wexford County."

This amendment was not seconded and the resolution was then put and passed.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That references as to character etc. as submitted by candidates for position of Shorthand-Typist be considered by Finance Committee and reported on prior to publication of result of examination."

WEIGHTS & MEASURES OFFICE, FERNS:- Mr. Ronan said he understood that more suitable accommodation than already offered to the



County Council would be forthcoming, and in view of this statement it was decided to adjourn consideration of the matter to next meeting.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS:- Robert Cleary, Churchtown, Carne, wrote under date 8th July, 1935, to contradict the statement made by a County Councillor on 1st July, 1935, that the work at his house was not in charge of a tradesman. He was raising the foundation walls to put a damp course under the floor and putting a sewer round the house for drainage purposes.

Mr. Culleton said it was only the concrete work which was not done by a mason. Cleary would carry out the instructions of Mr. Birthistle in the matter.

No order.

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 2nd August, 1935, be and are hereby confirmed."

#### MARRIAGE GRATUITY - MISS D.B. KILLEEN

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

"That Miss D.B. Killeen, Shorthand-Typist in County Secretary's Office, receive from the County Council, amount of gratuity (£26:5s.) to which she is entitled under Section 44(4) of Local Government Act 1925, on the occasion of her marriage."

Mr. Kelly seconded the motion which was adopted nem.con.

#### BONUS TO RATE COLLECTOR.

Mr. Redmond moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That Collector John M. Curtis, be paid the same amount of bonus for 1934/35 Collection as was received by Collector E.J. Murphy."

Mr. Redmond said that Mr. Curtis was the best collector in



the County and as the amount of bonus in question was only £6:6:2d it should be agreed to.

It was pointed out that as Mr. Curtis's district had been increased his poundage for 1933/34 was in excess of amount received by him for 1931/32. All the other Collectors benefited in some way by the concession of the Department of Local Government and Public Health that for the warrant 1933/34 the Collectors should receive not less than they were paid for 1931/32 Warrant.

A poll on the motion resulted as follows:-

FOR: Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor and Redmond. (8)

AGAINST:- Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Day, Doyle, Gibbon, Meyler, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Ronan, Smyth, Sweetman and the Chairman. (12).

Messrs. Cummins and Walsh (2) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

#### IMPREST ACCOUNT CO. SURVEYOR.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice stood in the name of Mr. Culleton but was withdrawn:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to reconsider his refusal to allow the Council to increase the amount of the Imprest Account of the County Surveyor from £50 to £100."

#### SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

Mr. Lawlor moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the resolution of the Co. Council of 13th May, 1935, refusing to agree to extension of University Scholarship to John Murphy, Main Street, Enniscorthy, be rescinded and that said scholarship be extended for a further period of two years so that he can secure his Degree in Medicine."

Mr. Kelly seconded.

After some discussion Mr. Corish suggested that the extension should be for one year.



Mr Lawlor fell in with the proposal and substituted the following for his motion:-

"That the resolution of the Co.Council of 13th May, 1935, refusing to agree to extension of University Scholarship to John Murphy, Main Street, Enniscorthy, be rescinded and that said scholarship be extended for a further year."

Mr. Kelly seconded.

A poll was taken on the motion with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Kelly, Keegan, Lawlor, Redmond and Ronan. (9).

AGAINST: Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Day, Doyle, Meyler, O'Byrne, Smith and the Chairman. (8).

Miss O'Ryan did not vote and Mr. Walsh was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Bowe seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That we agree ~~to~~ the following candidates for University Scholarships have the requisite knowledge of practical agriculture to allow of their competition for a Scholarship in Agriculture:-

Daniel Butler, Lambstown, Killurin. (Farmer's Son)  
James Doran, Palace East, New Ross. (Father, Labourer. Co. Council Worker).  
William Gerard Lambert, Sunnyside, Broadway. (Mother - Widow, National Teacher).  
William O'Byrne, Shilmaine, Tagoat. (Father - Farmer).  
James White, Nicharee, Duncormack. (Father - Farmer)."

In connection with Secondary and Vocational Scholarships Scheme the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That in accordance with letter of 2nd August, 1935, (T.R.G.237739) from Office of National Education and accompanying results list, Scholarships and Bursaries be awarded the following as per said letter:-



- ~~—~~ Margaret Donovan, 18, High Street, Wexford. (Bursary) (1st)  
(692 Marks)
- ~~—~~ Lawrence Jordan, Ballyvelig, Campile. (Scholarship) (2nd)  
(681 Marks)
- ~~—~~ Edward Carty, 6, Upper Bride Street, Wexford. (Bursary) (3rd)  
(669 Marks)
- ~~—~~ Elizabeth M. Carty, Donard, Clonroche. (Scholarship) (4th) (669 Marks)
- ~~—~~ Matthew D. Tracey, 2, Cathedral St., Enniscorthy. (Bursary) (5th)  
(668 Marks)
- ~~—~~ Mary Anne O'Neill, Bushville, Tagcoat. (Scholarship) (6th)  
(665 Marks)
- ~~—~~ Margaret O'Leary, Lady's Island, Broadway. (Scholarship) (7th)  
(647 Marks)
- ~~—~~ John K. O'Leary, Ballyboro, Clonroche. (Scholarship) (8th)  
(637 Marks)
- ~~—~~ Richard McConville, Station House, Enniscorthy. (Bursary) (9th)  
(618 Marks)
- ~~—~~ Mary A. Carroll, Streamstown, Tagcoat. (Scholarship) (10) (607 Marks)
- ~~—~~ James C. Leeson, 22, Parnell St., Wexford. (Bursary) (11th)  
(604 Marks)
- ~~—~~ John Breen, Coolishal, Gorey, (Bursary) (12th) (592 Marks)

The Offaly Co. Council and General Council of County Councils wrote forwarding recommendations that the Co. Councils' Syllabus for Secondary and Vocational Scholarships should be brought into conformity with the revised programme for elementary Schools for 1934 and that the subjects for examination for Scholarships and Bursaries under this Scheme should be, Irish; English; Arithmetic; History and Geography, as by the inclusion of two additional subjects not taught in the smaller type of school in Rural areas the children who attend these schools are penalised and cannot secure the advantages to be derived from the Scheme.

The recommendations were adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Bowe.

#### EMPLOYMENT ROAD WORKERS.

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

"That the matter of the Employment of James Doyle, Kilcavan, Tara Hill, be considered."

In moving his motion Mr. Keegan said that Doyle had been



for years in the employment of the Co.Council and until last November no fault arose with him and he had not been employed since. This he alleged was in connection with a certain incident in which Patrick Byrne, Tara Hill, Ganger for this section of the road was concerned.

Mr.Treanor,Assistant Surveyor for the district, said that Doyle had never been permanently employed by the Co.Council. He worked  $8\frac{1}{2}$  weeks for the past two years. Serious trouble had arisen between Doyle and the Ganger and as the latter was a highly nervous man it was not possible to place Doyle under him and work was not available elsewhere.

Mr. Doyle suggested that the matter be left in the hands of the Surveyors. The Council should not take any steps to encourage washing dirty linen in this case.

Mr. Meyler proposed and Mr.Doyle seconded the following resolution:- "That Patrick Byrne,Tara Hill,Gorey, (Ganger), and James Doyle, Kilcavan, Tara Hill,Gorey, (Road Worker) be no longer continued as employees in the service of Wexford Co.Council."

After considerable discussion this proposal was withdrawn and the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.Keegan seconded by Mr.Corish:- "That the question of the continued employment in the service of the Co.Council of Patrick Byrne,Tara Hill,Inch, and James Doyle,Kilcavan,Gorey, be referred to the Co.Councillors for Gorey Electoral area to meet on Saturday, 17th August,1935, at 12 o'clock noon, in Gorey Courthouse. The Committee are requested to direct special attention as to the continued employment of Patrick Byrne as Road Ganger."

#### CO. MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Under date 17th July,1935,the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.113597-35 Loch Garman) that the Minister had approved of the continuance of the existing apportionment of 50 per cent. of the salary and travelling expenses of Dr.C. Bastible,Co.Medical Officer of



Health against the County School Medical Service.

STATE CONTRIBUTION TO MOTOR TAX OFFICE  
ADMINISTRATION

The following under date 23rd July, 1935, (R.M.T.209-32) 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 20th instant relative to the above-mentioned subject, and to state that the amount recouped annually to the County Council in respect of Supervisory and Clerical duties is the maximum amount authorised by the Minister for Finance, and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health has no power to make recoupment in excess of this sum."

The Chairman proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That as regards cost of administration of Motor Taxation Office we desire to point out that when the amount of present State Contribution under this head was fixed the Local Taxation Officer was expected to give some service at the ordinary work of the County Council. It has now been ascertained that his whole time is employed in the work of the Motor Taxation Office in consequence of increased work in this department; and in the circumstances we request the Department of Local Government and Public Health to make representations to the Department of Finance with a view to having the State Contribution towards cost of administration of Motor Taxation Office increased to the figure of the full salary of the Local Taxation Officer."

AUDITOR'S REPORT  
CO. WEXFORD COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

Under date 27th July, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Letter No.A.121493-35) wrote forwarding copy of Auditor's Report on his Audit of the Accounts of Co.Wexford Committee of Agriculture for the four



half years ended 31st March, 1935, and attested Abstracts of the Accounts which were found in order.

#### BUNCLODY WATER SUPPLY

Sealed Order dated 27th June, 1935, (No. 9263/1934) fixing Enniscorthy Rural District as area of charge for providing and maintaining water supply at Bunclody was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health.

#### DREDGING BASIN COURTTOWN HARBOUR.

The Co. Surveyor in reply to Mr. Keegan said he had no information since last meeting as to when the Office of Works proposed sending their dredger to Courtown.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That Messrs. Allen and Corish, be requested to call at Office of Public Works and urge that immediate steps be taken to despatch dredger to Courtown Harbour."

#### ROAD MATTERS

Mr. Sweetman referred to the condition of the old road to New Ross via Carley's Bridge. It was of course only a third class road but there had been established since the road classification was made two factories in the neighbourhood employing between 60 and 70 people who had to walk or push a bicycle over this road daily. It was in a bad condition as an ordinary third class road but in a shocking condition over which to bring materials for two factories.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said he had only £20 per annum to maintain this road and as all motor cars going to Enniscorthy Greyhound Track passed over it no one could keep it in repair for the allotted amount.

The Co. Surveyor said owing to the exceptionally dry weather this road with very many others had ravelled but from now on it would not be so bad. It should be remade.

Mr. Ennis said it could be improved by sheeting with tarred stones but this would cost £700 or £800 and of course people



complained that the use of tar made the surface slippery.

Miss O'Ryan contended that when the traffic on a road showed a very considerable increase which was likely to remain the classification of the road should change. A road should not remain in the ~~third~~ class if it were carrying more traffic than many first class roads. When people invested their money in the Country the Co.Council should see they were given the very best transport facilities.

The Co.Surveyor said that the Department of Local Government and Public Health had been asked to allow some roads to be included in the main or link road class but they refused pending a general revision. He (Co.Surveyor) was trying to elaborate a scheme of repair by tarred stones under which roads would not be slippery and which would obviate any danger to horse traffic.

Mr. Ennis said it would take about five years at £150 per mile to bring the road with sheets of tarred stones into a really good condition. It had been an old main road and was very wide. It was much worn in the centre and if a small sum was spent on it the money would be lost. The Council might try to secure an Unemployment Grant for its repair.

Miss O'Ryan said they should make a push to secure an Unemployment Grant for September. Enniscorthy was a big town in which a considerable amount of home assistance had been distributed. They should make a great effort to secure an unemployment grant for this road immediately. The whole question of the classification of the roads should be dealt with by the Finance Committee or a Special Committee. She proposed the following resolution:- "That the classification of the various roads in the County be considered by the Finance Committee with a view to making recommendations to the Council for revision."

Mr. Sweetman proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:- "That an urgent appeal be made to the Department of Local Government and Public Health



"for an Unemployment Grant for the purpose of having Carley's Bridge Road which serves two recently established factories repaired."

Mr. Simon Murphy, Manager, Shelburne, Co-operative Agricultural Society, wrote under date 11th July, 1935:-

"The road that leads from Campile to Ramsgrange is in a desperate state owing to the recent floods, parts are almost impassible at the moment. We would feel very much obliged if you would put the matter before your next Council, and perhaps they would see their way to spend a few hundred Pounds on it, from the contingencies fund. There is no need for me to stress the importance of this road - there is more traffic on it than any other road, that I know in the County."

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district, reported:-

"The above road in common with a number of others in the same section was badly damaged in the heavy rain storm of some weeks ago. The continuous dry weather since has added to the trouble. It will be necessary to spread 50 cubic yards of tarred broken stones on this road immediately and also to provide extra tonnage. It will take at least £50 to provide the tarred broken stones and some extra material."

Mr. Redmond said that some steps to improve this road should be taken before the opening of the beet season or the road would become impassible. All the traffic to the seashore on this coast passed over this road and Campile was a more important centre than any factory area in the County.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Redmond:- "That £50 be withdrawn from the appropriate contingency Fund for the repair of Campile - Ramsgrange road."

Mr. Keegan said the road from Gorey Bridge to Cross at Kilmurray was very bad and he asked the Co. Surveyor to note the fact with a view to repair. It was one of the most important tillage areas in the district and had to bear a good deal of traffic.

The Co. Surveyor said all these roads were loosening up with motor traffic.

Mr. Smyth said that the road from Courtown To Ballygarrett required attention.

Mr. Keegan said that it had been decided to put some tar on the street of Riverchapel but this had not been done.



Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said that it would cost £250 for tar work. He had asked £200 for the maintenance of this road and the Council allocated £80.

Mr. Keegan said that when the Council had agreed to provide tar the work should be carried out but Mr. Treanor said this was not possible when money was not available.

Mr. Culleton asked if the Cliff Road, Rosslare was closed.

The Co. Surveyor said it was nominally closed to the public but not closed officially. The matter was in the hands of the Co. Solicitor to arrange for a Local Inquiry.

The Chairman asked what caused the delay and Mr. Doyle pointed out that it was two years ago since the matter was considered by the Council.

The Co. Solicitor said he was in correspondence on the matter with the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

The Chairman said they should tell the Department they would take no further responsibility for this road.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Colfer:-  
 "That Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, communicate with the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to holding Local Inquiry into the proposal to close to traffic the Cliff Road Rosslare. It was also decided that the Chairman and Mr. Corish would call the attention of the Department of Local Government and Public Health to the dangerous condition of the road."

#### WORKMEN LEAVING FARMERS FOR PUBLIC WORK

The Chairman said his attention had been recently called to the fact that two men had left farmers, one to work on the roads in Ferns district and the other to a job at the Sanatorium. This should not be allowed and the Surveyors should be notified they were not to employ men in like circumstances.

Mr. Doyle said if they were required men should be released from road work for the harvest.



Mr. Keegan held that men should not be taken into the employment of the Co. Council who left any work without justification.

The Chairman suggested that any additional men required should be obtained through the Labour Exchange.

The Chairman's suggestion was referred to the County Surveyor.

#### TAGOAT & KILRANE UNEMPLOYED.

Representations were received from a number of men in Tagoat area (Tagoat and Kilrane Unemployed Men's Association) asking that the Council would proceed with the following works without delay owing to the appalling number of unemployed men in the area:- The Ford of Lyng Drainage Scheme; Construction of Pier at St. Helens; Rosslare Sewerage Scheme; wall in need of construction at Hopelands, Rosslare; Quarry-work at St. Helen's; Road margins from Ashfield Cross to Rosslare Harbour. Also many other minor jobs.

They also called attention to the fact that the previous Co. Council had made an order that workers who had Unemployment Stamps to their credit should be suspended and unemployed men taken on until they had sufficient stamps for benefit and so on in a "turn-about" manner.

Mr. Doyle considered the Statements in the memorial as to the number of unemployed in the district exaggerated. There were people on the dole who could be employed if they were willing to work and some of those who signed the memorial were employed from time to time discharging coal vessels at the Pier and would probably earn more in a day than an agricultural labourer would in a week. This new association had established a scale of wages which could not be met.

It was decided to inform the Association that the County Council were doing all in their power to procure grants for the relief of unemployment in the County.



TARA HILL WORKERS

Under date 5th August, 1935, Memorial from seven men from the above District who stated they were discharged without any chance of other employment was read. They had worked for the Council from 15 to 27 or 28 years while the ganger, a man with 40 acres of land and plenty of unemployment stamps had been kept on with a number of new men. The writers considered this unfair and asked the Council to remedy the matter. They were told when discharged that there was no more work but the work still went on with new employees. This state of affairs had been going on for years. They considered it only fair that the old hands should be kept on and new hands taken on when necessary.

The following under date 8th August, 1935, was read from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"Yours of 8th instant to hand with copy of letter from some of above alleging unfair treatment in the matter of employment. In reply I beg to state that is is not in accordance with the facts as may be seen from return herewith shewing number of weeks worked by all concerned from 1st January of this year to 10th instant.

"The men who made this complaint as well as those against whom they complain were engaged to attend on stonebreaking Plant on 20th May and when this work finished on 5th June, 1935, the men whose names are signed to letter of complaint undertook to quarry out and break by hand and continued at this work until 23rd ultimo. The other men were not asked to co-operate in this work and being thus left idle I put them to cleaning and repairing Tara Hill Lane which work is usual at this time of year; when finished they were



"engaged at weed cutting and lowering corners at Tara Hill School - which work will finish on 10th instant and will terminate their employment also.

"When hand breaking work finished in Quarry men were not told there would be no more for anyone, but that work on which the other men engaged was done there would not be any more as had to hold sufficient money to cover supplying of material and maintenance during Winter. Incidentally I may state that amount allowed for work in this area will only give employment to three men and Ganger for fifteen weeks in Winter. Any work done during Summer months will reduce Winter work accordingly.

"The trouble in Tara Hill District is due to the fact that it is a poor but populous quarter and not sufficient farm work to absorb a moderate percentage of the unemployed, and it is impossible for Co. Council under present conditions to provide sufficient work for those who cannot get employment in other ways."

It was decided to refer the memorial and reply from Mr. Treanor to the Members of Gorey County Electoral Area who are meeting on 17th August, 1935, in Gorey Courthouse at 12 noon to consider other matters.



ROSSLARE STRAND - PROPOSED JETTY

The following report of Committee appointed in connection with the above was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"The Committee met at Rosslare on the 26th July last, at 6 o'clock p.m. There were present:- Messrs. M. Doyle, and C. Culleton, representing the County Council, and by invitation the following also attended:- Messrs. T. Hayes, Walsheslough; N.J. Duggan, Whitehouse; T. Reville, The Burrow; James Wickham, Rosslare Harbour; and Captain Murphy, St. John's Road, Wexford. The County Surveyor and Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, were also present.

"In the first place the Committee discussed the general question and local circumstances. It was stated that at present there are twelve fishing boats employing four men each engaged, and that in regard to the herring fishing alone this means about four months work; other fishing is also carried on throughout the year. The local fishermen state that owing to lack of facilities for landing the regular cross channel market is often lost, and there is no alternative means of disposal with consequent loss of good food stuff. The hardship and danger undergone by the men are thus often made useless. They claim that with better facilities the fishing can be developed and made remunerative, and that the accommodation asked is only right and just, and the proposed work is a proper subject for expenditure of public Funds.

"The Committee then considered the location of the proposed jetty, and it was unanimously decided that the best site is at Whitmoore Gap to the South of the Road running from the Railway Station to the Sea. This Gap is a public right-of-way, and the jetty at this point will in no way interfere with the ordinary usage of the shore. Moreover, it is believed that the jetty will, to some extent, act as a groin and help to build up the foreshore further to the South where at present the cliff is being undermined.

"Figures regarding the jetty, rise and fall of tide, depth of water etc. were placed before the Committee, and the County Surveyor was asked to go into the matter and prepare a skeleton plan and estimate for the work.

"The Committee believe that the project is worthy of consideration by the County Council, and if the cost be not prohibitive they would recommend the Council to apply to the Fishery Department for a Grant.

"The County Surveyor submits the following:-

"The jetty will extend from about High Water mark at the sand hills for a seaward length of in or about 360 feet. It will be twelve feet wide and the decking will be parallel, more or less, to the foreshore and bottom. This length will carry the jetty beyond an intervening sand bank into water about  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet deep at Low Water. The height of decking at the end will be about 4 feet over Low Water, and the jetty will be gradually submerged as the tide rises. There will thus always be a point on the jetty say four feet over water with a depth of  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet. These dimensions may be varied after further consultation with local fishermen so as to satisfy their requirements.



"The construction of the jetty will be as follows:-

"Reinforced concrete piles (three in each pier) tied at bottom level, and with connecting beams at top. Thirty spans of 12 feet connecting the pile piers by reinforced concrete beams. On this reinforced concrete substructure there will be an openwork timber decking securely fixed and provided with timber guard curbs. The estimated cost of this work is £1660."

Mr. Doyle proposed that the report of the Committee be received and approved. So far as they could learn from the fishermen the facts were very accurately set out in the report. Col. Gibbon was in England and could not attend the meeting. The fishermen were unanimous that the proposed jetty was essential for their industry and would be extraordinarily beneficial to them. There were about 50 people concerned and they secured about four months' fishing every year. They should be inclined to fall in with the fishermen's views if they could secure a fairly large Government contribution to the work. The Co. Surveyor and some members of the Committee held that the jetty would check coast erosion at this point but, even if the structure failed to do this the project was worthy of consideration from the advantage which the fishermen would derive from it. As it was probable that any Council contribution would be a County-at-Large charge, Councillors concerned with other areas in the County should be as much interested as those directly representing the fishermen so far as the taxation for the matter went. The Committee believed the jetty would be a great benefit to the fishermen - in fact it was essential if they were to carry on their industry with profit.

Mr. Culleton in seconding the motion agreed with the observations of Mr. Doyle.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Corish stated he would have been at the meeting but was attending the Dail on the day it was held. He heartily supported the project and suggested if the Council were applying for a grant they should have for the Government



Department concerned all possible information as to the number of men engaged in the industry, their dependants, the value of the fish caught and probable development in that direction.

The Co. Surveyor said Mr. Wickham had promised to supply him with the information.

The Chairman said there was very little use in the Council asking for a grant unless they were prepared to put their hands in their pockets and decide on the proportion of the cost of the work which should be borne by the rates.

Mr. Doyle proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That this County Council would be prepared to contribute one-third of cost of jetty at Rosslare Strand, estimated by the County Surveyor at £1660, provided a State Grant for the balance be forthcoming."

#### ROSSLARE SEWERAGE SCHEME

The following under date 8th August, 1935, was read from County Board of Health:-

"When the provision of a sewerage installation at Rosslare was moved some time ago it was suggested by the Co. Surveyor that advantage be taken of the occasion to widen the road at Rosslare. It was further suggested that when way-leave was being acquired the portion of ground at the roadside over which the way-leave was being acquired should be bought so as to allow of the widening of the road.

"I am directed by the Board of Health and Public Assistance to point out to you that they are empowered to pay for way-leave but would not be empowered to purchase land for the sole purpose of laying sewerage pipes. The Board further directed me to request you to ask the County Council to consider the possibility of acquiring a strip of land on the side of a road so as to allow of the widening of the road."

Mr. Doyle enquired what was to be the area of charge for this scheme and when would the work of laying the pipes be commenced.

The Chairman said that the application of the Board of Health for the permission of the Council to borrow the necessary amount for the scheme would be before next meeting of the Co. Council and all information as to area of charge etc.



would be then submitted.

Mr. Corish suggested that the Co.Surveyor should get in touch with the owners of land at Rosslare and ascertain if it would be possible to secure what was necessary for the widening of the road and at what price. He could then bring the matter again before the Council.

Mr. Doyle said it was doubtful if the necessary land could be obtained without the removal of some houses and he doubted if this were feasible.

The Co.Surveyor said he would secure all information available as to the necessary land for widening of the road and submit the matter to the Council.

#### ENNISCORTHY - KILTEALY ROAD

Mr. Lawlor, Co.Councillor, wrote under date 8th August, 1935, that he intended raising at the meeting the very bad state of Enniscorthy - Kiltelaly road which was covered with loose stones a positive danger to horse traffic and cyclists: also to raise the question of the delay in starting the steam rolling on this road.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that there was a lot of loose stones on this as on every road like it. He had for the past three months been taking them off or covering them up, but a week's fine weather loosens up the surface again. This was the most important main road in the County which had not been repaired under Grant.

With regard to the delay in starting the steam rolling he thought it better during the fine weather to finish a job in hands at Ferns. But he would be able to deal with the steam rolling of the Enniscorthy - Kiltelaly road within the next fortnight. He would have started this work earlier but only one roller was available.

The matter dropped.



### CAHORE PIER

Mr. Smyth raised the question as to the extension of Cahore Pier proposed by a deputation which was before the Council some time ago.

The Co. Surveyor said unless there was some modification of the Scheme put forward by the deputation at a cost of £4000 and something less costly put forward it would not be possible to secure State Assistance. He had, at the request of the Office of Public Works re-examined his figures and could not see how a concrete extension could be erected for less money while it was agreed that an open structure would not meet the requirements of the fishermen.

After discussion it was proposed by Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:- "That the Co. Surveyor arrange for an interview with the fishermen at Cahore between himself and Mr. Smyth, Co. Councillor, with a view of ascertaining whether it be possible to prepare a modified scheme for extension of Cahore Pier and that a report as to interview be presented to next meeting of the County Council."

### HILL LANE, TARA HILL

Memorial was read from nine ratepayers asking for repair of Hill Lane, Tara Hill, which at present was so impassible that they could not get to their homes. School children especially in winter time suffered great hardship.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan, it was decided to schedule the application for repair under Minor Relief Scheme when funds become available.

### INSURANCE STAMPS - ROAD WORKMAN

Letter signed Secretary, Ballycarney Cumann, was received pointing out that James Jordan, Munfin, had been suspended from road work for six or seven weeks owing to a statement of Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor. Jordan was under the impression he had Insurance Stamps to his credit but as he was wrong in



this assumption he was unable to secure unemployment Assistance benefits and free milk and beef. The Cumann considered that Jordan should be recompensed by whoever was to blame for being at a loss of 12/6d per week, and free beef and free milk.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said this matter had been considered by the Council some time ago and a decision arrived at. The present communication was semi-anonymous. Jordan had the Courts open to him if he had a grievance.

The Co.Solicitor said the Co.Council had no power to make compensation in the circumstances and it was decided to inform Ballycarney Cumann accordingly.

#### KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE SCHEME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The following report as to first meeting of above Committee was submitted by Mr.N.J. Murphy, Hon.Secretary:-

"The initial meeting of Kilmanock Drainage Advisory Committee was held in Campile on July 17th, 1935, Present: Messrs. P. Colfer, M.C.C., (presiding) Major J. Barnwell, Kilmanock, J.J. O'Neill, do, N.J. Murphy, Kilmorea, W.Doherty, Great Island, Mr.W.F. Barry, Co.Surveyor and Mr.P.J.O'Neill, Deputy Surveyor, were also in attendance.

"On the motion of Mr.J.J. O'Neill, Mr.John Cummins, M.C.C. was elected Chairman of the Committee and on the motion of Mr.Colfer, Mr.J.J. O'Neill was elected Vice Chairman.

"Mr.N.J. Murphy was elected Hon. Secretary.

"On the motion of Mr.O'Neill seconded by Mr.W.Doherty the following resolution was passed:- "That we request the Co.Council of Co.Wexford to ask the Board of Works to remit the original charge on Kilmanock Drainage Area or at least a considerable portion thereof as the work done was not at all commensurate with the amount of money expended."

Mr. O'Neill said that Capt. Henahan, Mr.N. Murphy and himself made a protest to the Engineer at the time the work



"was being done. They complained of the manner in which the money was squandered, and the Engineer who represented the Board of Works told them it was no business of theirs as it was money for relief of unemployment.

"On the suggestion of the Co.Surveyor the following resolution was adopted:- "That we ask the Co.Council to apply for a grant for relief of unemployment and apply it to cleaning up all the subsidiary drains in Kilmanock area.

"It was decided to have the drain cleaned up this year by the owners, a day to be fixed, when each owner will send help in proportion to the work to be carried out on his land.

"It was decided to ask the Co.Council to add the name of Mr.J.J. Clancy, Kilmanock to the Advisory Committee as he is one of the original Trustees of the money earmarked by the Land Commission for the maintenance of the embankment.

"A vote of thanks to Mr.Barry for his kind assistance was passed."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.Cummins seconded by Mr.Colfer:- "That report of meeting of Kilmannock Drainage Advisory Committee be received. That copy of same be submitted to Office of Public Works with a request from the Co.Council that the application of the Committee in respect of remission of at least portion of the original advance for renovation of the drainage area be favourably considered.

"That Mr.J.J. Clancy be appointed an additional Member of the Advisory Committee."

"That the work of maintenance of drains of the area to be undertaken by the Committee must be carried out to the satisfaction of the Co.Surveyor."



POISONS & PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Lawlor:- "That New licence under above Act be issued to Wm. J. Kelly, Buncloody, and renewals of licences to the following:- Edward Redmond, The Harrow, Ferns, M. Lacey, Monamolin, Gorey; Patrick Healy, 82, North Main Street, Wexford; Gerald Murphy, Tacumshane; Ml. Furlong, South Street, New Ross; F. Daly, (Enniscorthy Co-operative Agricultural Society), and Simon Murphy, (Shelbourne, Co-operative Agricultural Society).

FOOD & DRUGS ACTS.

Under date 3rd July, 1935, the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Wexford, wrote that owing to ill health, Garda Henry Begley, (5311) Duncormack, had been unable to undertake the duties of Food and Drugs Inspector, as it entailed considerable travelling by cycle. He recommended that Garda Begley be replaced by Garda Martin Moloney (7521) Duncormack.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That Garda Martin Moloney, (7521), Duncormack, be appointed Ex-officio Inspector of Wexford County Council under Food and Drugs Acts for the administrative County of Wexford."

REPORT OF COUNTY ANALYST.

Report of Miss Phyllis Ryan, Co. Analyst, for quarter ended 30th June, 1935, was submitted and from which it appeared that a total of 319 analyses had been made, 274 foods and 45 drugs. Nine samples of milk had been found to be adulterated.

RECOUPMENT OF EXPENDITURE DISEASES OF  
ANIMALS ACTS, ETC.

Resolution from Roscommon Co. Council as to submission of Bills and Pay Orders under above Acts and Bovine Tuberculosis Order to Department of Agriculture to vouch recoupment and asking that this procedure should be simplified in a Bill which it is understood is to come before the Oireachtas was read.



NET FISHING IN TIDAL WATERS.

Under date 5th July, 1935, the Town Clerk, New Ross, forwarded resolution from Barrow and Nore Fishermen's Association, endorsed by his Council to protest against the proposal which it is believed will be embodied in Report of Fishery Commission to prevent net fishing in tidal waters.

WEXFORD TOWN PLANNING SCHEME

Copy of resolution adopted by Wexford Corporation at their meeting of 1st July, 1935, as to adoption of planning Scheme for the town of Wexford was read.

PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the several payments certified by the Co. Surveyor to be due to Contractors for Roads and Public Works in respect of quarter ended June last and as set out on Forms 22 presented to this meeting be and are hereby approved subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman.

*D. Kelly 9th Sept 35*

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING 9th SEPTEMBER, 1935.

M I N U T E S

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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



The Monthly Meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford on 9th September, 1935.

Present; Mr. D. Allen, (Chairman) presiding, also, Messrs. J.J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Richard 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. Meyler, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Meyles Smyth, Malachi Sweetman, James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £11,222;0:0 were examined and signed.

#### THE Late Mr. Michael T. Hickey, Garryrichard.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. M. Redmond:- "That the following reply to vote of condolence on the death of Mr. M. T. Hickey be inserted in the Minutes of this Day's meeting.

"The family and sisters of the late Michael T. Hickey, wish to return their very sincere thanks for your kind expressions of sympathy tendered to them in their recent great loss"

#### The Late Mrs. Heffernan.

On the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Kelly, a vote of condolence was adopted to Mr. J.F. Heffernan, "Free Press" Wexford, on the death of his young wife. The motion was supported by Col. Quin, Miss O'Ryan, the Chairman and County Secretary.



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DRAINAGE RATES.

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

"We hereby strike rate for Kilmannock Drainage Area in respect of year ending 1st March, 1936, in accordance with amounts entered on Charging Order of Commissioners of Public Works, dated 19th January, 1937, as amended by said Commissioners of Public Works under date 16th May, 1934, No.9094/34, amount £83:7:10, said amount to be levied on the persons named in the Charging Order as amended, or their Successors in title.

That arrears amounting to £299:0:0 be carried forward for collection with drainage rate for year 1935-36.

Sow: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan and seconded by Mr. Kelly.

"We hereby strike rate for Sow Drainage Area for year ending 1st March, 1936, in accordance with Charging Order of Commissioners of Public Works, dated 16th January, 1929 and amended by said Commissioners of Public Works under date 22nd March, 1933, No. 4672.31, amount £263: 4: 4d to be levied on the persons named in Charging Order, or their successors in title. In addition, that a sum of £120: 0: 0 be raised towards cost of maintainance 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 the Charging Order.



FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 16th August, 1935, 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 16th August, 1935.

Present:- Mr. R. Corish, (Vice-Chairman, Co. Council), presiding, also, Messrs. P. Colfer, W. P. Keegan, J. P. Kelly, S. O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6170:10:7d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

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

		£	s	d
1.	A. Dunne	277:	1:	4
2.	W. Cummins	263:	14:	5
3.	S. Gannon (No.6)	234:	10:	10
4.	J. Quirke	203:	19:	3
5.	P. Doyle	178:	3:	5
6.	J.J. O'Reilly	177:	1:	10
7.	J.J. Sinnott	147:	13:	10
8.	D. Kenny	135:	1:	5
9.	P. Nolan	124:	18:	6
10.	J. Cummins	98:	15:	0
11.	M. Murphy	67:	16:	0
12.	J. Deegan	67:	14:	5
13.	S. Gannon (No.10)	67:	1:	5
14.	E.J. Murphy	64:	1:	1
15.	W. Doyle	55:	6:	7
16.	J.M. Curtis	33:	16:	1
17.	P. Garty	9:	10:	7
18.	M. Kehoe	7:	9:	5
19.	J. Flood			Nil
20.	M. McCarthy			Nil.

The Secretary reported that Collector McCarthy, for whom Patrick Nolan had been acting as Deputy, had now left hospital and was resuming duty immediately.

It was also decided to ask Collector Flood for an explanation of his failure to make any lodgment of rate and inform Collectors M. Kehoe, P. Garty and Wm. Doyle, the Finance Committee are dissatisfied with their lodgments and expect that these Collectors will have substantial amounts collected before next meeting of Finance Committee.



RATE COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE:- Communications of following dates were read from Dept. of Local Government & Public Health relative to poundage of Rate Collectors, viz: 7th August, 1935, (G.128345/35 Loch Garman F), (G.128346/35 Loch Garman), 12th August, 1935, (G.121264/35 Loch Garman (Fa), and (G.121263/35 Loch Garman).

The Secretary stated that in view of these communications 15 Collectors had been paid full poundage on their Warrants except the following five who had been subjected to the following "cuts":-

J. Quirke	"Cut"	10%	(Amount):	£	s	d	
W. Doyle	"	10%	"	9:13:	3		
				12: 3: 2			(1d reduction in Poundage)
W. Cummins	"	10%	"	4:11:	9		
M. Murphy	"	5%	"	13: 9:10		(2d	" "
J. J. Sinnott	"	5%	"	3: 5:10			
TOTAL				£43: 3:10			

In letter of 12th August, 1935, the Minister instructed payment of bonus to Collectors J. Cummins & S. Gannon (No. 10).

On the motion of Mr. Keegan, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne it was decided to make further representations to the Minister for Local Government & Public Health, asking him if at all possible to restore the amount of deductions from poundage fees in the cases of Collectors, J. Quirke, W. Doyle, W. Cummins, J. J. Sinnott and M. Murphy. The Finance Committee are confident that it was the large amount of arrears which it was impossible to collect that had been responsible for the backwardness of the collection in each case.

CREDIT NOTES:- In connection with application of Robt. Sinnott, Tomgarrow, Wells, asking for recognition of Credit Notes amounting to £6:7:11d on rates paid, the following letters were read from Mr. Sinnott, the ratepayer concerned, and from Mr. T. D. Sinnott, Secretary, Co. Board of Health and Public Assistance:-

"In reply to your letter of the 3rd inst. I have been supplying the Co. Board of Health with sand and gravel since 1933, and there was a balance due to me since the end of 1934, which would have enabled me to pay my rates within the prescribed period, I got a cheque about the end of June and was prepared to pay a year's rates but the rate collector would not allow me for Credit Note although the Health Board owed me the money that I owed the Co. Council. Consequently, I think I am entitled to my Credit, if not I lose £6:7:11d through no fault of my own."



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"With reference to yours of the 9th instant and enclosure, I beg to inform you that a certificate for £18:11:6d in respect of Mr. Robert Sinnott was received from Mr. Dunbar, Engineer, on the 26th June last. This certificate covered a large number of deliveries of sand. I have written Mr. Dunbar for an indication of the dates upon which each delivery was made and I will let you have these particulars as soon as I receive them."

It was decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by the Chairman:- "That Mr. R. Sinnott be informed that the County Council had no statutory authority to extend the period for validity of Credit Notes."

PART PAYMENT OF RATES:- 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 allow the system of accepting part payment of rates which has been in operation for 1934/35 Collection to be continued for current Rate Collection."

DRAINAGE RATES:- It was decided that Drainage Rates should be struck at next meeting and that one year's maintenance for Sow Drainage System be included in Road Estimate.

#### LOST PAYING ORDER

Under date 5th August, 1935, Thomas Power, Great Island, Campile, wrote that Paying Order No. 5640, Subsidiary Account, amount £5:5:10d issued by Finance Committee of 19th July, 1935, had been lost.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That Paying Order for <sup>£</sup>5:5:10d (No. 5640) Subsidiary Account, which has been lost by the Payee, Thomas Power, Great Island, Campile, be estopped and duplicate Pay Order for same be issued, the Co. Treasurer also to be informed."

#### ILLNESS OF MR. R. MALONE, V.S.

Under date 12th August, 1935, the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, wrote (E.1272/35):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to refer



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"to your letter of the 15th ultimo and its enclosed Medical Certificate submitted by Mr. Malone, M.R.C.V.S., and to state that in view of the terms of that Certificate the Minister, will in the special circumstances, offer no objection to the employment of Mr. Staples as Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts in place of Mr. Malone for a further period of three months as from the date of Certificate in question i.e. the 9th ultimo."

#### VACANCY FOR SHORTHAND TYPIST

Under date 15th August, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.130679/35) as follows:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 7th instant regarding the proposed appointment of a shorthand-typist and to state that he considers the condition that candidates should be the children of parents or guardians who have resided in the County for five years is too restrictive, and sees no reason why the examination should not be open to the residents or children of the residents in the administrative County at some recent date, say 1st January or 1st April last."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That in deference to the wishes of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, the Finance Committee agree that the position of Shorthand-Typist in County Council Office should be open to the residents and children of the residents in the County on 1st January, 1935.

"That our Secretary issue advertisements for the position on these terms and in conformity with the draft supplied by the Department of Local Government and Public Health."

#### RENEWALS OF SCHOLARSHIPS

On the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:- "That renewals of Scholarship of £50 under Secondary & Vocational Scholarships be granted the following:-

Thomas Butler; Patrick Cousins; Alice M. Devereux;  
Bridget T. Doyle; Patrick Doyle; Kathleen Ennis;  
D. Fenelon and G.W. Fenelon.

In the last mentioned case the Scholarship was fixed at £30.

Edward Kavanagh; Mary T. Mulligan; Bridget T. O'Donnell;  
Margaret O'Leary; Eileen O'Neill; Kathleen O'Regan and  
E.F. Todd.

And that renewals of Bursaries of £15 each be awarded the following:- J.P. Brennan; P.J. Byrne; James Doran; Peter Doran;



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~~"Joseph Finn; Edward Kelly; Hubert Sheil and George Swords."~~

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.O'Byrne seconded by Mr.Colfer:- "That renewals of University Scholarships tenable at University College,Dublin, be granted the following students:-

~~James J. Donnelly; Thomas Walsh; Johanna Gooney;~~  
~~W.A. Murphy; Nora O'Sullivan; Thomas Cullimore and~~  
~~James G. Delaney."~~

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 9th August,1935,the Department of Local Government (Housing Section), wrote (H.128344/35 Loch Garman) that the Minister sanctioned the following loans:-

Mrs. Bridget Mangan,Glenbough,Screen, £160;  
Miss Margaret King,Oylegate Village, £180.

Mr. Kelly mentioned a case in Enniscorthy district in which, although the house under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts had been ready for occupation over six months ago, the recipient of the loan had not yet taken up residence. He understood that a sum of over £100 was due to the carpenter who had taken the contract for the erection of the house and now found it impossible to secure payment.

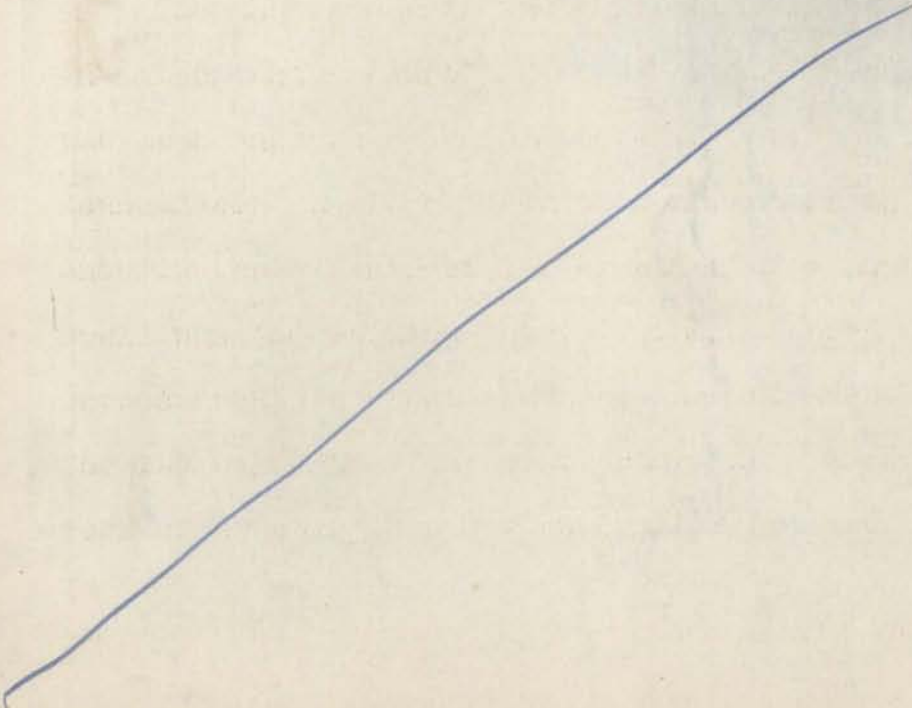
The Chairman said the contractor in question could seek for an attachment against the wages of the person who had obtained the loan and who appeared to be in good employment. County Councillors should explain to Contractors in the district when entering on a contract for erection of a house under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, if they secured a contract from a person about to erect a house, an assignment would be honoured for the payment of the Contractor and a tradesman who took up the work of erecting a house under this Act would be secured.



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PROPOSED ADOPTION OF POLLING PLACES

Suggestions as to changes in Polling Places were offered by Messrs. Ronan and Lawlor, and members present at meeting referred to inconvenience caused to voters in several areas which could be obviated if polling places were fixed for the voters of these areas in a different Electoral Division to that in which they resided. It was generally agreed, however, that if the principle of segregating townlands in any district Electoral Division was recognised, the list of Polling Places would become so detailed and complicated that instead of being a help to voters it would be more of a hindrance. In a matter of this description it was impossible to be able to meet the convenience of everybody. The Finance Committee felt that although some changes were desirable, if they were made it would be impossible to prevent others of such an acute character from also being brought under review, so that viewing the matter generally the meeting were of opinion it would be inadvisable to make any changes. They asked the Secretary to consider the various revisions which had been before the present meeting and see if anything possible could be done to meet the wishes of voters in a number of districts, and considered that their convenience on Polling day of Elections should be more fully met than was the case at present.





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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That the Minutes of the Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 16th August, 1935, be received and considered.

Rate Collection. The Secretary stated that £7,500 had been collected to date.

Illness of Mr. R. Malone. V. Sit was decided that the question of further sick leave to Mr. Malone was to be considered at meeting of Finance Committee to be held on 27th September, 1935.

Scholarship Schemes. The following report under date August 28th, 1935, was submitted from Dr. Dennis J. Coffey, President of National University, with result sheet of examination of 23 applicants for University Scholarships:-

"On marks awarded on the Leaving Certificate Table as here, the ten candidates with highest totals in their order are as follows:-

		Marks.
1.	Michael O'R. Hassett. (Rathronan, Bridgetown)	1470 <i>over</i>
2.	William J. Lambert (Sunnyside, Broadway)	1284
3.	Margaret M. O'Connor (Coolcots, Wexford)	1207 <i>golden</i>
4.	Martin Doyle (Rosbercon, New Ross)	1193 <i>left</i>

The first, second, third and fourth are recommended for Scholarships in that order.

		Marks.
5.	Ellen Cogley (Tomfarney, Clonroche)	1147
6.	James Druhan (Ladys Island)	1147 <i>fine</i>
7.	James A. Forde (Delta Cottage, Gorey)	1139
8.	James Doran (Palace East, New Ross)	1121



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Candidates Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8 coming next in order of merit may, if vacancies in awards ~~in awards~~ in the case of the first four, be considered for said vacancies, but No. 6. who is really in total ex aequo with No. 5. and in the distinctive character of his subjects, is deserving of being included in the first group.

		Marks.
9.	Simon Bailey (Green Street, Wexford.)	1110
10.	Rosanna Furlong (Mulrankin, Bridgetown)	1095

These are also fair candidates.

The candidates, from the 11th, with 1044 marks to the 20th with 914, have no special distinction. From the 21st to the 23rd the marks fall from 873 to 464.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Bowe: "That as recommended by Dr. Coffey, President National University, the four scholarships provided under the University Scholarship Scheme of this County Council, be awarded the following:-

1. ~~Michael~~ Michael O'R. Hassett.
2. ~~William~~ William J. Lambert.
3. Margaret M. O'Connor.
4. ~~Martin~~ Martin Doyle.

That in the event of any of these candidates failing to avail of Scholarship, the next candidate in order of merit as per report of Dr. Eoffey, be selected for the vacancy."

Mr. Ronan proposed and Mr M. Redmond seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That as provided by the University Scholarship Scheme, the University Scholarship of William Meyler, Blackhall, Glynn, be extended for one year to enable him to obtain Degree of Higher Diploma in Education.

Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. The Secretary stated that the County Solicitor had written to the man who had not paid the carpenter in connection with erection of house under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, Michael McGrath, Templeshannon.



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Enniscorthy, employed in Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, that he should take steps to occupy the house erected under these acts without delay.

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 16th August, 1935, be and hereby are confirmed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING. 30th August, 1935.

The Minutes of Finance Committee for 30th August, 1935, were submitted as follows:-



The Fortnightly Meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 30th August, 1935.

Present: Mr. D. Allen (Chairman County Council) presiding; also, Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella and Miss O'Ryam.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

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

1.	A. Dunne	550	8	5
2.	J.J.O'Reilly	507	15	0
3.	J. Quirke	462	1	4
4.	W. Cummins	437	5	9
5.	J.J. Sinnott	348	2	1
6.	Sean Gannon (No. 6.)	342	11	11
7.	P. Doyle	324	14	5
8.	D. Kenny	300	18	3
9.	J. Cummins	234	6	6
10.	E.J. Murphy	213	18	6
11.	J. Deegan	211	17	2
12.	P. Carty	206	8	4
13.	P. Nolan	195	5	2
14.	W. Doyle	180	0	3
15.	M. McCarthy	155	11	8
16.	M. Murphy	137	13	8
17.	S. Gannon (No. 10)	125	15	8
18.	J.M. Curtis	119	1	5
19.	M. Kehoe	54	8	7
20.	J. Flood	53	6	1
TOTAL		£5,161	10	2



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The Secretary stated that Collector McCarthy returned some time ago from St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, to take up work but unfortunately, he had been obliged to return to the Hospital for further treatment.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'B Byrne, seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That Collector P. Nolan be appointed Deputy Collector for Collector McCarthy (District NO.4) to act until the end of September, 1935.

Collector Flood, under date 22nd August, 1935, wrote that as regards the small amount of rates collected by him, that he was busy getting out demand notes and he did not get to call personally on many ratepayers. He did not expect to get much rates until after the harvest. He would do his best to see all likely "pays" within the coming week.

It was decided to inform Collectors who have less than £300:0:0 collected, that it is most imperative that Collectors should push forward their Collections in the most energetic manner. So far, Collectors who have set to work efficiently have made a good return and the Finance Committee are of opinion that the other Collectors could have done equally well. Should the Collectors, all round, fail to show a most substantial improvement by next meeting, the Finance Committee will be obliged to fix a definite percentage of lodgments at their next meeting. Any delay in proceeding energetically with the collection now will mean that the close of warrants will not be made without undue extensions of time. If the Collectors who are backward do not improve, they will be obliged to attend the Finance Committee to explain their dilatory methods, when drastic steps will be taken in the case of those who fail to satisfy the Committee

ABATEMENT FORMS. The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That allowance 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 3777 and the number of employees concerned, 7579 (2511 male relatives and 5068 male employees). The total Valuation on which abatement of rates will be made by reason of amount of employment afforded is £82,671."



Poundage to Rate Collectors. Under date 27th August, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G136970/35) that the Minister was not prepared to vary his decision as regards "Cut" in poundage to Collectors Quirke, W. Doyle, W. Cummins, J.J. Sinnott and Matthew Murphy.

It was decided to bring up this matter at the close of the warrants in respect of the first moiety and arrears for the current year.

Scholarship Schemes. Secondary and Vocational;

Under date 21st August, 1935, James A. Forde, Delta Cottage Gorey, holder of Bursary under above scheme, wrote asking for its extension for a fifth year.

Rev. Brother Lee, Christian Brothers' School, Gorey, also wrote under date 21st August, 1935, that he had recommended James A. Forde to apply to the Council for an extension for a fifth year of the Bursary which he had held for four. His passing with Honours in the Leaving Certificate before the age of 17 testified to the very satisfactory work done by him.

It was decided to explain to Mr. Forde that extensions of bursaries under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme only applies to bursaries awarded for the first time in 1935 and that the Council had no power to extend bursaries granted in any prior year.

In consequence, the Finance Committee are not in a position to recommend the Council to agree to Mr. Forde's request.

Under date 21st August, 1935, Mr. James Swords, North Parade, Gorey, wrote that his son George, who held a bursary from the County Council under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme, had obtained a position under the Department of Posts and Telegraphs. It was decided to cancel the unexpired portion of bursary to this student.



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In connection with awards of Scholarships and Bursaries under this scheme, the successful pupils wrote that they had selected the following schools:-

Loreto Convent, Wexford.

Mary Anne O'Neill, Bushville, Taguat; Margaret O'Leary, Lady's Island; Margaret Donovan, High Street, Wexford; Mary A. Carroll, Streamstown, Taguat.

St. Louis Convent, Monaghan.

Elizabeth M. Carty, Donard, Clonroche;

St. Peter's College, Wexford.

Laurance Jordan, Ballyvelig, Cmapile; John K. O'Leary, Ballyboro, Clonroche.

Christian Brothers, Wexford.

Edward Carty, Bride Street, Wexford; James A. Leeson, Parnell Street, Wexford.

Christian Brothers, Enniscorthy.

Matthew D. Treacy, Cathedral Street, Enniscorthy. Richard McConville, Station House, Enniscorthy,

Christian Brothers, Gorey.

John Breen, Cooleshall, Gorey;

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Dorish:- "That the Finance Committee approve of the schools selected by the successful candidates for Scholarships and Bursaries in 1935, as submitted to this meeting.

Public Dance Halls Act, 1935.

A notification of application to the District Justice for licences under above Statute was received from the following:- James Lawlor, Coolree, Ballendaggin. (St. Colman's Hall, Ballindaggin); Michael Spencer, Tara Hill, Gorey, (Hall at Ballymoney); Mrs. Elizabeth M. Wrixon, Main Street, Gorey, (Tara Hall Courtown Harbour); Michael Donohoe, Rosslare Harbour (Hall at St. Helen's) Nicholas J. Kelly Strand Hotel, Rosslare (Hall attached to hotel).



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Denis Lennon, Main Street, Bunclody (St. Aidan's Hall, Bunclody).

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That we suggest to the District Justice it would be an advantage if uniform hours are fixed for dancing in respect of Halls in County Wexford, for which licences are required under Public Dance Halls Act, 1935.

Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts: Under date 20th August, 1935 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H134339-35 Wexford C. C.) that the Minister had sanctioned the making by Wexford County Council of the following advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

John Maddock, Coolseskin, Bannow	£180
Patrick Byrne, Coolbawn, Ferns	£ 180
Patrick Fortune, Monagrena, Monamolin	£200
William Doherty, Great Island, Campile	£100

Classification of Roads: It was decided to adjourn the question of the proposed revision of the classification of roads to next meeting of the Committee.

CAMOLIN PARK ROAD.

Under date 20th August, 1935, the Irish Land Commission wrote that the Commission have had the matter of construction of road through Camolin Park under consideration and were now prepared to contribute a sum of £600 towards the project, provided that the road is constructed and maintained by the County Council and that a sum of not less than £1,000 is spent on its construction.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That County Councillors for Gorey County Electoral area be constituted a committee to visit Camolin Park Road and also the second road through Camolin Park on 6th September, 1935, at 3 p.m. (official time)



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for the purpose of considering the reconstruction and future maintainance of these thoroughfares and reporting to next meeting of the Council; that the County Secretary and County Surveyor accompany the Committee.

HOLIDAYS OF MR. F.S. RINGWOOD. M.R.C.V.S.

Under date 26th August, 1935, the Department of Agriculture wrote (E4765-35) that no objection would be offered to the temporary employment of Mr. T. A. Mernagh, M.R.C.V.S., Gorey, as Veterinary Inspector under Diseases of Animals Acts and Bovine Tuberculosis Order in Enniscorthy District during the absence on leave for fourteen days as from 20th August, of Mr. F.S. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S.

TRANSFER OF MONEY FOR ROADS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That as recommended by the County Surveyor, the following transfers on Road accounts be agreed to subject to sanction of Minister for Local Government and Public Health:-

"From Main Road 35 to Main Road 34 (£50); From Main Road 57 to Main Road 34 (£30); and from Main Road 69 to Main Road 67 (£40).

SHORTHAND-TYPIST.

The references of the following candidates for the position of Shorthand-Typist in County Council Offices were examined and approved.

	Years.
1. Boyle, Kitty, Hollyville, Wexford	( 18 )
2. Busher, Ellen, Whiterock, Wexford	( 20 )
3. Gallery, Mary, 115 North Main Street, Wexford	( 20½ )
4. Hore, Nellie, Hill Street, Wexford	( 19 )
5. Leonard, Ellis, Bride Street, Wexford	( 18 )
6. Mahon, Elizabeth, Hill Cottage, Park, Wexford	( 24 )
7. Tobin, Cathleen M., Bohreen Hill, Enniscorthy	( 25 )
8. Walsh, Mary, Coolcots, Wexford	( 19 )
9. Whelan, Ellen, St. John's Terrace, Wexford	( 19 )
10. Walsh, Peggy, Paradise Row, Wexford	( 24 )



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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the Secretary be empowered to employ temporary Shorthand-typist for the period up to day when the permanent official takes office, remuneration to be at the rate offered for permanent appointment.

UNIFORM FOR MESSENGER.

It was, after a discussion, decided that the consideration of procuring a uniform for Messenger of County Council be adjourned for the present.

CORONER FOR NORTH WEXFORD.

Under date 29th August, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G140029-35 Loch Garman) that the Minister had sanctioned a salary of £125 per annum being fixed for the post of Coroner for North Wexford, and enclosed statutory request for completion and transmission to the Local Appointments Commission.

Replies to queries in Statutory request were approved and it was decided to ask the sanction of the Council to these.

POUNDS.

Provision and Maintenance Act. 1935. The Secretary submitted precis of above.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the Minister for Justice be asked if "substance of thing" referred to in Section 7 (2) of Pounds (Provision and Maintenance) Act, 1935, covers the maintenance of impounded animals.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS.

Applications in connection with admission of the following children to Industrial Schools were referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor:- Mary Patricia and Catherine Teresa Doyle, Michael St. New Ross. Patrick MacDonald, Henry MacDonald and Elizabeth Mary MacDonald, Castlebridge, and Nancy Kehoe, Raheenduff, Adamstown.



MOTOR TAXATION OFFICE.

Under date 30th August, 1935, the Local Taxation Office† wrote that it would take an additional week for the two clerks employed in filing documents after audit, to complete the work. Since his previous application was dealt with the auditing of accounts for year ended March, 1935, had been completed and he wished to have all documents to date filed for future reference.

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

"That the employment of the two temporary clerical assistants in Local Taxation Office for a fortnight be extended to cover three weeks to enable all documents connected with Audits of Accounts being filed.



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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 30th August, 1935, be and are hereby confirmed".

#### CAMOLIN PARK ROADS.

The following report of Committee, appointed to inspect and report as to condition of above roads, was submitted:-

"The Committee appointed at last meeting of the Finance Committee to visit Camolin Park Roads met on 6th September, 1935, at Camolin.

Messrs Sean O'Byrne, P Ronan, John Connors, and Colonel Quin were in attendance.

The Chairman, Messrs Keegan and Smyth were unavoidably absent.

Mr Corish, Vice-Chairman, County Council, was detained in Wexford by other public business.

The County Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, were present.

The Committee inspected the full length of the road and submit the following report:-

The road through Camolin Park, in reference to which the Land Commission propose to provide £600 if County Council furnish £400 and take over the future upkeep and maintenance, is 2.875 miles in length. For about a quarter of a mile at Camolin end, it is in fair condition but the balance will require heavy bottoming and resurfacing. It is possible to secure sufficient material for the former from a quarry within 30 yards of the road on the Department's property.

The County Surveyor after inspection agreed that his estimate of £1,000 for the surface work should stand but stated that this estimate did not include the fencing. About a mile and a half of this work at both sides would be necessary and,



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calculating this at 2/- per lineal yard, would run from £400 to £450. The question of inducing the Forestry Department to carry out the fencing or increasing the State grant by the expenditure under this head was discussed and it was decided to make representations on these lines to the Land Commission and to the Forestry Department in view of the great convenience the Government will be afforded by a properly constructed road through Camolin Park.

With reference to the future maintenance of the road, the Committee point out that the £25 or £30, estimated by the County Surveyor as the annual charge, assumes that the road would be called on to bear normal traffic only. If there should be at any time "extraordinary traffic" (as defined by Statute), caused through the action of the Department in felling any quantity of timber, the Committee are of opinion the repair of such damage should be effected at the Department's expense.

They recommend that, in any agreement made between the Department and the County Council in the matter, a clause should be inserted as to the liability of the Department to make good damage caused by extraordinary traffic.

The Committee also inspected the road adjacent to Camolin Park - branching on to main road from Camolin to Ballyduff. It is in very bad condition. They recommend that the application of the County Council for a grant under Minor Relief Schemes' Vote to improve this road should be renewed.

Colonel Quin dissented from the recommendations of the other members of the Committee on the grounds that the road through Camolin Park was a private road and that the enhanced convenience to the public would not justify the proposed expenditure".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Keegan, seconded by Mr Kelly:-



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"That report of Committee, relative to reconstruction of road through Camolin Park, etc., be received and approved. That Copy be furnished Land Commission for consideration by that Department".

EMPLOYMENT OF GANGER AND ROAD WORKER.

The following report of Committee of Members of County Council, representing Gorey County Electoral Area, was submitted:-

"In accordance with the resolution of the Co. Council at their meeting held on 12th August, 1935, a meeting of the Members of the Council representing Gorey County Electoral Area was held in Gorey Courthouse on 17th August, 1935, for the purpose of considering with other matters the continued employment in the service of the Council of Patrick Byrne, Tara Hill, Inch, (Road Ganger), and James Doyle, Kilcavan, Gorey (Road Worker).

Present:- Mr D Allen (Chairman, Co. Council), presiding; also:- Messrs W P Keegan, Sean O'Byrne and J Connors.

The County Secretary, County Surveyor, and Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, were in attendance.

The circumstances of the relations between Byrne and Doyle were fully gone into by the Committee after which it was decided to inform the Co. Council that in the opinion of the Committee Byrne should not be retained as Ganger but considered he might be employed as Carter.

As regards Doyle, it was ascertained he had worked only for eight and a half weeks for County Council for the past five years and, in consequence, the Committee did not consider any action necessary as regards his future employment as he was not a regular employee.

As regards complaint of Tara Hill Quarry Workers that the claims of those who had been in the employment of the County



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Council for a considerable number of years had been overlooked and new men taken on, it appeared from the statement submitted by Mr Treanor that the work had been fairly distributed between <sup>the</sup> two classes.

The Chairman said that the Council had for a long time upheld the principle that men who were a long time in the employment of the Council would be given any work going in their districts: this was the claim made by the men at Tara Hill Quarry who complained that, during the last three or four years, new men had been taken on to their disadvantage as the allocation of funds would not give the original employees work for even half the year. Additional men for the Gorey sections of road were only taken on for relief or for casual work.

Mr Keegan pointed out that a peculiar situation arose in Tara Hill as a number of young people from Dublin City were imported into the area and now, when they were grown up, it was found that work could not be provided for them.

Mr Treanor said there was only one man of the class referred to by Mr Keegan now in employment: he had weeded out the others. What Killed Tara Hill was that at one time they obtained 4000 cubic yards from this quarry and now they only wanted 400.

Mr Keegan said the Tara Hill men also complained that the roads out to Tara Hill were done by men from Gorey Town.

It was ascertained that eight of the workers at Tara Hill could be regarded as 'old' hands.

It was decided to recommend the Co. Council to instruct the Co. Surveyor to have the work at Tara Hill Quarry carried out by these eight old hands - who were longest in the Co. Council's employment - apportionment to be made by the Assistant Surveyor for the district. The question of having the local roads in the vicinity of Tara Hill attended to by the workers of the district was referred to the Co. Surveyor for favourable consideration.

In connection with dangerous wall at Esmonde St., Gorey, it was decided to await action pending the decision of the Co. Board



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of Health as to their responsibility in the matter."

On the motion of Mr Bowe, seconded by Mr Smyth, the following resolution was adopted, Mr Keegan dissenting:-

"That report of Committee re employment of Road Ganger Patrick Byrne, Tara Hill, Gorey, and James Doyle, Kilcavan, (Road Worker), and all matters arising therefrom be considered in Committee".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cummins, seconded by Colonel Quin:-

"That the report of Gorey Committee re P Byrne and James Doyle, employees of the Council, be received and considered".

Rev George Dunne, C C, Castletown, attended and pointed out that, in his opinion, the £40 which had been paid by Byrne to Doyle as compensation for an alleged indecent attack on Doyle's wife was obtained through a "frame-up" and because Byrne went to wrong advisers. Byrne called at Doyle's on the morning the attack was supposed to have been made about Co. Council business. Doyle was not at home and Byrne stated he would be back at a certain hour in the evening. When Byrne called, Doyle was not in the house but, when he did appear, he accused Byrne of endeavouring to commit an indecent assault on his wife which Byrne denied then and now. At the time Byrne's wife, who suffered from a weak heart, was about to become a mother and, as Byrne feared she might drop dead if she were informed of the "frame-up" by the Doyle's, and as Byrne recognised that it would be one oath against two, he very foolishly agreed to pay the money. But he (Father Dunne) believed the whole story was a plant, concocted to frighten a very highly strung man. He (Father Dunne), knowing all the circumstances, appealed to the Council not to dismiss from their service a man who had given them 28 years' faithful service.



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Mr O'Byrne pointed out that the Gorey Committee did not concern themselves with the charge made against Byrne but felt that the work of the Council would suffer if he were continued as a ganger. The payment of the money to hush up any charge which the Doyle's might make lowered Byrne's status and the Committee believed he would not in the future be capable of controlling the men under him.

Mr Doyle said that, in the circumstances, he thought the matter should be left to the members of the Gorey County Electoral Area to settle.

Mr Sweetman was opposed to the Council entertaining the matter in any form. They were not concerned with what happened in a man's private life.

Miss O'Ryan agreed. Courts of Justice could be invoked if people had any private rights to be vindicated.

Mr Walsh agreed that the Council should not have touched the matter at all.

Mr Kinsella supported this view.

Mr Culleton did not consider it was fair to deprive Doyle of his employment because Byrne was a highly strung man which was the reason given at last meeting of the County Council for not employing Doyle.

The Chairman said the local Committee did not consider any phase of the question except the suitability of Byrne to continue to act as ganger. When Byrne placed himself in a false position by paying money to have the charge hushed up, the Committee arrived at the opinion that he would not, in the future, have efficient control over the men of his section.

Father Dunne said if he thought Byrne was guilty of the charge he would not be at the County Council meeting that day.

The Chairman said that Byrne had been with him and told him the same story as he told Father Dunne as his reason for paying the money. The question of his guilt or innocence



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was not considered by the Committee. His proposed change of employment caused a great outcry in the district and all sections of the community were opposed to such a course. He (Chairman) believed the matter should have been left in the hands of the County Surveyor, who, even at this stage, should take full responsibility for the employment or non-employment of these two men as he considered advisable from the point of view of the work on the roads.

After further discussion, Miss O'Ryan proposed and Colonel Quin seconded the following resolution which was afterwards withdrawn:-

"That the portion of report of Gorey Committee, relative to the cases of Byrne and Doyle, be referred to the County Surveyor".

Mr Sweetman proposed and Mr Walsh seconded the following:-

"That no action be taken relative to report of Gorey Committee as to employment of Byrne and Doyle".

Mr Corish proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following amendment:-

"That, in the light of the evidence received at this meeting, the report of Gorey Committee, in so far as it refers to the employment of Byrne and Doyle (Ganger and Road Worker, respectively), be not acted upon and that the matter be handed to the County Surveyor with instructions to dispose of it finally as he considers desirable".

On a show of hands, ten voted for this and four against.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

On being put as the substantive motion, it was adopted nem. con.

#### Employment at Tara Hill

As regards the portion of the report, recommending the employment of "old" hands at Tara Hill Quarry, etc., the adoption of the recommendation was proposed by ~~the~~ Mr Keegan



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and seconded by the Chairman.

Mr Doyle considered that all men unemployed in the district should have their claims to a share of the work considered. Why not give some of them, say, six months' work and a second set, six months. Changing the batch was not a bad thing at all. He was not in favour of stereotyping the employment of particular men and they might bind themselves down so that they would find it difficult to make a change even where necessary.

After further discussion, the Chairman took a show of hands. Six were in favour of the recommendation and five against.

The other members did not vote.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.



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## ROAD GANGERS AS LAND HOLDERS

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

"That the services of any Road Ganger or road worker who possesses 20, or more statute acres of land be dispensed with."

Mr Ronan in moving his motion said it came to his knowledge that men with 20 acres or more of land were employed as gangers. One ganger had admitted to him that he had paid £400 for a farm. The County Council should not be a party to this when men with large families were not able to find a day's work.

Mr Kelly seconded the motion.

Mr Sweetman asked Mr Ronan to amend his motion so that it would refer only to cases of employment of gangers in the future. A man might have 20 acres which would not be worth fourpence.

The County Surveyor said that only two gangers would be affected by the motion. It would not be fair to penalise a man who put into a bit of land what he had saved from his wages. It would be perfectly right not to employ a farmer as a ganger.

Mr Ronan said men who purchased farms should be able to live out of them, and make way for people who had no land, and really no means of livelihood.

The County Surveyor held that if they agreed to carry out Mr Ronan's proposal it would make people improvident. Such people generally put any savings they could make into a "bit of land". They would say to themselves "what is the use of saving when we are to be penalised for it."

Col. Quin asked what about a man with a shop who might make a great deal more annually than was obtained by the



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produce of 20 acres. Why should the Council pick on for dismissal the man who bought a few acres of land?

Miss O'Ryan did not believe it would be possible to make a hard and fast rule in the matter. A man might purchase a bit of land and be obliged to borrow the most of the money. But if a man had a holding out of which he could live he should not be allowed to take work from a poor man.

Mr Bowe said if they put it up to a man with 20 acres that he should give up his land or his position they would find he would sell the land.

Mr Keegan said a man in his district was allowed to sell his land and retain his position as ganger; that should not have been agreed to by the Council.

Col.Gibbon proposed and Col.Quin seconded that the matter be adjourned for a month the County Surveyor to lay all possible information as regards the persons affected before the Finance Committee.

Miss O'Ryan asked Mr Ronan if he would agree to add to "who possesses 20 acres or more " the words "or corresponding activities that bring in the same amount of money".

Mr Meyler proposed and Mr Bowe seconded as an amendment "That no action be taken."

The chairman said that if the members voted against the motion of Mr Ronan it would mean that no action would be taken, and he held it would be more satisfactory to take a straight vote on the motion as moved by Mr Ronan. He (chairman) held it would be most unfair to dismiss a ganger who by his thrift and industry was able to purchase a few acres of land. They should encourage such a man, and it would be very wrong for the Council to adopt a resolution which would bring about his dismissal.

Mr Doyle said that if his memory served him correctly when the matter was previously before the Council it was found



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That a couple of men only were affected. Mr Corish had moved a resolution which was adopted, and which provided that in future appointments of gangers the County Surveyor was to consider the ways and means of a man before he was employed.

The Chairman asked Mr Ronan what would he do in face of the opinions expressed by Councillors.

Mr Ronan said his motion was there, and the Council could do what they liked about it.

Mr Meyler said that a man who had no land might be better off than a man who had 20 acres particularly at the present time.

After further discussion a poll was taken on Mr Ronan's motion with the following result:-

For:-Messrs Colfer, Culleton, Keegan, Kelly, M. Redmond, T. Redmond and Ronan - 7.

Against:-Messrs Bowe, Connors, Day, Gibbon, Kinsella, Meyler, O'Byrne, Miss O'Ryan, Quin, Smyth, Sweetman, Walsh and the Chairman - 14.

Messrs Cummins and Corish were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

PROPOSED EMPLOYMENT OF MEN ON THE "DOLE"  
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The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr Sweetman:-

"To discuss the possibility, with the Department of Local Government and Public Health to utilise those in receipt of unemployment benefit as extra workers on roads etc., this proposal not to involve the County Council in any financial responsibility as regards wages etc."

In moving his motion Mr Sweetman said that a good deal could be done to the advantage of the Country by getting these men into employment, and there was a possibility that



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for the money now paid them in the form of State and Home Assistance they could do useful work for the County Council. The present system was entirely wrong, and it was not only demoralising those who were receiving the dole, but also demoralising farm workers when they see people doing nothing receiving more than was paid them in wages. This had a very bad effect on men in employment. A man had a right in every civilised community to obtain work by which he could live, but the present system of keeping men in idleness was against the law of God, against Christianity - even against the law of nature - and the State which allowed it was shirking its duty. As the estimate of County Surveyor for repair of roads was 40% in excess of what the County Council had agreed to this was evidence that plenty of work could be carried out on the roads. Instead of a big scheme the men could be employed under their own gangers at cutting weeds and hedges, improving the view for vehicular traffic, improving footpaths in the neighbourhood of towns, minor drainage and incidentally drainage into lands, planting bulbs and rhododendrons etc. They could start such a scheme without any outlay except for tools.

Mr Kinsella seconded.

Men on the dole might be employed in easing bad road corners of which they had so many in the County. The gangers had little to do and should be readily able to carry out the supervision.

Mr Walsh agreed. The men could be usefully employed in repairing footpaths all over the County.

Col. Quin said that the experiment tried at the County Hospital by County Board of Health in the direction indicated by Mr Sweetman was not successful.

Miss O'Ryan challenged the statement. The men on Home Assistance had given invaluable service what was represented



by thousands of pounds. For their reputation she wished to say that they preferred to do work for the amount of Home Assistance than remain idle.

Col. Gibbon suggested asking the General Council of County Councils to set up a Committee to go into the matter and make recommendations to the Government.

Mr Kelly said he had an open mind on the question. The great majority of the men would prefer to be at work. They were receiving 6/- per week, but if it were proposed they should work for three days a week for this amount he strongly objected. They should be only asked to give what normal work was represented by the 6/- in fact a reasonable return for the money.

Mr Sweetman said he understood that some members of the Government were interested in seeing an experiment such as he proposed tried in one County, and for that reason it would not be advisable to ask the General Council of County Councils to formulate a scheme as the circumstances of the Counties were not alike, and, in several, road work was not as well organised as in Wexford.

The County Surveyor said he considered the Government had at the back of their minds something such as Mr Sweetman suggested. He believed that he and his Assistants would be able to draft a scheme which would absorb the men on the dole. They could undoubtedly do good and satisfactory work. For instance they could provide for the drainage of little streams adjoining roads and which they could not compel owners of land to clean up tho' they were injuring the Roads. These at present could be dealt with only by Minor Relief Schemes. Then they could improve corners and cut hedges. Farmers only objected to this work when they had to do it themselves. The money now paid out was of no advantage to the men who would be much better off working than doing nothing.



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Mr Culleton favoured any scheme that would absorb unemployed men, but not on a basis of 2/- per day. 80% of the unemployed would prefer to be at work. If Government formulated a scheme one of the provisions should be to provide a wage on which a man could live. If they went to the General Council they should recommend the latter to see that an adequate wage to allow a man to live on in decency and comfort was incorporated in any scheme.

Mr Doyle said what they really wanted was a scheme. The County Surveyor was satisfied that the proposal was feasible, and they should recommend the County Council to empower the County Surveyor and his Assistants to submit a definite scheme to next meeting of the Council. He was prepared to propose *a* resolution to that effect, and if the County Surveyor considered it necessary they could associate <sup>with him</sup> ~~when~~ a small Committee. It would be a wild goose chase to go further until they had a scheme in some detail.

Mr Thomas Redmond held that in any scheme the Urban Areas in which there was the greatest unemployment should be included.

Miss O'Ryan pointed out that the money for the dole was not paid out by the Department of Local Government. Some time ago they had been asked to formulate schemes for relief of Unemployment, and they had mentioned drainage, and the repair of lanes leading to farmers' places which were not under the control of the County Council. In any scheme which was adopted they would not have their ordinary regular workers interfered with.

The County Surveyor said that work which he had in contemplation could not be covered by the ordinary staff of the Council.

Mr Sweetman said the scheme would be one for the absorption of surplus labour.

The resolution was then put and passed.



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Mr Doyle proposed and Mr M.Redmond seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor in conjunction with his Assistants be asked to formulate a scheme for the employment of men in receipt of State relief. That if considered necessary a small Committee be appointed to assist in the preparation of the scheme.

The County Surveyor suggested that the Assistant Surveyors discuss the matter with the Councillors in their Areas, and this suggestion was adopted.

#### APPOINTMENT OF SHORTHAND TYPIST

The Secretary submitted detailed report of Examiners (Messrs T.Fane and M.Redmond) as to examination for above position.

The following gives the placing of the ten candidates:-

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| 1. | Cathleen M.Tobin, Bohreen Hill, Enniscorthy | 359.825 | marks. |
| 2. | Nellie Hore, Hill Street, Wexford           | 359.15  | "      |
| 3. | Elizabeth Mahon, Hill Cottage, Wexford      | 348. 2  | "      |
| 4. | Mary Gallery, 115, North Main St, Wexford   | 346.55  | "      |
| 5. | Ellen Whelan, St.John's Road, Wexford       | 310.45  | "      |
| 6. | Peggy Walsh, Paradise Row, Wexford          | 301.625 | "      |
| 7. | Ellis Leonard, Upper Bride St. Wexford      | 293. 4  | "      |
| 8. | Ellen Busher, Whiterock, Wexford            | 291     | "      |

Mary Walsh, Coolcots, Wexford and Kitty Boyle, Hollyville, Wexford failed, the former in shorthand and typing and the latter in typing.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr Ronan:-

"That Cathleen M.Tobin, Bohreen Hill, Enniscorthy, be appointed Shorthand Typist in County Council Office, subject to the sanction of Department of Local Government and Public Health, and also subject to the production of birth certificate



that she is within prescribed age limits and to medical certificate that she is free from any physical defect or disease which would be likely to interfere with the discharge of her duties.

Salary £90 per annum increasing by annual increments of £5 to £150 per annum.

Appointment will be on a probationary period of six months,



# AUDITOR'S REPORT

Under date 6th September, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (A.142555/35) forwarding the following report of their Auditor on his Audit of the Accounts of the County Council:-

"I beg to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Wexford County Council, including County Library Committee, for the three half-years ended 30th September, 1933: 31st March, 1934: and 30th September, 1934. Certified copies of the Abstracts are forwarded herewith.

The following is a comparative table of the Rates raised for the three years 1932/33, 1933/34 and 1934/35:-

	<u>1932/33</u>		<u>1933/34</u>		<u>1934/35</u>	
	s	d	s	d	s	d
In respect of Roads	2	5	2	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	2	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
" " " County Services	2	10	2	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	6 $\frac{1}{4}$
" " " Poor Relief	3	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	2
" " " Health Dist. Charges	5		4 $\frac{3}{4}$		4 $\frac{3}{4}$	
	8	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	8	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	8	7 $\frac{1}{2}$

The total Rate raised for each of the three years was practically uniform.

The uncollected balances of Poor Rate at 30/9/33; 31/3/34; 30/9/34; and 31/3/35 were, respectively:-  
£47,024.5.5; £53,703.2.6; £62,994.9.2; and £35,754.13.0.

The Urban District Councils are in arrears in respect of the 1934/35 Demands as follows:- Enniscorthy, £3,224.12.8; New Ross £1,528.3.6; and Wexford £4,014.7.6.

The arrears of uncollected Rates in respect of Kilmannock Drainage were at 31/3/1934, £236.18.0, and at 31/3/1935, £299.10.0.

The arrears on Sow Drainage at 31/3/1935 were £1,220.18.4, but a new arrangement has now been made in regard to the collection of these arrears.

At 30/9/1934, £3,049 remained unexpended out of the Loans



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of £10,000 received by the Council under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, but disbursements since made have reduced the balance to £739.

During the half-year ended 30/9/1934, the Library Committee made a contribution, out of the Carnegie Grant received by them, of £400 to the County Council in respect of the erection of the new Library Premises.

The Council still holds a balance of £50 5% Compensation Stock received as compensation for the destruction of a Court House since reconstructed. In the circumstances, the sale of this Stock should be considered.

It is desirable that a more detailed ~~report~~ should be kept in respect of petrol consumption.

Application has been made for a transfer of Commercial Motor Policy, No. 200368, from the Library Committee's old motor van to their newly-purchased one. Otherwise, all Insurance Renewal Premiums of the County Council and the Library Committee have been paid to date."

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

"That as recommended by Auditor the £50 Compensation Stock be sold."

Proposed by Col. Quin, seconded by the Chairman:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to provide for detailed records of petrol consumption for the future as suggested by the Auditor."

Miss O'Ryan congratulated the Secretary and his staff and also the Rate Collectors on the satisfactory nature of the Auditor's Report.

#### SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

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Under date 16th August, 1935, the Department of Agriculture wrote (G.3637-35) that on 3rd August one of



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their Officers had obtained four samples of Butter at New Ross which were certified to be genuine by the County Analyst.

COURTOWN HARBOUR DREDGING OF BASIN

The following resolution adopted at last meeting of Courtown Harbour Committee was submitted:-

"We recommend that as there is no other means in view of cleaning out the inside harbour that the rails be extended to allow the crane to clear out a berth along by the Quay wall on the west side. As we have information to hand that Captain Kearon has purchased a vessel to start trade here."

The County Surveyor said that the proposal to extend the reach of the crane to carry out some dredging was feasible, but as they had arranged with the Office of Public Works ~~that~~ they should find out from that Department if they had any objection to the proposals to allow for it. Quite recently he had interviewed Mr Candy, the new Engineer of the Office of Works who explained that they had not forgotten Courtown, but they were experimenting with a new apparatus which they hoped could be successfully utilised at Courtown and other harbours. This apparatus would work in any weather. The Office of Works were not satisfied to send their dredger to Courtown as they thought tho' the inner bar was all right, the outer bar would not be capable of letting in the boat, and that it was better wait to see how far the new machine fulfilled promises made regarding it. It was on the Shannon for Electricity Supply Board engaged on somewhat similar work. If successful the Office of Works would acquire it and utilise it first at Courtown.

Col. Gibbon proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) the County Surveyor be instructed to inspect the new type of harbour dredger at work



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on the River Shannon, and that his out of pocket expenses  
in connection with this inspection be allowed."



KILMORE HARBOUR MASTER.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Walsh:- "That in deference to the decision of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in letter of 9th July, 1935, (G107662/35-Loch Garman) advertisements be issued in the three local papers for the position of Harbour Master at Kilmore.

CAHORE PIER.

The following report under date 7th September, 1935, was submitted by the County Surveyor.

"On 3rd instant, by appointment, I met Mr. Smyth, M.C.C., and a number of local fishermen at Cahore.

The proposed substitution of a jetty extension instead of a solid pier was considered. All the fishermen were of opinion that a jetty would in no way meet their requirements. Further, on examination of the plans of the former extension, I agreed that a jetty would be unsuitable. We then discussed the matter of cost etc., for a solid extension, and it was

agreed that an over all width of 18 feet would be sufficient. The present pier head is 25. 10½ over all width, and this proposed reduction in width will allow of a material cut in the estimated cost. Moreover, if the work be carried out by Direct Labour several items of expenditure can be eliminated such as profit, double supervision, etc.

I estimate the cost of an extension of 90 ft. in length x 18 feet wide at £3,000.

If the County Council decide to go forward with the work and apply for a Grant I understand they will be required to put up part of the cost. On receiving instructions from the Council, I can, at once, prepare plans for this modified scheme, and forward same to the proper Government Department."



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Col. Quin proposed and Mr. Smyth seconded the following resolution:- "That the report of the County Surveyor relative to Cahore Pier be received and adopted and that the Council agree to provide 25% of the actual expenditure in carrying out scheme, provided the balance be made up by State Grant." Passed.

ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR.

Miss O'Ryan asked if there were any information from the Department in regard to the proposed improvements at St. Helen's Harbour.

The County Surveyor replied that he had only received an acknowledgement of the receipt of the plans. He went down to the place several times, had gone into the details and was satisfied that a proper job could be done for £900.

On the proposition of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Ronan, it was decided that the Chairman should raise the matter with the chief engineer of the Office of Public Works.

FORD OF LYNG DRAINAGE.

The County Surveyor submitted letter from the Office of Public Works under date September 7th, 1935, stating that the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance had approved of a grant of £200 towards the cost of the work set out in a specification prepared by Mr. A.D. Delap and the County Surveyor. The grant was made on the condition that the full amount would be expended on the wages of workmen who were in receipt of unemployment assistance before recruitment.

The specification sets out that the work shall consist of the formation of drainage cuts from Rathdowney bridge to Ballygarvey bridge and such clearing up above those points as may be necessary to make the works effective and as the funds available may permit. The balance of the Slob Commissioners' contribution, viz, £150, was of course available for expenditure on the scheme.



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Replying to Mr. Doyle, Mr. J.F. Bir~~th~~istle, Assistant Surveyor, stated it was expected to commence the work within a fortnight.

PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF OLD COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

On the suggestion of the County Surveyor it was decided to refer this matter back to Finance Committee.

COMPLAINT OF ROADWORKER.

Under date 31st August, 1935, Michael Cooney, Grange, Rathnure, wrote stating that for ten years he was a regular quarry and road worker under Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant County Surveyor. Some time ago the district was transferred to Mr. R.J. Ennis, Assistant County Surveyor, and during the past three years he had only got about ten weeks' work. He was about sixty years of age and was as capable of working as ever. He was able to get about nine months' work in the year from Mr. Cullen and considered he was entitled to a share of the work in the area. He obtained five weeks' work at the stone-breaker this year, but nothing since, prior to which he was idle for six or eight months.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, reporting on the complaint stated that he had six men and a foreman working more or less constantly in the district and it would be impossible to afford employment to more. Any time extra men were required Cooney was taken among them. He went into all the circumstances before he arranged the men as they were in the section and in his opinion all the men employed required the work more than Cooney, who had a son and son-in-law among the men who were employed. Up to last year he had a small road contract which he (Mr. Ennis) thought was now in his son's name.

Mr. Ronan stated that Mr. Ennis's report was satisfactory. He was doing his best for the area.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, said that Cooney was a regular employee when working with him.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following



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resolution:- "That Michael Cooney be re-employed as Road Worker at the earliest opportunity".

The Chairman said that the Council had upheld the principle that a regular employee, capable of carrying out work, should not be superseded by another man.

Mr Ennis said if he were to employ Cooney now he should discharge a man with six "soft" children. He had not sufficient money to employ Cooney otherwise.

Colonel Quin said that the matter should be left in the hands of the Assistant Surveyor for the District.

Mr Kelly then withdrew his motion and substituted the following:-

"That Michael Cooney be given a regular share of work as is given to other men in the area".

Mr Culleton seconded.

Mr Sweetman said that hundreds of men make the same application as Cooney.

Mr O'Byrne proposed that no action be taken in connection with complaint of non-employment of Michael Cooney.

Mr Sweetman seconded.

A vote was taken on this motion with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Bowe, Connors, Day, Doyle, Kinsella, Meyler, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, Smyth, and Sweetman. 11.

Against:- Messrs Keegan, Kelly, M Redmond, Ronan and the Chairman. 5.

Mr Colfer (1) did not vote and the following were not present when vote was taken:- Messrs Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Gibbon, Thos. Redmond and Walsh. (6).

The Chairman declared the proposition carried.

When put as the substantive motion, it was adopted without dissent

#### STREETS OF BUNCLODY.

Under date 30th August, 1935, the following was read from Mr J O'Dempsey, Hon. Secretary, Town Improvement Committee, Buncloody:-

"At their meeting on 26th instant, the above Committee directed me to draw the attention of the Council to the deplorable condition of the streets of Buncloody. Littered, as



<sup>covered</sup>  
They are <sup>covered</sup> with loose stones especially the Main Street, they are in a worse state than by-roads and are a disgrace to the town. They asked a permanent man be employed to keep the streets of the town and the approaches thereto in a proper state of cleanliness. Another matter which they feel needs the attention of the Council is the present condition of the foot paths leading from the bridge to the Catholic Church.

The one on the left urgently needs repair, that on the right requires to be lowered between the old Cemetery Gate and the Convent gate as in its present condition it is dangerous to people, especially old people, stepping off it to the road. The roadway at these footpaths requires concrete water tables which would save ~~the~~ labour and dispose of ridding them of dirt, grass and weeds - a work which has to be carried out once or twice a year."

The following report on this communication was read from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor:-

(1) The Main Street has never been surfaced in any way, and gets very loose in dry weather. It has been dug up in recent years for water and sewage pipes. It is kept as well as the money will permit. I do not think there would be work for a permanent man. These Streets will have to be surfaced. This will be a big job. I think that the Enniscorthy-Kiltealy, Ferns-Clohamon and part of the Wexford-Gorey Roads would require to be more or less finished off first.

(2) The footpath on the left up to the Catholic Church is a gravel path. I intend to make it a tarred path sometime. There is no money for this at present.

(3) The footpath on the right up by the Catholic Church is a good flag path. You will remember inspecting it with me recently. It has been there for 25 or 30 years. I do not think it is unduly high over the road.

(4) The channels on this road by the Church are paved



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with small stones. it would be better, of course if they were concrete. At the same time if there was any money available it would be better to spend it in putting a decent surface on this same road further out towards Carnew."

The County Surveyor said it was contemplated concreting these streets when a Government Grant was available but the matter was not brought forward up to the present as the streets were broken up for water supply and sewerage schemes, and there was no use in laying down concrete to have it torn up. The proposal, however, would be brought forward as soon as feasible. As regards the footpaths that on the right hand side going up to the Church had been lifted by the Contractor for the Waterworks and he did not restore it properly until he was compelled; it was now a good footpath. The footpath on the left was an ordinary gravel footpath and when opportunity presented to secure tar chips, it would be improved.

It was decided to furnish the Bunclody Town Improvement Committee with a copy of the County Surveyor's statement and report of Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor.

#### APPLICATION UNEMPLOYED MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

The Secretary stated he received a letter from Taghat and Kilrane Unemployed Men's Association. Having read portion, which attacked Mr. M. Doyle, County Councillor, Miss OORyan stated that in view of its contents the Council should not have the communication read.

Mr. M. Redmond concurred, and a motion to mark the letter "read" was unanimously carried.

Mr. Ronan "Mark it "green" (laughter).

#### ROADS IN FETHARD DISTRICT.

The following, which was signed by 337 of the ratepayers of the South of the County and others, was read:- "We, the undersigned inhabitants and ratepayers of, and visitors to



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the popular seaside resort of Fethard, County Wexford, request the Wexford County Council to attend to the roads leading to and from the area of Fethard, which includes such interesting places as Bag-an-Bun, Hook, Tower Grange Strand, Dollar Bay, Sand-Eel Bay, etc.

The County Surveyor said ~~times~~ <sup>the</sup> roads in this district were not good; they "ravelled" in the dry weather and it was impossible to keep loose stones off them, sweeping them made them worse.

No order.

#### APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT.

Mr. Kelly, County Councillor, wrote under date 4th September, 1935, as to the case of a Roadworker, Martin Murphy, Rathduff, Killanne. This man was in a very bad way for work. He worked several times on the roads. Mr. Kelly enclosed letter from Rev. D. Hore, P.P., Rathnure, recommending that Murphy be given work. Miss O'Ryan submitted that it was not for the Council to consider applications from individuals, and she proposed that the matter be referred to the County Surveyor.

Mr. Sweetman seconded the motion, which was passed.

#### CLASSIFICATION OF ROADS.

The following, signed by eight motor owners and ratepayers, six Enniscorthy Merchants and twelve other Ratepayers was read:-

"We the motor-owners and ratepayers adjoining and using the roads leading from the Trunk Road at "Red Pat's" Cross to Galbally, respectfully draw the attention of the County Council to the fact that owing to the increased amount of motor and lorry traffic from St. John's Mills and the Enniscorthy Wholesale Merchants to Taghmon and South of the County, the roads mentioned, at present are deteriorating and are unable to bear the present heavy traffic.



We hope you will favour us with consideration at the forthcoming revision of roads and place the above roads among the second class link roads on the list."

Miss O'Ryan proposed, and Mr. Ronan seconded the following which was adopted:- "That the resolution from Bree and Gallbally ratepayers, etc., be referred to the Finance ~~Committee~~ Committee. We are of opinion that this Committee should raise with the Department of Local Government and Public Health the question of a general revision of the Classification of Roads. Since the first classification was adopted several roads in this County are bearing more traffic at present than roads included in Main and Link road class, and it is the opinion of this Council that somewhat similar circumstances obtain in other counties.

#### THE USE OF NO FRANGO WORK.

Mr. Culleton who asked at last meeting of the Council that the resolution of the Wexford Trades Council objecting to the use of "No frango" for building should be adjourned said that he had been speaking to some members of the Trades Council, who told him that the objection to the use of "No frango" had been withdrawn.

The County Surveyor submitted letter under date 6th September, 1935, from Francis Bolger, Branch Secretary, Operative Plasterers' Trades Society of Dublin, 32, East Essex Street, Dublin, stating that the fixing and finishing of all "No frango" work at the County Hall was to be carried out by the Plasterers only and under no consideration are any other tradesmen to infringe on the rights of the members of this Society.

The County Surveyor said he had forwarded Mr. Bolger's letter to the "No frango" people to get some definite arrangements made with the Trades Council as to what was to be done in the matter. Otherwise work might be held up for months.



The meeting approved of the action of the County Surveyor in the matter.

LINGSTOWN ROAD.

William Sempsey, Ballyboker, Ballycogley, Hon. Secretary Tomhaggard Branch Irish Labour Party wrote under date 4th September, 1935, asking when the work at Lingstown road would start and what would be done with the very dangerous corner at the Bargy Crossroads.

The County Surveyor said he had the work in hands.

KILCORKEY LANE.

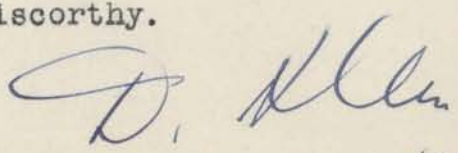
A memorial signed by seven ratepayers asked the Council to have the Kilcorkey Lane (Ballycanew) and which was at present in a very bad condition put into repair.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That Kilcorkey Lane be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Scheme.

The County Surveyor said that he had shown to Mr. McLoughlin of the Office of Public Works, a list of lanes which had been already scheduled by the Council for repair under the Minor Relief Schemes Vote, and it was admitted it would be an impossibility to have them all done. Mr. McLoughlin said when the Office of Works received the list they would make a selection.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That New Licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908 issued to Stephen J. Doyle, 85, Main Street, Gorey, and renewal of licence to J.J. O'Malley Manager, Donohoe's Ltd., Enniscorthy.



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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MEETING 14th OCTOBER, 1935.

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MINUTES

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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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 14th October, 1935.

Mr. D. Allen, Chairman, presided, and there were also present Messrs. J.J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, C. Culleton, Wm. Cullimore, J. Cummins, M. Doyle, Col. C.M. Gibbon, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, T. McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, Ml. Redmond, T. Redmond, Patk. Ronan, Myles Smyth, Malachi Sweetman, and J.E. Walsh.

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

Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Notes for the following were examined and signed:- £352. 16. 8, Salaries, etc.; £18445. 11. 6, Ordinary payments and transfers to Subsidiary A/c; £31990.5.0 transfers to Public Bodies.

#### THE LATE SIR THOMAS ESMONDE.

The Chairman said before commencing the business of the meeting he desired to propose a vote of condolence to Lady Esmonde and Sir Osmonde Esmonde in the death of Sir Thomas Esmonde, who was the first Chairman of the County Council and who, it was generally admitted, gave great service in the public life of the County Wexford. He proposed the following resolution:-

"That we deeply regret the loss of Sir Thomas Esmonde, the first Chairman of this County Council, and instruct our Secretary to convey to Lady Esmonde and Sir Osmonde Esmonde our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement."

Mr. Corish seconded the motion.

The Secretary said that as the Chairman had stated Sir Thomas Esmonde was the first chairman of the County Council



and gave very great help to put county work on a business basis. His experience in Parliament and on public boards was a great asset in carrying out the duties of the County Council. The handsome seal which the Council have in use was his present. He was most kind and courteous to his fellow members and to the officials of the Council and took the deepest interest in the County during his long life. The Secretary on his own behalf and that of the County Council staff offered to Lady Esmonde and to Sir Osmonde Esmonde their deep sympathy.

The County Surveyor also paid tribute to the deceased after which the motion was adopted in silence.

#### SYMPATHY WITH RATE COLLECTORS.

A vote of sympathy was adopted to Collector Philip Doyle, Barntown, Wexford, in the death of his wife, on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Corish, and to Mr. William Doyle, Rate Collector, Scullabogue, Newbawn, in the death of his father, Mr. Thomas D. Doyle, on the motion of Mr. Ml. Redmond, seconded by Mr. Cummins.

#### CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

Meeting, 12th September, 1935 -      The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford on 12th September, 1935.

Present:- Miss O'Ryan, and subsequently Mr. D. Allen, Chairman of the Council presided, also Messrs. P. Colfer, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly and Sean O'Byrne.

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

The minutes of last meeting were cinfirmed.

Payments.

Treasurer's advice Note for £3901 19 8d. was examined and signed.

Rate Collection.

The state of the rate collection to date was submitted as follows:-

Per Centage.

14.5	S. Gannon No. 6	525	18	11
11.3	W. Cummins	615	11	2
11.2	J.J O'Reilly	622	4	8
10.1	D. Kenny	475	11	7
10.0	S. Gannon No. 10	389	18	10
9.2	J. Cummins	534	13	5
8.4	A. Dunne	759	8	11
7.4	M. Kehoe	321	1	8
7.0	J. Curtis	386	4	5
6.9	J. Quirke	655	17	0
6.6	E.J. Murphy	332	7	6
6.5	P. Doyle	416	15	2
6.4	P. Nolan	531	3	1
6.0	W. Doyle	360	13	11
5.7	J.J. Sinnott	393	2	11
5.6	M. Murphy	225	16	0
5.2	P. Carty	247	7	10
4.6	J. Deegan	330	1	8
4.1	M. McCarthy	249	0	7
2.7	J. Flood	109	19	8
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~~Collectors~~  
The Rate Inspector said that the majority of the Councillors in Enniscorthy and Wexford Districts could have done better. Quite a number of them took money given them, but they did not go out to collect it.

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

"The Finance Committee are not at all satisfied with the progress which has been made by the majority of the Collectors. The Committee are certain that a great deal more money could have been collected with a very small amount of energy on the part of a number of the collectors. They do not agree that collectors who have not secured 7 per cent of their warrant are discharging their duty in a proper manner. Collectors, with a collection of under 7 per cent on the 12th September, 1935, are to be informed that the Finance Committee will arrange for a special meeting to deal drastically with collectors unless the most substantial improvement be reported to next meeting."

#### County Registrar and Office

##### Accommodation.

The following under date 4th September, 1935, was read from the County Registrar:-

"I urgently require further office and storage accommodation. I am directed by the Minister for Justice to apply to the Council for same. I will require for the present the two offices on my landing, at present occupied by the County Surveyor together with appropriate office equipment which I can arrange with the County Surveyor.

I shall be obliged if you will have the matter attended to at your earliest convenience."

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

That we point out to the County Registrar that when the County Hall was reconstructed a few years ago, he was given all the accommodation he required.



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Harbour Master, Kilmore.

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

That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction appointment of Patrick Kehoe as Temporary Harbour Master, Kilmore, salary £65, with 5 per cent Commission on amount of dues collected; to hold office until permanent appointment has been made and sanctioned.

Scholarships Schemes

Secondary and Vocational Scheme.

In connection with the application that Kathleen O'Regan, Ballybro, Taguat, should be allowed to become a day pupil of the Loreto Convent, Wexford, Dr. Thomas Wyse, Kilrane, wrote that if the application was granted it would be better for this student's health. She would have more out door life and the constant supervision of her parents.

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

That, in view of the recommendation of Dr. Wyse, the Finance Committee will not raise any objection to Kathleen O'Regan attending Loreto Convent, Wexford as a day pupil under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme on condition that the value of the scholarship in these circumstances be fixed at £30 per annum.

Mary E. Roche, Moneyhere, Davidstown, who was an unsuccessful candidate at last examination applied for £1 6s refund of expenses in attending the examination of which £1 was for her board and lodging and 6/- bus fare for herself and her mother.

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

That as Mary E. Roche secured the requisite 30 per cent of aggregate marks at the recent examination for award of secondary and vocational scholarships we hereby agree that she should be refunded expenses amounting to £1 3s. in



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University Scheme.

Under date 7th September, 1935, Mr. W.A. Murphy, Coolhull, Wellington Bridge wrote that he was the holder of a County Council Scholarship for the faculty of Agriculture 1934-35, but failed in three subjects in Part 1 of the Examination. He was however eligible to sit for the whole of the "First Examination" in June next so that a year would not be lost. He had been unable owing to illness, to attend lectures or practical work for part of the third term. He asked the Council to favourably consider the continuation of his scholarship in view of the recommendation from Professor Drew, Dean of the Faculty, and which he enclosed.

Mr. Drew recommended the continuation of this scholarship in view of the illness of Mr. Murphy.

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

"That in view of the recommendation of Professor Drew, we strongly recommend the County Council to agree to the continuation of the University Scholarship in Agriculture to W. A. Murphy, Coolhull, Wellington Bridge.

Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The question of providing an extra guinea for the Assistant Surveyors for reporting as to the materials which were being provided for houses under the above Acts, and the manner in which the work was being carried out, was discussed and the meeting agreed that the payment could apply only to houses under the new scheme in contemplation, as, in the regulations which had been issued under existing schemes, no reference had been made to the liability of applicants for this payment.

A resolution to this effect was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Kinsella.

Under date 2nd September, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote ( H 140629 /35- Loch Garman) that the Minister had agreed to the following



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advances under the Acts:-

John Nolan, Ballymorgan, Ferns £60; John Bolger, Ballywoodrane, Blackwater £140 and Nicholas Downes, Scarawalsh, Ferns, £70.

Application for Compensation for Alleged Criminal Injuries.

Notification was received from James McCarthy, Ballycarney, Ferns of his intention to apply at the Circuit Court for £274 9s. compensation for the destruction of a dwelling etc. between the month of October, 1920 and the month of December, 1921: from Patrick Roche, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, Hotel Boots, for appropriation of a Ford motor car in or about the month of June, 1920, for which a sum of £55 was claimed. Michael Stedmond, 2, Island Road, Enniscorthy, wrote claiming £25 damage to house by having walls and doors tarred and windows etc. broken.

It was decided to refer the three applications to the County Solicitor to oppose.

Local Taxation Office.

The Secretary reported that he had been notified by the Local Taxation Officer that it was not possible for the two temporary clerks employed for the filing of documents in the Taxation Office to complete the work within three weeks for which their employment was approved. In order to finish the work, it would be necessary to return the services of one clerk for a further seven working days, and of the second clerk for a further six working days. The Taxation Officer in the first instance had applied for three clerical assistants for the work for three weeks, but two clerks only had been allowed by the Committee.

It was decided that the employment of Messrs. J.J. O'Leary and Kevin Byrne be continued for a further seven days and six days respectively.



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Proposed demolition of Old County  
Courthouse.  
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The County Surveyor stated he had received from Messrs. Sinnott and Co, Old Pound, Wexford, a tender for taking down the Old County Courthouse - £850 for total demolition and £554 down to eight feet.

Paul Murphy, Brownswood, Enniscorthy tendered at £197 10s. for total demolition.

The County Surveyor stated he believed that Murphy did not allow for the very high insurance percentage he would have to pay for workmen engaged on this class of work.

It was decided that the County Surveyor interview Murphy and ascertain if he is in a position to enter into a contract to take down the Old building having regard to all attendant circumstances.

Rev. J. Butler, O. C., Wexford, came before the meeting and asked, if at all possible, the Scouts who were in the portion of the old structure which was sound, should not be disturbed and that the contract for demolition should not cover this part of the building.

The County Surveyor said that a chimney at the back of the premises occupied by the Scouts would have to be taken down and the top stairs would also have to go.

Father Butler said that the Scouts did not require the stairs referred to, and they would be prepared to have the chimney put in order at their expense.

It was decided to await the result of the interview between Paul Murphy and the County Surveyor before coming to any final decision in the matter.

Mr. Kelly moved and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution:-

That Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, be directed to take action in connection with the closing of right of way at the back of the old Courthouse.



Ballyhack Harbour.

The County Surveyor said that he had been down at Ballyhack Harbour some time ago with the Engineer for the Office of Works and Mr. Cummins County Councillor, and the question of the ownership of the wall off the slip way came up. He (County Surveyor) had been in communication with the Waterford Harbour Commissioners in the matter, and the Secretary and General Manager of that body wrote under date 10th September, 1935, that the Harbour Commissioners, acting on the reports of the Engineer and Harbour Master, had no objection to the Wexford County Council erecting the wall on the boat-slip which was the property of the County Council, and as it did not interfere in any way with navigation.

Spar Dashing and Ryland Quarry.

Letter under date 23rd August, 1935, ( R /Rm /32) from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), which was read stated that in the exceptional circumstances mentioned in the application of the County Council screenings from Ryland Quarry for spar dashing purposes might be sold to outside parties provided that there would be no loss to the Rates and, on the understanding that the case would not form a precedent.

The County Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. Stopford and Turner, Anglesea Buildings, Anglesea St., Dublin, under date 2nd September, 1935, stating that Mr. Hall-Dare, the owner of Ryland Quarry, considered he should receive a royalty of 3/- per ton for screenings sold for spar dashing in addition to the royalty paid on the material raised for repair of roads.

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

"That we recommend the Council to agree to pay



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Mr. Hall- Dare owner of Ryland Quarry, 2/- per ton for screenings sold for spar dashing, and that £1 per ton be charged for this material.

"The Committee do not see their <sup>way</sup> to recommend that Mr. Hall-Dare should also receive amount paid for ordinary material for road repair in this matter."

Holidays of Mr. Ringwood, V. S. and Payment of  
Substitute.

Under date 31st August, 1935, Mr. Ringwood, V. S., Enniscorthy, wrote he had resumed work that day. He presumed the County Council would pay Mr. Mernagh for acting for him during his holidays.

The Secretary stated that copy of Mr. Ringwood's letter had been sent to the Department of Agriculture for their advice, but, up to the present no reply had been received.

Miniature Rifle Range, Gorey.

Under date 7th September, 1935, Captain C.S. Doyle, Wexford, Volunteer Force, wrote asking the permission of the County Council to use the Children's Play ground Gorey Garden city, for miniature rifle range practice by the Volunteers of the District.

It was decided to inform Captain Doyle that in the opinion of the Finance Committee it would be dangerous to the public to utilise the place mentioned in his application for rifle practice and, in consequence, the Finance Committee could not see their way to agree

Printing Abstracts of Accounts.

Two tenders were received for the Printing of three half years' Abstracts of Accounts of the County Council:-

"The Wexford People" tendered at £16 18s. and Redmond Brothers, Enniscorthy at £12 15s.

The latter tender, was, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Kelly, accepted.



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Income Tax Assessment for Harbour dues.

Income tax assessment for above for 1935-36 amounting to £2 5s. was received.

The Secretary stated that the Income Tax Inspector had been informed that the amount of harbour dues received by the Council were considerably less than the cost of maintaining the harbours - in fact they represented a very small proportion of the wages of harbour masters, and in consequence of these facts the Council would appeal against the assessment.

The Finance Committee approved of the action of the Secretary in this matter.

Dance Halls.

Under date 9th September, 1935, Mr. Fahy, District Justice, wrote stating that the views of the Council so courteously put, asking that uniform hours would be fixed for all public dance halls in the County would be given every consideration by him.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 12th September 1935, be received and considered."  
DEFECTIVE GULLET AT OULART. It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kelly that Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, should furnish detailed report in the matter and that the legal aspect be referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor for advice.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 12th September 1935 be and are hereby confirmed."

MEETING. 27th SEPTEMBER 1935 - Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Court House, Wexford on 27th September, 1935 (Mr. Denis Allen, Chairman County Council) presided.

Also present: Messrs. Patrick Colfer, Richard Gorish, W.P. Keegan, J.P. Kelly, William Kinsella, Sean O'Byrne, and Miss O'Ryan.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and Rates Inspector were also in attendance. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's advice note for £3491 - 13 - 6 (ordinary Payments) and £2795 - 7 - 6 (Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts Loan Account) were examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

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

	<u>Amount</u> <u>collected.</u>	<u>Percentage.</u>
S. Gannon No. 6	£749 - 14 - 2	20.7
E.J. Murphy	960 - 11 - 8	19
P. Carty	786 - 14 - 1	16.7
M. Kehoe	669 - 11 - 6	15.5
W. Cummins	830 - 6 - 2	15.4
J. J. O'Reilly	838 - 8 - 6	15.1
P. Nolan	1230 - 11 - 6	14.9
D. Kenny	643 - 0 - 0	13.6
W. Doyle	807 - 13 - 7	13.5
J. Cummins	767 - 13 - 0	13.3
S. Gannon No. 10	501 - 8 - 0	12.8
J. Quirke	1178 - 3 - 1	12.4
J. Curtis	640 - 3 - 5	11.6
P. Doyle	689 - 13 - 6	10.9
A. Dunne	975 - 1 - 1	10.8
J.J. Sinnott	666 - 2 - 10	9.6
M. Murphy	337 - 16 - 1	8.5
J. Deegan	612 - 8 - 5	8.5
J. Flood	273 - 1 - 4	6.9
M. McCarthy	372 - 5 - 2	66.1
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	£14530 - 7 - 1	12.5
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It was stated that Collector Sinnott was in bed ill for the past week.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That any Rate Collector who has collected 50 per cent less than the highest percentage collected be summoned to the next meeting of Finance Committee, and unless the Committee ascertain he is in a position to offer a satisfactory explanation they will seriously consider the advisability of suspending him from office."

#### ALLOWANCES OF CREDIT NOTES.

It was decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Kelly that Credit Note for 5s. 1d. be allowed Mrs. Mary Whitty, Tomgarrow, Ballycarney and a Credit Note of £2 - 17 - 6 be allowed to John Cogley, Soughane, Kilmore as both had paid their rates in full before the date for recognising Credit Notes had expired.

#### APPLICATION FORM - REBATE OF RATES.

An application was received from Mr. Richard Richards Artramont House, Castlebridge as to amendment of his unemployment form. Mr. Richards had been allowed abatement for three men, while he held he should have obtained allowance for ten men. According to the dates in his original employment form Mr. Richards was only entitled to the three men, but he contended now that his original form was inaccurate as to dates and also incomplete. He asked to be allowed rebate for ten men according to a new abatement form which he submitted.

It was decided that Mr. Richards' request be referred to the Rates Inspector to examine his books and also the Insurance cards of the workmen in respect of whom he claimed the allowance



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PART PAYMENT OF RATES.

Under date 26th September, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G 151193/35 Loch Garman) that the Minister would raise no objection to a continuance for the current year of the system of accepting part payment of arrears of Rates.

ARREARS OF RATES.

In connection with Rates due by John Doyle, Wilton, Bree, Mr. Corish said he had mentioned at a former meeting of the Committee that this man, who owed four years' Rates, was prepared to pay one year and in his (Mr. Corish's) opinion that was the most the Co. Council would be able to obtain.

Miss O'Ryan mentioned that Doyle had recently sold his farm for £300.

It was decided to refer this matter to the Rate Collector for information as to what steps had been taken by him to secure payment of the rates when the premises were sold.

LIGHTING OF NEW ROSS BRIDGE.

Under date 13th September, 1935, the Town Clerk, New Ross, wrote that his Urban Council submitted that as the Wexford Co. Council - in conjunction with Kilkenny Co. Council - owned and controlled New Ross Bridge the public lighting of the structure was a matter for the consideration of the Council.

In reply to this the Town Clerk of New Ross was informed that the Co. Council had no statutory powers to enable them to comply with the request of the Urban Council of New Ross as regards the lighting of the Bridge.

Under date the 18th September 1935 the Town Clerk,



New Ross wrote that Sec. I of the Bridges (Ireland) Act 1834 appeared to give adequate authority to the Co. Council in the matter.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That correspondence from Urban District Council, New Ross as to the lighting of New Ross Bridge be referred to the Co. Solicitor for his advice."

#### SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES.

Under date 13th September, 1935, the Office of National Education wrote that a sum of £17. 12. 4 had been paid to Extern Examiners for marking 350 papers of candidates for award of scholarships under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme of Wexford Co. Council and <sup>s.d</sup> 2/4 proportion of Examiners' Expenses. The Co. Council had already agreed to refund these amounts.

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

"That £17. 12. 4 be refunded Office of National Education in respect of fees paid Extern Examiners for marking papers, etc., of candidates who sat for examination in connection with awards for Secondary and Vocational Scholarships 1935."

In connection with programme and examination conditions for Award of Scholarships under Secondary and Vocational Schemes the Office of National Education wrote that, in view of representations submitted to the Department, following on the amendment in September, 1934 of the programme for National Schools it had been decided to make alterations in future programmes for examinations for Secondary and Vocational Scholarships so as to remove the obligation hitherto imposed on candidates of taking,



and of passing in, two additional subjects, as well as in Irish, English, Arithmetic and History and Geography.

Algebra, Geometry, Drawing, Rural Science and Nature Study and - for girls - Needlework will in future be optional. Should a candidate so desire he or she may take any one or two, but not more than two, of these subjects, and would receive credit for the total marks obtained in each optional subject presented, provided that at least 20 per cent. of the marks assigned to each such subject is obtained.

The regulations in regard to the obligatory subjects were also somewhat modified and the condition requiring candidates to "secure not less than 40 per cent of the aggregate marks assigned to Irish and English" had been removed.

The Council were requested to include the Programme of Examination and the conditions necessary for passing the examination as now amended in the Scheme for Secondary and Vocational Scholarships for 1936.

The Council would have to give an undertaking that they were prepared to refund to the Office of National Education their proportion of the amounts expended by the Department in respect of the fees and travelling expenses of Extern Examiners, and approval of the Scheme would be given only on the understanding that this undertaking will be given.

The following resolution as adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"The Finance Committee recommend the Council to give to the Office of National Education the undertaking that they are prepared to refund their proportion of the amounts expended for Extern Examiners in fees and travelling ex-



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penses in connection with examination for awards under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme."

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

"That the Council be recommended to request the Office of National Education to have scholarships awarded under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme on examination for the following four subjects only, viz, Irish, English, Arithmetic, History and Geography. That our Secretary submit to the Department a statement giving the reasons as to why, in the opinion of the Finance Committee, this change was necessary in their Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme for 1936 and for future years."


Margaret J. Collier, Bridgetown, Wexford, applied for 18/- expenses in connection with her attendance at recent Scholarship Examination under Secondary and Vocational Scheme. She had secured 412 marks and to enable expenses to be paid candidates were obliged to secure 330 only.

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

"That a sum of 18/- expenses incurred by Margaret J. Collier in respect of her attendance at recent Examination for awards of Scholarships under Secondary and Vocational Scheme be refunded in accordance with the provisions of the Scheme."

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

"That the application of James Kenny, 14 George Street, Gorey, for an extension of his University Scholarship for a further year to enable him to secure the Higher Diploma in Education be acceded to, provided he submits evidence that he has secured his B.A. degree."





ILLNESS OF MR. R. MALONE, M.R.C.V.S.

On the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Kinsella, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That subject to sanction of Department of Agriculture a further three months' sick leave be granted Mr. R. Malone, M.R.C.V.S., Wexford, as from 27th September, 1935, and that Mr. Frank Staples, M.R.C.V.S. act as his locum tenens at the same remuneration as has already been agreed to."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, submitted letter from Michael McGrath, Storekeeper, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy who had received loan for erection of house under above Acts as to non-payment of £3. 2. Od. being three monthly instalments due to 31st August. He had given instructions that these instalments were to be paid when they became due and was surprised this had not been done. He was sorry for this and promised to send a payment on the following Wednesday - 11th September - and also to make arrangements for the regular payment of these instalments in future. As to non-occupation of the new house the Inspector, (Mr. Hogan), would not pass it until certain alterations in the roof had been made. He expected to have this work done soon.

Mr. Elgee said that the promise to pay the instalments had not been carried out.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Colfer, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Co. Secretary communicate with Mr. Hogan, (Engineer to the Department of Local Government and Public Health, Housing Section) and ascertain how this house stands as regards completion."

"That Mr. Elgee be directed to proceed against Michael McGrath if he fails to pay to the Wexford County Council instalments due on his house within 10 days from the date of



this meeting.

Michael O'Reilly, Bank House, Cahore, wrote that he would not be able to complete the erection of his house at Kilmichael unless he received a further £25 from the Co. Council.

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

"That the Co. Council be recommended to increase loan granted Michael O'Reilly, Bank House, Cahore, for erection of house under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts from £50 to £75 in view of report of Assistant Surveyor for the district."

On the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Keegan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That loan to Margaret King, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, for erection of house at Edermine under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be fixed at £180 as increased amount of £30 now applied for, is available owing to the fact that reductions of amounts applied for were made in other cases in view of reports of Assistant Surveyors as to the value of houses proposed to be erected."

#### POUNDS FOR LIVE STOCK.

The Co. Solicitor submitted letter from Secretary, Department of Justice under date 18th September, 1935, referring to the construction to be placed on the words "any substance or thing" in Sub-section 2 of Section 7 of the Pounds (Provision and Maintenance) Act 1935/<sup>which</sup> stated that nobody in that Department had any right to give an authoritative opinion on the construction of any of the Acts of the Oireachtas. If any question arose in future on the point raised the matter could be dealt with having regard to all the circumstances.

No Order.



CLASSIFICATION OF ROADS.

In connection with various references on Minutes of Co. Council and Finance Committee as to the classification of roads, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That the Co. Surveyor arrange for a Conference with his Assistants with a view to preparation of a Scheme giving particulars of a revised classification of roads, and that the same be submitted to the first available meeting of the Finance Committee.

PROPOSED TRANSFER OF NEW ROSS URBAN ROADS TO CO. COUNCIL

Under date 26th September 1935, the following letter (R/RG 32) from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), to the Co. Surveyor was read:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that directions are being given for the preparation of an order transferring the maintenance and construction of the New Ross Urban Roads to the County Council as from 1st April, 1936. At the same time a grant of £2,000 is being recommended towards the cost of a scheme for improvement of certain urban roads against the Councils provision of a £2,000 loan. As the Council have undertaken to have the scheme carried out under your supervision the Minister would be glad if you would take an early opportunity to go into the matter with the Town Surveyor."

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"The Finance Committee desire to point out that the letter to the County Surveyor is the first intimation the Council have received as to the proposed transfer. The Committee request that no Order should be issued in this matter until the County Council have been afforded an opportunity of offering to the Department their considered opinion as regards the proposal.

They also desire information as to how their future liability in the Order would contrast with present circumstances, more particularly as regards finance and supervision of Roads."



SANCTION OF SHORTHAND-TYPIST.

Under date 24th September, 1935 the following letter (G.155634/35-Loch Garman) was received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 20th instant on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the appointment of Miss Cathleen Tobin as Shorthand Typist, for a probationary period of six months with remuneration at the rate of £90. per annum. At the expiration of Miss Tobin's probationary period you should submit proposals to this Department for her final appointment, with a copy of a certificate as to her fitness to carry out her duties. The Minister will then be prepared to formally appoint Miss Tobin on the terms and conditions set out in reply to queries furnished, one copy of which is returned herewith. The Certificate of Birth forwarded with your letter under reply is also returned."

APPLICATION FOR BROKEN STONES.

Application was received from Thomas O'Brien, Tullabeg Mills, Camolin, and 20 other Ratepayers for about 30 tons of broken stones for repair of lane from Tullabeg to the main road at Ballydaniel. It was claimed that about 100 persons constantly used the lane which leads to Mr. O'Brien's Mill.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Kelly, to refer the matter to the County Surveyor.

HOLIDAYS OF MR. RINGWOOD M.R.C.V.S.

Under date 17th September 1935 the Department of Agriculture wrote (E.4765/35) that they would offer no objection to payment to Mr. T. A. Mernagh, M.S. for acting as substitute for Mr. F. S. Ringwood, V.S. during the latter's absence on leave from 20th August to 30th August, 1935, the rate of remuneration



not to exceed that normally paid Mr. Ringwood.

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

"That in accordance with letter from Department of Agriculture under date 17th September 1935 (E.4765/35) Mr. Mernagh, V.S., Gorey, be paid at the rate of £90 per annum in respect of the ten days for which he acted as substitute for Mr. Ringwood, V.S., during the absence of the latter on summer holiday.

PUBLIC DANCE HALLS ACT 1935.

Application under above Act by Patrick J. Doyle for licence for Clonroche Hall was referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor.

RYLAND QUARRY.

In connection with the proposal of the County Council to dispose of material for spar dashing from Ryland quarry an offer of 2/- per cubic yard had been made to Mr. R. W. Hall-Dare from whom the quarry was leased.

Under date 24th September, 1935 the Co. Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. Stopford & Turner, Agents for Mr. Hall-Dare, that the latter was not prepared to accept less than 2/6 per cubic yard for materials sold from the quarry for spar dashing.

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

"That the Co. Council be recommended to accept the offer of Mr. R. W. Hall-Dare agreeing to take 2s.6d. per cubic yard for material sold for spar dashing from Ryland quarry.

BUNCLODY STREETS.

Under date 25th September, 1935, Mr. J. O'Dempsey, Hon. Secretary, Town Improvement Committee, Bunclody, wrote that the Committee were disappointed with the statement of the Co. Surveyor and with the report of Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor. They, however, noted with pleasure that it was proposed to



concrete the streets and hoped the proposal would not be too long deferred. The streets carried very heavy and continuous vehicular traffic - the town being astride the main route from North to South which was the main reason they were in such a bad way. For this reason, they dissented from the view of Mr. Ennis that other roads should, on the question of repair, take precedence.

As to the footpath on the right leading to the Catholic Church it was suggested Mr. Ennis should inspect it with a member of the Town Improvement Committee.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kelly that the Co. Surveyor arrange for a further inspection and report by Mr. Ennis in connection with the footpath in question.

#### TRANSFER OF ROAD FUNDS.

The following under date 21st September, 1935, to the Co. Surveyor, was received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"With further reference to your letter of 18th instant I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that having regard to the primary object of the Road Works Scheme, i.e., a programme of work (duly estimated) to be carried out in a financial year, the Minister cannot view with favour interference with a scheme at this stage of the year. Having regard, however, to the circumstances stated in your letter, the Minister will, on this occasion, raise no objection to the estimated balances on certain Main roads being utilised for the maintenance of other Main roads as indicated by you. The extra money should be regarded as coming from the savings over the year on all roads in the class. The original accounts should, therefore not be disturbed.

I am to point out, at the same time, that if the roads were



grouped as permitted by Article 49 of the Public Bodies Order the Minister's consent would be required only where utilisation of savings might be proposed for a particular group."

#### INSURANCE OF WORKMEN.

Under date 13th September, 1935 Mr. P. Ronan, Co. Councillor wrote relative to Insurance Card of Patrick Nolan, Station Road, Ferns. He finished road work with the Council on 2nd September. The Insurance Cards of the other men who had been employed with him had been sent to the Unemployment Exchange but Nolan's was not, with the result that he was deferred from drawing Unemployment Assistance which he needed very badly as he had a large family.

The Co. Surveyor submitted letter from Road Ganger who was at fault in not notifying the Co. Surveyor's Department of the fact that the man had ceased work.

In his letter to John Kennedy, Ganger, The Dell, Ballycarney, the Co. Surveyor pointed out that on the 13th of February last he had issued instructions to Assistant Surveyors and Gangers that notice should be sent in advance to his office of workers being discharged. This had not been done in Nolan's case nor in the case of several other workers who were discharged at the same time. In the case of the other workers the Exchange made application for their cards and the request was complied with. Though Nolan ceased work on 26th August it was only on 13th September that they asked for Nolan's cards and these were sent to Nolan on the 14th instant. It appeared, therefore, that Nolan was at a loss by this and he (County Surveyor) considered that Kennedy should make such loss good.

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

"That in view of the default of John Kennedy, Road Ganger, The Dell, Ballycarney in not notifying the Co. Surveyor's



Department that John Nolan, Ferns, was about to be discharged, the payment of Unemployment Assistance to this man has been deferred and we hereby inform Kennedy that if any further similar complaint against him be substantiated he will be dismissed from the service of the Council. If Nolan has sustained any monetary loss by Kennedy's default in this matter the Co. Council should take steps to oblige Kennedy to make good such loss.

Under date 18th September 1935, Mr. P. Ronan, Co. Councillor wrote as to Unemployment Insurance Card of Edward Whelan, Ballylough, Ferns. He ceased working for the Co. Council on 26th August, and up to the date of Mr. Ronan's letter Unemployment Insurance Card had not been sent on and, in consequence of having a few Unemployment Stamps he was debarred from Unemployment Assistance. Mr. Ronan asked that this case and also the case of Patrick Nolan should be brought before the Co. Council until it was considered how to devise some means to prevent a recurrence of what had happened whereby little children were hungry "through carelessness of the paid servants of the Council."

The Co. Surveyor said that on the 25th of August last Unemployment Card was sent to Whelan, the very day on which notice of cessation of his employment had been received and from that day Nolan had never forwarded his book. On the 2nd September, his Department received this book from the Enniscorthy Unemployment Exchange with a request to affix any further stamps due on same. It was in the hands of the Exchange in the interval during which Whelan was taken back into Co. Council employment. If he had looked after his book everything would have been carried out in the ordinary way but nothing could be done until the book was available.

It was decided that the Co. Surveyor explain the circumstances to Mr. Ronan.



FEEES FOR VERIFICATION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Under date 20th September, 1935, the Gas and Weights and Measures Section of the Department of Industry and Commerce wrote (40141) that as regards the proposal of the Co. Council that portion of the fees charged to traders for verification of weights and measures should be paid over to the Co. Council, such fees were chargeable and dealt with under Statutory authority and it was not, therefore, possible to accede to the request of the Council. The fees received in Co. Wexford are much less than the cost of administration of the Weights and Measures Acts in the County.

No order.

Alleged Offence under Food and Drugs Acts.

Under date 19th September 1935, the Department of Agriculture wrote (G.3948-35) that Mr. Edward Kenny, an Officer of the Department, acting on instructions under Section 2 of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act 1899, purchased from Mr. Myles Kehoe (who trades under the name of Walter Sinnott) on 28th August 1935 at Castle Hill, Enniscorthy, a sample of butter, which, on analysis was found to contain 17.55 per cent of water while 16 per cent is the maximum amount of water allowable in a sample of genuine butter. It would appear that in this case an offence had been committed against the provisions of Section 6 of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act 1875 and the Minister was desirous that proceedings should be instituted against Mr. Kehoe by the Co. Council.

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor stated he had issued a summons against Mr. Kehoe.

PRINTING DRAINAGE RATE DEMAND NOTE BOOKS.

Only one tender, that of "The People", Wexford, was received for the printing of three books of Drainage Demand Notes for Sow Drainage area and three similar books for



Kilmanock area, amount £1. 8. 6.

The tender was accepted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Colfer.

LOCAL TAXATION OFFICE.

Under date 19th September, 1935, (letter R/MT//209/32) the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote that no objection was seen to retention of clerical assistance in Motor Taxation Office for the period (three weeks) mentioned in resolution of Finance Committee.

Under date 26th September 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (R/MT/209/32) that no objection would be raised to the employment in Motor Taxation Office of the Assistance referred to in letter from Co. Council under date 24th September 1935, subject to the maximum amount recoupable in respect of supervisory and clerical duties in connection with the work of motor registration and licensing.

PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF OLD COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

The Co. Surveyor read letter from Paul Murphy, Brownswood, Enniscorthy stating that when sending his estimate of £197.10.0 for above work he underestimated the amount of material to be removed with the result that the above figure would be very near the amount of wages alone. He did not provide for insurance of men, which for this class of work was very high. To enable him to carry out the work outlined by the County Surveyor he could not tender at a lower figure than £250.

The Co. Surveyor said he had finally decided not to interfere with the portion of the structure occupied by the Boy Scouts. He had discussed the matter with Father Butler and arranged to allow that section, with the exception of the chimney at the back to stand. Fr. Butler said the Scouts would do any necessary repairs to the chimney. The staircase would have to come down but it would be easy to put up an outside staircase. He was taking down the building to the level



of the cills of the main windows of the Courts and levelling the place. He (Co. Surveyor) believed that if he carried out the work by direct labour it would cost £250. There were other tenders, one at £350 reduced to £299 for partial clearance, and another at £850 for complete demolition and £554 for partial demolition leaving the boundary walls standing.

Mr. Corish proposed that the matter be handed to the Co. Surveyor to carry out the work by direct labour.

After further discussion Mr. Keegan proposed and Mr. Kinsella seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the tender of Paul Murphy, Brownswood, Enniscorthy, at £250 for demolition of old Co. Courthouse, according to specification of Co. Surveyor be accepted subject to the contractor entering into an agreement approved by the Co. Solicitor. That in the event of the Co. Surveyor finding any difficulty in arranging with the Contractor, the work be carried out by direct labour at a cost not exceeding £250.

#### SEWER IN ESMONDE STREET, GOREY.

Mr. Keegan complained that nothing had been done as regards the laying down of new sewer in Esmonde Street, Gorey, although the Co. Council had issued instructions some time ago to have the work carried out.

The Co. Surveyor said that a new sewer would cost £70 and the money was not available. Besides, he did not consider it advisable to change the sewer at all; he believed the old one would be effective when cleaned out.

Mr. Keegan suggested that the Co. Surveyor should make a further inspection of the place and the Co. Surveyor agreed.

#### OVERDRAFT.

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction extension of period of overdraft of £40,000 to Wexford Co. Council to 31st December, 1935."



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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 27th September, 1935, be received and considered."

APPOINTMENT SHORTHAND TYPIST - The Secretary reported that Miss Tobin took up duty on 30th September last.

BUNCLODY STREETS - Under date 10th October, 1935, letter was read from Mr. O'Dempsey, Hon. Secretary Town Improvement Committee, Bunclody, asking what it was proposed to do in the matter of improving footpath and having inspection by Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor.

The latter said he knew what the committee wanted all right, but there was no use in inspecting a place if they could not do the work necessary, and they had no money to do anything.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Ennis said he knew many footpaths in many towns that were quite as bad as the one in Bunclody.

Chairman - It isn't really serious? Mr. Ennis - I don't think it is. I was going to bring it into next year's road proposals.

Chairman - Tell them the matter is being seen to.

INSURANCE OF WORKERS - Letter was read from Mr. Ronan, M.C.C., that in view of the action taken by the Finance Committee and the explanation of the County Surveyor he considered no further steps should be taken as regards either of the cases mentioned by him, and the meeting accepted this suggestion.

DEMOLITION OF OLD COUNTY COURTHOUSE - Col. Quin said it appeared rather funny to leave portion of the building standing.

The County Surveyor said that the portion of the building was an annexe at the side of the main structure, and of which it was partly independent.



The Chairman said when the old Court portion was demolished they intended to ask the Scouts for a nominal rent and enter into an agreement with them as to the tenancy.

SEWER IN ESMONDE STREET, GOREY. - Mr. Keegan asked if the County Surveyor had made any further inspection.

The County Surveyor said he had not. He was waiting for the matter to come before the County Council, as he did not know what action they would take.

Mr. Keegan said that a couple of months ago the County Surveyor agreed to put down a new sewer across the road, and also agreed to put a sewer at the top of the street. He said he would proceed with the work even if he took the money from the contingencies fund, and agreed it was a necessity. Now he came along and said it was not a necessity.

The County Surveyor said that the drain at the back of the wall was a matter for the sanitary authority. He admitted it was carrying the surface water. They could not do anything now as they had no funds and the Contingency Funds were depleted.

Mr. Treanor, in reply to Mr. Keegan, said that only for a "hold up" the channels would be laid as soon as possible.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 27th September, 1935, be, and are hereby confirmed."

MEETING. 11th OCTOBER, 1935. - Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 11th October, 1935 in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.

Mr. Denis Allen, Chairman County Council presided, and there were also present:- Messrs. Patrick Colfer, R. Corish, William Cullimore, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3381. 16. 2 was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

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

##### 1935/36 Rate.

	<u>Amount collected.</u>	<u>Percentage.</u>
E. J. Murphy	£1603 - 10 - 0	31.9
S. Gannon No. 6	956 - 5 - 10	26.4
J. J. O'Reilly	1351 - 0 - 9	24.3
M. Kehoe	1049 - 17 - 6	24.3
S. Gannon No.10	909 - 11 - 6	23.3
P. Carty	1088 - 13 - 11	23.1
P. Nolan	1824 - 8 - 5	22.0
P. Doyle	1332 - 5 - 2	21.0
J. Cummins	1189 - 13 - 10	20.6
D. Kenny	985 - 14 - 5	20.6
W. Cummins	1091 - 13 - 2	20.1
A. Dunne	1754 - 9 - 8	19.4
J. Curtis	1072 - 7 - 9	19.3
J. Quirke	1705 - 18 - 6	17.9
J. Flood	703 - 14 - 10	17.7
W. Doyle	1056 - 5 - 1	17.6
J. Deegan	1270 - 16 - 10	17.6
M. McCarthy	1033 - 1 - 1	17.0
M. Murphy	603 - 11 - 5	15.1
J. J. Sinnott	977 - 14 - 11	14.0
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	£23560 - 14 - 7	20.4
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GETTING IN THE RATES: The Chairman said that they had a big deficit in Rates owing to the large amount uncollected. Some Collectors should collect more of these rates by the end of the year than appeared to be warranted by their present rate of progress. The County Council would be obliged at some future time to collect what was outstanding which produced a condition of affairs difficult of solution. Rates owing to new works and improved social services were certain to go up. The good ratepayers were being mulcted in 9d or 10d in the £ annually as a result of the large amount outstanding. He asked the Committee to consider if the position could be improved in any way. Without finding fault with their Rates Inspector that official was of very little use as regards any practical steps to get in the Rates as his time was taken up with office work. A good deal of the clerical work done by the Rates Inspector could be carried out by a clerk, and the services of the Rates Inspector could be utilised to greater advantage in getting in the Rates.

The Inspector should report any Collector who was not doing his duty in an efficient manner. He could interview ratepayers and furnish fortnightly reports giving information as to his visits. Something should be done to relieve the Rates Inspector of the clerical work and he suggested that the Council should be recommended to appoint a clerical assistant.

Mr. O'Byrne said that the last Rates Inspector visited a considerable number of ratepayers and also carried out all the clerical work attached to the office.

In the course of the ensuing discussion the Secretary stated that the Rates Inspector had been appointed by the Board of Health to supervise the Cottage Rents Collection and neither he - though a "whole-time" officer of the County



Council - nor the Board of Health sought the permission of the County Council.

Miss O'Ryan and the Chairman said this was an oversight and would be remedied. It was at the suggestion of the Department of Local Government and Public Health to the Health Board that the latter appointed the Rates Inspector to deal with the Cottage rents.

The Chairman mentioned that the provisions of the Public Bodies Order relative to the appointment of Rates Inspector, while providing against embezzlement or misconduct, gave no assistance in the actual work of getting in the Rates. This was generally admitted and as a consequence the expectations attending the appointments of Rates Inspectors were not realised.

In reply to Mr. Corish the Rates Inspector stated that if relieved of the clerical work it would be sufficient for him to attend in his office for one day a week.

Mr. Corish proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Kelly and adopted:-

"That the County Council be recommended to employ a temporary male clerk to enable the Rates Inspector to devote himself in the main to outdoor work, viz, interviewing defaulting Ratepayers and accompanying Rate Collectors on their rounds etc., and thereby expediting the Rate Collection. We consider this appointment most necessary if any impression is to be made in reducing the amount of arrears of Rates."

"That as the appointment is urgently needed we suggest to the Council that the appointment should be made by the Finance Committee after receipt of approval of Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the proposal, and the issue of advertisement for applicants. That the appointment be continued up to the 30th June 1936 when the position should be reviewed. Minimum age limit, 21. That applicants for the position be subjected to a qualifying test by the members of the Finance Committee in English, Handwriting and Arithmetic, (including "long tots")."



No proposals were made regarding the remuneration to be attached to the position, viz, £2 and £2. 10. 0 per week.

On a show of hands five were in favour of £2. 10. 0 which the Chairman declared carried.

RELATED CREDIT NOTE. Mr. Daniel Scallan, Shilmore, Nether-town, Lady's Island applied for 4/2 on credit note.

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

"That allowance of 4/2 be made to Daniel Scallan, Shilmore on foot of credit note."

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

"That payment be made in the case of all credit notes furnished the County Council as from this date provided full amounts of Rates for year 1934-35 had been paid by 31st May last."

AMOUNTS DUE BY URBAN DISTRICTS.

The Secretary stated that on foot of Demands to March last the following amounts were due by the Urban Districts in respect of Demands to 31st March 1935:-

Enniscorthy owes £3324 (a full year).

New Ross owes £762 (a quarter).

Wexford owes £1606 (a quarter).

The Wexford Corporation had made substantial lodgments within the past few months.

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

"That Enniscorthy Urban District Council be called on to lodge, at once, a substantial amount on foot of County Council Demand to March last. Rural ratepayers are being mulcted in payment of Interest through the failure of the Urban District Council to lodge outstanding Instalments of the County Council Demand."



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SCHEME FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF MEN IN RECEIPT  
OF UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE.

The following was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

As directed by the County Council, I have in consultation with the Assistant Surveyors, gone into this matter and beg to report as follows:-

1. Any work undertaken under this Scheme, as regards my Department, can be carried out satisfactorily only during the Winter months, the reason being that the Gangers, who will in the main have to lay out and supervise the work, will be engaged during the Summer with gangs in Quarries, and on Spray Work, Improvement Grants and Special Works.

I suggest that a corresponding Scheme to deal with Summer work in connection with Agriculture should be devised.

2. The work must, within broad limits, be left entirely in the discretion of the County Surveyor, and he and his Assistants must be given a "free hand" both as regards the location and nature of the work. All work must be supplemental to, and entirely outside the normal scope of road maintenance under the "Road Works Scheme".

3. The number of days work required from each man should be calculated from the amount of "Assistance" received. I understand that a single man receives 6/- per week. This at the rate of wages allowed for Minor Relief jobs ( i.e. 24/-) works out at 3 days per fortnight. A difficulty arises in connection with married men whose "relief" varies up to 12/- per week. If married men are required to give work according to "relief" there will be great irregularity in the employment to be provided, and it will be almost impossible to arrange for same. Therefore, in the first instance, and as a mere tentative arrangement, I suggest that all able-bodied men in receipt of Unemployment Assistance be required to give work on three days each fortnight.

4. All tools, forms etc., required for the working of the Scheme should be provided by the County Council, and the increased clerical work at the Employment Exchange will be reduced to a minimum.

Now regarding the working of the Scheme:-

a. The Employment Exchange shall be furnished by the County Council with a supply of Cards (sample attached) and asked to fill in for each man on the Register his name, address, and official number. These Cards shall then be sent by the Exchange to the County Surveyor's Office.

The County Surveyor shall segregate the Cards according to Assistant Surveyors' Districts and Sections, and forward to the appropriate Assistant Surveyor.

b. The Assistant Surveyor shall arrange with each Ganger in his Area for a series of works, and the men to be employed on them. The Cards shall be distributed to the Gangers, who shall in the interval before commencement of work, get in touch with the men and notify them the date and place for starting work. The Ganger shall at this time hand each man his Card, and warn him that he must keep his Card safely, and produce it



for signature on completion of each fortnight's work. The Ganger shall requisition the Assistant Surveyor for the necessary tools which shall be specially marked, and kept safely by the Ganger in the tervals between work.

c. Each man shall have his Card "certified" by the Ganger, and shall exhibit it to the Exchange on attending to "sign on" and receive his pay. The Exchange shall mark the Card, and hand it back to the man, and deal with his pay accordingly.

d. On completion of each fortnight's work period the Ganger shall notify the men as to date and location of next job, and they shall attend there unless they have obtained work in the interval.

When a man ceases to be "unemployed" he shall hand to the Employment Exchange his Works Card, and the Exchange shall retain it until he again becomes "unemployed". The Exchange shall then reforward the Card to the County Surveyor who shall again take on the man for work."

The system of employment outlined in the Scheme met with general approval but on the question of remuneration Messrs. Corish and Colfer considered that the amount of payment for a day's work was inadequate.

The County Surveyor pointed out that he could only take the amount of allowance as he found it but he agreed that for this amount a man would not be able to keep himself in fit shape to perform a satisfactory day's work.

After a long discussion Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution:-

"That the principle of the Scheme for the employment of men in receipt of Unemployment Assistance submitted by the County Surveyor be reported to the County Council for approval with the proviso that the Government be requested to supplement the allowance of Assistance in order to allow of County Council rate of wages to road workers being paid for the number of days worked under the Scheme.

#### CLASSIFICATION OF ROADS.

The County Surveyor submitted a report suggesting that following roads should, in any new classification agreed to by Department of Local Government and Public Health, be classified as main roads:-



Co. Bounds Barnadown - T.B. Gorey Dispensary, 10 miles.  
Courtown Pump - Turn Fahy's Cross thro' Blackwater, 23 miles.  
Main Road Camolin - Craanfor,  $4\frac{3}{4}$  miles.  
Wheelagower Crossroads - Turn Craan, 8 miles.  
C.B.Garryhasten - Turn Carrhill,  $5\frac{1}{4}$  miles.  
Doran's Crossroads - Main Road Ballinlug,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles.  
Main Road CastleEllis - Turn Tomnafinchogue,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  miles.  
Main Road Sparrowsland Bridge - The Leap,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles.  
Killinick - Carne Pier, 7 miles.  
Turn Kerlogue - Turn Ralphtown, 8 miles.  
Baldwinstown Crossroads - Wellingtonbridge thro' Carrig, 9.  
Turn Glenroe - Turn Wellingtonbridge, 4 miles.  
Ballinaboola Crossroads - Lump, Taghmon, 10 miles.  
Main Road 63 Horeswood - Gethard thro' Campile, 9 miles.  
Finger Post Slaughter - Balliniry Crossroads, 9 miles.  
Fethard to Ballycullane through Saltmills, 6 miles.

Total mileage,  $124\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

The scheme was on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Miss O'Ryan, recommended to the County Council for adoption.

It was suggested that the County Surveyor be requested to interview the officials of the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads Department) and explain in detail why the County Council considered the list of roads submitted by the County Surveyor should be moved into a higher classification.

The Chairman said at a future Finance Committee meeting the question of enhanced cost owing to the adoption of the scheme could be considered.

The County Surveyor said he believed the increased cost would not amount to very much. If the classification now suggested was agreed to, the Council could count on the 40% contribution for main roads from the Government and with the savings on other main roads he believed the increase on Rates would be small.



NEW ROSS URBAN ROADS.

Under date 1st October 1935 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (R/RD/32) that where Urban Roads are affected by an Order under Section 24(3) of the Local Government Act 1925, the Urban District remains the area of charge for the expenses of reconstruction or maintenance.

The Chairman thought the County Surveyor might get in touch with New Ross Urban Council and ascertain their views as regards the scavenging, cleansing and lighting of the streets.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That we recommend the County Council to arrange for a Conference between the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Messrs. T. Redmond and J. E. Walsh and the County Secretary and County Surveyor with Representatives of New Ross Urban Council to consider the terms of the proposed Order to hand over New Ross Urban Roads to the County Council and to endeavour to settle provisions of draft agreement between the two bodies, which will deal with construction, maintenance, cleansing, scavenging and lighting New Ross Urban roads and also as to the duties of supervision by County Surveyor, Assistant Surveyor and Town Surveyor."

"That the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) be requested to take no steps as to the formulation of Order under Section 24(3) of Local Government Act 1925 until report of Conference has been considered by both bodies."

"That in the event of agreement being arrived at under this resolution we request the Department to embody it in their Order."

"That Conference be held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford at 11 a.m. on Friday, 25th October, 1935."



LIGHTING NEW ROSS BRIDGE.

Under date 28th September 1935 Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor wrote that in his opinion the Bridges (Ireland) Act 1834 did not as was contended by New Ross Urban Council throw any responsibility on the County Council to light New Ross Bridge or to erect standards for lighting purposes thereon. If lighting was required it should be attended to by the New Ross Urban Council and not by the County Council.

It was decided to inform New Ross Urban Council that the County Council have been advised they are not liable for the lighting of New Ross Bridge.

PROPOSED FACTORY IN GOREY.

Under date 4th October 1935, Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Gorey wrote they had been asked by the Promoters of the proposed Factory in Gorey to ascertain if the County Council and the Board of Health would be willing to transfer to the New Company their interest in the Gorey Workhouse premises and under what conditions.

Under date 10th October, 1935, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor wrote that under the Provisions of the State Lands (Workhouses) Act 1930 the premises known as Gorey Workhouse would appear to be vested in the State and this being so the County Council had no power to deal with them.

If any dealings are to be made in connection with them the application of the promoters should be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

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

"That copy of letter from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, relative to proposal to acquire Gorey Old Workhouse premises for Factory be furnished County Board of Health.

INSURANCE ROAD WORKERS.

Under date, 7th October 1935, Mr. Roanan, County Councillor wrote that he had ascertained it was not the fault of



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any official of the Council that the Unemployment Insurance Card of Edward Whelan was delayed.

FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS FROM ROAD WORKERS.

Michael Cooney, Grange, Rathnure, wrote that he noted his application for re-employment as road worker was beaten on a vote at last County Council Meeting. It was not true as Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, stated at that meeting that he had a son-in-law working on the roads. His son was working on the roads but was a married man with five small children and lived more than five miles away. He could not give any contribution from his wages. As regards the statement that another son had a road contract, this was for maintenance of a mountain lane at £6 per annum. He further denied the statement of Mr. Ennis that he was not in the constant employment of the Council. He had been constantly employed until the area was transferred from Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, to Mr. Ennis, when the men were "knocked off" for a time, after which they were all taken back except Cooney. The latter claimed he had given to Mr. Cullen complete satisfaction as road worker for ten years and his dismissal was unfair as he had a wife and boy to support. He asked that his case should be reconsidered.

It was decided that this communication be referred to next meeting of Finance Committee to which Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, will be summoned.

Mr. Kelly said that last April a definite order had been made by the County Council that James Murphy, Courtnacuddy, should be taken on for work under the Council but this had not been done. There appeared to be no use in making orders so far as this Assistant Surveyor was concerned, as the orders were never carried out.

It was decided that this matter be considered at next Finance Committee meeting, Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, to



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be summoned to attend.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES.

UNIVERSITY. Under date 27th September, 1935, Miss Margaret O'Connor, a successful applicant for award of University Scholarship wrote from 124 Oakwood Court, Kensington, London, W.14 that having made her home in England she was not accepting Scholarship.

The Secretary stated that Dr. Coffey, in his report, having recommended the first four successful Candidates for Scholarships gave the following places:-

5. Cogley, Ellen, Tomfarney, Clonroche, 1147 marks.
6. Druhan, James M., Lady's Island. 1147 marks.
7. Forde, James A., Delta Cottage, Gorey. 1139 marks.
8. Doran Jas., Palace East. 1121 marks.

The report then stated candidates Nos. 5, 6, 7 & 8 coming next in order of merit may, if vacancies in awards in the case of the first four be considered for such vacancies, but No. 6 who is really in total ex aequo with No. 5 and in the distinctive character of his subjects, is deserving of being included in the first group.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded:-

"That Minute of Finance Committee relative to vacant University Scholarship be referred to County Council meeting of 14th October 1935 with a view to the selection for vacancy being made thereat."

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL. Mr. Dermot S. Fenelon, Secondary and Vocational Scholar wrote that he had held Scholarship in St. Peter's College, Wexford since 1932. This was the last year of the Scholarship and as he had not the facilities in St. Peter's he desired to have Scholarship transferred to the Christian Brothers' Schools, Joseph Street, Wexford, as he would there be able to prepare for his Matriculation examination.

Under date 10th October, 1935, the Department of Education



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wrote that they would not offer objection to the proposal to transfer the Scholarship held by Dermot S. Fenelon at St. Peter's College, Wexford to Christian Brothers' Schools, Wexford.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That the County Council be recommended to agree to the transfer of Secondary and Voactional Scholarship of Dermot S. Fenelon, Ballycowan, Tagoat from St. Peter's College to Christian Brothers' Schools, Wexford."

SHORTHAND TYPIST - CO. SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

The Secretary reported that Miss Tobin recently appointed to the above position had taken up duty on 30th September, 1935.

COURTOWN HARBOUR WEIGHBRIDGE.

Under date 1st October, 1935, the Harbour Master, Courtown Harbour, wrote that the Weighbridge was out of order and the probable cost of its repair would be £4 or £5. The Harbour Committee were of opinion that as the site on which the Office and Weighbridge stands would in the near future, be used for building purposes the spending of money on the weighbridge in present circumstances would be unnecessary. They asked for the decision of the County Council in the matter.

It was decided to refer this matter to the County Surveyor for inspection and report.

BLASTING OPERATIONS - BALLYMURRAY QUARRY.

The County Surveyor submitted from Mr. H. J. Frizelle, Solicitor, Slaney Place, Enniscorthy, the letter on behalf of Miss Tembleton, Ballymurray, pointing out that her house would undergo considerable risks in any large scale blasting at Ballymurray quarry which was quite close. On the 23rd



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July, 1934, attention had been called to this matter and Miss Tumbleton, who had living with her a Miss Redmond, who was an invalid and who could not leave the premises, objected to any large blasting operations in the quarry.

The County Surveyor said Miss Tumbleton's house was below the quarry and as stones from blasts had hit the building on previous occasions and as there was always the possibility of a similar happening he did not consider it would be right, particularly in view of the fact that Miss Redmond was an invalid, to continue blasts. He had instructed Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, to postpone blasting there until he (Co. Surveyor) would see what could be done. In the circumstances he would not carry out any blasting there for the present.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, submitted letter from Messrs. O'Flaherty & Sons, Solicitors, Enniscorthy, re applications of Patrick Scully and John Mullett for loans under above Acts. The loans were agreed to under first Scheme and County Council could not close off this Scheme until Mortgage deeds in these cases had been executed.

The delay in both cases arose from the difficulty of making title with the Land Commission.

#### ROSSLARE BURROW ROAD.

Mr. Ibar Murphy, Hon. Secretary, Rosslare Strand Fianna Fail Cumann wrote under date 4th October, 1935, that he was directed to call attention to the serious condition of the road leading to Rosslare Burrow. Nothing had been done with it for some time past and as a result, it was practically impassable, studded with pot holes and patches of shifting sand being highly dangerous to cyclists, several of them being thrown during the Summer. With the approach of winter the urgent necessity of putting this road into proper repair was apparent and the Cumann felt sure the County Council would have the work done at an early date.



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

STAIRCASE LEADING TO CO. SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Under date 10th October 1935 the County Surveyor submitted letter from County Registrar that when he was holding inquiries which happened almost daily it was at times impossible to hear what was being said owing to the traffic on iron stairway leading to the County Secretary's Office. A concrete staircase should be substituted or cork linoleum laid down to deaden the noise.

The County Surveyor agreed that the complaint made by the County Registrar in this matter was legitimate and said that at some future time he would recommend the substitution of a concrete stairway.

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to arrange for the covering of iron stairs leading to Co. Secretary's Office with rubber pads at a cost not exceeding £8.

SANCTION CONTINUANCE OF OVERDRAFT.

Under date 4th October, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G 161186-35 Loch Garman) that the Minister had sanctioned the continuance of overdraft accommodation to the County Council at £40,000 to 31st December, next, Interest thereon to be paid at the agreed rate.

INSPECTION OF DREDGERS.

Under date 2nd October, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (S. Loch Garman) that there was no objection to defraying the expenses of the County Surveyor in making an inspection of harbour dredgers.



DANCE HALLS APPLICATION.

Mr. Sean Sinnott wrote on behalf of St. Iberius Catholic Club, Common Quay Street, Wexford, that he intended applying for licence for their "Concert Hall" under Public Dance Halls Act 1935.

Application was received from David Daly as to licence for Public Dancing at Whiterock Social Club, Whiterock, Wexford.

Both applications were referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.



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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 11th October, 1935, be received and considered."

GETTING IN THE RATES - Mr. Colfer proposed the adoption of the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Kelly seconded.

Mr. Doyle strongly objected to the proposal. He did not see what power the Rates Inspector had to get in the rates greater than the powers of an ordinary Rate Collector. If Rate Collectors were minding their business there would be no necessity for any great supervision. Another Assistant would mean increased taxation which was quite high enough. If they had the Rates Inspector out through the country every day in the week he (Mr. Doyle) could not see how he could get in the Rates better than any Rate Collector who was discharging his duty as he should.

Col. Quin said that going round talking to people would not help very much in getting in the rates. The proposal would take from the responsibility of the Rate Collector and was making a new job from which no real return could be expected.

Mr. Sweetman held that owing to the large amount of arrears of rates it was necessary to have someone who would closely supervise the actual collecting done by the Rate Collectors.

Col. Quin said that the proposal was purely for the creation of another job.

Mr. Walsh said that the Rates Inspector was supervising the work of the Collectors by checking their books. The Rate Collectors had bonds, one against fraud and embezzlement and the other for the proper closing of the collection. By putting these bonds in force Rate Collectors could in present circum-



stances be made carry out their duties efficiently. If they did not do so the Council would be able to find suitable men to replace them.

The Chairman said that the anxiety of the Finance Committee was to try and make some real impression on the Collection and on the arrears. They saw that day that one Collector had secured over 30 per cent of his warrant, while another was down to 14%. The Finance Committee considered there was no reason why they should not all have 30% of the warrants collected, but at present it was not possible to test the explanations they made. There was really no co-ordinating authority between the County Council and the Rate Collectors. The provisions of the Public Bodies Order dealing with the appointment of Rates Inspector covered only fraud and embezzlement.

There appeared to be no machinery to visit the many derelict farms and places out of which no rates were forthcoming. To his (Chairman's) knowledge many of these places were being tilled and had cattle on them and there was yet no reports from the Rate Collectors. The Council were losing a good deal of money by not having someone to look closely into these matters. Col. Quin had stated this was a matter of providing a job but the Finance Committee absolutely denied this and if Col. Quin could devise, with their existing machinery, some better method for improving the collection, supervising the collectors and getting round to farmers, the Finance Committee would be very pleased and would not recommend any new appointment.

Col. Quin said that the Chairman's statement proved clearly that the Rate Collectors were not doing their duty.

The Chairman asked Col. Quin how he proposed to get over the difficulty.

Col. Quin. - Get other Collectors.

Mr. McCarthy said that the former Rates Inspector went round with the Rate Collectors and called on ratepayers.

The Chairman said that the Rates Inspector was supposed



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to carry out the duties prescribed by the Public Bodies Order which did not deal with visiting the collectors on their rounds or calling on Ratepayers. His main duties were to check the collectors' books and to fill up necessary returns.

Mr. Cummins failed to see why the present Rates Inspector would not carry out all the duties performed by the former holder of the position.

The Chairman said the Finance Committee wanted to get the best work possible out of the Rates Inspector and they did not consider doing office work was the best way to employ him. The Committee were of opinion he should be out with the Collectors; otherwise he was of very little use. The Rates Inspector stated that it took him four or five days every fortnight in checking the Collectors' Books and the remainder of the time went in office work. He (Chairman) felt that some change in the present position was essential in the near future. The proposal was in the nature of an experiment and the new man would not be retained unless results justified his continued employment.

Miss O'Ryan said that no one wished to have a new appointment if it could be avoided but the Finance Committee felt it was necessary that some test should be applied to the explanations given by several Rate Collectors as to why they could not obtain Rates from derelict farms and on other holdings. It was the only arrangement towards improvement the Finance Committee could think of, but if the County Council could suggest any better way of making the Rate Collectors do their work they should have it.

Mr. Kinsella opposed the appointment and considered the present Rates Inspector should be as well able to go round to ratepayers as his predecessor.

Mr. Masterson, Rates Inspector, in reply to queries said he might have one or two days per week to go round the country. He considered, however, much more time should go to this work, which was the reason he applied for assistance. He was ap-



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pointed in December last. He had visited a couple of backward areas.

Col. Quin held this was the business of Rate Collectors, and any one of them not doing it should be kicked out.

Mr. Doyle thought that the two days per week which the Rate Inspector said he had available would be sufficient for visiting; in fact he (Mr. Doyle) thought one day would be ample.

The Rates Inspector dissented. The very fact of his going round had a very definite effect in speeding up the collection.

Col. Quin said this showed that the Rate Collectors were not doing their duty. If the Inspector used what available time he had in going round it would "ginger up" the Collectors.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed that consideration of the recommendation be adjourned for a month. One or two days per week for visiting should be quite enough.

The motion was not seconded.

The Chairman said they were at a very critical period now and unless something special was done to expedite the collection a large amount of Rates would not be paid. If they had the Rates Inspector in the country for four days the results would justify the expenditure by a hundred fold. The cost of the new clerk would be only about £150 per year and if the Rates Inspector was out every day in the week the salary would be saved in a week or two.

Mr. Sweetman proposed:- "That we confirm the recommendation of the Finance Committee in respect of the appointment of a temporary clerk to help in carrying out the office work in Rates Inspector's Office, etc. with the amendment that the appointment remain in force only up to 31st March 1936."

Mr. Corish seconded and said that too many Collectors were assuming that Rates in a number of cases were uncollectable, and if the Council had the Rates Inspector investigating these and other difficult cases he believed the Council would be convinced that the employment of temporary clerk to the end of next finan-



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cial year would be justified. And if they were pleased with the results then they might make the appointment permanent. The Rates Inspector would not be able to keep a firm hold on the Collecotrs by having only one or two days in the week to look after them, and he should be in a position to pay surprise visits to any part of the County.

Mr. Doyle said that a man with local knowledge of the various districts and the ratepayers in them would be more suited to the position than the Rates Inspector.

Mr. Colfer and Kelly withdrew their motion in favour of that of Mr. Sweetman.

After further discussion a poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR MR. SWEETMAN'S PROPOSAL:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Keegan, Kelly, O'Ryan, M. Redmond, T. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman. - 12.

AGAINST:- Messrs. Bowe, Cummins, Doyle, Gibbon, Kinsella, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Smyth and Walsh. - 10.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Doyle handed in the following:- "I will move at the meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on 11th November 1935 that the resolution adopted at meeting of 14th October, 1935, agreeing to the appointment of a temporary Assistant for clerical work in Office of Rates Inspector, etc. be rescinded and that the Rates Inspector be directed to utilise any of his time not required for office work in superintending Rate Collectors and investigating and reporting on the condition of Derelict Farms and of other holdings on which a large amount of Rates is due.

AMOUNTS DUE BY URBAN COUNCILS - Under date 12th October, 1935, letter was read from the Town Clerk, Enniscorthy, that steps were being considered in regard to discharging the entire liability for demand to date. He expected to have definite arrangements made to meet demand in future. The



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treasurer was prepared to advance the money when sanction by the Department was received, and he was taking up the matter with them.

The Secretary said that on that morning he had recieved a cheque from the town clerk for £1,612. 6. 4, but the Ennis-corthy Council still owed a simiilar amount to March last, so that even with that payment they were not in as good a position as Wexford or New Ross. Those two urban districts owed a quarter up to March last.

Mr. O'Byrne - I don't think there should be any of last year's due. I think we should call upon them to lodge the whole amount of last year's rate.

On the proposition of Mr. O'Byrne it was decided to ask the Urban Councils to lodge the whole amount. Mr. Kinsella seconded the motion.

UNEMPLOYMENT SCHEME FOR MEN - Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution:-

"That scheme for employment of men in receipt of unemployment assistance as submitted by the County Surveyor, be as recommended by Finance Committee, approved by the Council."

Replying to Mr. Kinsella, the County Surveyor stated that he did not see why there could not be some arrangements made in connection with having such work as the cleaning of drains carried out. If the scheme, as now presented could be operated satisfactorily it could be extended in the summer to do such work as the cleaning of drains and small rivers.

Mr. T. Redmond suggested that work such as repairing breaches in river banks should be carried out. He saw on the previous day two or three hundred acres of marshy land at Camb-lin near New Ross which was flooded. If such lands could be included in the scheme it would be very useful work.

County Surveyor - We would not be able to do a big job like that. Under the scheme we could carry out the cleaning of small drains and small rivers under road bridges which were choked. We cannot compel the landowners to do them, and we



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cannot do them except under a minor relief scheme.

The scheme was unanimously adopted.

TRANSFER NEW ROSS URBAN ROADS TO COUNTY COUNCIL - Mr. J.E.

Walsh stated he objected to act on the proposed committee for the conference, as he was solely opposed at the meeting of the urban council to the handing over of control to the County Council. He would be prepared to reconsider the matter if some means could be devised by which the urban council could obtain machinery for the upkeep of the streets.

Mr. Corish said it was understood by the Finance Committee that the New Ross Urban Council passed this proposal unanimously. At the meeting of Finance Committee he made the proposition, but he thought it was beneath the dignity of the ancient borough of New Ross to ask the County Council to take over the maintenance of the streets. If that were suggested in Wexford he would have fought it strenuously. The New Ross Urban Council should reconsider the matter. It was no harm for the Urban Council to seek the assistance of the County Council, but he was thinking of the dignity of the Urban Council.

Mr. T. Redmond said he wished to explain the circumstances as to how the matter originated. After the Local Government elections in 1934, and at the first meeting of the New Ross Urban Council, as a result of complaints made by residents and ratepayers, the Streets Committee were instructed to make an inspection of the streets with the town surveyor. All the streets were bad at the time, and as a result of the inspection certain streets were recommended for reconstruction. The cost was estimated at £5,400 and the scheme was sent to the Department with a request for £2,500. A reply was received stating that if the Urban Council considered themselves incapable of maintaining the streets they should hand them over to the County Council. The Urban Council did not agree to that, but held that with the assistance of the county council they would



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be able to maintain the streets. After considerable correspondence and discussion the Department agreed to give a grant of £1,500 on a scheme of £4,000 conditional on the work being carried out by the County Surveyor. The Urban Council would not agree, and were very slow about handing over the upkeep of the streets to the County Council. As the Urban Council had not machinery at their disposal the Department were asked to increase the grant to £2,000. During the deluge in June the remaining portion of the surface of the streets was washed away, and the Urban Council asked the Department to send down an inspector. Mr. Courteney of the Department visited New Ross, and the Urban Council was not aware that he came or had gone until he had left the town. Subsequently the Council asked the Department to receive a deputation on the strength of Mr. Courteney's report. The Department decided to receive the deputation, and the representatives of the Council went to Dublin for that purpose. The officials of the Department pointed out to the deputation the good work which had been done in other towns by handing over the streets to the County Council. The chief of the Finance Department stated that if the deputation acted on Mr. Courteney's advice he would recommend the Department to increase the grant to £2,000 on the condition that the upkeep of the streets be handed over to the County Council as from April 1st, 1936. The deputation reported the result of the interview to the Urban Council, who again discussed it at great length, and with one dissentient agreed to accept the condition. No member of the Council wanted to hand over the streets, but as the streets were in such a bad condition they did not want to run the risk of losing the grant.

Mr. Walsh said that his objection was to the condition stipulated in the allocation of the grant. It meant that the streets of the town became vested in the County Council and that the Urban Council would lose control of several matters affecting



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the town which would be very detrimental to it. In his opinion the best way to deal with the matter would be to have an arrangement by which the Urban Council could retain control of the streets and not lose any of their existing powers. If the proposal of the Department were carried out it would mean that the urban council would not have any voice in grants and other important matters affecting the urban administration.

Ald. Corish - Can't you agree to have the conference with an open mind?

Chairman - You can't, because the Act of Parliament is against it. We are not going into that conference for that purpose or for the purpose of encouraging the Urban Council to hold on to the streets. We are going into the conference in the light of the Minister's letter.

Mr. T. Redmond - This is not going to cost the county council one penny. The cost of upkeep will be borne by the rates of New Ross.

Mr. Walsh - The cost will be borne by the Urban Council, but the Urban Council and the people of New Ross will not have control over the work, and to that I strongly object.

Chairman - We have not the slightest interest in bringing about a conference of that kind. That is a matter for the Urban Council and the L.G.D.

Mr. Redmond - This recommendation has come from the Department - it is the child of the Department. The Department gave us the money on certain conditions.

Chairman - We are taking it for granted that that order will be put into force. That is why we are going into conference.

Mr. Redmond - That's so. Mr. Keegan - We are doing all the work of the conference at the moment.

Mr. Doyle - If the County Council refuse to take over the roads-

Chairman - They can't refuse. Mr. Doyle - They can make a protest. By this scheme we are going to increase the work



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of our officials. I think we should leave the work to the Urban Council.

Chairman - We should facilitate the Urban Council to have the streets improved. I understand the County Council can pass a resolution to have the roads handed back to the Urban Council.

Mr. Redmond - And the Urban Council can do the same thing.  
The recommendation was adopted.

LIGHTING NEW ROSS BRIDGE - Mr. Redmond said that the bridge was the property of the County Councils of Wexford and Kilkenny and the New Ross Urban Council were not supposed to light other people's property.

The Chairman said if there was no bridge there the people of New Ross would not be satisfied.

Mr. Walsh said the best thing they could do would be to take over the lighting when they were taking over the streets.

The County Surveyor said he would object very strongly to take over the lighting of the bridge.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES - The following resolution was moved by Col. Quin and seconded by Mr. Doyle:-

"That vacant University Scholarship be awarded James M. Druhan."

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Ronan seconded the following:-

"That vacant University Scholarship be awarded Ellen Cogley."

Miss O'Ryan said of the four scholarships awarded this year three went to boys and one to a girl. As the latter had dropped out she considered the vacancy should go to a girl.

Mr. Doyle said it was evidently the opinion of Dr. Coffey that Druhan should receive the scholarship.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Cogley:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, O'Ryan, M. Redmond, T. Redmond, Ronan and the Chairman. - 11.

For Druhan:- Messrs. Bowe, Cullimore, Doyle, Gibbon,



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Kinsella, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Smyth, Sweetman and Walsh. - 11.

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of Miss Cogley and declared her selected.

Mr. Doyle said he would move at next meeting that the resolution awarding the Scholarship to Miss Cogley be rescinded.

Mr. O'Byrne said they should protest against remarks being made regarding any student by University Authorities. If one mark extra had been given to either of these students it would have been easy to settle the matter.

Miss O'Ryan - If the totalling of the examiners' marks gives the candidates the same marks, you don't expect a man of Dr. Coffey's standing to add a mark? He could not do it.

Mr. O'Byrne - But the papers having been marked in such a way, he should not have made a comment one way or the other.

Mr. Doyle - I don't think there was very much respect for his opinion at all, when you have gone against it.

Chairman - We will discuss it again.

Miss O'Ryan - We have certainly every respect for the man's integrity.

Chairman - But when he didn't do the examination, he had no right to make comments.

The discussion ended.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS - Under date 17th September, 1935 (148,210-35 Loch Garmain) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote requesting to be informed if the Council had endeavoured to obtain the loan of £10,000 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts in the open market.

The Secretary said that Monaghan Council decided that they would only borrow over a period of twenty-five years, and they could not get an application from anyone to supply the money, and if the Monaghan Council could not get anyone at



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twenty-five years, where were Wexford County Council going to have a chance of getting money over thirty-five years?

Mr. Kelly - We tried the open market before and didn't get any application.

ROSSLARE BURROW ROAD - Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said there was not very much in the complaint. A day's work would put the whole matter right. As a result of the recent wet weather the whole area got into bad condition with pot-holes.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 11th October, 1935, be and are hereby confirmed."

#### ROSSLARE SEWERAGE SCHEME.

The following motion - copy of which was issued to the Council on 10th September, 1935, - stood in the name of Mr. Corish:-

"That the County Council consent to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £6,000 (six thousand pounds) for the purpose of providing a sewerage scheme for Rosslare, repayment of same to be chargeable on the Rate raised by the County Council under the Public Health (Special Expenses) Act."

In moving his motion, Mr. Corish said they expected to get at least £3,000 or possibly more as a free grant from the Government. Rosslare was growing in population and popularity and its present condition from a sanitary point of view was a monument to the criminal neglect of county administration. The estimated annual repayment of the loan would be £540 of which £270 would be charged to the County Fund out of the Public Health (Special Expenses) Act and the other moiety on



the district. It was proposed that the townlands directly benefiting should contribute at the rate of 6d. in the £. When the Council adopted the present motion the County Board of Health would fix the townlands which would immediately benefit.

Mr. Kelly seconded.

Mr. Kinsella objected to the levy on the County.

Mr. Doyle would not agree with the motion until he knew exactly how the area of charge was to be arranged. They wanted to have the list of townlands which according to the Scheme were going to benefit definitely enumerated. He moved "That the motion standing in the name of Mr. Corish consenting to the Board of Health borrowing £6,000 for a sewerage scheme at Rosslare be adjourned until the names of the townlands directly benefiting and which were to bear a 6d. rate in the £. had been furnished to the Council."

Mr. Kinsella seconded.

The Chairman said what the Board of Health had in mind were townlands in which the people would connect up with the sewerage.

Miss O'Ryan said the Board intended when the Scheme was to be proceeded with to prepare a map and survey of the district, in connection with the townlands, inside what would be known as the Rosslare Strand Area. They could not, however, do this without the assistance of the Engineer.

Mr. Doyle said in Wexford Rural area they were paying 3d in the £. for a water supply at Rosslare. It was 2½d. and he could not understand how it developed to 3d. In addition to that they were paying for pumps galore.

The Chairman pointed out that until they knew definitely what townlands would be linked up with the system, the information sought by Mr. Doyle could not be given. The townlands linked up with the water at present would be charged with 6d. in the £. Would that information be sufficient for Mr. Doyle?

Mr. Doyle said not, as the water scheme was serving a



number of people along the whole route.

Mr. Cummins deprecated the statement that one heard at the Council from time to time, as to raising of  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. in the £. in order to make the county more prosperous. The majority of the ratepayers were under £12 valuation and not one of them would object to any progressive movement such as that proposed. The cry of a  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. in the £. should be given up, because it was not genuine. He hoped they would have 100 more pumps because they wanted proper water supply and everything like it.

Mr. Doyle referred to the remark of Mr. Corish as to the ineffectiveness of County Administration. He was aware that for the past 40 years they never had any outbreak of disease in Rosslare.

Miss O'Ryan said that this occurred through the goodness of God. If she lived as near to Rosslare as Mr. Doyle, she would be thoroughly ashamed of seeing sewerage running down the open road, and if they permitted that sort of thing, they should resign in a body and ask someone to succeed them who would be prepared to look after the health of the people.

Mr. Doyle said he was not opposed to the sewerage scheme in any way nor to the  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. in the £. but he certainly considered that details of the townlands which were to pay this large sum of 6d. in the £. should be given.

After further discussion a poll was taken on Mr. Doyle's amendment with the following result:-

For:- Messrs. Bowe, Doyle, Gibbon, Kinsella, O'Byrne, Smyth and Walsh. - 7.

Against:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, O'Ryan, M. Redmond, T. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman. - 13.

Mr. McCarthy and Col. Quin (2) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared motion carried.



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WATER SUPPLY - CLONATTIN ROAD.

The following motion, which had been circulated to the members of the County Council on 10th September 1935 stood in the name of Mr. Roanan:-

"That the County Council consent to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £900 (nine hundred pounds) for the purpose of providing a Water Supply for Clonattin Road, Gorey, repayment of same to be chargeable on the Rate raised by the County Council under the Public Health (Special Expenses) Act."

By request on the part of Mr. Ronan consideration of the motion was adjourned for two months.

APPOINTMENT - HARBOUR MASTER, KILMORE.

The following applications were received for the above position:- James Duffy, Ballinagran, Killena, Gorey; William Joyce, Templeudigan, Ballywilliam and Patrick Kehoe, Kilmore Quay, who has been acting temporary Harbour Master for the past two years.

Col. Gibbon proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

That Patrick Kehoe, Kilmore Quay be appointed Harbour Master at Kilmore Quay. Salary, £65 per annum with five per cent commission on collection of dues; duties to be as drawn up by County Surveyor dated 10th October, 1935, and supplied to applicants for the position.

Mr. M. Redmond proposed the election of William Joyce.

Mr. T. Redmond seconded.

Duffy was not proposed.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Kehoe:- Messrs. Bowe, Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Doyle, Gibbon, Keegan, Kelly, Kinsella, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Ronan, Smyth, Sweetman, Walsh and the Chairman.- 18.

For Joyce:- Messrs. M. Redmond and T. Redmond. - 2.

Col. Quin and Mr. McCarthy (2) were not present when poll was taken.

Kehoe was declared elected.



Under date 30th September 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G159029-35 Loch Garman) approving of the draft advertisement for the position and stating that application for the sanction of the Minister to the appointment of the person selected should be made.

#### ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT

Under date 15th September, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote S.G.O./201/35 stating that the following allocation for road improvement grant had been agreed to:-

1.	L.29.	Gorey-Wexford. About 3 miles south of Gorey towards Ballycanew. Strengthen, widen and surface with macadam and grout with Cutback Bitumen. Length about $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles	... £ 2,000
2.	L.29.	Gorey-Wexford. About 9 miles south of Gorey near Monamolin. Works as in No.1. Length about one-third of mile	... £ 500
3.	L.29.	Gorey-Wexford. About 4 miles north of Wexford, beyond Castlebridge. Work as in No. 1. Length about 1 mile	... £ 1,300
4.	L.29.	Wexford-Kilmore Quay. About 10 miles south of Wexford, commencing to the south of Kilmore Village and on towards Kilmore Quay. Work as in No.1. Length about 2 miles.	... £ 2,000
5.	L.30.	Enniscorthy-Kilkenny. About 7 miles north West of Enniscorthy at Wheelagower Cross. Work as in No. 1. Length about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile.	... £ 900
6.	L.33.	Ferns-Carlow. About 2 miles to West of Ferns at Tombrack Cross. Work as in No. 1. Length about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.	... £ 900
7.	L.159.	New Ross-Ballyhack. At Whitechurch Cross. Work as in No.1. Length about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles	... £ 2,000
8.	T. 8	Enniscorthy-Wexford. At Ferrycarrig Bridge. Divert road and thus remove dangerous corner.	... £ 750
9.		Wexford Urban. Resurfacing roads and footpaths as approved.	£ 874
Total			<u>£ 11,224</u>

The conditions governing the grant were also enclosed.

Col. Gibbon objected to the expenditure of £750 for the cutting of a new road at the back of the Castle at Ferrycarrig



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in order to ease the existing dangerous corner there.

The proposal would destroy the scenery.

The County Surveyor disagreed with Col. Gibbon and said that the new road would really improve the scenery at the place.

Col. Gibbon stated that on a previous occasion when the same proposal was introduced members of the County Council objected and the project was dropped.

The County Surveyor stated that when about three years ago it was proposed to employ portion of the Relief Grant for the construction of the proposed road, objection was made, and undoubtedly some members of the Council were influenced by what Col. Gibbon stated, about the danger of interfering with the old castle and causing disimprovement of the view.

It was then decided to split up the money amongst a lot of scattered works all over the County, as the money was provided as a Relief Grant. The corner at the Castle was one of the most dangerous in the County; in fact he was almost run down there himself by buses on a couple of occasions. The work would not interfere with the old tower because instead of standing out on a peninsula it would be on an island, while it would be an advantage to have a straight road which gave a view right down to the bridge.

Col. Gibbon said that the corner at the Enniscorthy side above that of the Castle was much more dangerous.

The County Surveyor said in regard to the corner referred to by Col. Gibbon it was proposed to lower the wall and put up a railing.

Col. Gibbon proposed that the £750 allocated for corner at Ferrycarrig Castle should be spent in improvement of the second corner.

Mr. Doyle seconded.

The Chairman agreed with the County Surveyor that the proposal he made dealt with one of the worst corners in the whole county.

Mr. Doyle held that the fact that the corner was dangerous



made motorists drive at a reduced speed. The proposed easement would in his opinion make the corner more dangerous.

Miss O'Ryan - What about strangers coming into the County for the first time?

Mr. Doyle pointed out that there were danger signals for the guidance of such people.

Mr. Keegan referred to the fact that when driving around there recently it was only the extra skill of the driver which prevented a serious collision with a bus.

In the course of further discussion the County Surveyor stated in reply to Mr. Kinsella that he would give an absolute guarantee that in the making of the new piece of road no interference would be caused to the Castle.

The Chairman decided to take a show of hands on the proposal of Col. Gibbon when it was found it was supported by three members only.

Mr. Cummins and Mr. Colfer complained that although for some years past the Council were receiving £11,000 for Road Improvement Grants, New Ross was always on the £2,000 mark, and they did not consider this a fair proportion of the money.

The County Surveyor pointed out that the Grant was not allocated according to areas but according to the best scheme for improvement of the roads. The allocations would work out as follows:- Gorey, £2,500; Enniscorthy, £3,100; Wexford, £2,000; New Ross £2,000, which with the £750 for corner at Ferrycarrig and £874 for Wexford Urban streets made up the total. Enniscorthy district was nearly double the size of the others and had also many more main roads.

The Chairman said the Grant was given them by the Local Government Department without any reference to the Council. The Department acted on the recommendation of the County Surveyor entirely.



Mr. T. Redmond asked how it was New Ross was always down on the £2,000 mark.

The County Surveyor said that there were more main roads improved in New Ross area than in any other area.

Mr. Ronan pointed out that if they were to follow the suggestions of Messrs. Cummins, Colfer and T. Redmond as to the division of the grant in areas, they would have to take into consideration the proportion of Main Roads in each district, and also the number of main roads in each district which had been improved.

After further discussion Mr. O'Byrne proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Sweetman:-

"That this Council approve of the allocation of the Main Road Improvement Grant as set out in letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health - 16th September 1935 (S.G.O/201/35)."

Passed.

Mr. T. Redmond moved that the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) be requested to agree that of the amount set aside for New Ross area - £1,000 should be spent on the Fethard-New Ross Road, and the balance on Ballyhack-Whitechurch Road.

Mr. Colfer seconded and the proposition was adopted.

#### MARRIAGE GRATUITY - MRS. MEAGHER.

Under date 12th September 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G145989-35 Loch Garman) that the gratuity allowable to Mrs. Meagher on the basis of one-twelfth of her average annual salary for the three years previous to her retirement would amount to £23. 16. 8 and on receipt of formal resolution of the Council granting this amount and copy of Marriage Certificate the Minister would consent to the payment.

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



"That marriage gratuity of £23. 16. 8 be granted Mrs. D. B. Meagher (nee Killeen) on her retirement from the service of the County Council and that application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for his sanction to this payment."

#### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS.

Under date 18th September 1935, the Office of National Education wrote (Trg 12-F.37739) approving of the awards made by the County Council under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme, 1935.

#### FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

Under date 19th September, 1935, the Department of Agriculture wrote (G.3637-35) that the following samples of butter had been taken up in the County and found by the County Analyst to be genuine:- Enniscorthy 3; Ferns 3; Bunclody 4, and Gorey 4.

#### RATE COLLECTORS' DUTIES.

Mr. Culleton said that a farmer in Mayglass who had received his demand note for Rates had been directed by the Rate Collector to pay the amount at an office in Wexford. It did not suit the Ratepayer in question to go to Wexford, and he wished to know if it was not the duty of the Rate Collector to call for the amount.

The Secretary said it was the duty of Rate Collectors to call on ratepayers.

After some discussion the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the question of the manner in which Rate Collectors are actually collecting rates be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration regarding the issue of a general recommendation to Collectors."



ROAD MATTERS.

KILMUCKRIDGE STREETS - A number of residents wrote that the street of Kilmuckridge Village and adjoining roads were in a very unsatisfactory condition. They asked that the roads be steamrolled and tarred. There was an unlimited supply of material in Tinnacree quarry and this would make for economy if utilised for the repairs mentioned.

Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, reported that there was plenty of room for improvement on the roads in his district at Kilmuckridge. The Road through the street was subjected to a good deal of traffic and sufficient work could not be done with the money allocated at present. If funds were available steamrolling and tarring would make a proper job, and this work was really necessary in parts.

The County Surveyor said he would bring into next year's Road Works Scheme a better price for these roads. There could be no question of using tar at this season. The roads were repaired with gravel and the bottom loosened up with the dry weather. He was considering having their maintenance carried out by ordinary macadam in the future.

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

"That the County Surveyor be requested to submit to next meeting of Finance Committee an estimate as to the cost of putting the street of Kilmuckridge Village and adjoining roads in proper repair."

BALLYCONNIGAR LANE - Memorial signed by a number of rate-payers etc. asked the County Council to have Ballyconnigar Lane put into repair. At present some repairs were being done at the junction of the lane with the main road. The lane was dangerous to traffic while there was a big increase in the number of visitors who used the lane as a short cut to the seafront.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Keegan, it was decided that this lane be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Scheme Grant.



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CORRAGH LANE - Memorial was received from ratepayers of the districts of Johnstown, Abbeydown, Corragh, Ballinastraw, Coolmeelagh, Ballyshonogue, Drumderry, Gurteen, etc. asking for repair of Corragh Lane. Only part of the work was done and the balance was about one-third of it. Many ratepayers had no other means of access to their lands and had perforce to endanger life and limb to get to their homes.

The County Surveyor stated that the lane had been scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Scheme Grants and that was all that could be done.

CARLEYS BRIDGE ROAD - Particulars were submitted by Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, which he had furnished the Department of Local Government and Public Health in connection with the repair of above road. To have the work carried out in "Cut-Back Bitumen" with the necessary drainage would cost £2150.

No reply had been received to the present from the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

The County Surveyor said that the question of the repair of road had been before the Council some time ago and the Department asked for the particulars given by Mr. Ennis, as they were applying for a Relief Grant. It was not a main road but there was a great deal of traffic on it.

The Chairman proposed "That the County Secretary again communicate with the Department of Local Government and Public Health and ask them to provide a Relief Grant in view of the fact that the road serves two factories."

Mr. Sweetman seconded and the proposal was adopted.

SEWER AT CAIM - Mr. Lawlor, M.C.C. wrote that Fr. Murphy, C.C., Caim, called on him and complained of the state of an open "shore" outside Caim Catholic Church. Fr. Murphy stated that during the time of the late Council it was decided that sewer should be piped and covered in. People going to and from Mass had to wade through the water and some old people were unable to do so.



The County Surveyor said that years ago the Enniscorthy District Council put down a concrete channel - 15 or 18 inches wide and three or four inches deep. If a pipe were put in the gateway it would become choked and the place was sure to get into a worse condition than if left as it is. Nothing could be done at the place at the moment.

No order.

KILLOWEN LANE - Mr. D. Somers, Killowen, Gorey, wrote that representations for the repair of above lane had been made to the County Council about twelve months ago but nothing was done. It was at present impassable and would get worse during the winter. It would not take much to do the work of repair and it would be a great convenience to the people living in Island and Bannpark districts.

The County Surveyor said that this lane had been sent forward for a Minor Relief Grant, which is all that the Council could do in the matter. Mr. McLaughlin of the Office of Works said it would be an absolute impossibility for his Department to provide relief grants for the couple of hundred lanes which had been recommended. He (Mr. McLaughlin) said they could all be sent on and the Department would make a selection of half dozen or a dozen from the list.

ABBEYDOWN QUARRY - The Moyacomb Fianna Fail Cumann forwarded resolution asking the County Council to take over the working of quarry at Abbeydown which was only about half a mile from the main road Bunclody-Carnew which was being re-constructed with material from Ryland Quarry.

If there was a good road to within about 150 yards of Abbeydown the expense of developing the excellent stone there would be small.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said that in present conditions it would not be an economic proposition for the Council to open this quarry. If there was an enormous grant given for road improvement in the district he might think of it but present



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circumstances would not warrant its opening by the Council.

No order.

DANGEROUS CORNERS - A number of ratepayers in the district and merchants of Enniscorthy town forwarded representations as to the removal of dangerous corners on the main road from Enniscorthy to Blackwater viz:- (1) At CastleEllis Church; (2& 3) Near Kelly's, CastleEllis and (4) Crosshue.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, said he was carrying out the work of easement at the corner at CastleEllis Church. The second corner at Kelly's was not so bad.

It was decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Keegan that the question of easing the four corners at CastleEllis and Crosshue be referred to the County Surveyor for report.

TOMHAGGARD WORKERS' QUERY - Mr. Culleton said that some unemployed men from the Tomhaggard area wanted to know why they did not get employment at some particular work being carried out there, and they asked him to raise the matter. It was he who brought up the matter of the special work, and they expected that the unemployed men there would get employment when the work commenced. He understood that the work was being carried out and that some of the men had not been employed.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said there was really not much in the matter. They depended on such works to make up eight months' work for men who were so-called permanent men. They depended on odd jobs to make up the period for them, and they planned their works accordingly. Recently there was a grant of £20 for the improvement of a road, and the work was more or less offered to the Tomhaggard men, and three were working on it at present. He thought it would be a mistake to do special works with new men.

Mr. Culleton - Is it a fact that some of those men who made the complaint are now working at Whitecross?

Mr. Birthistle - Two at least, and perhaps three.



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Mr. Culleton - That ought to set matters right.

BALLYHACK HARBOUR

The County Surveyor reported that he had been down some time ago with an engineer of the Office of Works and Mr. Cummins at Ballyhack Harbour. The question of the ownership wall off the slipway was discussed. He had been in communication with the Waterford Harbour Commissioners, and the secretary and general manager of that body wrote on September 10th stating that his body had no objection to Wexford County Council erecting the wall on the slipway which was the Council's property, and did not interfere with navigation.

Mr. Cummins - What position are we now in?

The County Surveyor said that Mr. Doyle, Department engineer, was down, and he (County Surveyor) gave him particulars as to what should be done with an estimate of the cost at £300. When he went into the details he increased the estimate to £344.

Mr. Cummins - Could there be anything done to hurry on the work? The fishing season is now over and the fishermen are practically idle. Now would be a good time to get the work done.

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

"That the Department of Fisheries be requested to expedite consideration of scheme for the improvement of Ballyhack fishing harbour."

FORD-OF-LYNG.

Col. Gibbon asked if there were any reports in regard to the progress of work at the Ford-of-Lyng.

The County Surveyor said they had started work above the bridge, and it was going on satisfactorily.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said that the work, considering weather and everything else, was very satisfactory so far. Already they had reduced the water level at Bally-



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garvey by two feet, and there was a great improvement in the area, although they had barely started. The job was going to take a long time. A good deal of the labour they got from the Exchange was not the best, and he thought they would have to see about getting at least three of the old hands back there to expedite the work.

Col. Gibbon said he had wanted to know if the delay in commencing the work, and the exceptionally bad weather, would prevent the money from going far enough.

Mr. Birthistle said he believed that, despite bad weather and everything else, they were going to do a good job.

#### COMPLAINTS, ETC. OF ROAD WORKERS

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

"That complaints of Road Workers, representations as to employment on roads and applications for repair of lanes be dealt with in the first instance, by the Finance Committee which will submit reports in these matters to the County Council."

#### POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES.

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

"That renewals of licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act issue to Mrs. Anastasia O'Donnell, Taghmon and Patrick J. O'Connor, North Main Street, Wexford."

*J. Allen*

*11th Nov. 35*



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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING, 11TH NOVEMBER, 1935.

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 11th November, 1935.

Mr. D. Allen, Chairman, presided, and there were also present Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Richard Corish, C. Culleton, Wm. Cullimore, John Cummins, J. Day, Ml. Doyle, Col. C.M. Gibbon, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, Jas. Lawler, T. McCarthy, T.J. Meyler, Philip Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Ml. Redmond, T. Redmond, Patk. Ronan, Myles Smyth and Miss N. O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurers' Advice Notes for £352. 16. 8 (Ordinary Salaries) and for £17947. 12. 0 (General payments - including payments to Road Contractors) were examined and signed.

#### VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly the following replies to votes of condolence in the death of his wife from Mr. Philip Doyle, Rate Collector, and from Mr. Wm. Doyle, Rate Collector in the death of his father were directed to be inserted on the Minutes of the day:-

Mr. Philip Doyle wrote:-

"Please convey to Miss O'Ryan, Mr. Corish and the other Members of the County Council my very sincere thanks for their kind vote of sympathy in recent bereavement.

I also wish to than you personally for your kind sympathy."

Mr. Wm. Doyle wrote:-

"I beg to acknowledge with thanks, the vote of condolence



passed at your last meeting of the County Council with me in the death of my father.

I also wish to return thanks to you for your personal sympathy."

DEATH OF DR. GEORGE BASTIBLE.

Mr. Cummins moved a vote of condolence to Dr. Christopher Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health in the death of his brother, Dr. George Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, County Kerry. The sympathy of the whole County, Mr. Cummins pointed out, would be extended to Dr. C. Bastible in his great bereavement.

Mr. Corish seconded and said that although not natives of Wexford County the Bastible family had been identified with the County for a number of years and were held in the highest possible esteem.

Miss O'Ryan, in supporting the motion, said that since his appointment as County Medical Officer Dr. Christopher Bastible had carried out most valuable work in safeguarding the health of the people while the family had played a very prominent part in national affairs in the struggle for independence.

The Secretary added his tribute to the work accomplished in the County by Dr. Bastible.

The resolution was adopted in silence, all members standing.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEES.

MEETING 25TH OCTOBER, 1935.

Minutes of Finance Committee held on 25th October 1935, were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 25th October, 1935.

Present:- Messrs. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding, also, Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, Wm. Cullimore, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella and Sean O'Byrne.

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

Mr. Sweetman, County Councillor and Mr. Jordan, Engineer were also present.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4,482. 9. 4d. was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

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

	<u>Amount collected.</u>	<u>Percentage.</u>
E. J. Murphy	£1964 - 8 - 8	39.0
S. Gannon, No.6.	1114 - 9 - 8	30.7
M. Kehoe	1318 - 17 - 5	30.5
Patrick Carty	1332 - 17 - 5	28.3
J. Curtis	1559 - 19 - 9	28.1
S. Gannon, No.10.	1084 - 2 - 9	27.8
J. J. O'Reilly	1528 - 11 - 3	27.6
J. Cummins	1582 - 14 - 8	27.4
D. Kenny	1284 - 12 - 4	27.2
W. Cummins	1420 - 17 - 5	26.3
J. Flood	1043 - 7 - 10	26.2
P. Nolan	2151 - 10 - 7	26.0
J. Deegan	1816 - 0 - 4	25.2
A. Dunne	2147 - 11 - 5	23.8
P. Doyle	1435 - 11 - 2	22.7
W. Doyle	1307 - 4 - 8	21.8
M. McCarthy	1287 - 8 - 9	21.2
J. Quirke	1997 - 3 - 1	20.9
M. Murphy	694 - 14 - 2	17.4
J. J. Sinnott	1115 - 19 - 5	16.1
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	£ 29188 - 2 - 9	25.3
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The total amount of warrants including arrears is £115,748. 12. 0d. and the amount now outstanding £86,560. 9. 3.

It was decided that Collectors Quirke, M. Murphy and Sinnott be summoned to next meeting of Finance Committee to explain in detail why their collections were so backward.

It was also decided that the Rates Inspector should devote all the time he could spare from Office work in accompanying these three collectors with a view to expediting the collection in these areas.

It was further agreed that in future the Rates Inspector would have for presentation to the Finance Committee, the explanations advanced by backward Rate Collectors with his comments thereon. The Committee also expects that the Rates Inspector will in all such cases impress on collectors the necessity for proceeding with all their energy and the risk they run of having their services dispensed with should they continue apathetic in the discharge of their duties.

The Committee regarded the state of the Collection as anything but satisfactory and decided that explanations should be obtained from all Collectors who have less than 25% of their warrants collected.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND PAYMENT OF RATES - Under date 21st October, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circular No. G.103/1935) that the terms of the circular of 24th May 1934 (58/1934) as to non-payment of rates by members of rating authorities should be brought before the County Council. The names of the members from whom any rates were due for last year with the amounts should be ascertained, submitted to the next meeting of the authority and a copy furnished the Department.

Circular No. 58-1934- under date 24th May 1934 from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was



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read. It pointed out that attention had been drawn to the failure of some members of local rating authorities to pay their rates. This default, the Minister considered, on the part of a member of a local authority should be regarded as a more serious matter than default by ordinary ratepayers, as the example was an embarrassment to the Rate Collector and had generally a very bad effect. A public representative, who failed to meet his rate obligations could not press for active measures against persons who, like himself, had 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 became unfitted to be a guardian of the revenues of the local authority. The Minister hoped that that evil was not of serious dimensions. But, whatever its extent it was in the public interest that the facts be brought to light. The Secretary was directed to ascertain the names of the members of the authority from whom any rates were due in respect of the year with the amount. The particulars should be submitted to the Local Authority and a copy sent to the Department, the names of members who had paid no rates being distinguished from those who had paid a moiety.

The Secretary stated that copies of both circular letters had been furnished the Rate Collectors who were instructed to furnish the necessary information which would be submitted to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

RATE COLLECTORS CALLING ON RATE-PAYERS - A statement by Mr. Culleton, County Councillor, at last County Council meeting that a Rate Collector had directed a ratepayer to pay him at an office in Wexford, while the Ratepayer contended that as it did not suit him to go to Wexford the Rate Collector should call on him for the amount, was referred to the Finance Committee for a general recommendation.



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The Secretary produced copies of Circular letters sent Rate Collectors from time to time pointing out to them that they were expected to call personally on ratepayers to ensure that rates were paid when due.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That instructions be issued to Rate Collectors that they are bound to call personally on the ratepayers of their districts for payment of rates.

AMENDMENT OF EMPLOYMENT ALLOWANCE CLAIMS - Under date 24th October, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.168077-35, Loch Garman) that the proposal that amended claims for employment allowance should be admitted at this stage could not be approved. The intention in prescribing a period within which employment allowance claims must be lodged was to enable the Council to determine finally the amounts required for Supplementary Allowances, and, once the supplementary allowance rate is determined the Council cannot increase its commitments in respect of the other allowances. Furthermore, ratepayers receive adequate notice of the necessity for lodging their claims within the prescribed period, and failure to do so debars the ratepayer from the benefit to which he might otherwise be entitled.

RATEPAYERS ASKING FOR CONCESSIONS - John Doyle, Wilton, Bree came before the meeting and asked the Committee to accept his rates with a substantial reduction. His farm had been sold for £330 but he owed in ordinary debts £346. His wife died on the 29th July last and he had seven young children. He was not the owner of a shilling.

Mr. Elgee stated that neither the Finance Committee nor the County Council had any power to agree to a reduction in amount of rates. The farm in question was offered for sale on the understanding that all rates and rent was to be paid. The Council were bound by law to collect the amount of rates



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in full.

Mr. Patrick Doyle, Moneyhore, came before the meeting with Mr. John Doran, Moneyhore, ex County Councillor, and complained that a seizure had been made at his place in March last for £61 rates. The seizure realised £44 but up to the present Doyle had not received credit for that payment. Some short time ago he received demand note for current rate and £80. 5. 1, arrears, which did not take the £44 into account. Doyle had written the Rates Inspector in the matter but had not received a reply so he did not know where he stood.

The Rates Inspector said he did not remember the letter referred to; the matter must have been overlooked by him.

Mr. Doyle said he was speaking to Mr. Dale of County Registrar's Office about the matter about five weeks ago. Mr. Dale told him he would let him know in a week's time how the matter stood but so far no information on the point had been received. He did not owe rent annuity.

After interviewing Mr. Dale, the Rates Inspector said the money was sent Messrs. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors for Rate Collector Gannon on the 20th October, which was the reason Mr. Doyle had not received any credit for it to date.

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

"That the County Registrar be requested for explanation as to why £44, proceeds of a seizure for rates on the holding of Patrick Doyle, Moneyhore, Davidstown, in March last was not forwarded to the Solicitors for Rate Collector until 20th October 1935."

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That Rate Collector Gannon be directed to furnish information as to the steps (if any) taken by him to see that the £44 resulting from seizure on the holding of Patrick Doyle, Moneyhore, Davidstown was not paid over to his Solicitors



until 20th October, 1935."

The Chairman said that in similar circumstances or in any abnormal matter in connection with the Rate Collection, it was the duty of the Rates Inspector to consult with the Secretary as to what steps should be taken in the matter.

PRINTING RATE BOOKS - Tenders for printing Rate Books for 1936-37 were received from Redmond Brothers, Enniscorthy and "The People" Office, Wexford at £33 each.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution:- "That the quotation of Redmond Brothers, Enniscorthy for printing Rate Books for next year at £33 be accepted as this firm carried out similar work last year."

Passed.

MENTAL HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.

The following under date 11th October, 1935, was read from Dr. Lyons, R.M.S., Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy:-

"Adverting to the County Council's resolution of the 7th June last regarding above, I beg to transmit the following resolution which was adopted at meeting of my Committee of Management on the 8th instant:-

"That, in accordance with resolution of the County Council of 7th June last requesting this Committee to submit an improvements scheme independent of suggestions by the Department, and subject to sanction by the Department of Local Government of the plans and specifications, the County Council be requested to approve of this Committee carrying out the following list of improvements under the Hospitals Commission Scheme for the equipment and improvement of Mental Hospitals:-

"	Proposed Improvement	Estimated Cost
"1.	Installation of Refrigerator .....	600 0 0
"2.	Installation of Steam Generating Plant and Central Heating Plant ,	15,000 0 0
"3.	Installation of Laundry Machinery. 3,600	0 0
"	Contingencies.....	1,000 0 0
"4.	Building an Admission Hospital ...	19,000 0 0
"5.	Providing adequate Bathing Accommodation .....	5,250 0 0
"6.	Equipment for production, transmission and usage of electricity from Kilcarberry water-power, including cost of Stand-by Plant.	11,790 0 0
"7.	Installation of Water Supply Plant .....	5,500 0 0
"	Total Cost of Scheme .....	<u>£61,740 0 0</u>



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As compared with the Committee's original scheme it is seen that water supply and electric power schemes have been substituted for building of nurses' home and building of chapel. A Summary of the Committee's reasons for these changes is attached."

"The following is a summary of the Committee of Management's reasons for substituting water supply and electric power schemes for building a nurse's Home and building a chapel in the general scheme of improvements to be carried out under the Hospitals Commission Scheme.

#### Water Supply.

Owing to an outbreak of Enteric during the past summer a portion of the institution's water supply, which was found to be contaminated had to be cut off, while another portion is only allowed to be used pending the installation of an adequate supply. As a result the Committee have had to employ an expert to recommend a water supply scheme for the institution.

Mr. P. H. McCarthy, Consulting Engineer, recommended two schemes (a) taking a supply from the town reservoir (b) taking a supply from the Committee's mill-race on the Boro at Kilcarberry. The estimated installation of the town supply is £4,000 and installation cost of the Kilcarberry scheme £5,500. As taking in the town supply would entail an annual rent charge to the Urban Council of not less than £300 the Committee adopted the Kilcarberry scheme.

#### Electric Power.

The existing power plant is worked by the water wheel at Kilcarberry and direct current system of electricity. The wheel in question is very old and is costing heavy outlay on repairs every two or three years to keep it in working condition. As well the present system of generating is only making partial use of the water power. Mr. Michael Jordan, Consulting Engineer, has made investigations with a view to the better development of Kilcarberry for electric power and recommended the replacement of Mill-Wheel with turbines for generating and changing from direct to alternate current, thereby discarding storage battery for lighting and its consequent upkeep charges, while the continuous day and night working of turbines would produce a surplus of current over that required for lighting and power purposes which could be utilised for heating purposes. The estimated cost of the scheme including stand-by plant is £11,790. As the alternative to this is Shannon power which according to meter readings (installed for the purpose) would cost close on £1000 a year the Committee adopted Mr. Jordan's recommendations."

In reply to Mr. O'Byrne, Mr. Sweetman said that the Mental Hospital Committee had not asked for any quotation from the Electricity Supply Board as regards the lighting. The figures of the Electricity Supply Board were in the calculations and were taken as they stood in 1930, but as the cost per unit had since been increased from 6d to 7½d it was manifest any quotation received now from the Electricity Supply



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Board would be considerably higher than that calculated on by the Mental Hospital Committee.

Mr. O'Byrne held that he and others had allowed the resolution to go through at the meeting of Mental Hospital Committee on the understanding that a quotation from the Electricity Supply Board would have been available at the meeting of the County Council.

Mr. Corish said that if the Electricity Supply Board secured the contract for lighting the Mental Hospital it was possible they would agree to light the Sanatorium at Brownwood for a small sum. He (Mr. Corish) had asked the Solicitor of the Mental Hospital Committee if they could supply electricity to Brownwood Sanatorium though controlled by the Board of Health and the Solicitor was looking into the matter.

Mr. O'Byrne said the Department of Local Government and Public Health would not agree to the electric power side of the scheme unless they could show a very considerable saving over the figures of the Electricity Supply Board, and they could not do that unless they had the Electricity Supply Board figures before them.

Mr. Sweetman contended that the scheme as outlined would for electricity not cost a quarter of what the Electricity Supply Board would quote. He was certain the Electricity Supply Board could not go within 50 per cent of the figures given by the Committee, even with any concession they were prepared to offer. It was admitted that the Electricity Supply Board could compete with steam or oil but not with water power.

After a long discussion as to the figures of the scheme the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That the scheme submitted to this meeting from Mental Hospital Committee for improvements at Mental Hospital be approved and reported to the County Council for adoption



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contingent on quotation from Electricity Supply Board showing no saving on the scheme as outlined by the Committee. That after allowance for amount to be received from Hospitals Trust Fund, we recommend the County Council to raise by loan the balance of the amount required to carry out the proposed improvements."

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

"That the Mental Hospital Committee be requested to obtain from the Electricity Supply Board quotation for the supply of electricity to the Mental Hospital and the County Board of Health quotation from Electricity Supply Board for supplying electricity to the Sanatorium at Brownswood, Ennis-corthy, in the event of the Shannon current being laid to the Mental Hospital."

#### ILLNESS OF MR. R. MALONE V.S.

Under date 17th October, 1935, the Department of Agriculture wrote (E.1272-35) that in regard to the letter of 7th instant relative to the illness of Mr. R. Malone, M.R.C.V.S. and to the resolution passed by the County Council the further medical Certificate concerning Mr. Malone had not yet been received and it was requested that it should be furnished without delay.

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

"That the Department of Agriculture be informed the Finance Committee have made repeated applications to Mr. Malone, V.S., for Medical Certificate required by them and they desire to inform the Department this certificate has not yet come to hand. It will be forwarded when received."

#### BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER.

Under date 21st October, 1935, the Department of Agriculture wrote (E.1886-35) that somewhat recently instances had come under the notice of the Department in which postmortem



specimens together with related reports were forwarded to the Veterinary Research Laboratory, Dublin, by certain Veterinary Inspectors under the Diseases of Animals Acts working under Local Authorities, purporting to show that the specimens had been taken from animals slaughtered under Bovine Tuberculosis Order. Examination at the Laboratory supplemented by local inquiries carried out by a Superintending Veterinary Inspector of the Minister established that the specimens were taken from animals that had died naturally. Compensation under the Order is payable to owners in respect of animals slaughtered in accordance with the provisions of the Order. The action taken by the Veterinary Inspectors in the instances referred to, involving the furnishing of misleading reports, was calculated to result in the expenditure of public funds in a manner not justified by the terms of the Order. The Minister has taken a grave view of these irregularities and disciplinary action had been taken accordingly. This matter should be brought to the notice of the local Veterinary Inspectors so that they would fully realise the responsibilities and obligations that devolve upon them under the Order. Any similar offence in future will entail the dismissal of the offending official from office. It was therefore requested that the terms of the Department's letter be made known to their regular Veterinary Inspectors and to any Inspectors who might be employed from time to time for the purpose of these Acts and that the Department be informed in due course as to the steps taken in this matter by the Local Authority.

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

"That copy of letter of Department of Agriculture under date 21st October 1935 (E.1886-35) be furnished the Veterinary Inspectors of the County Council for their information."



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ACOUSTICS OF COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBER.

The following report on the Acoustics of the County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, was submitted by Mr. P. O'Callaghan, Glanville, 28 St. Alban's Park, Ballsbridge, Dublin:-

"The Council Chamber is approximately 42' x 24½' x 14' high. The partition wall and ceiling are "Nofrango", the gable wall is "Nofrango" faced, all plaster work is cement and the floor is of reinforced concrete. The furniture in the room consists of a rostrum, a chair and small table for each Member of the Council, some forms and a table. The floor is covered with battleship linoleum.

The acoustical defect of the Council Chamber is mainly due to the hard non-porous surfaces of the ceiling, walls and floor. These surfaces reflect over 95 per cent of the sound energy that strikes them so that a sound wave started in the room is reflected back and forth, to and fro, up and down many times before enough of the energy is absorbed to make it inaudible. This continued reflection produces a trail of sound which lingers after the source has ceased and is known as reverberation. In a reverberant room, like the Council Chamber, syllables of speech do not die out quickly but continue to be heard along with the succeeding ones. This persistence of each syllable masks the following ones and at times a mass of indistinguishable separate sounds is audible in the room.

The poor hearing conditions existing in the Council Chamber on account of this excessive reverberation can be remedied by introducing into the room materials which will absorb sound energy and thereby reduce the number of reflections before the sound becomes inaudible. When the walls and floor are treated as suggested below the reverberation will be reduced to about the accepted value for good hearing of speech in such a room.

Floor This should be covered with a heavy pile carpet laid on thick felt.

Walls The entire wall space to be covered with Celotex Building Board.

Windows A heavy pair of curtains should be installed for each window.

In calculating the area to be covered by the Celotex Building Board it has been assumed that this material will not be oil painted when the room is being decorated. Allowance has, however, been made for treatment with distemper or water paint and for the moderate use of timber stripping or moulding so that the walls may be finished in panels if desired."

In reply to the Chairman the County Surveyor said that the cost of Celotex Building Board would be about £20, the fitting £15, Curtains £12 and the Bill of Mr. O'Callaghan £25.

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



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"That the County Council be recommended to expend £75 for the purpose of improving the acoustic properties of the County Council Chamber and for fee and expenses of expert, Mr. P. O'Callaghan."

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES.

UNIVERSITY - Miss Ellen Cogley to whom a University Scholarship was awarded at last County Council meeting wrote that she was unable to avail of the award.

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

"That vacant University Scholarship be awarded James M. Druhan, Lady's Island, Broadway, next in order of merit."

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

"That in future, holders of University Scholarships must when proposing to change their residences furnish the County Council with letters of approval to new residences from University Dean of Residence; otherwise the County Council will not agree to the changes."

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

"That Thomas Walsh be allowed to reside at the Munster Hotel, 44 Mountjoy Street, Dublin, which is approved by the Dean of Residence."

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHEME - The following under date 19th October 1935, was read from the Department of Education:-

"I am to convey the Department's sanction for the renewal, in respect of the School Year 1935-36, of the Scholarships awarded by your Council, to the undermentioned pupils:-

Loreto Convent, Wexford.

Kathleen Ennis (Intermediate Certificate Honours, 1935)  
Bridget T. O'Donnell  
Margaret D. O'Leary  
Katherine O'Regan  
Eily O'Neill (Intermediate Certificate Honours, 1935).  
Mary T. Mulligan  
Bridget T. Doyle



Mr. D. Radford, County Surveyor's Department, and agree that revised scale of salary as set out in letter of Department of 22nd October 1935 (RS/32) begin as from the date of the close of probationary period.

On a show of hands four voted for the resolution and four against.

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

#### COUNTY COUNCIL WORKERS.

The following extract from Minutes of Finance Committee of 11th October, 1935, came up for consideration:-

"Michael Cooney, Grange, Rathnure, wrote that he noted "his application for re-employment as road worker was beaten "on a vote at last County Council Meeting. It was not true "as Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, stated at that meeting "that he had a son-in-law working on the roads. His son was "working on the roads but was a married man with five small "children and lived more than five miles away. He could not "give any contribution from his wages. As regards the state- "ment that another son had a road contract this was for main- "tenance of a mountain lane at £6 per annum. He further "denied the statement of Mr. Ennis that he was not in the "constant employment of the Council. He had been constantly "employed until the area was transferred from Mr. Cullen, "Assistant Surveyor to Mr. Ennis, when the men were "knocked "off" for a time after which they were all taken back except "Cooney. The latter claimed he had given to Mr. Cullen com- "plete satisfaction as road worker for ten years and his dis- "missal was unfair as he had a wife and boy to support. He "asked that his case should be reconsidered.

" It was decided that this communication be referred to "next meeting of Finance Committee to which Mr. Ennis, Assis- "tant Surveyor will be summoned."



Mr. Kelly said that Cooney was a permanent employee of the Council while the road section was in charge of Mr. Cullen and he had been regarded as an efficient worker. Since his case had been under consideration by the Council no work had been offered to him although two other permanent men had been taken on in the meantime. Mr. Kelly then pointed out that he understood there was a resolution on the County Council records that no permanent man could be dismissed without an appeal to the Council.

Mr. Ennis explained that he had made a mistake when he stated Cooney's son-in-law was living with him tho' that was not a matter of much importance. It was only recently his son left him. Cooney himself was Contractor for the lane referred to in his statement at the time he was disemployed. The "boy" Cooney had to keep was the contractor for the lane and was over 30 years old. His object in road work was to employ the men for about 10½ months full time and let them depend on their stamps for the rest of the year. Having made a calculation he found that someone in the section would have to be disemployed and he believed Cooney would suffer least of all the workers. He found also there was a heavy stock in the quarry and this had to be liquidated and of course, this meant less employment. The two new men were employed on strong local representations and were as workers considerably before Cooney while they were the support of large families.

Mr. Corish held that Cooney should have been employed before other permanent men were taken on.

Mr. Ennis said he did not consider Cooney the most suitable man for the work. He would be prepared to give him employment when the "breaker" was in the district.

After further discussion Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution, which was adopted:-

"That Thomas Cooney, Grange, Rathnure, be given an equal



share of road work with other men in the section."

Mr. Ennis said this resolution would break up the whole working of the section. The only thing he could do would be to put Cooney at some special work such as clearing gripes etc.

In connection with the case of James Murphy, Courtnacuddy the following extract from the Minutes of Finance Committee of 11th October 1935 was submitted:-

"Mr. Kelly said that last April a definite order had been made by the County Council that James Murphy, Courtnacuddy should be taken on for work under the Council but this had not been done. There appeared to be no use in making orders so far as this Assistant Surveyor was concerned as the orders were never carried out.

" It was decided that this matter be considered at next Finance Committee meeting, Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, to be summoned to attend."

Mr. Ennis denied that a resolution directing him to employ Murphy had been adopted. When he took over the section in 1933 he found Murphy entirely useless and made up his mind that he was not suitable. He could never have been regarded as a permanent employee of the Council.

In view of the opinion of Mr. Ennis in regard to Murphy's capabilities as a worker no order was made.

#### ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCILS GENERAL COUNCIL.

It was decided that at the annual meeting of above schemes such as that submitted by the County Surveyor for the utilisation of workers who were receiving unemployment assistance should be considered and if possible recommendations offered to the Government in the matter.

The County Surveyor said he had been informed that somewhat similar schemes were in operation in Limerick and Galway and that it was proposed to start a scheme in Kerry. The Government were giving 40% of the expenditure.



SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

Under date 14th October 1935, letter was read from the Department of Local Governemtn and Public Health (H.167312/35-Loch Garman) approving of the following advances under the above Acts:-

Michael O'Reilly, Kilmichael, Gorey, £75 and Joseph Doyle, Ballyhogue, Enniscorthy, £135.

It was reported that a house at Rosslare Harbour for which a loan of £150 had been granted for Mrs. Catherine Donohoe was let to Sergeant McGrath (G.S.). A borrower was expected to reside in house for which loan was granted for a period of 3 years.

The meeting decided that the County Solicitor should take the necessary steps in the matter.

Under date 22nd October 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (H.172691/35 Loch Garman) wrote that the two houses being erected by John J. Holbrook, Temple-shannon, Enniscorthy, and Jeremiah Clare, Custodium, Inch, were eligible for payment of Government Grants of £70 each. In the circumstances, and having regard to the estimated market value of the holdings, the Minister considered that the amounts proposed to be advanced by the Council were excessive and suggested they should be reduced accordingly.

The Secretary stated that in Holbrook's case, the loan was £200 and a grant of £70 would leave a credit of £270. The value of the house was estimated at £230, and that of the site at £20, a total of £250.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Cullimore that the amount of loan in this case be reduced to £180, and that it be pointed out to the Minister that in addition to the erection of the house, the applicant had to incur expenditure for connection with sewerage and laying in of water.

In the case of Clare, the amount of loan was £180 and



the Government Grant £70, making a total of £250. The value of the house was estimated at £200 and value of farm held by applicant at £300.

On the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Colfer, it was decided that the advance in this case should be reduced to £150.

In connection with house erected under loan from Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts by Michael McGrath, Storekeeper, Mental Hospital, Mr. Elgee stated he had written to the Clerk of the Mental Hospital Committee asking if any arrangement could be made by which a portion of McGrath's wages could be deducted for the money he owed to the Council. The clerk replied that this matter was outside his province.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee should inform McGrath he must take steps at once to complete the house and reside therein and also to pay for any portion of the loan which was due. Further that Mr. Elgee lay the circumstances of this case before the Mental Hospital Committee for their consideration.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS.

Applications for the proposed committal of James Whitty, New Ross, to Kilkenny Industrial School and an illegitimate child named Farrell, mother Annie Farrell, Charleton Hill, New Ross, to Industrial School, were referred to Mr. Elgee.

#### APPLICATION COMPENSATION CRIMINAL INJURY.

Application was received and referred to Mr. Elgee, from Bridget Kirwan, Mary Street, Wexford, for compensation of £272. 6. 10, for malicious damage to Distillery House, Wexford.

#### DUPLICATE PAY ORDER.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Corish that duplicate Pay Order for £3. 8. 9 issue to John Connors, Senior, Glasslacken, Newtownbarry, to replace order



issued from Subsidiary Account No. 8574 on the 1st March last,  
and which was lost in course of post.

The Secretary stated original order had been estopped.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 25th October, 1935, be received and considered."

COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND PAYMENT OF RATES. The Secretary reported that all Collectors had been asked to report if any County Councillors in their districts owed rates and as no reply had been received it was to be assumed that rates were not due by any Councillor.

MENTAL HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENTS. It was stated that no information had been received as to quotations of Electricity Supply Board from the Mental Hospital Committee or the County Board of Health.

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

"That consideration of recommendations of Finance Committee relative to improvements to be effected at the County Mental Hospital be adjourned until quotations are available from the Electricity Supply Board for power and lighting of Mental Hospital and of Brownswood Sanatorium."

MR. RADFORD - COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE. The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That we dissent from the recommendation of the Finance Committee as regards date of commencement of new salary of Mr. Radford and that the Minister be asked to reconsider his decision as regards date upon which Mr. Radford should be placed on a scale of £200 salary as in the opinion of this Council he is entitled to have this date fixed immediately as from the termination of his probationary period."



COUNTY COUNCIL WORKERS. Mr. Ennis said he did not believe he used the word "useless" as applied to Murphy. What he meant to convey was that Murphy was not an industrious worker.

The Secretary stated he had no doubt whatever that Mr. Ennis stated that Murphy as a workman was entirely useless.

On the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Colfer, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 25th October, 1935, be and are hereby confirmed, except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 8TH NOVEMBER 1935. The Minutes of this meeting of Finance Committee were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford on 8th November, 1935.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman County Council (presiding). Also, Messrs. Patrick Colfer, Wm. Cullimore, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurers' Advice Note for £2912 - 14 - 6 was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

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

		<u>Percentage of Warrant</u>
1.	E. J. Murphy	44.1
2.	P. Carty	37.1
3.	M. Kehoe	37.0
4.	S. Gannon No. 10.	36.5
5.	J. Curtis	36.2
6.	S. Gannon No. 6	36.0
7.	J. J. O'Reilly	33.8
8.	D. Kenny	33.5
9.	J. Cummins	33.4
10.	J. Deegan	32.0
11.	Art Dunne	30.7
12.	M. McCarthy	29.7
13.	W. Cummins	29.7
14.	P. Nolan	29.6
15.	J. Flood	28.4
16.	P. Doyle	28.2
17.	W. Doyle	26.5
18.	J. J. Sinnott	26.4
19.	J. Quirke	25.7
20.	M. Murphy	24.1
Average		31. 4

The total amount collected is £36051. 4. 1 and the amount uncollected £79697. 7. 11.



Collector Philip Doyle (District No. 3) wrote that he had served six-day notices on all whom he thought were in a position to pay. Most of them had paid and he expected to collect a good deal of money during the coming fortnight.

Collector John Deegan (District No. 7) wrote that it was not possible for him to do any more than he was doing to expedite his collection. He was always on the road making personal calls and leaving six day notices. A number of the Ratepayers in Electoral Divisions of Tombrack, Kilrush and Moyacomb had not yet delivered their barley, but he was informed tho' there was a hold-up on it buying would soon restart.

Collector Art Dunne (District No. 15) wrote that he had called on all ratepayers in his collection area during the past month; in practically all cases six-day notices had been served and a number of cases are now in hands of Solicitor. The Council had recognised that there was a large amount of arrears in his district which were not collectable, as they were on derelict and semi-derelict farms. Decrees in these cases had been obtained and had been lodged with the sheriff more than once. If these were excluded he believed his collection would compare with most districts in the County.

INTERVIEW WITH COLLECTORS:- Collectors M. Murphy, Quirke and Sinnott came before the meeting by directions of the Committee.

The Rates Inspector said that he had spent a good deal of his time in the district of Mr. Murphy lately, and the collection was proceeding satisfactorily. Everyone who knew the district would realise that the corn was not yet sold. It was very difficult to get it away during the past fortnight but the next fortnight would be very much better. He did not think they need be alarmed about the Collection in this district.



Mr. Kinsella said that threshing outfits were unable to reach a number of the people in this district.

The Chairman said that while there was an improvement the collection in this district was still unsatisfactory.

The Chairman addressing Collector Quirke said that his collection was very bad and the Finance Committee were compelled to take a very serious view of the matter. Taking the percentage of the amounts collected it was not really possible to explain why one Collector should have 44 per cent collected and another Collector to be 20 per cent behind that. The three collectors who were present could not possibly close their warrants in time. Though there was an improvement in the three districts the collection was entirely too low. They wished to know from the Collectors whether the areas were getting beyond them or whether they would be able to improve the position. For some years past arrears were mounting up and in the three districts the biggest percentage of arrears in the County had been carried forward.

Collector Quirke said the arrears were a milestone round his neck, and on account of their being merged with the current rate it was not possible to get the latter. Kilbride and Forth Electoral Divisions were the worst he had. In the case of three or four seizures the Land Commission received what was realised.

The Chairman asked would it be possible to make a deal with the Land Commission by which the amount realised would be divided equally between the Commission and the County Council.

In reply to the Chairman Collector Quirke said he did not know of anything which the County Council could do to help him in his collection. Some of the land was almost derelict.

The Chairman said that if an inspection had been made in June last cattle would have been found grazing on most of what was described as derelict land.



In reply to the Chairman Collector Quirke said he did not seize under his own warrant; he would prefer to secure payment through the Court.

Collector Sinnott said it was not a fact that cattle had been grazing in the summer on the derelict farms in his district. There were four farms which were not claimed but people made claims to the others. If rates due on derelict farms were excluded his collection would be as good as in previous years. He honestly believed the people were doing their best to pay.

Mr. Keegan said that it was only a week ago that threshing was carried out on a number of farms in the district.

Collector Murphy said he agreed with the statement of the Rates Inspector as regards his district. He admitted that a number of ratepayers who owed half year or a year went on the arrears list for the first time.

The Chairman said it looked as if when ratepayers went on the arrears list they would remain there for all time.

Collector Murphy said he had decrees in all cases of ratepayers who had not paid. He expected the close of his collection would be as good as last year. He would be able to get the current year's rates.

The Chairman said he felt that the districts might get beyond the three collectors. Although they would not wish to do anything against the Collectors the Council would have to take action to improve the position. In his opinion there was not a single derelict farm in the County. Somebody was making a living out of them. The Council would have to bring about a state of affairs so that people grazing these so called derelict farms would have to pay rates.

Collector Quirke mentioned that he had been informed he could not make a seizure on grazing land which had been set by an Auctioneer.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said that the Collector could on his own warrant seize any stock on such land but the Sheriff could



only seize the property of the man who owed the rates.

It was decided that Collector Quirke submit the particulars of this case to Mr. Elgee who would advise the Council on the matter.

SEIZURE AT MONEYHORE - Under date 5th November 1935, Collector Gannon (District No. 10) wrote that as regards the seizure at the holding of Patrick Doyle, Moneyhore he was informed by his Solicitors (Messrs. O'Flaherty & Son) that letters had been written to the Sheriff on 16th May, 24th May and 24th July and finally on the 9th October in which it was pointed out that their "client was constantly enquiring" for a return of the proceeds of the sale, and there were also telephone calls. They received a cheque on the 22nd October and handed him £36. 11. 6 (which included other amounts as well as what was received from Doyle).

From this it could be seen that his Solicitors and himself took every step possible to expedite payment of the amount realised. He had also several interviews with Mr. Doyle and advised him to take certain action.

He further reported that in the case of a seizure on Mr. Timothy O'Connor, Drumgoold, in which a sum of about £85 was paid for stock there was nothing paid towards the rates.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, stated that he called to Sheriff's Office as regards delay in the payment of Doyle's seizure and found there were outstanding claims for payment for accommodation for stock in lieu of pound fees and sanction had to be obtained from the Department of Finance before these could be paid and the matter closed.

In the case of Timothy O'Connor, there were several outstanding decrees which were dealt with in order of priority. The decree for the Land Commission was first in and it absorbed all the available money.



APPOINTMENT TEMPORARY CLERK - Under date 26th October 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote the Minister was not satisfied that the necessity existed for the appointment of temporary clerk as proposed by the County Council. The Minister is unable to agree that the volume of the office work would prevent Rates Inspector from devoting the necessary time to the outdoor duties covered by the terms of his appointment.

It was decided to refer this matter to the County Council meeting.

SEEDS AND FERTISISERS SUPPLY.

The Secretary reported that of the amount which had been advanced by the County Council under above £74. 4. 11 a sum of £56. 11. 8 was collected and £17. 13. 3 still outstanding. There were five cases outstanding and decrees had been obtained in four of these. In the fifth case, Laurence Whelan, Ballinagore, Blackwater, it was decided to write the Rate Collector and enquire what steps had been taken to secure payment.

Mr. Kelly said that Edward Clancy, Tomfarney, Clonroche, who owed £3. 16. 6d was a road contractor and would agree to pay the amount out of his next road payments.

The Secretary stated that under date 31st March 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circular 89/33) that the Government were anxious to encourage tillage and as it was realised that it is not always possible to recover the full expenditure for supply of seeds and manures it had been decided that the State would undertake liability for one half of any loss in carrying out such a scheme this year.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee ascertain what steps (if any) had been taken by the Sheriff in connection with the decrees in each case, and also to apply to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for a refund of half of



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any amount which is irrecoverable.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

Under date 28th October 1935, James Murphy, Kilmurray House, Gorey, wrote stating that he had permission from the Council to sell his house in Gorey erected under above Acts but he could not get enough money to cover all expenses and consequently did not sell. He had made an agreement with the detective in Gorey to occupy the house for some time. He asked the Council to agree to this. He had paid his instalments to September.

It was decided to recommend the County Council to inform Mr. Murphy that he could not be allowed to set the house but no objection would be made to Mr. Murphy refunding balance of the £135 loan which he had obtained from the County Council and then setting or selling the house as he wished.

In connection with house erected by Mrs. Catherine Donohoe, Rosslare Harbour, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, wrote that Mrs. Donohoe explained to him that when Sergeant McGrath (GS) went to Rosslare Harbour there was no house available for him and accordingly, Mrs. Donohoe allowed him into the house in question for a period of twelve months and at the end of that time he was to give up possession. Mrs. Donohoe built the house specially for her daughter who was about to be married but the wedding was not to take place until this time next year, and when the marriage did take place the daughter would live in the house. In these circumstances, Mrs. Donohoe asked that Sergeant McGrath be allowed to remain on as tenant in the house as otherwise it would be vacant until her daughter be allowed to occupy it.

It was decided that the same ruling as in Murphy's case be made.

In connection with house of Michael McGrath in Enniscorthy, it was stated that McGrath had paid the instalments due up to August last and promised to pay the balance when he



received his salary from the Mental Hospital Committee.

Mr. Kelly said he understood the reason why McGrath was not residing in the house was because he owed the contractor £126 and the latter would not give up the keys until he got his money. It was decided to refer this case to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor.

In regard to application of Thomas O'Reilly for erection of house at Blackstoops, Enniscorthy, a loan of £180 had been agreed to and also a Government grant of £70, total £250. The house was valued by Assistant Surveyor at £240.

It was decided that amount of loan provisionally approved be reduced to £170.

With regard to house to be erected at Blackstoops, Enniscorthy, by Mary A. Corcoran (now Mrs. Pender), Attendant, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, a loan of £200 had been provisionally agreed to. The Government grant in this case was £70, total £270. The house was valued by Assistant Surveyor at £240 and plot £20, total £260.

It was decided to reduce the amount of loan provisionally approved to £190.

Mr. Kelly made application for advance of loan of £80 to Joseph O'Leary, John Street, Enniscorthy, Insurance agent, who was spending £200 on erection of house at Old Church, Enniscorthy. The house was costing £180. A Government grant of £20 was forthcoming and Mr. O'Leary was putting up £80 of his own money so that with a loan from the County Council of £80 he would be able to finish the house.

Miss O'Ryan opposed. The Council had decided that if any money was available under the old scheme they would examine all the unsuccessful applications.

The Chairman said that Insurance Companies were building houses for their agents and that Mr. O'Leary should be able to secure the £80 he required from his Company.

Mr. Kelly said he had studied the terms of the building



schemes of these Insurance Companies and no one could touch them.

It was decided to refuse the application.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE OF SALARY.

The adjourned application of Mr. J. Lynch, V.S., New Ross, dated 20th February, 1935, for increase of his salary from £60 to £87. 10s., amount received by his predecessor, was considered. He pointed out that there was no body hit harder than Veterinary Surgeons owing to the depreciated value of live stock.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted, Mr. Colfer dissenting:-

"That the application of Mr. J. Lynch, V.S., New Ross for increase of salary be adjourned for a further six months."

ILLNESS OF MR. R. MALONE, V.S., WEXFORD.

Under date 4th November, 1935, the Department of Agriculture wrote (E.1272-35) that unless a further medical certificate was submitted immediately by Mr. Malone he must be regarded as having resigned his position as Veterinary Inspector under the County Council. In the event of a further medical certificate being furnished by Mr. Malone, absence on sick leave could be only approved up to the 31st December next but unless he is then able to resume duty his resignation must take effect as from 1st January next inclusive.

Medical Certificate under date 2nd November, 1935, (received on 5th November) from Dr. Walker, Portlao, Co. Waterford, stated that Mr. Malone was still unable to work. He had made progress since the date of last certificate but was not likely to be able to resume duty before the end of another three months and Dr. Walker recommended that Mr. Malone be granted an extension of sick leave for that period.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution:-



"That Mr. R. Malone, V.S., Wexford, be granted further sick leave until the end of the year and unless he then resumes duty his office be declared vacant."

Mr. Kinsella proposed:- "That Mr. R. Malone, V.S., Wexford, be granted an extension of sick leave for three months as recommended by Dr. Walker."

Mr. Colfer seconded.

On a show of hands Miss O'Ryan's motion was carried by four to three.

#### KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Under date 28th October, 1935, the following letter (18343/35) was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"With reference to the resolution adopted by your Council on the 12th August last we regret that we are not in a position to remit the whole or any portion of the charge raised in the Charging Order dated 19th January 1927, in respect of the cost of the works undertaken by us on the Kilmannock Drainage District under the provisions of the Drainage Maintenance Act 1924."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to apply to the Office of Public Works for approval to a spread over for four years (as in the case of Sow Drainage Area) of the arrears of loan due by Kilmannock Drainage Ratepayers."

#### SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS 1936.

Under date 31st October, 1935, the following letter (F.41241) was read from the Office of National Education:-

"I am directed to refer to the scheme for the award of scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools in County Wexford for 1936, and to say that, subject to the under-mentioned corrections being made, and to the contents of the recent circular letter 39424/1/35 being introduced, formal



approval of the scheme submitted by you is given by the Department.

Clause 3(d) A candidate in whose case the terms of section 2 have been complied with is eligible for admission to the examination. In the circumstances, therefore, it would appear that this clause should be deleted.

Clause 6 line, "conducted by the Minister for ..." should read "conducted by the Department of ..."

Clause 8 In connection with this clause I am to say that, as previously notified to your Council, should any case arise in connection with the award of a scholarship to a pupil teacher or preparatory college student, it will be open to full consideration by the Department.

Clause 9 line 2. It is suggested the words "to the six" should be deleted, and the following words inserted "in the four obligatory subjects (a) Irish, (b) English, (c) Arithmetic, (d) History and Geography."

Clause 11 6th February should be 1st February.

Subjects of examination should now read as follows:-

Subjects of Examination

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 and Nature Study, (k) Needlework.

All candidates must present themselves in (a), (b), (c) and (d) above. In addition candidates may present themselves in one or two, but not more than two, of the subjects (e), (f), (g), (h) and (k).

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 per cent 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 per cent of the total marks gained in the subject may be awarded provided that in each case the candidate has answered wholly in Irish.

Conditions for passing the Examination

To be eligible for the award of a scholarship a candidate must pass the examination.

In order to be regarded as having passed the examination, a candidate must secure not less than 30% in each of the obligatory subjects viz. (a) Irish, (b) English, (c) Arithmetic (d) History and Geography and not less than 50% of the aggregate marks assigned to these subjects.

For the purpose of placing in order of merit those candidates who pass the examination the total marks obtained by each candidate in the four obligatory subjects will be



reckoned, and, in addition, the total marks obtained by him (or her) in any optional subject (not exceeding two in number), in which he (or she) obtains at least 20% of the maximum mark assigned to that subject".

Appendix should now read as follows in accordance with terms of recent circular letter.

### Subjects of Examination

#### I. 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 letterwriting.
  - (2) Suitable exercises in Grammar.

##### (b) English (200 marks)

- Written (200 marks)
- (1) Composition and letterwriting.
  - (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).

#### II. OPTIONAL SUBJECTS. (Any two, but not more than two may be taken by candidates).

- (d) Algebra (100 marks).
- (f) Geometry (100 marks).
- (g) Drawing (100 marks)
- (h) Rural Science and Nature Study (100 marks)<sup>x</sup>
- (k) Needlework (100 marks).

<sup>x</sup> Primary Schools Programme. Syllabuses A and B Rural Science; or Syllabuses A and B Nature Study; or Syllabuses C and D Nature Study, - according to type of school.

All candidates must present themselves for examination in (a), (b), (c) and (d) above. In addition candidates may present themselves in one or two, but not more than two, of the subjects (e) to (k) inclusive.



With reference to the recommendation made in your communication of the 18th instant to the effect that scholarships should be awarded for the following four subjects, Irish, English, Arithmetic and History and Geography, I am to say that the Department is not in a position to make any further modification in the examination conditions, other than those indicated in the circular letter 39424/1/35 which was sent to all Councils in September last.

After full consideration of all the circumstances it has been decided that it is not desirable to make any alteration in regard to the optional subjects. Having regard to the class of pupils concerned and to the course which they will normally follow afterwards in the Secondary Schools it would be unwise to limit the scope of the examination by removing any of the optional subjects from the programme."

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

"That the recommendations set out in letter from the Office of National Education of 31st October 1935 (F 41241) for Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme be approved and that the scheme be printed and circulated."

It was decided to communicate with the Superiors of Secondary Schools and request them to lose no opportunity of preparing the Scholars of the Council for examinations under Civil Service, etc., and thus prevent as far as possible these scholars having to face blind-alley employment at the termination of their School course.

#### NEW ROSS URBAN ROADS.

The following report of Conference between representatives of Wexford County Council and of New Ross Urban Council was submitted:-



A conference between Representatives of the Wexford County Council and of New Ross Urban District Council was held on 26th October, 1935 in Tholsel, New Ross.

The following represented the County Council:-

Messrs. D. Allen (Chairman), R. Corish (Vice-Chairman), Thomas Redmond, County Secretary, County Surveyor, R. Ennis and P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyors.

The Urban District was represented by the following:-

Messrs. P. N. O'Gorman, (Chairman), Jas. Prendergast, A. Cullen, Thomas Cooney, Thomas Martin, William Ronan, Town Clerk and Town Surveyor.

Mr. T. C. Courtney, Chief Engineer, Department of Local Government and Public Health presided.

The Conference was called to consider (a) the proposed Order to be issued by the Minister under Section 24(3) of the Local Government Act 1925 under which, as from 1st April, 1936, the repairs/<sup>and</sup> maintenance of all the streets in New Ross would be taken over by the County Council, (b) the arrangements which would be necessary in consequence of this transfer, and (c) the expenditure of £4,000 for streets improvement - half from the State and the other moiety by loan raised by the Urban Council.

Mr. Courtney pointed out that under the Order the cost of Road maintenance in the Urban area would still be borne by the Urban ratepayers, but the work of "making and mending" these roads would be carried out under the County Council. This arrangement was in force in several urban areas and had resulted in securing better roads and in some instances at a lesser cost. Tipperary, Nenagh, Thurles and Templemore Urban districts had handed over road maintenance to their County Council paying for this work the amount estimated by the County Surveyor. The matter of cleansing and scavenging could be dealt with by either body - County or Urban Council - as agreed on. In Tipperary the County Council did the cleansing as the Urban Council were unable conveniently to employ the number of men and provide the



tools, etc., to have the work carried out with the necessary expedition.

Men who lived in the town were on market and fair days brought in from the rural road sections on which they worked, and when the cleansing was completed they returned to their rural centres. Of course this arrangement might not suit in every district.

Mr. Cooney pointed out that the live stock fair in New Ross was held in the one place, the Irishtown, and was not scattered through the streets as happened in other places. The Urban Council were anxious to retain the lighting, cleansing and scavenging in their own hands.

In reply to Mr. Redmond, the County Surveyor said he would be prepared to forward copy of his annual road estimate to the Urban Council and would give every consideration possible to any recommendations or suggestions made to him.

Mr. Corish was of opinion that some arrangement could be made by which the Urban Council would be able to retain their roads and have the proposed £4,000 set aside for their improvement spent by them, the County Council lending their machinery and men for the purpose.

The Town Surveyor said that the Urban Council were at present maintaining six and a quarter miles of streets at an annual cost of £570.

In the course of further discussion, Mr. Courtney pointed out in answer to a query that the Urban Council would be in no worse position financially by the County Council expending the £4,000 than if the Urban Council spent it themselves. When the Order was issued a request by the Urban Council to have the roads handed back would not be acceptable.

The County Surveyor, in reply to further questions said he was working the streets in New Ross which were main roads by Urban labour with "key men" from the Rural area. He paid



the latter, when working in New Ross town, the Urban wage rate and the men from the town were paid on the same basis. He would continue that practice after the issue of the Order. As regards special works he should be at liberty to employ men who were specially suited to deal with them.

The following heads of agreement were then considered and it was agreed they should be submitted to both bodies:-

1. The Urban Council of New Ross agrees to the County Council taking over all the streets in New Ross town hitherto maintained by said Urban Council, and the County Council agrees to take over the repair and maintenance of said streets this to be the full extent of their responsibility.

2. That so far as it be possible recruitment of labour shall be from the Urban area, the County Surveyor reserving the right to engage "key men" from any outside district. The provision of road material, etc. and employment and dismissal of men to be entirely in the hands of the County Surveyor; wages for all employees under the scheme to be on Urban Wages basis.

3. Cleansing, scavenging, sewerage and lighting, etc. shall be carried out by the Urban Council as at present.

4. Fees to be paid County and Assistant Surveyor O'Neill for additional work owing to adoption of the Scheme to be agreed to between both bodies later. The Department of Local Government and Public Health will examine the figures under this head obtaining in connection with Orders under section 24(3) of the Local Government Act 1925 in other counties and furnish these as a guide to the two bodies with suggestions as to what they consider a fair basis of remuneration of both officers. The amounts as agreed to will be included in annual road estimate.

5. The County Surveyor shall carry out the work to be specified for the expenditure of the £4,000 (grant and Loan) and the County Council will be prepared to do anything in their



power to facilitate the work.

The County Council point out they are accepting the scheme to help the Urban Council to effect the necessary street improvements as it is generally admitted these thoroughfares require urgent and immediate attention.

The Chairman of the Urban District Council at the close of the Conference proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Courtney for presiding in such a satisfactory manner and for all the information he had placed at their disposal. On behalf of the Council he also offered their thanks to Mr. Courtney for the manner in which he had placed his practical knowledge and every detail of similar schemes before the deputation which waited on him in Dublin.

Mr. Allen (Chairman of the County Council) in seconding said that Mr. Courtney attended the Conference at great inconvenience to try and get the work under way and bring about an amicable arrangement between the two bodies. He (Mr. Allen) was sure the present proposals would be found to work out favourably for the interests of the ratepayers of New Ross, and that if they had any further conferences on other matters the representatives of both Councils would be on the same good terms as had marked their proceedings that day.

In replying, Mr. Courtney said there was - from the business-like manner in which the various questions had been approached by the representatives of both bodies - very little for him to do. The general experience in the rest of the country was so much in favour of the scheme of transfer he could not believe but that it would be found the proposals now outlined would be in the best interests of the ratepayers and of road users and make for a very decided improvement in the condition of New Ross streets. He would be always most willing, if called upon, to give any further assistance he could to put the scheme on a working basis."



The report was, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Kinsella adopted and directed to be submitted to the County Council for approval.

Under date 2nd November, 1935, the Town Clerk, New Ross, wrote that the report of the Conference was confirmed nem.con. at a meeting of New Ross Urban Council on 29th October, 1935.

POUNDS FOR LIVE STOCK.

Under date 7th November, 1935, the following was read from the County Registrar:-

"I have received the Approval of the Minister for Justice for the Requisition of Pounds under the above Act. Pursuant to same I beg to notify that I require a Pound in Ballycullane and Gorey.

I require the present Pound in Buncloody to be repaired. As the Council must have a Certificate from me as to the suitability of the Pound it will be necessary for the County Surveyor to consult with me before hand as to my requirements."

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES.

Notification as to his application to Childrens' Court at Wexford for the committal of Mary Josephine Brogan, Sarah Brogan, Catherine Brogan and Mary McCarthy and Anna Eliza McCarthy to Industrial Schools was received from the Inspector for the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor.

APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION FOR CRIMINAL INJURY.

Application from Michael Stedmond, 2 Island Road, Enniscorthy for £75 compensation for malicious damage to house at Bree was referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor.

EMPLOYMENT OF ARCHITECTS.

Under date 25th October 1935 the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland, 8 Merrion Square, N., Dublin, wrote:-



"I am directed by my Council to draw your attention to the desirability of taking full advantage of the growing architectural skill which is available in the I.F.S., and so to ensure that all public works which involve architectural design shall be entrusted only to adequately trained architects, possessing at least those qualifications demanded from applicants for employment by the State in architectural capacities."

The communication was approved on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Colfer.

OLD COUNTY COURTHOUSE - DANGEROUS CHIMNEY.

The County Surveyor submitted letter under date 7th November 1935, from Mr. John Martin ( Wm. Walker & Son, Ltd.) North Main Street, Wexford, calling attention to chimney on gable end of old County Courthouse overlooking the yard of the firm. It was in a very dangerous condition - cracked from top to bottom. It appeared to be in imminent danger of collapse into their yard.

The County Surveyor said that Fr. Butler, Wexford, on behalf of the Scouts, who were occupying portion of the premises had promised to have the chimney repaired. He also believed they should have some written agreement as to the tenancy of the place by the Scouts.

It was pointed out that in resolution giving permission to the Scouts to utilise the premises there was a provision that the premises should be surrendered to the County Council on demand.

It was decided that the County Surveyor should communicate with Fr. Butler as to the repair of the chimney and that Mr. Elgee prepare an agreement as to the utilisation of the premises by the Scouts.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer the application of the above Board to erect wood poles at Rosslare



Pier for the purpose of carrying a low tension network was approved, work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Letter under date 4th November, 1935, was read from County Librarian that the Committee had unanimously agreed that Miss Eileen Doyle, Assistant Librarian, should be granted the necessary leave of absence to allow her to take up the position of Temporary Librarian in Co. Cavan and to the employment of Miss Kathleen Murphy, M.A., 4 Main Street, Enniscorthy to discharge Miss Doyle's duty during the latter's absence, remuneration to be at the rate paid Miss Doyle.

The proposals of the Library Committee were approved on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.

EASEMENT OF CORNER.

Under date 23rd October, 1935, Patrick Breen, Kiltely wrote:-

"I am claiming £5 for a piece of land, which was taken off my field some time ago, by the County Council or its representatives, to widen a corner at Kiltely. There was a hedge of White Thorn destroyed also, which was worth a good deal as regards, shelter for my cattle, and shelter for my crops. I received no compensation or got any return for yet, so, I am writing to you (Sec.) about it. I think £5 reasonable enough and I hope you will oblige by giving your attention to it as soon as it is possible with you."

The County Surveyor said that the work at the corner was carried out by Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, but since then the section had been transferred to Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor. He would have a report in the matter for next meeting of the Finance Committee.

The Chairman and Miss O'Ryan contended that it was



inequitable that the money of the ratepayers very (often in excessive compensation) should go for very small pieces of land required for the easement of dangerous corners for public safety and convenience.

After discussion Miss O'Ryan proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con.:-

"That any amending measure of Local Government which the Government purpose introducing should contain a clause that no money be payable for small patches of land taken for easement of corners and that where any appreciable portion of land has to be made available the compensation should be on the basis of the valuation of the holding.

#### HOUSE AT BREE.

The County Surveyor submitted from Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, sketch showing situation of house on Road 502 erected by Matthew Connolly, Bree, Enniscorthy, and which was too close to the centre of the road. The building which was constructed of timber and corrugated iron, looked like a temporary structure.

Mr. Elgee was instructed to call on Mr. Connolly to remove the house immediately and, if he fails to do so, that proceedings be instituted against him.

#### LONDON ROAD CONGRESS.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly resolution was adopted appointing the County Surveyor as delegate of County Council to the Road Congress to be held in London on 18th November, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health having agreed to be responsible for locomotion etc. expenses. The County Council were recommended to pay one guinea, the registration fee to Congress.



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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 8th November, 1935, be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION - SEIZURES FOR RATES. The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That we protest against the delay which occurred in lodging the proceeds of seizure for rates in the case of Patrick Doyle, Moneyhore, and if this delay was caused by the neglect of the Department of Finance in dealing with sanction for certain portions of expenditure we request the County Registrar to inform this Department that the County Council are not satisfied that such a length of time should elapse in furnishing the necessary approval."

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

"That in cases of seizures for rent and rates we are of opinion that at least half the proceeds should go to the payment of rates. We believe local administration should have equal rights with the debt to the State. That representations in the matter be made to the Land Commission."

RATES INSPECTOR AND PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF CLERK. Mr. Doyle said that in view of the Department having refused to sanction the appointment of Clerk for Rates Department it was not necessary to move his motion asking the County Council to rescind the proposal to appoint such a clerk. But if there was any move by the Council to carry the matter further he would certainly move his resolution.

The Chairman said he would be inclined to accept the ruling of the Department for the moment if Mr. Doyle withdrew his motion. If the council felt that there was any necessity for the appointment it could be brought on again.



Mr. Doyle said that on the undertaking of the chairman that the matter would not be brought forward that day he would withdraw his motion.

The Chairman said it would be well if an expression of opinion were given by the council as to what was expected from the Inspector in regard to going around the different districts and reporting on the condition of each collector's area. The council were aware that a big number of farmers were paying no rates.

Mr. O'Byrne said that when an Inspector was first appointed it was with the intention that he would help the collectors in the different areas. The Inspector told them he had two days in each week available, and if he could afford two days he could do a good deal of the inspection, and if well utilised he could do all the inspection required.

The Chairman said they also wanted information in regard to the large number of farms on which nothing was being paid.

Mr. O'Byrne - That could be done on the inspection.

Mr. M. Redmond said he believed that the appointment of a temporary assistant would pay, because, as the result of the rates not coming in, the council were paying on large overdrafts. If the collection could be speeded up there would be a saving in regard to the overdraft.

Mr. Keegan held that the Inspector should concentrate on districts in which rates were not coming in.

The Chairman asked if it would be possible they would get results from two days per week which the Rates Inspector said was the most he could give.

Mr. Doyle said there were cases in which there seemed to be six or seven years' arrears of rates. He did not know how those people carried on, or how that occurred, or did the collector call continuously on those people at all. He saw cases of six years' arrears, and in one case he saw eight years' arrears, and those people were still carrying on the



same as their neighbours - he did not see any material difference. Where a case like that came up he thought there must be some neglect somewhere. He (Mr. Doyle) knew that he could not escape for six years.

Miss O'Ryan said that in regard to a case in her area she noticed that there was a big amount of rates due, while there was a lot of very valuable stock on the farm. She asked the rate collector about the matter, and he said that the land was set by auction, and that all the money went to the Land Commission. She referred to the question of the desirability of the rate collectors seizing under their own warrants.

Mr. Doyle said he knew that plenty of people were not able to pay, but where a case ran to six or seven years, and none of the land was set, and where people were working that land, it was a different proposition. People who were making every effort to pay could see other people skedaddling without any rates for six or seven years.

Mr. Culleton said it was not fair, when other farmers were endeavouring to meet their liabilities, to have some people able to go on for years flouting the council and every authority. Some means should be devised to make those people realise their responsibility.

The Chairman said that rate collectors had power under their own warrants to seize anything on a farm, no matter how it came there.

Mr. Cummins, referring to cases in which there were six or eight years' rates due, said that when the Rates Inspector came into office there were five or six years of those rates due. What steps had been taken to find out if those people could pay?

Miss O'Ryan said it would be most important that a rate collector should attend every place at which there was a setting of grass. The auctioneer set probably only half a



farm, and afterwards the remainder was set privately. If the collectors attended they would be able to put down the amount concerned in the public auction.

Mr. Kinsella said that if collectors seized on their own warrants no man in the County could set his grass as no one would take it.

The Chairman said that a certain amount of demoralisation had set in during the last three or four years. Economic conditions were partly responsible for that, and a number of ratepayers had taken advantage of it. That was spreading more year by year, and how to come to grips with it was the question. He thought it should go out from the meeting that they would take every step no matter how land was set, and would force their officials to take steps to see that the rates were paid on the land.

Mr. Bowe - People taking land should be warned.

Chairman - That's a matter for the auctioneer. We are going to press for rates off all ~~the~~ land. There is not a single man who takes grass in the county but realises the risk he is taking.

Mr. Kinsella - Not up to the present. They thought that when land was set by an auctioneer they were safe.

Mr. T. Redmond suggested that it would be wise for the Council to instruct the Rates Inspector to concentrate on the cases mentioned and report to the next Finance Committee Meeting.

The Chairman said that three-quarters of the ratepayers of the County paid, though they might be hard set enough to pay, but one-fourth paid no rates at all, and those were the people who were giving the Council trouble and were the ones that they wanted the Rates Inspector to look after. If they were more insistent with the Collectors they would get more rates.

The Rates Inspector said he would not like it to go out



that even where there were six or seven years' rates due, nothing had been done to collect them. He knew places in Mr. Doyle's district and he made inquiries from the rate collector, who told him he had decrees in all those cases, and he could not do very much more in those cases.

Chairman - He can seize on his own warrant.

The Rates Inspector said that in many cases the collectors had two and three decrees.

Mr. T. Redmond - Wouldn't it be wise for the Inspector to call on those people?

Chairman - I think he should report on those cases as to what action has been taken.

The Chairman added that he heard of a man who had three days' threshing, and who did not intend to pay any rates, and who had not paid for years.

On the proposition of Mr. T. Redmond, seconded by Mr. Ronan, it was decided that the Rates Inspector and collectors should concentrate on the particular cases referred to by Mr. Doyle and other Councillors and report result to the Council.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS. Miss O'Ryan said the inspection of houses and holdings generally, as to the amount of security the Council had in the case of loans, had been, she thought, referred to there before. She thought that some of the houses were not put up in a very substantial way - in a way that they would look upon as security for the money given. The surveyors in the first instance did not jump at the job of inspecting the houses, but they did it to oblige the Council, and got a very small sum for doing so. They could not expect the surveyors to give constant inspection. If they paid for the right supervision they might save themselves the risk of allowing houses to be built that were not security for the amount borrowed.

The Secretary said that the County Council had passed a resolution that the surveyors should get an extra guinea,



but that would only apply to the next scheme. The Government paid the Grants only on the certificate of their appointed Officers.

Miss O'Ryan - I move that until we have a scheme that will satisfy us that we have security for the money lent, no further money be lent.

The Secretary said that any money they had under the last two schemes had been allocated.

Miss O'Ryan said she thought that a small sum of money should be kept back, and they should ask for a certificate of completion before the last amount was paid.

The Secretary said they advertised the scheme under certain conditions, and how were they going to provide money for further inspection under the present scheme? They could not take any more out of the loan than they had provided to take out.

Miss O'Ryan said she held it would be money well spent if they provided extra money for a final certificate. If they had a ramshackle building how could they secure their money?

Mr. Corish said he agreed with Miss O'Ryan in regard to the desirability of their seeing that a building would be all right for 35 years. It would be well to know what the functions of the appointed officers were, and where the Council were in the matter.

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

"That we request the Department of Local Government and Public Health to inform us what are the functions of appointed officers under Housing Acts and that copies of the various periodic reports of these officials be furnished the County Council in respect of all houses for the construction of which loans have been advanced by the County Council."



Mr. Culleton said that, the Government having passed such a valuable Act, the least one would expect was that they should see to it that proper work would be done. Without proper supervision they could not get proper work.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said he thoroughly agreed with the remarks of Miss O'Ryan, Mr. Corish and Mr. Culleton. With regard to the plans, they were prepared by another engineer, and he (Mr. Birthistle) thought that engineer should look after the construction. There ought to be something in the way of a uniform specification to cover the houses. The whole thing struck him as being loose.

In reply to Mr. Culleton, Mr. Birthistle said that some one would have to be present almost every day while the work was being carried out.

The Chairman said that as far as the Department was concerned they paid a guinea to the appointed officer for approving of the plans in the beginning, and also inspecting the house when finished. That guinea was paid out of the grant given to the people. The Council had a more serious problem. They advanced about 90 per cent of the value of the house, and they had no means of supervising its erection unless they appointed a clerk of works for each house, and they would have to charge that to the loan, which would be very serious for the borrower. In regard to the suggestion of Mr. Birthistle that a specification be got out, and that people be compelled to build according to that, probably they would have some means of finding out that when the surveyors periodically inspected the houses, and that otherwise they would not advance the money - that was the only way he could see out of it.

Mr. Corish said that a uniform plan would not suit but there could be a general specification as to thickness of walls, windows, doors, etc.



Mr. Doyle held that in view of the amount advanced by the Council they should see that the houses were built to last.

The Chairman said that in regard to any future scheme he thought there should be a general specification as to strength of concrete, thickness of walls, quality of timber and manner of workmanship, and that the County Surveyor should advise the Council in the matter before they gave any loans.

The following resolution was, after further discussion, adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That Rate Collectors be asked to furnish the names of persons occupying houses which have been erected through loans advanced by the County Council under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

That the attention of Finance Committee be called to any case in which the house is not occupied by the original borrower."

ILLNESS OF MR. R. MALONE, V.S. Mr. Kinsella moved:-

"That we dissent from the recommendation of Finance Committee in regard to illness of Mr. R. Malone, V.S., Wexford, and that subject to the sanction of the Department of Agriculture he be granted three months further sick leave as from the date of Dr. Walker's certificate, at the expiration of which the position can be reviewed."

Mr. Doyle seconded.

A poll was taken on the motion with the following result:-

For:- Messrs. Bowe, Colfer, Connors, Corish, Culleton, Day, Doyle, Gibbon, Kelly, Kinsella, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne and Smyth. - 15.

Against:- Messrs. Cullimore, Keegan, Lawlor, O'Ryan, M. Redmond, T. Redmond, Ronan and the Chairman. - 8.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.



APPLICATION - INCREASE OF SALARY. MR. LYNCH.V.S. Mr. Redmond proposed that Mr. Lynch's salary be increased to £80 subject to the sanction of the Department of Agriculture. The present salary was £27.10. 0 less than that of his predecessor. He would like the Council to bear in mind that Mr. Lynch's duties had increased threefold since his appointment, and he would also like them to bear in mind that owing to Mr. Lynch's political activities the British forces, during the fight for independence, forbade him to use his motor car, which placed him at a very great disadvantage in regard to carrying out his professional duties.

Mr. Cummins seconded, and said that Mr. Lynch was first appointed under New Ross Board of Guardians and he ( Mr. Cummins) believed that he would have got the increase long ago if they had remained<sup>in</sup> existence. Mr. Lynch had done his duty satisfactorily, and when he was wanted to be a man he was one.

In reply to Mr. Kinsella, the Secretary said that the salary of the V.S. in Wexford was £90; in Gorey, £90; in Enniscorthy, £75 and the second man in New Ross (Mr. Taylor) had £36. Mr. Taylor had only a piece of New Ross district, and had areas in County Carlow and Co. Kilkenny also, for which he was paid by the Councils concerned.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the adoption of the Finance Committee's recommendation, and said that it was in view of a possible readjustment of salaries that the Finance Committee recommended adjournment for six months.

Mr. Kinsella seconded.

Mr. T. Redmond said that Mr. Lynch had very important duties to perform as far as the health of the people was concerned. He had a very big district to cover, and the fact of another man being appointed in New Ross area for a small portion of it did not take much from Mr. Lynch's duties.



He held that Mr. Lynch had as much ground to cover as the man who had £90, and he would ask the Council, in fair play to adopt the resolution unanimously.

Mr. Kinsella said he understood that shortly there would be a revision of the whole thing by the Local Government Department.

Mr. T. Redmond - I have it on the best of authority that such a thing is not contemplated, and won't be for years.

After further discussion a poll was taken on Mr. O'Byrne's motion to confirm the recommendation of the Finance Committee with the following result:-

For: Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Day, Doyle, Gibbon, Kinsella, Meyler, McCarthy, O'Byrne and Smyth. - 10.

Against: Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, Murphy, O'Ryan, M. Redmond, T. Redmond and Ronan. - 13.

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

Mr. Redmond's proposal to increase the salary by £20 was then put and adopted nem. con.

MAINTENANCE NEW ROSS STREETS. Mr. T. Redmond stated that the New Ross Urban Council had now finished with the question. When the special scheme of £4,000 expenditure on the streets was carried out by the County Council, to whom the future maintenance of the streets was transferred, the thoroughfares would be improved to a great extent. The County Council would have the responsibility of maintaining the streets from April 1st. The point of remuneration was not settled at the conference.

Secretary - Mr. Courtney (Engineering Inspector) stated that he would obtain the figures paid for similar work in other centres, and would furnish it to the Urban Council and the County Council. He (Secretary) was sure there



would not be any difficulty in arriving at an agreement.

Mr. Redmond - As far as the Urban Council is concerned they have left the entire matter in the hands of the County Council.

Mr. Cummins referred to the positions of Mr. Shortall, Town Surveyor, New Ross, and Mr. O'Neill, Assistant County Surveyor, under the scheme.

Mr. Redmond stated had had no personal interest in the matter. As far as he could see the best means of carrying out the work was arranged, and if some people were to suffer by reason of the new scheme he did not see how it could be avoided. There might be a method of adjustment.

Chairman - I don't think there is any use in the Council considering the matter further to-day, seeing that certain information is to be furnished by Mr. Courtney. I can see Mr. Cummins' point, but I don't think it is opportune.

DANGEROUS CORNER. The County Surveyor said he believed there had been an agreement with Breen and he would have it for next meeting of the Finance Committee.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 8th November, 1935, be and are hereby confirmed, except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

FOOTPATHS IN FERNS.

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. Connors:-

"That the footpaths in Ferns be repaired with tar and chippings and that the footpath from Ferns to the Railway Station be completed. That Chapel Lane, Ferns (No. 290-Section 12) be linked up with street in order that it be steamrolled and tarred."



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On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Colfer it was decided that this matter should be included for consideration in Provisional Road Works Scheme.

ANNUAL LEAVE - COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Under date 26th October, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.165753/35 Loch Garman/A.) stating that Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health was on annual leave of absence from 26th August to 2nd September and requested that copy of the County Council minute sanctioning this leave, be forwarded to them.

Under date 31st October, 1935, the Secretary, Board of Health, in reply to query from County Secretary wrote that owing to staff holiday leave, application to County Council for sanction to the granting of leave to Dr. Bastible was neglected.

Minute of the Board of Health in respect of meeting held on 19th August, 1935, agreed to this leave; the Assistant County Medical Officer of Health to perform the duties in the meantime.

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

"That we confirm the resolution of County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance agreeing to Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, taking portion of his annual leave from 26th August to 2nd September, 1935, and to the employment of Assistant County Medical Officer of Health acting as locum tenens.

"That any further necessary leave be granted to Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health in connection with the lamented death of his brother, Dr. George Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health for Kerry."



HARBOUR MASTER - KILMORE.

Under date 22nd October, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.M336/35 Loch Garman) sanctioning the appointment of Mr. Patrick Kehoe, as Harbour Master, Kilmore Quay, with remuneration at the rate of £65 per annum plus 5% commission on harbour dues collected, the position to be "part-time" and non-pensionable. Duties to be such as may be assigned from time to time by the County Surveyor.

Mr. Kehoe should be required to furnish a personal bond of £10 for the due and proper discharge of his duties.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Lawlor seconded:-

"That Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, be instructed to prepare the necessary bond for Mr. Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore."

Passed.

WATER SUPPLY - BARNTOWN.

Under date 16th October, 1935, (No. P.H.151,194/1935) the Department of Local Government and Public Health forwarded Sealed Order declaring that the provision of a water supply and maintaining of same at Barntown ~~to~~ be a charge on Wexford Dispensary District.

TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE OFFICE AT BREE.

Under date 16th October, 1935, Sealed Order was received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. 116,541/1935) fixing the District Electoral Division of Bree as area of charge for any loss which may be incurred by the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance in pursuance of an undertaking to pay a sum not exceeding £53 for a term of seven years to the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs as a guarantee in connection with the extension of the Post Office system of telegraphs and telephones at Bree Post Office.



ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT.

The Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) under date 5th November, 1935, wrote forwarding particulars of £9224 Road Improvement Grant.

This has been already before the Council.

The County Surveyor submitted letter under date 5th November, 1935, (R/S.G.O./32) from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) stating that no objection would be raised to the transfer of the total allocation of £2000 for Fethard Road L159A.

TACUMSHANE LOUGH.

Col. Gibbon referred to the proposed work of cutting a bank at Tacumshane Lough. If they had a South-Westerly storm the lough would fill up and be at a certain maximum height, and unless they had the plans of the work ready, and the grant they were to get from the Government, to proceed with the work at the proper time, the opportunity would be gone and might not arise again until much later. It was very important to get the bank cut in the earlier part of the winter, when the days were not too short. The bank would have to be cut at the top of spring tide. He suggested that the County Surveyor get out plans and estimate of the proposed work, decide on where the cut in the bank was to be made, the number of men to be employed, etc., and get the Government to tell them how much money they were to get and give them permission to use that money when the opportunity arose.

The County Surveyor said that the Government Department had not committed themselves, but they had left him under the impression that they would get a grant for the job when conditions were suitable. He appreciated the point made by Col. Gibbon that they should be ready to start the work as soon as conditions were suitable.

Miss O'Ryan proposed that they ask the Chairman and Mr. Corish to point out to the Office of Public Works, when in



Dublin during the week, the important aspect of affairs and that the work would have to be done at a certain time. If the Department agreed to the work they should be asked to grant the money so that it would be available when the Council decided to start the work.

The Chairman said it was a matter of getting the money in hands and having it ready when the opportune time to start the work came.

Mr. Colfer seconded Miss O'Ryan's proposition, which was passed.

#### ROAD AT KILMUCKRIDGE CHURCH.

Mary Mangan, The Church, Kilmuckridge, Gorey, wrote under date 5th November, 1935, as to the urgent need of repair to part of the Road to Kilmuckridge Church. She stated it had not been repaired by the County Council for a long time. It was about 6 yards long from the Main Road. The public were continually complaining of it.

It was decided that the County Surveyor submit report in this matter to the next meeting of Finance Committee.

#### CLONROCHE FLOODING.

Mr. M. Redmond stated that the matter of flooding in Clonroche at Malone's place had been before the Council on a previous occasion and since then nothing had been done to remedy it.

Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, stated he had arranged to start the work. Tar was being got out for the job and he was waiting for dry weather.

#### CURRACLOE ROAD.

Under date 6th November 1935, the Hon. Secretary, Curracloe Development Association, wrote calling attention to the road between Curracloe and Fahy's Cross. The Local Development Committee pointed out that Curracloe as a seaside resort was becoming very popular and visitors were being



catered for by two hotels, two Restaurants and thirty boarding houses. There was a bus service from Wexford four days per week. All the other seaside resorts in the County were served with first class roads, while Curracloe was the only holiday resort of importance served with a third class road. The Committee were most anxious to attract a greater influx of visitors but lack of a good motor road was a serious handicap. The Council should earmark portion of the Improvement Grant for the purpose of putting the road from Fahy's Cross to the Strand in a proper state of repair.

The County Surveyor stated as regards the Road Improvement Grant he suggested the road mentioned by the Curracloe Development Committee as an alternative to other works but the Local Government Department turned the matter down, as Curracloe Road was not a Main Road. He wrote to the Tourist Association and they said they were taking steps to try and get a Tourist Grant. He considered the road between Fahy's Cross and the village of Curracloe for the most part fairly good.

Mr. Kinsella held there was a couple of miles of it in a very bad condition.

The County Surveyor denied this and said the bad portion did not extend more than half a mile. In fact there was none of it really bad, but there was half a mile which compared badly with the rest of it.

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

"That the County Surveyor forward copy of letter from Curracloe Development Committee to the Irish Tourist Association and ask them to take steps to secure a grant for repair of this road. And that he also point out the attention of the Tourist Association has been called to this matter on several occasions."



MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES.

In reply to Mr. Kelly, the County Surveyor stated he had that day received instructions from the Board of Works to proceed with the Minor Relief Schemes Vote of £2,000 as soon as possible. There were only nine jobs recommended by the Council passed. He believed he would be able to start in a week.

ANALYST'S REPORT.

Report of Analyst for the Quarter ended 30th September 1935, showed that the following analyses had been effected:-

Foods	194
Drugs	48
Waters	9
Total.	251

Number adulterated - Butter, 1; Waters condemned - 3.

DEFAULTING ROAD CONTRACTORS

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

"That the following Road Contractors, who have not carried out any work on their contracts be proceeded against or that the County Surveyor terminate their contracts and take whatever steps he considers necessary in the interests of the roads:-

Thomas Kelly, Skeeter Park, Cleariestown.  
Roads (Nos. 933, 936, 1013).

Henry Long, Seaview, Barntown.  
Roads (Nos. 765, 780, 891).

Thomas Barnes, Cools, Barntown. (Road No. 763).

Peter Barry, Lake, Rosslare. (Road No. 1012).

James Clegg, Shanoule, Foulksmills. (Road No. 743).

Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Foulksmills.  
(Roads Nos. 745, 750).

Mark Hanlon, Clongeen, Foulksmills, (Roads Nos. 747, 748, 751)

Martin Wickham, Forestmoors, Palace. (Road No. 472).

Thomas Wall, Kilbraney, Gusserane. (Road No. 721).



PAYMENTS.

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

"That the several proposals for payment submitted to this meeting, including payments to contractors for maintenance of roads and public works as certified by County Surveyor on Form 22, be, and are hereby, approved."

*Dennis Kelly*

*9th Dec. 35*



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Free Press, Ltd.- Advertising Tenders.....	26.
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Holbrook John J- Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.	8.



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Irish Land Commission Seizures.....	24.
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Mangan Mrs. M.- Kilmuckridge Church Road.....	12.
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Swords F.- Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.....	27.28.
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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MEETING 9th DECEMBER, 1935.

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MINUTES

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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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 9th December 1935.

Present, Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding, also:-  
Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Richard Corish, C. Culleton, John Cummins, John Day, Ml. Doyle, Col. C. M. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, James Lawler, Thos. McCarthy, T. J. Meyler, Philip Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patk. Ronan, Myles Smyth, Malachi Sweetman and James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurers' Advice Note for £8207. 7. 5d. was examined and signed.

#### VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

THE LATE JOHN PENDER AND ALBERT F. SMITH, COUNTY COUN-  
CILLORS. On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cummins votes of condolence were adopted to the families of the late John Pender and Albert F. Smith, former County Councillors.

The votes were spoken to by Messrs. Culleton, Doyle and Connors and by the Secretary, County Surveyor and County Solicitor.

THE LATE DR. BASTIBLE. On the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Miss O'Ryan it was decided that the following acknowledgment from Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health relative to vote of condolence adopted to him in the death of his brother, Dr. George Bastible, County



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Medical Officer for Kerry, be embodied on the Minutes of Meeting:-

"Will you please convey to the Chairman and members of the County Council my grateful thanks for their resolution of sympathy passed at the meeting of the County Council on Monday last on my brother's death. I appreciate their action very much and their sympathy in this hour of trouble. I wish to thank you also personally for your own expression of sympathy. I have conveyed the messages to the other members of the family also."

THE LATE SIR THOMAS H. G. ESMONDE. It was decided on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Miss O'Ryan that the following acknowledgment of vote of sympathy to Sir Osmond G. Esmonde in the death of his father Sir Thomas H. G. Esmonde be embodied in the Minutes of Meeting:-

"Sir Osmond Grattan Esmonde wishes to express his sincere thanks for the kind message of sympathy on the occasion of the death of his father, the late Sir Thomas."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 22nd NOVEMBER, 1935. Minutes of meeting for this date were submitted as follows, and confirmed on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 22nd November 1935.

Present:- Messrs. P. Colfer, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

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

After the confirmation of Minutes the Chairman, Mr. Allen attended and presided for the rest of the business.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurers' Advice Note for £3435. 5. 6 was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

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

	<u>Amount Collected.</u>	<u>Percentage of Warrant.</u>
E. J. Murphy	£2422. 18. 2	48.22
S. Gannon No. 6	1514. 17. 3	41.8
J. J. O'Reilly	2254. 0.10	40.7
S. Gannon No. 10	1584. 19. 7	40.6
M. Kehoe	1752. 1. 2	40.6
J. Curtis	2248. 19. 5	40.6
P. Carty	1912. 0.11	40.6
D. Kenny	1859. 1. 9	39.4
J. Flood	1505. 4. 3	37.9
J. Cummins	2121. 9. 4	36.8
M. McCarthy	2227. 13. 1	36.6
J. Deegan	2623. 15. 9	36.5
P. Nolan	2879. 0.10	34.8
P. Doyle	2103. 4.10	33.2
A. Dunne	2989. 8. 1	33.1
W. Cummins	1791. 11. 4	33.1
W. Doyle	1868. 8. 1	31.2
J. Quirke	2836. 18. 7	29.8
J. J. Sinnott	2020. 17. 1	29.3
M. Murphy	1102. 0. 3	27.6
	<u>£41618. 10. 7</u>	<u>36.0</u>



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The Collection was 8 per cent in advance of the corresponding period last year.

In reply to the Chairman the Rate Inspector stated he expected M. Murphy's collection would have shown more improvement but the bad weather had held up the Collector.

The Chairman considered there was no reason why the Collector should not have been able to carry on his work in a normal way even though the weather was not very good. Every one else had to attend to his business in spite of the weather. He (Chairman) believed that over 50 per cent of the collection should have been lodged by now.

Miss O'Ryan held that in the period following Christmas it would be more difficult to secure money than at the present.

The Chairman then proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Miss O'Ryan and adopted:-

"That Rate Collectors who had under 40 per cent of their warrants uncollected be notified that the Finance Committee regard the condition of the collection unsatisfactory and it is expected they will use strenuous efforts to bring their collection up to what it should be at this period of the year."

APPLICATION BY RATEPAYER. John Kavanagh, Horetown, Foulksmills wrote that he had been served with a six day notice by Collector Curtis for payment of £50. 11. 3 rates. As he had no stock he asked the Collector to allow him to set his grass and he would pay the amount of the current year's rate. He could get a man to take seven acres for this amount; otherwise he could not pay anything. He would be glad if the Council would agree to this offer and if the Rate Collector would accept it as he did not wish his arrears of Rates to increase.

It was decided that the communication be forwarded to Rate Collector Curtis.



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APPLICATION GOREY TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Under date 20th November 1935, letter was read from Gorey Town Commissioners drawing the attention of the County Council to the great distress prevailing in Gorey owing to unemployment. Upwards of 100 men were without work of any kind and they and their families were in a pitiable plight especially owing to the present severe weather. The various charitable institutions in the town were unable to cope with the situation and owing to the huge number of persons to be dealt with were unable to give adequate relief. The Commissioners felt that the County Council should do something towards the provision of a Grant to enable employment to be given in the weeks preceding Christmas.

The Chairman said it was recognised there was a considerable amount of unemployment in Gorey and proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Miss O'Ryan and adopted:-

"That we request the Government to allocate at once money for the relief of unemployment in Gorey town. We are of opinion that money provided by the State for the repair and reconstruction of the roads at Garden City, Gorey, would be well spent.

That copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of Public Works requesting them to take action on it immediately."

BALLYMOTHEY LANE.

Mr. Kelly said that the old County Council had scheduled Ballymothey Lane for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote but owing to an objection by Mr. William Murphy who would not agree to allow a small piece of his land to be taken to ease a corner the Government Grant for the purpose could not be made available. The lane had been inspected about a week ago by an official of the Board of Works who stated that in his opinion it was not necessary to interfere with the corner



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at Mr. Murphy's land.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of the matter until report of Inspector of Office of Public Works be available.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AT MENTAL HOSPITAL.

Under date 15th November, 1935, letter was read from Dr. Lyons, Resident Medical Superintendent, forwarding the following resolution:-

"That, with a view to putting into operation with as little delay as possible the improvements to be carried out under the Hospitals Commission Grant Scheme, the County Council be asked to hold a Special Meeting to consider the Electricity Supply Board's quotation for the lighting and motive power requirements of the Mental Hospital.

That the Consulting Engineer, Mr. Michael Jordan, be asked to attend this special meeting to advise and help the Council, and that Mr. Jordan be also asked to make an analysis showing the comparative merits or otherwise of the E.S.B. prices with the Kilcarberry development scheme as outlined by Consulting Engineer."

Under date 14th November 1935, letter was read from the Secretary County Board of Health forwarding extract from the Minutes of that body of 4th November 1935 in connection with the lighting of the Sanatorium at Brownswood.

The Chairman mentioned that they required further information before dealing with the matter and proposed the following resolution:-

"That we inform the Mental Hospital Committee and Board of Health that when the time is opportune the Finance Committee would be prepared to arrange for a Conference between representatives of Mental Hospital Committee, County Board of Health and, if considered advisable, of County Councillors who are not members of either of these bodies."

Mr. Colfer seconded the resolution which was adopted.



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SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

SANCTION OF LOAN. Under date 12th November, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.184603-35 Loch Garman) that the Minister had sanctioned the borrowing by the Wexford County Council of £10,000 for the purposes of the above Acts. He was recommending the Commissioners of Public Works to issue the loan out of Local Loans Fund.

A long discussion took place as to supervision of houses under the Acts while in course of erection, after which the Chairman proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Miss O'Ryan and adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor, in conjunction with the Assistant Surveyors prepare a general Scheme covering the erection of houses under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts under any future loans and that the County Secretary draft regulations as to payments etc.

That all successful applicants for loans be obliged to notify the County Council of the name of Building Contractor in the case of all houses erected by contract under these Acts."

LOANS REDUCED. In the case of house to be erected at Blackstoops, Enniscorthy by Patrick Scully, the value of house and plot according to certificate of Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor is £215. The applicant was entitled to a Government Grant of £70 leaving the loan at £145. The Council had provisionally agreed to advance £180.

It was decided to reduce loan to £145.

In the case in which Patrick Byrne, 7 Market Square, Enniscorthy, proposed to erect house at Blackstoops, Enniscorthy, Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, valued house and plot at £215. The applicant was promised a Government Grant of £70, leaving the balance £145. The Council had agreed provisionally to loan of £180.

It was decided to reduce the loan to £145.



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CHANGE OF BORROWER. Mr. Elgee, under date 11th November, 1935, wrote that Philip Kennedy whose application for a loan of £250 was provisionally approved had died since his application was accepted. His widow, Johanna, had taken out Grant of Administration and was now the registered owner of the holding at Shelbaggin, Ramsgrange, on which it was proposed to erect the house. She asked that the loan provisionally sanctioned to her husband should be made available for her.

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

"That the Council be recommended to transfer the loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts for which Philip Kennedy, Shelbaggin, was accepted, to his widow, Johanna Kennedy, in view of the statement by Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor."

SANCTION OF LOANS. Under date 19th November, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (H186,859-35 Loch Garman) wrote that the Minister consented to the following advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:- John J. Holbrook, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, £180 and Jeremiah Clare, Custodium, Inch, £150.

REFUND OF LOAN. Under date 19th November, 1935, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that Mrs. Donohoe, Rosslare Harbour, had called on him and stated she was ready to repay the £112. 10. 0 advanced her under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. He recommended the proposal be accepted.

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

"That provided Mrs. Donohoe, Rosslare Harbour, repays £112. 10. 0, the amount advanced to her by way of loan for house the mortgage in connection with same be reconveyed to Mrs. Donohoe."



APPLICATION FOR LOAN. Michael Brady, Brownswood, Ennis-corthy wrote that he had applied to the County Council for loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts but his application was not granted. He had saved a small sum from his wages and this, with the £70 Government Grant, enabled him to go a long way towards building his house which he found it necessary to erect as his present residence was entirely too small for his family. If the Council granted him a loan of £50 it would enable him to complete the new house.

It was decided that copy of Mr. Brady's application for loan be furnished Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor for a detailed report as to construction etc. of house.

FAULTY HOUSE. As regards application for loan from Patrick Murphy at Rosetown, Barntown, Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor reported that this man had already commenced building. The market value of the house when completed would be £200. The following note appeared on the Certificate of Value:-

"This house is in course of construction. External and partition walls are completed. In my opinion the construction is not good."

It was decided to inform Murphy that, in view of Mr. Birthistle's report, the Finance Committee could not apply to the Local Government Department for sanction of Loan to him under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

LOAN REFUSED. Under date November 14th 1935, Sylvester Murphy, Monksgrange, Killanne wrote stating he wished for a renewal of his loan of £50 for which he had been accepted in 1932. Owing to the building of so many County Council cottages he was unable to secure tradesmen until now when he would be able to proceed with the work.

It was decided to inform Mr. Murphy that all money



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in the Scheme under which he applied had been allocated.

PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME.

The meeting gave preliminary consideration to the figures for Road Works Scheme for next financial year. The County Surveyor estimated a sum of £108572 as necessary for all road maintenance, improvement etc., which was £8157 more than estimated by him last year.

The following gives the comparison of the amount of next year's estimate compared with actual allocation by County Council for current financial year:-

<u>1936.</u>	<u>Estimate.</u>	<u>Allocation</u> <u>last year.</u>	<u>Increase.</u>
	£.	£.	£.
Repair Main Roads	47216	31889	15327
" Co. Roads.	<u>40785</u>	<u>19016</u>	<u>21769</u>
	<u>88001</u>	<u>50905</u>	<u>37096</u>
Improvement Main Roads.	6117	1341	4776
" Co. Roads	<u>12454</u>	<u>2509</u>	<u>9945</u>
	<u>18571</u>	<u>3850</u>	<u>14721</u>
Contingencies:			
Main Roads.	1000	500	500
County Roads.	<u>1000</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
	<u>2000</u>	<u>1000</u>	<u>1000</u>
Totals.	<u>108572</u>	<u>55755</u>	<u>52817</u>

The Committee decided to consider the figures in detail at their next meeting.

BALLYHACK HARBOUR.

Under date 12th November 1935, the Department of Agriculture (Fisheries Branch) wrote (W.5/4/35) that the letter on behalf of the County Council relative to the improvement of Ballyhack Harbour had been referred to the Office of Public Works for consideration. It was understood that correspondence was proceeding between that Department's Engineer and the County Surveyor regarding the details of the proposed improvements.



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ILLNESS OF MR. R. MALONE, V.S.

Under date 12th November 1935 (E.1272/35) the Department of Agriculture wrote acknowledging further medical certificate respecting the illness of Mr. Malone and stated that the Minister approved of further sick leave up to 31st proximo inclusive. In the Department's letter of the 4th November it was intimated that if Mr. Malone was not able to resume duty after the 31st proximo his resignation must take effect as from 1st January next inclusive.

The Secretary stated that copy of this communication had been forwarded Mr. Malone.

PROPOSED SALE OF OBSOLETE WEIGHTS & MEASURES  
STANDARDS.

Under date 14th November 1935 (Div. Ref. 2654/35) the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Wexford, wrote that it was proposed to make arrangements with the Barrack Master at the Depot, Dublin, to sell by auction any obsolete weights and measures standards and equipment which may be on hands in the different counties, thus disposing of articles which are causing inconvenience to the Inspectors. The price obtained - less cost involved for auction etc. - would be credited to the County Councils concerned. It was believed that by having a general auction at the Depot a better price would be obtained for the articles than if they were sold locally.

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

"That we agree to the proposal of Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Wexford, to have all obsolete weights and measures, the property of Wexford County Council, sold by public Auction in Dublin."

EASEMENT OF DANGEROUS CORNER AT KILTEALY.

In connection with claim of Patrick Breen, Kiltelaly, for £5 compensation for removal of land at dangerous corner



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at Killealy Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, forwarded agreement entered into by Mr. Breen on the 3rd May, 1932. Mr. Cullen stated that in company with Road Ganger he had pointed out to Mr. Breen, previous to the ~~signing of the~~ signing of the agreement, what it was proposed to do. Two square perches would be an outside area for the amount of land acquired and this at the <sup>s</sup> 5/- per perch set out in the agreement would give 10/- as the amount due. As Mr. Breen was a man of substance he (Mr. Cullen) did not think he would bother about such a small sum.

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

"That as regards claim by Patrick Breen for compensation for removal of land etc. it would appear from the agreement signed by Mr. Breen that a sum of 10/- is due to him. The Finance Committee recommend the County Council to pay this amount."

#### ROAD AT KILMUCKRIDGE CHURCH.

Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that he had inspected roadway 19C-431 at Kilmuckridge Church complained of by Mrs. M. Mangan. He found a small pool of water at the junction of the road in the district of Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor and Road 431. He arranged to have a small patch of stones spread and this would remedy the defect.

It was decided that Mrs. Mangan be informed accordingly.

#### SANCTION MARRIAGE GRATUITY MRS. D.B. MEAGHER.

Under date 18th November 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote G.173362/35 Loch Garman, conveying sanction to the payment of marriage gratuity of £23. 16. 8 to Mrs. D. B. Meagher (nee Killeen) formerly employed by the Wexford County Council as Short-hand Typist."



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ADVERTISING CONTRACT 1936.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That the three local newspapers be requested to submit quotations for the advertising of County Council and Committees (including County Committee of Agriculture) for year commencing 1st January 1936."

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

In connection with Scholarships to Dermot S. Fenelon, Tagcoat, and E. F. Todd, The Bungalow, Rosslare Harbour, it was reported to the County Council they were using the railway to attend Secondary School in Wexford.

It was decided to inform these two students that if they are not residential and using railway to attend school they will be entitled only to a £30 scholarship.

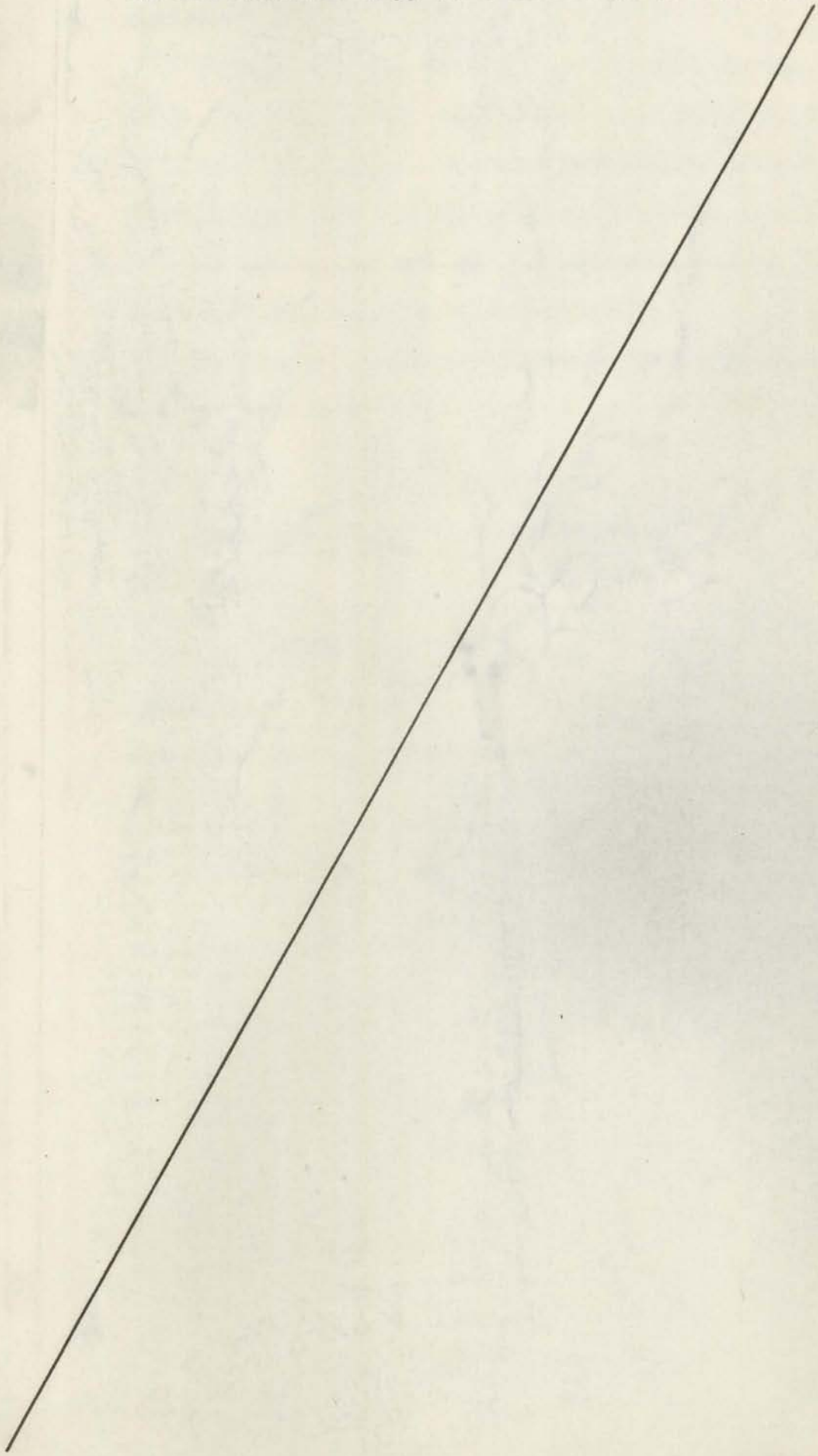
INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS.

Notification was received from Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Enniscorthy as to application for committal to Industrial School under Section 17(4) of the School Attendance Act 1926 of Patrick Vardy, Asquinton, Ferns and from the Inspector of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children of application under Section 58(1) (B) Childrens Act 1908 for the committal of Mary Kate, Ellen, Margaret, and Catherine Hall of no fixed abode.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.



FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 6th DECEMBER 1935. The  
Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held  
on 6th December 1935 were submitted as follows:-





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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 6th December, 1935.

Present:- Messrs. P. Colfer, 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.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly, the chair was taken by Miss O'Ryan.

Mr. Allen, Chairman, attended after confirmation of Minutes and presided.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurers' Advice Note for £3682. 2. 2 was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

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

E. J. Murphy	48.9
S. Gannon No. 10.	48.0
J. Curtis	46.5
S. Gannon No. 6.	44.7
J. J. O'Reilly	44.4
M. Kehoe	43.8
P. Carty	43.3
P. Nolan	42.2
D. Kenny	42.0
M. McCarthy	39.8
J. Deegan	39.7
J. Cummins	39.7
J. Flood	38.4
A. Dunne	37.7
P. Doyle	37.0
W. Cummins	36.7
W. Doyle	33.5
M. Murphy	31.3
J. J. Sinnott	31.3
J. Quirke	30.3
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The amount collected was £45,516 and outstanding (including arrears) £70,220.

Compared with the same period last year the collection showed an improvement of 6 per cent.

The Rates Inspector said he was concentrating on the districts of the three Collectors lowest on the list. He was taking each in turn and visiting ratepayers who owed the largest amount of rates.

The Chairman said that the Rates Inspector should make a brief report of each district when he finished his examination.

PROPOSED PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE. Under date 5th December, 1935, Mr. Byrne, Hon. Secretary, County Wexford Branch of Local Government Officials Union, wrote he had been directed to request the Finance Committee to seek the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the payment of Poundage to the Rate Collectors before Xmas.

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to approve of payment of poundage to Rate Collectors on the basis of their lodgments to the end of November 1935. That we request this matter would receive immediate attention from the Department."

ARREARS OF RATES. Under date 5th December 1935, the Agricultural Credit Corporation Ltd., 2 Merrion Square North, Dublin, forwarded letter addressed to Andrew Molloy, Tombay, Monaseed, Gorey, stating that he owed five years rates and two instalments to the Irish Land Commission and he might be unable to let the place with Decrees outstanding against him. The Corporation suggested that the letting should be placed in the hands of a reliable Auctioneer who would undertake to pay part of the proceeds



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to the County Council, another part to the Land Commission and a further part to the Corporation on condition that these three bodies agree not to seize on foot of their arrears for twelve months. The present position is unsatisfactory to everybody as the arrears were mounting up and the land was useless to Molloy.

Letter under date 5th December 1935 addressed by the Secretary, County Council to the Agricultural Credit Corporation asked if, in the event of the County Council giving the undertaking referred to, what proportion of the proceeds of the letting it was proposed should be furnished the County Council.

It was decided to adjourn further consideration of the matter until a reply to query raised by the County Secretary had been received.

PUBLICATION OF DISCUSSION RE RATE COLLECTION. Mr. Colfer said that the publication of references at last County Council meeting that people who owed six years' rates were able to carry on in a normal way had injured the collection as numbers of prompt payers said why should they discharge their liabilities promptly when others were escaping scot-free, and why should they be obliged to pay up to the minute. It was not advisable that such matters should be published as they created a wrong impression.

It was decided to recommend the County Council to have all further references to Rate Collection considered in Committee and, if considered necessary, a statement in the matter be supplied by the County Secretary.

#### PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME

In connection with Provisional Road Works Scheme the following motion which stood in the name of Mr. Connors came up for consideration:-



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"That the footpaths in Ferns be repaired with tar and chippings and that the footpath from Ferns to the Railway Station be completed, That Chapel Lane, Ferns, (No. 290-Section 12) be linked up with street in order that it be steamrolled and tarred."

It was decided that the matter be referred to the meeting of the County Council.

The figures of Road Works estimates for financial year 1935-36 and also the cost per mile for each class of road, and in respect of each Assistant Surveyor's district were closely examined. The Chairman said that excluding the main and link roads, the third and fourth class roads of the County were practically of the same standard and each of the surveyors should be allowed the same amount for these.

The County Surveyor did not agree. Roads maintained by sea gravel along the sea coast did not cost so much as roads maintained by ordinary metalling.

Miss O'Ryan said that the question was bound up with the incidence of traffic, and they could not lay down any hard and fast rule. In some districts the metalling spread last year had not yet been bonded into the surface and the tonnage on these roads should be revised.

The County Surveyor, in reply to a reference by the Chairman as to the amount per mile allowed for Gorey third class roads being lower than for similar roads in the other districts of the County, said that Gorey roads were - taken all round - the best in the County.

Mr. O'Byrne said this was because the Gorey Rural Council in the past had not reduced the County Surveyor's estimate. Gorey should not be penalised because in the past they had kept their roads in good condition.

Mr. Keegan agreed.

The County Surveyor said that the roads in New Ross



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district were the worst in the County and it would be unfair to take money from Ross and apply it to Gorey Roads which were so much better.

The Chairman held that it was only justice to the ratepayers that each area should get the same rate per mile.

Mr. Keegan agreed with the Chairman that the third class roads should for the whole County be maintained for the same amount per mile.

Miss O'Ryan said that if Ross district was to get for third class roads only the same amount as was given Ennis-corthy and Gorey some of the Ross roads would become impassable.

Mr. Colfer contended that there were more bad roads in New Ross than in all the rest of the County.

The County Surveyor said that in 1910 the rate for road maintenance was £12 or £13 per mile; now it was about £25.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the County Council be recommended to allocate the same rate per mile for the five districts of the Assistant Surveyors in respect of maintenance of third class roads."

The Chairman said that in respect of the Subsidiary bodies it was expected the estimate of the Board of Health would show an increase of 2d in the £, that the Mental Hospital estimate would be responsible for an increase of another 2d and the Vocational Education Committee a farthing. This was all in respect of expenditure over which the County Council had no control. Outside of roads the balance of the direct expenditure of the Council was practically fixed and no appreciable reductions in it could be made. He would not wish to ask the ratepayers to agree to the same rate as last year plus an extra 4½d as the



Council should take gravely into account the taxable capacity of the ratepayers. He suggested that they agree to the same amount for road maintenance as was allocated last year less £4,000, of which £2,000 should be taken from roads and £2,000 from improvement works. This would mean a net figure of £51,755. Allowing £2,000 for improvement works the actual road bill would be £49,755. They might be able to count on a certain amount of free labour next year in connection with the new scheme for employment of men in receipt of State Assistance.

Mr. Colfer said these men could not be employed in connection with ordinary road maintenance but at drainage and other such work. It had been definitely stated that the employment of these men was not to save expenditure of the usual kind on roads etc.

The County Surveyor said any drainage work done in connection with roads would be most valuable and might be the means of reducing maintenance.

The Chairman proposed:- "That the County Council be recommended to allocate for road maintenance and improvement works the same amount as adopted last year with a reduction of said amount by the equivalent of a rate of 3d in the £. That amount allocated for improvement be divided among the five Assistant Surveyors as per the mileage of their districts and that the improvement works to be carried out be selected by the County Councillors for the areas concerned.

Mr. Keegan seconded.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded as an amendment:-

"That the same amount as obtained last year viz:- £55,755 be allocated for road maintenance."

On a show of hands this amendment was defeated by 5 to 2.

The motion of the Chairman was then put and passed.



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PUBLIC WORKS

The County Surveyor presented an estimate of £1,225 for Public Works expenditure for financial year 1936-37.

After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kinsella:-

"That a sum of £1000 be allocated for expenditure under Public Works Account for financial year 1936-37."

ROSSLARE SEWERAGE SCHEME.

The County Surveyor said the widening of the road, constructing footpaths and fencing for above scheme would cost about £1,500 and he suggested the money be provided by loan. Everyone concerned had signed an agreement as to laying pipes on their land etc. except Mrs. O'Brien at the corner of Station road and in that case he felt very strongly as the house was built in the troubled times in contravention to the law that it should be 30 feet from the centre of the road. If agreement was not signed the pipes could be laid underground at the corner. It would be also necessary to provide a side entrance for Mr. Chas. Barry almost opposite Iona Hotel as the present entrance would be interfered with.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to obtain from their Treasurer loan of £1500 to cover cost of widening etc. road at Rosslare strand in connection with sewerage scheme. That period of repayment be fixed at ten years."

"That the suggestion of County Surveyor as to providing side entrance for residence of Mr. Chas. Barry in connection with this scheme be approved."



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ROSSLARE CLIFF ROAD

Under date 29th November 1935, Mr. Elgee wrote forwarding copy letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health (28 Nov. RM/32) in which it was pointed out that the power to stop up a road (Section 82(2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 was repealed by the Seventh Schedule of the Local Government Act 1925, and so far had not been replaced.

RELIEF GRANT

Under date 28th November 1935 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RU/32) that a Grant of £200 had been made to the County Wexford under Relief Schmes Vote to be utilised for the relief of unemployment in or in the immediate neighbourhood of Ferns for £50, Gorey for £100 and Bunclody for £50.

In a second letter under date 2nd December 1935, the Department wrote that the grant was subject to the conditions with respect to the recruitment of labour specified in Circular letter of the Department (SGA202 - 22nd November 1935). Work should be started immediately and every effort made to secure at least two payments to the men before Christmas.

The County Surveyor said that the matter was dealt with and the payments as suggested by the Department would be made.

MENTAL HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

In connection with proposed Improvements at Mental Hospital letter under date 4th December 1935, was read from the County Board of Health that it had been decided to arrange for a Conference of Representatives from the County Council, the Mental Hospital Committee and the Board of Health to be held at Mental Hospital at 2 p.m. on 13th December 1935. The Representatives of the Board of Health



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were the Chairman (Miss O'Ryan), Mr. Thomas McCarthy and the Secretary.

Under date 2nd December 1935, Dr. Lyons, Resident Medical Superintendent, Mental Hospital, wrote forwarding copy of letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health which was in reply to letter from him requesting sanction to the Committee's proposal to substitute building a nurses' home and chepel by installation of water supply, plant and equipment for production and transmission of electricity from Kilcarberry and, in this connection it could be noted the Department's letter was non-committal. The estimated cost of the works approved for being carried out immediately was £43,450 as follows:-

Refrigerator	£ 600
Heating and Steam Generating	15,000
Bathing accommodation	5,250
Laundry Machinery and Contingencies	3,600
Building Admission Block	<u>19,000</u>
	£43,450

The following is the last paragraph of letter of Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"The Minister would consider the question of allowing the remaining necessary works to proceed from time to time in order of urgency as the money is available."

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

"That we recommend the County Council to approve of Conference of representatives of the Council, County Board of Health and Mental Hospital to be held on Friday, 13th December, 1935 at 2 p.m. in Mental Hospital and that the Council appoint three representatives to this Conference."



SEIZURES FOR LAND PURCHASE ANNUITY ARREARS.

Under date 4th December 1935 the Irish Land Commission wrote (Corr. No. 8119/35 Wexford) that as regards the resolution of the County Council asking that when seizures were made at holdings on which Annuities and Rates were due, the proceeds of the seizure should be divided equally, that when seizures were made on foot of Decrees or Warrants issued for recovery of Land Purchase Annuity, the County Registrar is bound in law to remit the proceeds to the Land Commission after deduction of costs and expenses.

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

"That we request the County Registrar to inform this County Council is it possible for Rate Collectors to ascertain if ratepayers against whom they propose to proceed have been decreed for Land Commission Annuities in order that the Collectors could form some opinion as to whether it would be feasible to recover in a seizure, any money which could be applied to rates."

SALARY OF MR. D. RADFORD.

Under date 25th November 1935 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (RS/32) that in deference to the wishes of the County Council the Minister agreed that Mr. Radford, Senior Clerk in the Office of County Surveyor might be placed on the salary scale £200 - £10 - £312 per annum as from 12th August 1935.

MAGAZINE FOR EXPLOSIVES.

The County Surveyor stated that in connection with proposed erection of magazine for explosives he had made a provisional arrangement with the owner of the land, Miss Bishop, for £20 to secure the site in perpetuity with a permanent right of way to and from the quarry at Ballyboggan. He considered the amount fairly reasonable as the erection of the magazine would not improve the value



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of the farm.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to pay £20 to secure site etc. for Magazine for Explosives at Ballyboggan quarry to Miss Bishop, the owner of the holding."

#### KILMUCKRIDGE ROADS.

Under date 25th November 1935 Mr. A. Loftus Bryan, Upton, wrote protesting about the condition of the roads in his neighbourhood. The direct road from Upton to Gorey via Killena was absolutely dangerous. He asked the County Council to see the road for themselves and not leave it to the report of the Surveyor. They would find it is quite impossible for two cars to pass without having to pull in on the margin at the sides. To do this was to risk breaking springs if the cars did not slip into the ditch. The grass had been allowed to grow on the road leaving room for only one track. In order to get rid of the water deep cuts had been made in places actually on the original metalled surface. He was advised that the Council would be held responsible for loss or injury in the case of accidents. Since he took up residence several springs of his motor car had been broken. He asked the Council to take this letter as a definite warning. He wrote not only for himself but for all other road users and ratepayers.

It was decided to refer the communication to the County Surveyor for report.

#### ILLNESS OF MR. R. MALONE, M.R.C.V.S.

Under date 23rd November 1935 (No. E.1272/35) letter was read from the Department of Agriculture as follows:-



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"In reply to your letter of the 13th instant, conveying copy of a resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council at their meeting on the 11th idem in favour of granting Mr. R. Malone, M.R.C.V.S., a further period of three months' sick leave, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to point out that he has already given very exceptional consideration to this case. He has decided, however, in deference to the wishes of the Council, to raise no objection to the proposed extension of Mr. Malone's sick leave beyond the period indicated in this Department's letter of the 4th instant.

I am to add that this concession must be regarded as final, and that Mr. Malone's resignation must take effect as from and including the 2nd February next, if he does not resume duty on that date."

#### INJURY TO COUNTY COUNCIL CLERICAL ASSISTANT.

Medical Certificate was submitted from Dr. Furlong, Wexford, on behalf of Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant, County Council Office, under date 23rd November, 1935, that he was unable to work owing to a contused shoulder and would require at least a week's sick leave.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Hayes had "put out" his shoulder which had since been treated by Mr. O'Neill, a bonesetter and from whom a statement was received under date 1st December 1935 that Mr. Hayes would be unable to work for two weeks from that date,

It was agreed that Mr. Hayes be given the necessary sick leave.

#### TENDERS FOR ADVERTISING.

Quotations were received from "The People", "The Free Press" and "The Echo" newspapers for advertising for County Council etc. for financial year 1936-37 at £110 each and were, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer recommended to the County Council for acceptance.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

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

"That all loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts



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be reduced to the difference between the value of house and amount of Government Grant in accordance with the requirements of Department of Local Government and Public Health."

It was pointed out that in connection with loan of £145 to Patrick J. Byrne, 7 Market Square, Enniscorthy, the amount was based on a Government Grant of £70, whereas the grant was only for £45. This would mean that the loan should be increased to £170, 90% of £215 estimated as the value of house and plot.

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

"That amount of loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Patrick J. Byrne, 7 Market Square, Enniscorthy be increased from £145 to £170."

Under date 3rd December 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.201740-35 Loch Garman CC) that the resolution of the County Council in regard to the duties of Appointed Officers under the Housing Acts would receive attention.

Under date 5th December 1935, Messrs. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of Joseph F. Swords, Bayview Terrace, Rosslare Harbour, wrote that their client had built two houses on plot of land which was the subject of Mortgage to the County Council under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. He lived in one; the other was built at the expense of Mrs. Fitzmartin who was residing in it. Mr. Swords now desired to transfer his interest to Mrs. Fitzmartin so that she would become the owner of the house and of half the portion of the lands free from incumbrances. Mr. Swords was unable to redeem the loan of £180. He lived in a house valued for the County Council at £240 and if the Council agreed to release from their Mortgage the house occupied by Mrs. Fitzmartin and her part of the ground they would have as security the house



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in which Swords resided.

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

"We recommend the County Council to refuse application of James F. Swords, Bayview Terrace, Rosslare Harbour for transfer to Mrs. Fitzmartin of portion of plot of ground the subject of loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

Mr. Gannon, Rate Collector, reported that the house in the name of Michael Wickham, Tomnalosset, Enniscorthy under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts was occupied by John Bass.

Under date 2nd December 1935, Messrs. J. A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, Enniscorthy for Wickham wrote admitting that the house was let to Bass as a weekly tenant. Wickham was not in a position to live immediately in the house, chiefly because his wife was obliged to remain to look after her brothers at her own home in the Moyne where Wickham was residing with her. The tenancy of Bass could be determined on a week's notice and it would be terminated when Mr. Wickham was in a position to take up residence in it.

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

"That Michael Wickham, Tomnalosset, Enniscorthy be informed by Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, that he must, without delay reside in house erected under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts or refund the amount of the loan received by him from the County Council for its erection."

In connection with house of Patrick Murphy, Rosetown, Barntown, the following under date 5th December 1935, was read from Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor:-

"With further reference to my certificate of value in above case, I wish to state that I have since met the man who is building the house and he satisfied me that portions of the house which I took exception to were quite



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safe as they had been reinforced with steel.

He also stated that any other matters complained of would be put right.

If it is desirable in the opinion of the Council the loan may now be provisionally approved."

It was explained that this man proceeded with the building of the house before he was informed of the action of the County Council in respect of his application for loan, and before he signed the usual mortgage.

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

"That, in view of second certificate of Assistant Surveyor relative to house of Patrick Murphy, Rosetown, Barntown, we recommend the County Council to agree to advance of loan of £120 in this case."

#### CARNE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION.

Under date 3rd December 1935 Mr. P. J. Devereux, Hon. Secretary, Carne Development Association wrote:-

"The Carne Development Association desire to bring to your notice the dreadful condition of the road from Killinick to Carne Pier, and also the condition of the Pier itself. During the past few years, there has been an increasing number of visitors to this district, during the Summer months, both as residents and daily, and these visitors have greatly benefited the local people, especially the fishermen, from whom they purchase quantities of lobsters and other fish, and also the Bakery and Tea Room and Shop, which was opened this year, and which surely should be encouraged. If there is not something done to improve the road, there is great danger of losing these visitors to this charming resort, and this would be very unfair, while other seaside places, Kilmore, Rosslare, Curracloe, etc. get their roads improved yearly. The road from St. Ivers to Carne Pier is in a dangerous condition for horse



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traffic, and cyclists, not to mention motor cars."

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor for report.

#### DAMAGE TO TAR CONTAINERS

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, reported damage to tar containers at Coolballow and Latimerstown on 27th and 28th October and 10th November. Other damage to palings and tar casks was reported by James Dooley, Road Ganger, which took place on Saturdays.

The County Surveyor said the Gardai were dealing with the matter.

#### CUTS IN WAGES

In connection with stoppage of two days' pay from James Keegan, Gorey Hill Quarry Worker, report was read from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district that he had been informed "all hands" turned up to work in the quarry on 22nd October but owing to very inclement weather they knocked off at 8.40 a.m., no more time for that day being worked. On 23rd October Keegan absented himself and, accordingly lost time for that day and as only 40 minutes were worked the previous day he was not allowed for that either.

The County Surveyor said if there was broken time owing to bad weather or a holyday men got a full week's wages if they worked all the possible time for the week but if a man absented himself for a day on which he could work he was paid only for his actual working time.

Mr. Keegan contended that according to the time sheets kept in the quarry James Keegan worked on this particular day the same amount of time as the other men who were not penalised. He would, however, bring up the matter at the meeting of the County Council.



### TAGHMON SEWERAGE

The County Surveyor said that he had been in Taghmon village a couple of days ago and it was very necessary that it should be provided with a proper system of sewerage.

In reply to the Chairman the County Surveyor said he would furnish a report in the matter to the County Board of Health.

### ROAD WORK IN CASTLEBRIDGE AREA.

Patrick Morris, John Foote, E. Brennan and James Duggan, Castlebridge, wrote complaining that they would not be employed for road work by Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor.

A detailed explanation in the matter from Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, was submitted and was regarded as satisfactory.

### PROPOSED SALE OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Under date 4th December 1935, the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Wexford, wrote that an examination of all the Weights and Measures equipment established the fact that there are no obsolete standards in the County Wexford and accordingly it would not be necessary for any sales to take place.

### KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE EMBANKMENT.

Under date 15th November 1935 the Public Trustee wrote that the income to credit of the Embankment fund (J P Cuffe) was £48. 2. 8d and it appeared to him advisable to invest this sum in  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$  Third National Loan in order to gain Interest but before doing so he wished to know from the County Council and their co Trustees whether the suggestion was acceptable.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to agree to



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the investment of the income from J. P. Cuffe Estate Embankment fund as suggested by Public Trustee in his letter of 15th November, 1935."

COUNTY LIBRARY.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That the County Library Committee be informed that the County Council have no objection to New Ross centre being established at New Ross Courthouse."

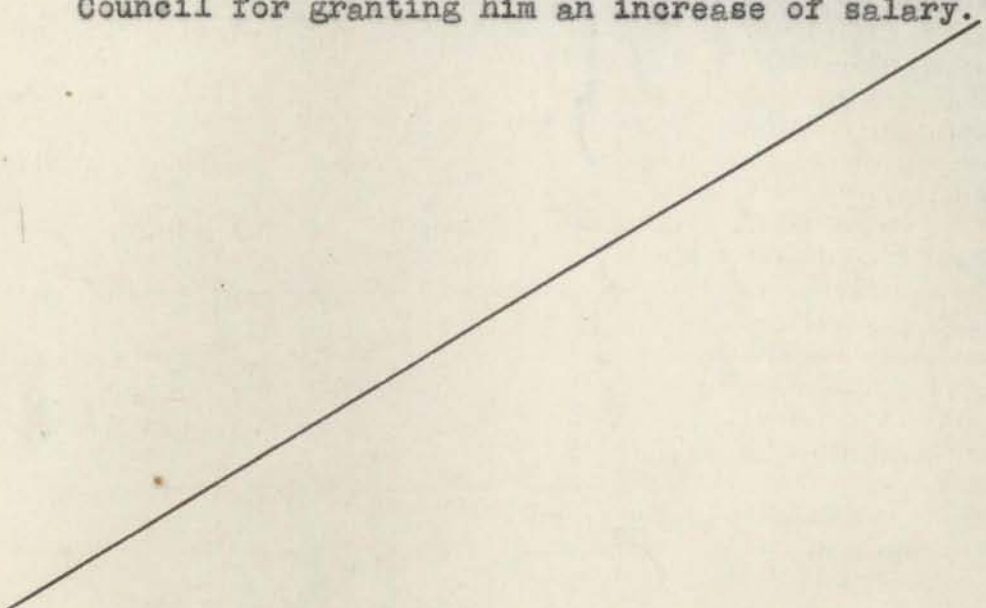
INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The District Court Clerk, Enniscorthy, reported that application was being made on 5th December by Sergeant Kenny, Bunclody, for the committal of three children Annie Byrne, 13 years, Margaret Teresa Byrne, 10 years, and Sheila Byrne, 8 years, to St. Michael's Industrial School, Wexford. The father died last February and the mother is unable to support them. The application would be made in accordance with the Children's Act 1929.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

SALARY OF MR. LYNCH, V.S.

Under date 25th November, 1935, Mr. J. Lynch, V.S., New Ross, wrote expressing his thanks to the County Council for granting him an increase of salary.





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

"That the minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 6th December 1935, be received and considered."

PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME. Col. Gibbon proposed the confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance Committee to reduce the figures of the Road Estimate by an equivalent of 3d in the £ as compared with last year, and the Council should direct the County Surveyor to furnish a revised scheme to the members before next meeting. His reason for proposing this was that if they cut the Estimate too much the threat of the withdrawal of the Road Maintenance Grant by the Government might be put into effect, and might mean that although the Council decided on a reduction to the equivalent of 3d. in the £ rates would be actually increased owing to the withdrawal of the Grant. Probably the amount for Home Assistance might be reduced in the coming year owing to the proposal that the men receiving it be employed at useful work particularly on the roads.

Mr. Doyle seconded the motion.

The Chairman was afraid that the new system of employment of men on the "dole" would not help the Council very much as they could not in any way be utilised to reduce expenditure for ordinary road maintenance.

Col. Gibbon contended that as the ratepayers were in a very bad way they should certainly get some reduction.

Mr. Ml. Redmond protested against any reduction in last year's figures. Good roads were the only amenities that small farmers had and it was unjust and inequitable to economise at their expense. If economy was to be exercised it should not be all taken from the roads.



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He looked upon it as outrageous to cut the Road Estimate to a figure below that agreed to last year.

Mr. T. Redmond pointed out that he was receiving complaints practically daily as to the condition of the roads four or five miles outside the Urban Boundary of New Ross and which were regarded by many as impassable. In view of this he certainly would not approve of any reduction.

Mr. Culleton endorsed the view of the Messrs. Redmond, protesting against any reduction in the figures for the allocations for roads. He considered that one of the functions of the County Council was to relieve unemployment but a reduction of the expenditure on roads would intensify unemployment.

Col. Quin pointed out that if the Government refused to furnish the Grant for Maintenance of Main Roads owing to the proposed reduction, instead of having the rate reduced by 3d in the £ there would be an increase of 6d or 8d.

The Chairman said it would be worth a trial to ask the Government in view of the present circumstances to allow the Council to have a reduced expenditure on Main Roads, as so many of them had been put into an excellent condition and would not require the same amount of money or attention as when the Grant stood at its present percentage of 40. If they found it impossible to convince the Government they would have to take the amount off the County Roads.

The County Surveyor said many of the third class roads were in a very bad condition but unfortunately the Government Grant was not applicable to their improvement. He would much prefer if a substantial portion of the Grant went to these third class roads more particularly as



numbers of them had become more important and had to bear heavier traffic than some of the Main Roads. It was owing to this that the Finance Committee so strongly pressed the Council to apply for a revision of the Main Roads Scheme which was adopted very many years ago. He was strongly of opinion it would be much better to expend less money on the Main Roads and apply the saving, made in this way, to the third class roads.

At the present moment if they took £2000 off the Main Roads they would lose £800 of the Grant, which he considered would be a mistake because they were bringing up what were called link roads by degrees. That morning there was a complaint about the road near Fethard and although it was much worse than the Main Road into Fethard, they had no State Grant applicable for it. As the Council proposed a reduced estimate on the County Roads this particular road would be worse in the future than it now was. He denied that the roads in New Ross area were impassable. Many were badly pot-holed as they were subject to very heavy motor traffic.

Mr. Keegan said it was the general impression that the Main Roads could do with a lot less money for the moment and it would be in favour of the public and to their convenience if this money could be put on the County Roads.

The County Surveyor agreed and pointed out that there was no serious complaints about the Main Roads except of their being slippery but there were very serious complaints about a large number of the Third Class Roads, all of which arose out of the fact that there was not sufficient money for their repair and maintenance.

Miss O'Ryan said the Council had put up a very strong case for revision of the Main Roads Scheme and would put it up again and again if necessary. The Subsidiary bodies



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were carrying out an unprecedented amount for public works and for housing and other social services so that if they were cutting down employment by reducing the road estimate by between £4000 and £5000 the fall in employment would be made up by other public works.

Mr. Culleton contended that the reduction of the estimate would mean a number of people depending upon road employment would not be in as good a position to pay their rates and the Council would be badly hit from that point of view.

As an amendment to Col. Gibbon's motion Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following:-

"That a similar amount as allocated for financial year 1935/36 be agreed to for road repair and maintenance for financial year 1936-37."

A poll was taken on this with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Kelly, Lawlor, Ml. and Thomas Redmond and Ronan. - 9.

AGAINST: Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Day, Doyle, Gibbon, Keegan, Kinsella, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, Smyth, Sweetman and Chairman. - 16.

Mr. Walsh (1) was not present when poll was taken. The Chairman declared the motion lost.

The original resolution for the confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance Committee was then put and adopted nem. con.

ROSSLARE SEWERAGE SCHEME. The County Surveyor stated the sewerage scheme entailed the acquisition of way leave to carry the pipes under certain premises, and it was considered that if they purchased the small space and widened the road it would result in a saving of two payments at the same time. All the people except one had agreed to that course.



Replying to a further query of Mr. Doyle, Mr. Bir-thistle, Assistant Surveyor, stated there would be sufficient space for a footpath at the Golf Hotel.

The County Surveyor stated that if necessary the Council could compel the new addition to the Golf Hotel to be removed for the purpose of the sewerage scheme.

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

"That the County Solicitor and County Surveyor submit to next meeting of the Finance Committee report as to removal of extension of premises of Golf Hotel, Rosslare."

Mr. Doyle referring to the area of charge for the sewerage scheme said it was not the area that was mentioned when the consent of the Council as to borrowing was under consideration.

Mr. Corish said that the Minister for Local Government disagreed with the recommendation of the Board of Health.

Mr. Doyle said he had not seen any report of a protest by the Board of Health against the Minister's decision.

Mr. Corish said that he and Mr. Allen by request of the Board of Health had attended at the Offices of the Local Government Department to support the area of charge as fixed by the Board but they were unable to have their views accepted, the principal reason being that a rate of 6d. in the £ would lessen the borrowing powers of the district.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan to confirm the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

MENTAL HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENTS. The following were appointed on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer to represent the County Council at the Conference in connection with Mental Hospital improvements to be held on 13th December



1935, at Mental Hospital:- The Chairman of the Council (Mr. Allen), the Vice-Chairman (Mr. Corish) and Mr. O'Byrne.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 6th December 1935 be and are hereby confirmed.

ANCIENT MONUMENTS COMMITTEE

The following Minutes of Meeting of above Committee in respect of meeting held on 12th November 1935 were submitted:-



A meeting of County Wexford Ancient Monuments Advisory Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford on 12th November, 1935.

Present: Rev. T. O'Byrne, P.P. (Presiding), Messrs. E. R. Richards Orpen and Seamus Doyle, Senator Kathleen Browne.

The Secretary to County Council was in attendance.

Very Rev. Canon Cloney wrote apologising for his absence as he had been detained on business.

It was decided to call the attention of the Office of Public Works to the following ancient monuments and which in the opinion of the Committee should be scheduled as National Monuments and preserved by the State:-

Clonmines Abbeys  
Vinegar Hill Tower  
Coolhull Castle  
Mountgarrett Castle  
Ferryarrig Castle  
Rathmacknee Castle and  
Church at Clone, Ferns.

The Committee adopted a further resolution asking the County Council to take over and maintain the following:-

Clough East  
St. Vaux  
Brideswell (Askamore) Clachans - Beehives  
Crosses at Adamstown  
Bannow Old Church  
Crosses at Ballinatray (Monaseed)  
Ballymagyr.

As regards the last mentioned place it was decided to communicate with the Land Commission and request them to make provision in any sale of the holding, to have the old house - one of the most historic in the County -



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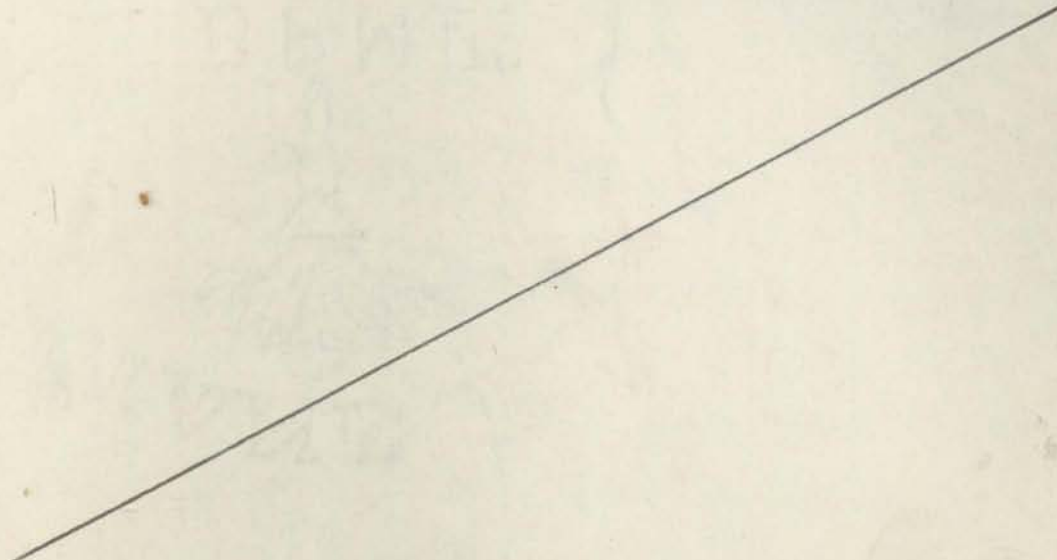
preserved.

As regards the clearance of Old Military Barracks in Michael Street, New Ross, it was decided to ask New Ross Urban Council to preserve anything of any historic value that might be found.

A resolution was adopted suggesting to Enniscorthy and New Ross Urban Councils the advisability of establishing local advisory committees under section 22(2) of National Monuments Act 1930. The attention of New Ross Urban District was called to the very beautiful ruins in St. Mary's Churchyard.

It was decided to request the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, to circularise the various Garda Barracks in the County asking the Gardai to pay close attention to any ancient monuments in their district and to call the attention of the County Council to any interference or any acts of vandalism in connection with same.

The meeting considered at some length the question of ancient monuments in cemeteries under the Control of the Board of Health and decided to ask the Board to issue special instructions to caretakers to exercise all possible care to prevent these monument being damaged or interfered with.





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

"That the County Surveyor be requested to inspect the monuments which the Local Ancient Monuments Committee have asked the County Council to take over and furnish report as to the cost of keeping them in reasonable repair."

#### TACUMSHANE LAKE

The County Surveyor reported there was a letter from the Office of Public Works stating there would be a grant of £300 for work at Tacumshane Lake and that formal notification would be sent later. He had been down there and made preliminary arrangements for the work. He intended to go there again on the following day, so that when they received notification of the grant they could proceed with the work.

Col. Gibbon said the work should be started at the first available opportunity.

#### CLOTHES STORE FOR COUNTY HOME

The following motion of which he had given previous notice and which had been circulated to County Councillors on 5th November 1935 was moved by Mr. Colfer:-

"That the County Council consent to the borrowing by the County Board of Health and Public Assistance of £374. 2. 0 for the purpose of erecting a Clothes store at the County Home."

In moving his motion Mr. Colfer said that it was generally admitted that such a store was very badly needed.

Mr. Lawler seconded.

Mr. Doyle opposed and considered ample accommodation for clothes could be found now as in the past. During his twelve years' experience as a member of the County Health Board there had been no complaints as to the lack of accommodation for clothes. Though the County Council



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had no control over the expenditure of the County Board of Health, the members of that Board were also County Councillors who should be well acquainted with the state of the country. This was not a time when rates should be increased or to incur expenditure which could in any way be avoided. They should not agree to this expenditure at present even though this might cause some inconvenience.

Col. Quin said a great deal of work was needed at the County Home and he would be glad if the money spent on other projects could be diverted to necessary improvements there. He would be glad to propose that they spend £50,000 to rebuild it if they had the money. It was the most important place in the county. He believed the store was a necessity.

Mr. McCarthy said that the question of providing this store was considered several times by the County Board of Health and everyone familiar with the circumstances believed it to be absolutely essential.

On a show of hands Mr. Colfer's motion was carried by 17 votes to 6.

#### TRANSFER NEW ROSS URBAN ROADS.

Under date, 22nd November, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (R/RD/32) enclosing sealed order under Section 24(3) of the Local Government Act 1925 directing that Wexford County Council shall, as from 1st April 1936, and until the Minister shall otherwise direct, construct and maintain all the Urban Roads in the Urban District of New Ross.

A copy of the Urban Districts (Transferred Road Duties) Regulations 1926 was also enclosed.

#### RECRUITMENT OF LABOUR FOR ROAD WORKS

Circular S.G.A(202 under date 22nd November 1935,



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from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) relative to recruitment of labour for Road Works financed wholly or partly from Central funds was read and referred to the County Surveyor.

INCREASE OF SALARY - MR. J. LYNCH, V.S.

Under date 22nd November 1935, the Department of Agriculture wrote (EC972/35) that the Minister for Agriculture would offer no objection to the proposed increase of £20 (from £60 to £80 per annum) in respect of the duties of Mr. J. Lynch, V.S., New Ross, under the Diseases of Animals Acts and Bovine Tuberculosis Order.

Mr. Lynch wrote thanking the Council for having granted him the increase.

SALE OF COMPENSATION STOCK

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That the Wexford County Council sell the sum of £50 5% Compensation Stock standing in their name and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to letter of Attorney authorising Mr. Frederick West Gamble, Stockbroker, Dublin, to sell the said stock."

RATES INSPECTORS SUPERVISION OF RENT COLLECTORS.

Under date 15th November 1935, the Board of Health wrote that subject to the sanction of the County Council the Board had appointed the Rates Inspector to supervise the work of the Rent Collectors and sought approval to the appointment which was to carry a remuneration of £20 per annum.

Mr. Doyle commented on the fact that they had an application from the Rates Inspector for clerical assistance to carry out his own duties and they now found him taking up for the County Board of Health additional work.



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Mr. O'Byrne considered that if the duties were covered by the Public Bodies Order the Rates Inspector should be required to discharge these duties without remuneration outside his salary as Rates Inspector.

The Chairman and Miss O'Ryan pointed out that as the Rates Inspector had to visit the towns of the County to check Rate Collectors Books the Health Board were anxious to take advantage of his attendance to examine the Cottage Rent Collection in the four districts. If a special appointment had to be made it would cost the Board £150 or £200 per annum. The work should not in any way interfere with this Officer's duties as Rates Inspector.

After considerable discussion the following motion was moved by Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Bowe and adopted:-

"That we agree to the proposal of the County Board of Health appointing the Rates Inspector to check the books of Cottage Rent Collectors - remuneration £20 per annum. If it be found later that the Rates Inspector is unable to carry out his work without further assistance the Health Board be informed that it will be necessary for them to employ some one else to carry out the checking of books of Cottage Rent Collectors."

The motion was adopted, Col. Quin dissenting.

APPOINTMENT EX-OFFICIO INSPECTOR, FOOD AND  
DRUGS ACTS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Redmond:-

"That Garda Bernard Forde (7969) Duncormick Garda Station be appointed Ex-officio, Inspector to this County Council under Food and Drugs Acts for Administrative County of Wexford."



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CLAIM BALLYBOGGAN QUARRY

Under date 14th November 1935, Messrs. M.J.O'Connor & Co. wrote on behalf of Mr. Patrick Murphy, Ballyboggan, Castlebridge, that by an agreement with the County Council made 8th February 1935 their client was to be paid 5/- per perch for surface damage, but he had not received any payment to the present, also that he never received any compensation for the site at quarry used by County Council as a dumping ground.

He made a further claim for compensation for removal of 47 trees at £1 per tree.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor said that Murphy made a claim about six years ago for removal of brushwood and a swamp. The trees were of no value and he (Birthistle) always believed he had convinced Mr. Murphy there was nothing in his claim.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer that the Council should repudiate the claim and that the County Surveyor should report to next meeting as to the amount to which he considered Mr. Murphy was actually entitled.

CARNE PIER DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

The following under date 3rd December 1935, was read from Mr. P. J. Devereux, Hon. Sec. to above Association.

"The Carne Development Association, desire to bring to your notice the dreadful condition of the road from Killinick to Carne Pier, and also the condition of the Pier itself. During the past few years, there has been an increasing number of visitors to this district, during the Summer months, both as residents and daily, and these visitors have greatly benefited the local people, especially the fishermen, from whom they purchase quantities of Lobsters and other fish, and also the Bakery and Tea Room and Shop, which was opened this year, and which



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surely should be encouraged. If there is not something done to improve the road, there is great danger of losing these visitors to this charming resort, and this would be very unfair, while other seaside places, Kilmore, Rosslare, Curracloe, etc. get their roads improved yearly.

The road from St. Ivers to Carne Pier, is in a dangerous condition for horse traffic and cyclists, not to mention motor cars."

Mr. Doyle said the road referred to had been before the County Council on several occasions and in view of the number of people concerned and of the great many visitors who patronised Carne something should be done with it, and it should be put into passable condition.

The County Surveyor said that he had included £200 for this road and with the "cut" that day he would not get half that.

Mr. Corish said that ~~to make~~ a really decent job according to the County Surveyor's estimate could be done for £4000 and in view of the importance of Carne as a seaside resort he believed the County Council should not hesitate in taking the necessary steps to raise this loan. The amount of £200 was not enough to do anything of advantage.

The County Surveyor said this would only level the potholes.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, stated it was proposed to put out three hundred cubic yards of material which would only do a small portion of the road, the entire length being eight miles. There was a huge population and huge farming traffic, and the road was as important as that from Killinick to the town. To do a good job on the road would cost £500 per mile. At the present time they had no chance of "holding" the road.



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Mr. Doyle attributed the bad condition of the road to a great extent to the fact that it was repaired with sea gravel. He did not object to the use of sea gravel if it were mixed with tar, but this road was never treated with tar. From time immemorial it was done with sea gravel.

County Surveyor - The sea gravel we have been using down there is very much finer now than formerly.

Mr. Culleton gave notice to move at next meeting that a loan of £4,000 be raised for the purpose of repairing the road.

#### LANES IN BROADWAY

Mr. Culleton called attention to the condition of two lanes in Broadway. There was a blacksmith's forge on one of the lanes which was flooded and the blacksmith contended the flooding was caused by water from the road.

The County Surveyor said if that was the case he would have the flooding abated.

Mr. Doyle said the flooding of the lane was a terrible inconvenience to the people who had to go and come from the forge. He understood the people only wanted that water carried by the channels, which would not cost very much.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, suggested that the lanes be listed for a grant under Minor Relief Schemes Vote. They were in bad condition and subject to a good deal of flooding, a little of which might be caused by water from the road. In so far as this was the case it would be remedied.

It was decided that County Surveyor submit a report in the matter to the Finance Committee.



MARSHALSTOWN LANE

Very Rev. A. O'Brien, P.P., Marshalstown, wrote in reference to the necessity of erecting a bridge at the end of Marshalstown Lane adjacent to the Ballydaw road. In winter the lane is flooded at the point specified, which considerably interfered with users of the lane. It was a pity the matter was not attended to when the repairs to the lane were being carried out.

County Surveyor - That was done under a minor relief scheme grant, and we had not enough money to erect a bridge.

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Bowe, it was decided to make application for a further minor relief scheme grant in connection with the bridge.

DEFAULTING ROAD CONTRACTOR - ROAD 144.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district reported that James Dunne, Ballydean, Courtown had failed to carry out his contract in as much as he had not put out material for measurement. He and his Sureties should be served with a "Ten Day" Notice.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sweetman seconded by Mr. T. Redmond:-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to take over Road No. 144 in view of the default of James Dunne, Contractor, or to take any other steps in the matter which he considers more desirable in the interests of the Road.

WEXFORD - CURRACLOE ROAD

Mr. Corish submitted the following letter from Irish Tourist Association under date 6th December 1935 relative to that portion of above road from Fahy's Cross to Curracloe Strand:-

"In view of your Council's special interest in the above, and further to representations addressed to this Association, I have been in touch with the Local Government Roads Department regarding the possibility of some special



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action being taken, and I give hereunder copy of an extract from a letter received from the Roads Department on the subject:-

"The County Surveyor when submitting his proposals for the expenditure of the current Improvement Grant presented the Wexford - Curracloe (County Road No.640) Road as an alternative to the improvement of portion L.29 about four miles north of Wexford beyond Castle-bridge. The proposals as submitted by the County Surveyor were accepted. This work might be noted for consideration under the SGP grant."

I shall be glad to take any further action you consider advisable in the matter.

#### LAND PURCHASE GUARANTEE FUND

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

"That we protest against the introduction in An Dail of the New Land Purchase (Guarantee Fund) Bill, and call upon the Deputies for the County to oppose it in all its stages as the placing of the burden of unpaid Land Annuities on the local rates is unjust and unfair especially as the ratepayers at present find it difficult to pay the ordinary Rate and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Deputies for County Wexford."

In connection with this matter the following resolution was read from Cork County Council:-

"That we, the Cork County Council, hereby protest against the terms of the Guarantee Fund Bill introduced into An Dail by the Minister for Finance, under which it is proposed to make the ratepayers of the entire Free State liable for unpaid land taxation up to a sum of approximately two million pounds per annum; that we therefore call on the Minister to withdraw the Bill so that the solvency of local authorities in the matter of the collection of local rates may not be imperilled; that the Minister be further requested to make available forthwith for distribution to the several County Councils their ascertained proportion of the Agricultural Grants, including



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all amounts withheld since the 1st April, 1933; and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, the Minister for Finance, to all T.D.'s in the County, and to all County Councils in An Saorstát".

In moving his motion Mr. Kinsella contended it was unfair to make the County Councils collect Land Annuities and more particularly when ratepayers and farmers were so badly hit. He also understood that £100,000 was being stopped from the Agricultural Grant this year, which, of course, would fall on the agricultural community. The Council should call on their T.D.'s to oppose the Bill.

Col. Quin in seconding, said the Council on more than one occasion had protested against the injustice of making them assume responsibility for the collection of these annuities.

Mr. McCarthy supported the motion and also the Cork resolution. £41,000 had been withheld from the Agricultural Grant for the County Wexford and this had never been made good by a rate levy. If the proposed Bill was adopted there was the possibility of another £41,000 shortage, and a reduction of a similar amount, if not more, might be notified to the Council in February. It would appear that to discharge their liabilities under this head alone the Council would have to raise an additional sum of £80,000 in the next estimate of rate, representing 4/- in the £. This was most unfair, and of course, it was recognised that unless sufficient rates were raised the Board of Health services and Road Work would be adversely affected. Notwithstanding all the machinery the Government had at their control they appeared to be unable to collect annuities. It would appear as if people were unable to pay, otherwise, bailiffs, flying squads etc., seen so



constantly recently should be able to get the annuities. He believed the measure should be withdrawn. Up to 1932 the withheld amount was so small it never affected the finances of the County Council. As the purpose for which the Guarantee Fund was established had now disappeared the Government was not justified in proceeding with the Bill. The Guarantee Fund was established to protect the British Government but as annuities were not now paid directly to them its purpose had ceased to exist.

Col. Gibbon contended that the representatives of the two political parties in the County Council would agree that the whole cost of the economic war should not fall upon the farmers. The effect of the proposed legislation would intensify the existing position.

Mr. O'Byrne held that the economic war did not come into the consideration of the question in any way. While the last Government was in office the Council and General Council of County Councils adopted resolutions asking that a particular clause in the appropriate Act of Parliament affecting County Councils regarding collection of annuities be removed. If there was a shortage in the amount of the Agricultural Grant, it would be met, not by the farmers, but by the ratepayers as a whole, and people who could gain no benefit from the grant would have to pay. They should not agree that men who had paid should be responsible for the debts of men who would not pay.

Miss O'Ryan pointed out that most of the Agricultural Grant was paid as a voluntary contribution and had been voluntarily increased very considerably by the present and late governments. It appeared that as long as the annuities went to Great Britain there was no objection to paying but when they were to be paid into the Irish Exchequer to be redistributed in Grants, strong objection was made to pay. In regard to the Cork resolution, they



knew that all the difficulty at present was coming from the vicinity of Cork. These people thought they had not to pay anything, so long as the people of Wexford and other places stepped into the breach. She then moved the following amendment:-

"That we consider it unjust and inequitable to levy on the Agricultural Grant the uncollected portion of the Land Annuities as the ratepayers who discharge their liability in respect of Land Annuities are in no way responsible for those in default."

Mr. Kelly seconded.

Col. Quin said that all the members would agree to this proposal.

Mr. Kinsella pointed out there was nothing in the amendment asking the T.D.'s to oppose the present Bill.

Mr. Bowe asked Miss O'Ryan if she would accept that portion of Mr. Kinsella's resolution.

The Chairman pointed out that the question had arisen recently that the law making the Guarantee Fund responsible for unpaid annuities was not very clear - that there was a flaw - and the Bill introduced was simply to clear the air, and to establish the fact that the Guarantee Fund could beyond doubt be called upon to make good any annuities in default. That and that alone was the purpose for which the Bill had been submitted. He held the ratepayers should not be liable for anybody's annuities. Last year the Council passed a resolution on the same lines as the amendment now proposed by Miss O'Ryan. If they were to get clear of liability they would have to do far more than prevent the passage of the Bill. It was quite possible the Courts would decide, that even without the Bill the Guarantee Fund was liable. Mr. Kinsella's resolution meant nothing except a certain amount of political propaganda which was the whole gist of it. It



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simply meant that a big row was being raised over what was really only a storm in a tea-cup, and it would not serve anyone or get the farmers what they wanted - namely not to have the rates liable for deficiencies in the annuities. Suppose an Act was passed relieving the Guarantee Fund of liability the Government had a way out. They had increased the Government Grant by something like £750,000 but there was nothing to prevent them reducing that Grant to the actual amount fixed in the Standard Year viz. £400,000. Whether the Bill was passed or otherwise the Council would not be in any better position as regards their liability for annuities.

Col. Quin considered that the Government should have waited for the decision of the Courts, before introducing any measure. He agreed with Miss O'Ryan that it was simply damnable injustice to make the County Council responsible for the payment of Land Annuities.

Mr. Doyle contended that if the Bill was once passed it would give full powers to the Government to make the Council collect, even retrospectively, and was going to add another £80,000 to the rates.

Mr. Cummins appealed to Mr. Kinsella to withdraw his resolution if Miss O'Ryan was satisfied that the amendment should be forwarded to the five T.D.'s of the County.

Miss O'Ryan agreed but Mr. Kinsella declined to withdraw.

A poll was taken on Miss O'Ryan's amendment with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Colfer, Culleton, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, O'Ryan, Ml. Redmond, Thos. 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.



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Mr. Corish (1) did not vote.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

A vote was then taken on Mr. Kinsella's resolution with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Cummins, Day, Doyle, Gibbon, Kinsella, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Quin, Smyth and Walsh. - 14.

AGAINST: Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, O'Ryan, Ml. Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and Chairman. - 12.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

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