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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 13th JANUARY, 1936.

M I N U T E S

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

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

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The Monthly Meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford on 13th January, 1936.

Present:- Messrs. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding; also, J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Richard Corish, C. Culleton, Wm. Cullimore, John Cummins, John Day, Ml. Doyle, Col. C. M. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Jas. Lawler, Thos. McCarthy, T. J. Meyler, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Ml. Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Patk. Ronan, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor, Rates Inspector and the five Assistant Surveyors of the Council were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurers' Advice Notes for £10,290 . 4. 3d. (Ordinary Payments) and for £21,037. 15. 0d. (Transfers to Public Bodies) were examined and signed.

VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

On the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Miss O'Ryan a vote of condolence to Mr. Frank Staples, M.R.C.V.S., (a temporary official of the Council) was adopted, in the death of his mother.

A vote of condolence to the widow and family of the late Mr. M. M. O'Donoghoe, Castle Talbot, Blackwater (a former member of the County Council) was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Smyth.

Mr. Lawlor proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded a resolution of sympathy to Mr. John P. Kelly, County Councillor, in the death of his aunt, Mrs. Cullen, Mangan, Killanne.

This was adopted unanimously.

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Mr. Kelly returned thanks.

CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MEETING 20th DECEMBER 1935: The 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 in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford on 20th December, 1935.

The following were present:- Messrs. P. Colfer, W. P. Keegan, J. P. Kelly, S. O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the chair was taken by Miss O'Ryan, who presided until after the confirmation of the Minutes, when the Chairman (Mr. Allen) attended and presided for the remainder of the business.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £3394. 19. 11 and £499. 19. 2 were examined and signed.

VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.

On the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Miss O'Ryan a vote of condolence was passed with Collector M. Murphy in the death of his uncle, Mr. Matthew Murphy, Ballyrobeg, Blackwater.

RATE COLLECTION.

STATE OF: The following shows the state of the Rate Collection up to 20th December, 1935:-

E. J. Murphy	52.9
S. Gannon No. 10	48.5
J. Curtis	48.3
J. J. O'Reilly	47.2
S. Gannon No. 6	45.3
Maurice Kehoe	45.1
P. Carty	44.1
D. Kenny	44.0
P. Nolan	43.7
J. Cummins	43.6
J. Deegan	43.1
M. McCarthy	43.0
J. Flood	41.2
P. Doyle	40.9
A. Dunne	39.2
W. Cummins	37.5

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J. J. Sinnott	35.8
W. Doyle	34.5
J. Quirke	34.0
M. Murphy	33.9
	41.8

The amount collected at the corresponding period last year was 38.6%, the increased percentage this year being 3%.

The Chairman (Mr. Allen) said as far as he could see, the Rate Collectors were not making the same effort as they did last year. As they had their books in hands two months earlier than for 1934 the collection should have been much better. He believed this was the period of the year when they should press the Collectors to close the first moiety. If the collection of this moiety was allowed to run into February or March, the Council would find that only one moiety would be collected before the close of the financial year in March. He then proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Kelly and adopted:-

"That returns be furnished showing the number of ratings outstanding in each collector's district in respect of first moiety of current rate and also the number of ratings represented by collected rate. Further that Rate Collectors be informed that the Finance Committee will require an amount equivalent to the first moiety of the current warrant plus the arrears applicable to 1934/35 lodged by 15th January 1936. The Committee direct Collectors to take all necessary steps towards that end. The Committee are not satisfied with the amount collected as they believe if the Collectors had put more earnestness into their work, a much bigger improvement would be apparent in the collection as compared with last year."

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APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT FORM: On behalf of the Reps. of William Hore, Hill-of-Sea, (a patient in Mental Hospital), Mr. Laurence Kirwan, Solicitor, Wexford, wrote asking the Finance Committee to agree to accept form of declaration for employment in connection with rebate of rates.

It was decided to point out to Mr. Kirwan that a number of these applications had been already received, and it was decided on the advice of the Department of Local Government and Public Health it was not possible for the Council to recognise any employment form which had not been lodged in time.

PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE: The following letter under date 19th December, 1935, (No. G.217106/35-Loch Garman.) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 11th instant relative to the payment of poundage to the Rate Collectors, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that he has decided that no payment of interim poundage will be sanctioned until an amount equivalent to the first moiety of the current warrant plus arrears applicable to 1934-35 has been lodged in each case. I am further to state that poundage at the rate of 7d will not be authorised in respect of the current warrants unless lodgment in accordance with the foregoing is made not later than the 15th proximo, and so far as the remainder of the collection is concerned, unless the warrant is closed by the 31st March next.

I am to point out that the Rate Collection, notwithstanding the issue of the warrants in July last, is most unsatisfactory, and the Collectors should now be warned that no concessions, beyond those conveyed above, will be given in regard to poundage fees."

It was stated that only one collector (E. J. Murphy - No. 17) was qualified to receive poundage under the terms of this communication.

Messrs. Colfer, O'Byrne and Keegan pointed out that no payment had been made to the Rate Collectors since May and it was impossible for a number of them to carry on without some remuneration.

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After discussion 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 an interim payment of poundage at 5d in the £ on 50% of amounts collected and lodged by Rate Collectors up to the end of November 1935."

A notification was received later from the Department agreeing to this proposal.

SEIZURE FOR RATES: At the meeting of the County Council on the 9th December 1935, the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed:-

"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."

Under date 17th December, 1935, the County Registrar wrote as follows:-

"Yours of the 14th instant herein received, appending the resolution of your Council of the 9th instant. The request made in the resolution, I regret I cannot concede, as it would be contrary to all legal practice in the Sheriffs Office.

As you are aware, the Rate Collectors have as much power under their warrants as I have under the Land Commission warrants. I understand that in the case of Rates, as in Land Commission cases, a buyer will be supplied by the Department, in case of seizure and sale. In the circumstances the Collectors should proceed on their warrants."

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SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

HOUSE LET AT TOMNALOSSET: Mr. Kelly stated in regard to house for which loan had been obtained under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts by Michael Wickham, Tomnalosset, Enniscorthy that the latter was receiving 10/- a week rent from John Bass, and he believed the Council should insist upon their resolution in the matter, that Wickham repay the loan or occupy the house, being put into effect.

Mr. Elgee stated he had received a letter from Mr. McCarthy, County Councillor, that the letting to Bass was purely a temporary arrangement and would be determined shortly.

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

"That Michael Wickham, Tomnalosset, Enniscorthy, be informed that the County Council will require him to occupy within three months, the house for which he obtained loan from the County Council under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

ADDITION TO HOUSE: Under date 19th December, 1935, Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey District, wrote that when valuing house of Jeremiah Clare, Custodium, he estimated the amount to be £200. Since then an addition had been made by the building of a pantry which would increase the valuation by £40. The site value could be taken at £10, raising the total valuation of the premises to £250.

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

"That in view of revised valuation of house and premises erected by Jeremiah Clare, Custodium, Kilanerin, under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, the County Council be recommended to agree to increase this loan from £150 to £180."

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PROPOSED REDUCTIONS OF LOANS: Under date 11th December, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.212985/35-Loch Garman) that in view of the fact that a Government Grant of £70 was payable to Charles Hendrick in respect of house, proposed to be erected at Blackstoops, the Minister was of opinion that the amount of the advance of £140 should be reduced.

Under date 11th December, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.208475/35 Loch Garman) that as regards the proposal to advance a sum of £240 to Johanna Kennedy, Shalbaggan, Ramsgrange, in view of the fact that a Government Grant of £60 was payable in this case, the Minister considered the amount of advance should be reduced.

Under date 11th December, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.206829/35 Loch Garman) sanctioning advance of £145 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Patrick Byrne of Blackstoops. He also pointed out in regard to the proposal to advance £145 to Patrick Scully for house at Blackstoops, Enniscorthy, the Minister believed the advance should be reduced in view of grant of £70 payable in the case.

The Secretary stated it had been decided to increase the amount of loan granted to Mr. Patrick Byrne for house at Blackstoops from £145 to £170.

Under date 11th December, 1935, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, wrote (P.H.198299/35 Loch Garman) sanctioning advance of £100 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to John Foley, Blackstoops.

He also pointed out that in view of the fact that Mrs. Pender, who has erected house at Blackstoops, Enniscorthy, and Thomas O'Reilly, also at Blackstoops, Enniscorthy, would receive Government Grants of £70 each, he was of opinion that the advances should be reduced.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion

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of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That in view of the fact that numbers of applicants for advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts have to pay for incidental and legal expenses in connection with title to plots on which houses will be erected in addition to £5 cost of mortgage Deed, we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to allow the Council to advance under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to suitable applicants an amount represented by the difference between the value of houses as certified by Assistant Surveyor and the amount of Government Grants provided such advance will in no case exceed the maximum which may be granted under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts and Housing Acts."

CLAIM - GOREY HILL QUARRY.

Under date 10th December, 1935, Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, Gorey, wrote on behalf of Miss Palmer, Gorey Hill, claiming £5 compensation for injury caused to her land etc. by two blasts at Gorey Hill Quarry and also £1. 1. 0, their costs.

The County Surveyor stated he had obtained a report in the matter from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, in which it was pointed out that the damage was almost negligible. He had furnished claim with Mr. Treanor's report to the Insurance Company who were dealing with the matter.

ALLEGED INJURIES TO MOTOR CAR

Under date 16th December, 1935, Messrs. M.J.O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Gorey, wrote applying for compensation on behalf of Aidan Redmond, Esmonde Street, Gorey, in reference to alleged injury to his motor car sustained at Springmount, Gorey on that date. They pointed out that

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while their client was driving along the road, he ran over a number of large stones which had apparently fallen from a cart of an employee of the Council drawing stones from Carriganeagh quarry to where the road was under repair. The stones were so negligently placed on the cart that a large quantity apparently fell off, resulting in damage to Mr. Redmond's car. The damage included the breaking of front spring and fly wheel. Unless they heard from the Council that the Committee were prepared to pay compensation for the damage, and also for the loss sustained by being unable to use the car, they would institute proceedings.

Under date 19th December 1935, Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, reported that from inquiries into the matter he found Mr. Redmond's car passed over the road about 3 p.m. when it would have been possible for him to have seen the stones stated to have been on the road. These could not have been numerous as he (Mr. Treanor) understood they were only such as might fall from any loaded cart and there was no spreading at the place.

He could not understand how the fly wheel could have been broken as such parts are usually protected. As regards the claim for loss sustained through not been able to use the car, there could not be much in this as Ganger informed him/ that the car passed over the road with a load of geese on the 17th, the day after the accident.

The County Surveyor stated he was in correspondence with the Insurance Company which was dealing with the matter.

CLAIM FROM DR. FURLONG, INFIRMARY HOUSE, WEXFORD.

Under date 20th December 1935, the Secretary, County Board of Health, wrote forwarding copy of letter from Dr. S. A. Furlong, Infirmary House, Wexford, applying for payment of £9 in respect of mattresses which had been brought from the old County Infirmary to the County Hospital.

At the time of the transaction it was held by the Board

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that the mattresses and other furniture in the Private Home (Old County Infirmary let to Dr. Furlong by County Council) were the property of the County Council, hence no payment was made.

A letter from Dr. Furlong, dated 14th December, 1935, stated that the Matron of his Private Hospital had, repeatedly during the past few years, applied for payment of £9 for mattresses purchased from her by the County Board of Health and so far without result. He was anxious to have the account settled.

It was decided to refer the matter to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

DUMPING GROUND ADJOINING KILLURIN RAILWAY STATION.

Under date 19th December 1935, the following letter was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"In this case as the County Surveyor has doubtless reported to you, a Claim was put forward by Mr. Cogley against the County Council for alleged Trespass on his Lands at Killurin by reason of the County Surveyor dumping a large quantity of Stones from the Old Courthouse Buildings there which he purposed to use for repairs to the Roads, and at the time the County Surveyor dumped the Stones as aforesaid, he was of opinion that the place where he had dumped them was ~~the~~ County Council property, and that consequently he had a right to do so.

In order to go into the matter fully I arranged with Mr. Barry that he should visit the place with me and Mr. Walsh, the Solicitor for Mr. Cogley, and accordingly, we did so on Tuesday last. Mr. Cogley and his Solicitor were able to satisfy me that the place where the Stones had been dumped was his Property, and not that of the County Council, and this being so, a Trespass had been committed in dumping the Stones there. We then discussed the matter as to what Compensation, if any, should be paid to Mr. Cogley, and it was

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finally agreed that Mr. Barry and I should recommend the Council to pay Mr. Cogley a sum of £12. 10. 0 in respect of the Trespass, and also, giving us the right in the future to dump Stones on a certain part of the property extending in for six feet from the edge of the travelling surface of the Road.

I consider this a fair arrangement, and that it should be agreed to by the County Council.

I have had an Agreement drafted to carry out this arrangement, and I would be glad, if you would bring the matter before the Finance Committee tomorrow, so that we may discuss it, and if thought advisable to agree to the terms fixed provisionally by Mr. Barry and myself with Mr. Cogley."

The County Surveyor stated the place, which was unfenced, adjoined Killurin Railway Station and in his opinion it had been undoubtedly excavated for filling the sides of the road, when the road was constructed. When the dumping was carried out everybody connected with the Council considered it was a commons and could be used for the purpose.

The Chairman said the claim for £12. 10. 0 was a very large amount.

Mr. O'Byrne considered the whole place would not be worth 12/-.

The County Surveyor said taking the usual compensation at 5/- per perch the amount in this case would be about £10. He gathered from Mr. Elgee that if Cogley brought the Council into Court, they would be decreed. In view of the extent of land taken and the amount of compensation that they usually gave it was very doubtful if they would be decreed for less than the sum recommended for payment by Mr. Elgee. Of course the Council should insist on getting the right in future to dump stones on the portion of the land extending for six feet from the edge of the travelling surface.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following

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resolution which was adopted:-

"That in view of recommendation of Mr. Elgee in letter under date 19th December, 1935, we recommend the Council to pay James Cogley, Killurin, compensation to the amount of £12. 10. 0 for use of his land as a dumping ground for road material and also for the right to use a certain portion of the holding as a dumping ground for the future as pointed out in Mr. Elgee's letter. Amount is to be paid only on execution of agreement in the matter."

CLERICAL ASSISTANCE AT LOCAL TAXATION OFFICE.

Under date 17th December, 1935, the following letter was read from the Local Taxation Officer:-

"I beg to make application for the services of two temporary clerks in my office in connection with the issue of licences for year 1936. I will require clerical assistance for the same period as last year, viz., 28 working days.

Owing to the fact that the Local Government Department have issued instructions that all applications for licences have to be cleared daily, it will be necessary to employ the staff overtime for a portion of the period. I would be glad to have the Council's approval to this."

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following resolution:-

"That application of Local Taxation Officer for Clerical Assistance be agreed to and that J. J. O'Leary, St. Enda's Terrace, Wexford and Michael Flusk, John Street, Wexford, be employed, provided they are found suitable by the Local Taxation Officer.

That the Rate of payment be fixed at 1/- per hour, and the total remuneration paid not to exceed the amount paid last year."

Mr. P. M. Donohoe, Clerical Assistant in County Council Office, wrote applying for payment of £1 per week - the rate allowed last year - for two weeks in month of September for

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acting as Local Taxation Officer during the latter's absence on holidays.

On the motion of Mr. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Colfer, it was decided to recommend the Council to agree to Mr. Donohoe's application.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

The District Court Clerk, New Ross, wrote stating that application would be made for the committal to Industrial School of Edward Lennon and May Lennon, Ballykelly, New Ross.

Matter was referred to Mr. Elgee.

MENTAL HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The following report of Joint Conference regarding proposed improvements at Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, was submitted from Mr. Thomas Kelly, Clerk, Mental Hospital, who acted as Secretary to the Conference:-

"Report of Conference between representatives of County Council, Board of Health and Mental Hospital Committee of Management which was held in the Mental Hospital Boardroom on Friday, 13th December, 1935.

The following were present:-

Mr. Corish and Mr. S. O'Byrne representing Co. Council.

Miss O'Ryan and Mr. T. McCarthy representing Board of Health.

Rev. J. Codd, Cannon Squires and Mr. M. Sweetman representing Mental Hospital.

Dr. Lyons, Resident Medical Supertendent, Dr. Conlon, Assistant Medical Officer, Messrs. T. D. Sinnott, Secretary Board of Health, T. Kelly, Clerk, Mental Hospital, who acted as Secretary to Conference and Michael Jordan, Consulting Engineer.

Rev. J. Codd, Adm., presided.

The Conference was held to consider the development of Kilcarberry water power, on joint liability lines between

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the Mental Hospital and Board of Health, for the purpose of supplying the Mental Hospital and Grianan Charmain with electricity for lighting and power purposes.

Mr. Jordan, Consulting Engineer, submitted report and estimate of £13,390 for development scheme in question, and that this amount obtained on loan at 4¾ per cent repayable over a period of 37 years would entail an annual charge of £789 approx. as compared with E.S.B. annual charge of £1108 as based on probable consumption in both institutions as follows:-

Mental Hospital

Lighting	25,000 units	cost at E.S.B. current prices	£ 625.
Power	54,000	do.	£ 296.
Grianan Charmain			
Lighting	4,000	do.	£ 125.
Power	6,000	do.	£ 62.
		Total as above	£1108.

The Mental Hospital estimate is based on meter readings spread over the past three months which were installed for the purpose by the Committee of Management.

Mr. Jordan's report was discussed with special advertence to letter from the Local Government Department of the 26th ultimo intimating that the Mental Hospital Improvements Scheme must be carried out piecemeal; that the Minister would be prepared to agree to the following works being undertaken immediately viz., Refrigerator, Central Heating and Steam Plant, Bathing Accommodation, Laundry Equipment, and Building Admission Unit. That the Minister would consider the question of allowing the remaining necessary works to proceed as money is available.

Mr. Sweetman pointed out that as the present water supply of the Mental Hospital is inadequate the provision of an adequate supply should be the first item to be carried out under the proposed improvements scheme and as electric power was of equal importance these two services should take precedence in the Committee's scheme of improvements to be carried out under the Hospitals Sweepstakes Grant Scheme.

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In connection with the present electric supply service Mr. Jordan pointed out that the existing plant would not be capable of providing adequate service for all the proposed new buildings contemplated at the Mental Hospital.

The Conference agreed with Mr. Sweetman and recommended that an assurance should be obtained from the Department that a grant will be forthcoming for the installation of the services mentioned in accordance with scheme outlined by Mr. Jordan as to electric requirements of the Mental Hospital and Grianan Charmain and in accordance with report of Mr. P. H. M'Carthy as to water supply for the Mental Hospital. The question of apportioning cost of Kilcarberry development as between the Mental Hospital and Grianan Charmain was held over for the present.

Mr. Corish, T.D., undertook to visit the Department and secure an interview with the view of getting an assurance that a grant will be given so that the works in question can be carried out with as little delay as possible."

The Chairman said it would not be possible for the Finance Committee to move in the matter until they had report from Mr. Corish and the meeting agreed with this view.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction extension of period of overdraft to a maximum of £40,000 for the three months up to 31st March 1936."

GOREY COURTHOUSE

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

"That we recommend Mr. D. Doran, District Court Clerk,

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Enniscorthy and Gorey Districts to charge for the letting of the rooms in Gorey Courthouse to the Gorey Agricultural Society for meetings held in Courthouse, and to Gorey branch of the Gaelic League, nominal fee of 1/- in each case."

The meeting also expressed the opinion that the Courthouse should not be let indiscriminately.

GOREY FAIR

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to see that no barriers be erected on footpaths in Gorey and more especially in Gorey Avenue without the permission of the Council."

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1915

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

"That in view of report of James Hayden, Sheep Dipping Inspector for Wexford district, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, communicate with the following who according to this report have not carried out dipping of sheep during Autumn period:-

Patrick Boggan, Cools, Barntown.

Pierce Rossiter, Coolaw, Taghmon.

William Hayes, Killurin.

Miss Walker, Tykillen.

Robert Henry, Lambstown.

If explanations are not deemed satisfactory proceedings are to be instituted."

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

The Secretary reported that Dermot S. Fenelon, Ballycowan, Tagoat, whose scholarship of £50 had been reduced to £30 as he was using the Railway to attend the Christian Brothers' Schools, Wexford, called on the 17th December, 1935 and stated that as the train service was inconvenient he had endeavoured to arrange for lodgings at the Star Restaurant,

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South Main Street, Wexford, but was unable to secure accommodation until after Christmas, as the room was occupied by an official of the Electricity Supply Board.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That, provided Dermot S. Fenelon furnishes evidence he has entered into residence in Wexford for the purpose of his scholarship we recommend the County Council to reinstate the amount of said Scholarship to £50."

DUPLICATE PAYING ORDERS

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

"That duplicate Paying Orders be issued as follows, originals having failed to reach Payees:-

Subsidiary A/c: Messrs. Armstrong Cork Co. Ltd., Aldwych,House, Aldwych, London. No. 1805. Amount 2/4. Dated 26th April, 1935.

General A/c: Edward Banville, Haytown, Duncormack. No. 174. Amount £2. 3. 9. Dated 11th November, 1935.

Edward Banville, Haytown, Duncormack. No. 177. Amount £3. 10. 0. Dated 11th November, 1935."

The Secretary stated that the original Paying Orders in each case had been estopped.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 20th December 1935 be received and considered."

DUMPING GROUND ADJOINING KILLURIN RAILWAY STATION: Miss O'Ryan said as long as she could remember the place in question had been used as a dumping ground. Men drawing timber had used it to store their loads and it had also been used for other purposes.

In reply to Mr. Doyle the County Surveyor said there was no recess on any adjacent road which could be used as a dumping ground.

Col. Quin held the Council should be able to secure the fee simple of the place for the amount offered by the Finance Committee.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the recommendation of the Finance Committee relative to dumping ground at Killurin be approved provided the agreement to be entered into between the County Council and James Cogley for use of dumping ground at Killurin Railway Station covers the use of the place by the County Council so long as they require it."

CLERICAL ASSISTANCE MOTOR TAXATION OFFICE: The Secretary reported that in view of the fact that Messrs. Flusk and O'Leary were both members of Wexford Corporation the Department of Local Government and Public Health could not sanction their appointments. Instead Michael Cleary, High Street, Wexford and Richard Ormond, John's Gate, Wexford had been employed. Cleary was retained for a week only and was replaced by Thomas Wafer, St. Peter's Terrace, Wexford.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion

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of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Corish:-

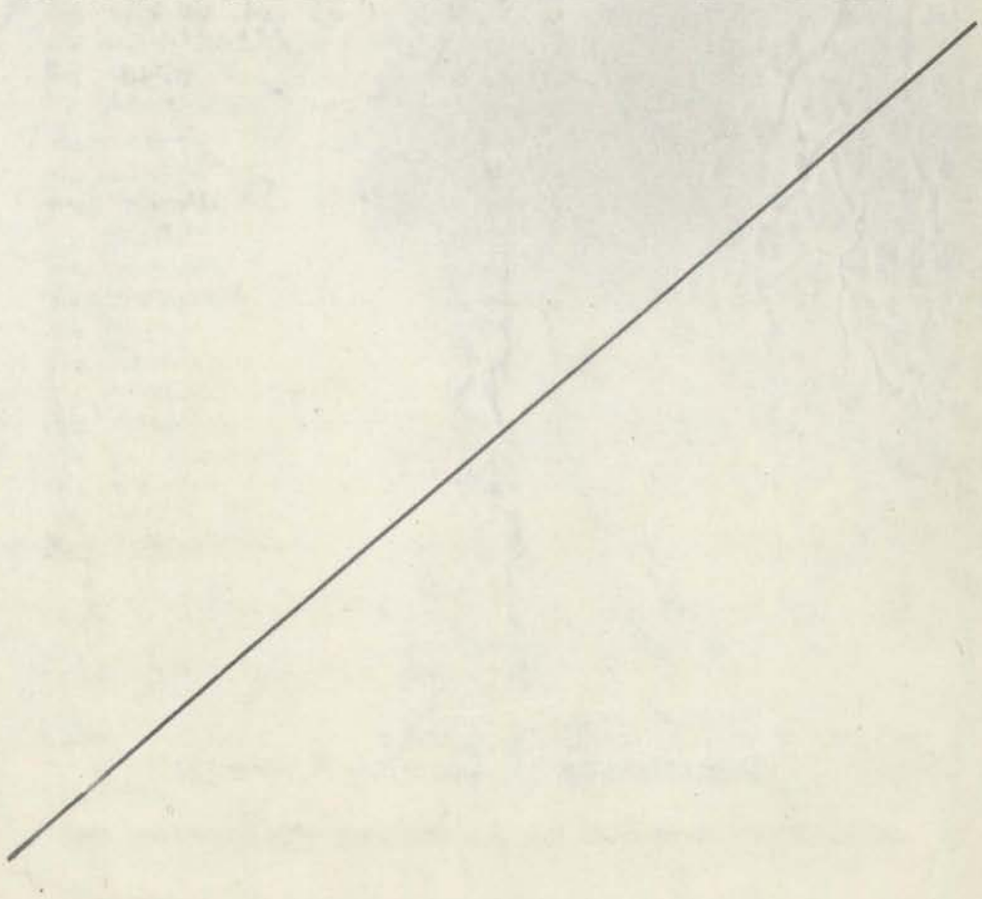
"That we approve of the employment of Richard Ormond, John's Gate,Street, Wexford, and Thomas Wafer, St. Peter's Terrace, Wexford, as Clerical Assistants in Motor Taxation Office; also of the employment of Michael Cleary, High Street, Wexford, for one week. Employment of these men to be governed by limit of expenditure already agreed to by the Finance Committee."

MENTAL HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENTS: Mr. Corish mentioned that a deputation in connection with this matter would be received by Department of Local Government and Public Health on 16th January.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 20th December, 1935, be and are hereby confirmed."

MEETING 3rd JANUARY 1936: The Minutes of this meeting of Finance Committee were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 3rd January 1936.

Mr. D. Allen, Chairman County Council presided, and there were also present:- Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, 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

Treasurers' Advice Note for £2175 : 16 : 4 was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

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

E. J. Murphy	53.1
J. Curtis	49.3
S. Gannon No. 10	48.7
J. J. O'Reilly	47.9
P. Carty	46.8
M. McCarthy	45.9
M. Kehoe	45.7
D. Kenny	45.6
S. Gannon No. 6	45.3
P. Nolan	45.0
J. Deegan	44.1
J. Cummins	43.7
P. Doyle	41.9
J. Flood	41.7
A. Dunne	39.9
W. Cummins	37.6
J. J. Sinnott	37.6
J. Quirke	35.2
W. Doyle	35.0
M. Murphy	34.9
	42.9

Compared with the corresponding period last year the percentage collected is 1.8 per cent less.

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The Rates Inspector said that the Collectors had collected practically no money for the past fortnight, but he was not in a position to say they did not look for it. He had checked two districts and believed the Collectors could have obtained more money if they had looked for it.

The Chairman said the Collection should have been 15 or 20 per cent better than last year if the Collectors had worked as they should have done, seeing they got their books two months earlier than last year.

Miss O'Ryan said it would be admitted that prices all round were higher and there was more money stirring than last year. She believed the Sureties of backward Collectors should be notified, and informed that the books of any Collector who by the 15th January had not collected 50% of his current warrant and a year's arrears should be taken up. She then proposed that the Sureties of any Collectors who had not up to the present date collected at least 45 per cent of warrant be informed that unless a very substantial improvement takes place immediately his books will be taken up.

Mr. Colfer seconded the motion which was adopted.

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

"That Rate Collectors be instructed to push forward the collection of Second Moiety of Rate immediately."

It was decided that the Rates Inspector should report at once to the Secretary the case of any collector who is not pushing forward his collection and as to any individual items of rate which he considers should be dealt with and that the Secretary be empowered to take the necessary steps in such cases without waiting for meeting of Finance Committee.

PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE: Under date 20th December 1935 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote

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(G.220787-35 Loch Garman) that the Minister had sanctioned payment of poundage at five pence to each Rate Collector on 50% of the amount lodged by him to the 30th November 1935.

FISHERIES (TIDAL WATERS) (AMENDMENT) ACT 1935: Under date 12th December 1935 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circ. G.119(494)35) that the exemption from County Council rates by inland fisheries conferred by the Fisheries Act 1925 was extended to 31st March 1937 and during the interval rates would be payable to the Fishery Conservators.

TOURIST ASSOCIATION RATE: Under date 1st January 1936 the General Manager, Irish Tourist Association, O'Connell Street, Dublin, wrote asking for the inclusion of a rate or contribution in County Council estimates for 1936-37 for tourist advertising purposes.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution:-

"That the County Council be recommended to include in Rate Estimate for 1936-37 the equivalent of Rate of one farthing in the £ on County at large for tourist advertising purposes."

Passed.

COUNTY REGISTRAR AND OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

The following under date 28th December 1935 (G.188073-35 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed to state that the question of the office accommodation provided for the County Registrar has recently been brought under the Minister's notice.

It appears that the Sheriff's office is too small and the general office of the County Registrar cannot conveniently hold any more records. It would be a convenience to the County Secretary and the County Surveyor if these offices were all arranged together, and the County Sur-

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veyor for instance built a hatchway to send papers and maps to his staff upstairs.

The premises in Spawell Road now occupied as a Courthouse were formerly a Jail, and have been re-constructed internally. The walls (external) are so substantial that expansion is not possible. The County Registrar, County Secretary and County Surveyor are all accommodated on two floors of one wing, with some storage rooms below. The Libraries Committee occupy another wing, and large offices for the Board of Health are being constructed in another part of the prison buildings. It is unsatisfactory to have a library so close to rooms used as Courts, and the noise of children running along passages to the library on two afternoons a week cannot be avoided so long as the library is in its present situation. A solution would be to re-construct a prison building which is detached from the main building and is in a good state of repair, and fit it as a library, with a separate entrance from the road. The County Secretary and staff could then be transferred to the rooms vacated by the Library Committee, and the County Surveyor would occupy the rooms of the County Secretary, leaving the County Registrar in occupation of the entire floor which he now partially occupies.

The Minister will be glad if the matter is brought before the County Council."

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

"That Miss O'Ryan and Mr. Corish be appointed a Committee to examine and report as to the accommodation available for offices in County Hall in view of letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 28th December 1935 (G.188073/35-Loch Garman).

That the County Secretary, County Surveyor and County Solicitor be associated with this Committee."

It was decided that the Committee meet in County Hall, Wexford on 11th January 1936 at 11 a.m.

Miss O'Ryan said that when it became absolutely necessary to extend office accommodation apartments would be allocated by the County Council who would reserve the right to themselves to determine what offices are to be occupied by the various departments.

TENDERS COMMITTEE

The following dates of above Committee were approved on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan:-

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GOREY - Saturday, 15th February 1936. 12 noon.

ENNISCORTHY - Tuesday, 18th February 1936. 11 o'clock.

NEW ROSS - Thursday, 20th February 1936. 12.30 o'clock

WEXFORD - Saturday, 22nd February 1936. 11 o'clock.

Mr. Kelly said that these Committees should not accept tenders for haulage from owners of Traction Engines in view of the damage which they caused to roads.

CARNE PIER

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to make a detailed inspection of Carne Pier and report to first available meeting of the County Council."

PAYING ORDERS FOR INDIVIDUAL WORKMEN

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

"That the same amount for clerical assistance as in previous years, viz. £50, be allocated in connection with the issue of Separate Paying Orders to each individual road and quarry worker."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

LOAN GRANTED: At the meeting of Finance Committee on 22nd November 1935 Mr. Kelly brought up the case of Michael Brady, Brownswood, Enniscorthy who sought a loan of £50 to enable him to complete erection of a house at Clonhaston. His application for loan of £130 made some time ago had not been successful but Mr. Kelly said the man who had saved some money from his wages proceeded with the erection of the building and now found he required £50 to finish it.

The matter had been deferred for report from Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor of the district who now reported that the building work was practically complete. This

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was a four roomed bungalow, tiled roofed, and the value of which, when completed, would be £200. It was situate on a quarter acre plot value for £20.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the County Council be recommended to advance to Michael Brady, Brownswood, Enniscorthy, a loan of £50 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to enable him to complete erection of house at Clonhaston."

DUTIES OF APPOINTED OFFICERS: The following under date 31st December 1935 (H.201740-35 Loch Garman) from Department of Local Government and Public Health was read:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 20th ultimo relative to a resolution adopted at the meeting of the Wexford County Council on the 11th ultimo regarding the functions of an Appointed Officer under the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Acts, 1932/34, and to state that these duties as defined in the Housing (New Houses) Order, 1932, are as follows:-

To examine plans and other documents submitted by persons and Public Utility Societies proposing to erect new houses under the Acts within the area allotted to him and if the plans comply with the requirements of the Acts and after a personal inspection of the sites issue Certificates of Approval.

To certify the houses on completion and in some cases to issue Certificates for payment of an instalment of the grants.

To furnish application forms to each person submitting plans and after examination to forward same to this Department when the application has been dealt with.

I am to add that these officers have no responsibility in connection with the making of advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts unless specially appointed by Local Authority concerned for the purpose."

The meeting considered for some time the necessity of taking steps to ensure while houses were in course of erection that suitable materials were being used and the work carried out in a proper and workmanlike manner.

In reply to the Chairman the County Surveyor said that as requested by the Finance Committee he had gone into the

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question of the preparation of a general specification for houses under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts but they considered that as plans and conditions of these houses would be so divergent it was not feasible to submit a specification of any general character which would be likely to give satisfaction.

The Chairman suggested that the County Surveyor should obtain from the Housing Section of the Department of Local Government and Public Health a copy of their standard specification.

The Chairman then proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem. con.:-

"That the County Surveyor (in conjunction with his Assistants) be requested to draft a general specification on the lines of standard specification of Department of Local Government and Public Health. That each successful applicant for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Wexford County Council in the future be furnished with a copy of said specification which must be adhered to in the erection of his house."

The Chairman said it had happened in certain instances that when houses were completed the appointed Officers required alterations and additions which practically wiped out the amount of the Government Grant.

TITLE NOT IN ORDER: Under date 30th December 1935 Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote he had looked into the title of Peter Murphy, Aughnagally, Enniscorthy, applicant for loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts and as he found the title deeds to the lands are lodged with the National Bank, Enniscorthy, the title could not be regarded as in order unless the National Bank released the charge on the lands.

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PROPOSED REMOVAL OF HOUSE

In connection with the Order of the County Council that a dwelling of timber and corrugated iron erected by Matthew Connolly or his wife at Bree and which was inside statutory limits as regards the road, should be removed Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote under date 30th December 1935 forwarding copy of letter from Matthew Connolly declining to remove the building.

Connolly wrote he would defend any action taken in the matter by the County Council as the "bungalow" was no obstruction. It was further from the centre of the road than other buildings in the district: it was two feet further from the middle of the road than the store of Garret Byrne only a few years built and to which no objection had been taken.

Mr. Elgee said that as regards Byrne's store no question could arise as it had been erected on an old foundation. He (Mr. Elgee) had already taken steps against Connolly to ensure the removal of the building.

DEFAULTING ROAD CONTRACTOR

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

"That as recommended by Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, the County Surveyor be empowered to proceed against Edward Clancy, Tomfarney, Clonroche, Defaulting Road Contractor for Roads 490 and 491, or take these roads into his own charge under 54 Section of Grand Jury Act 1836."

WIDENING ROSSLARE ROAD

Mr. James Etchingham, 11 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin wrote suggesting that the County Council should widen and improve the Grange Road at Rosslare from the Cross at his sister's house to the turn leading to the Railway Station where this road met the concrete road. He had five fields

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on the Grange Road and would give the County Council within reason and free of charge any land they would require for widening purposes.

The meeting considered that owing to the Railway Level Crossing on Grange Road it was not feasible to avail of Mr. Etchingham's offer.

The Secretary was directed to thank Mr. Etchingham in the name of the County Council.

CARETAKER DISTRICT HOSPITAL, GOREY.

Under date 3rd January 1936 the County Surveyor submitted letter from Thomas Lawlor, Caretaker of above Hospital pointing out that he understood the old Hospital buildings at Gorey are likely to be disposed of shortly. He had been their caretaker for 11 years and would be grateful if it would be possible to allow him to be coninued as a County Council worker. He was the father of three small boys and the Council could understand it would be difficult for him to obtain employment elsewhere.

It was decided to refer this request to the County Surveyor.

LANES IN BROADWAY

The following report under date 3rd January 1936 was read from the County Surveyor:-

"As directed by the County Council I beg to report, for the information of the Finance Committee, that I inspected the lane in Broadway where it was stated flooding took place. I found that the end of the lane is frequently liable to flooding as it is cut down below level of the land on either side, and likewise, below level of the adjoining County Road. I do not think it is possible to prevent lodgment of water in this place without very extensive piping, or, as an alternative, filling up the laneway above flood level, which would be a very

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extensive job. The amount of water coming from the County Road would, in fact, be immaterial if the lane was not recessed."

The County Surveyor said so far as he could see the Council could not do anything in the matter.

CUTTING OF HEDGES

The County Surveyor submitted report from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, pointing out that Andrew Keane, Park Annesley, Clonevan and Christopher Kinch, Ballyellen, Inch, tho' served with 21 day Notices had failed to cut their hedges which were prejudicial to roads.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, communicate with both men and inform them that unless they cut their hedges without delay a compulsory order against them would be sought in court.

REQUISITION STATIONERY WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Requisition under date 21st December 1935 for supply of stationery etc. for Ex-Officio Inspectors of Weights and Measures in Wexford, New Ross and Gorey areas was received from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Wexford.

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

"That we approve of supply of articles of stationery etc. requisitioned by Chief Superintentent, Garda Siochana under date 21st December 1935 for ex-officio Inspectors under Weights and Measures Acts and that the County Secretary supply from County Council stock any articles in requisition he may have available. We believe it would be possible to secure the balance locally and at a less cost than ordering from Trade List by which cost of postage for these small articles would be incurred."

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DUPLICATE PAY ORDER

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

"That Duplicate Pay Order for 7069 Subsidiary Account issued on 2nd August 1935 issue to John Kennedy, Ballynaberney, Strahart, Ferns for £7. 6. 8 to replace Order lost in course of post."

The Secretary stated that the Original Order had been estopped.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

Notification was received from District Superintendent Garda Siochana, Enniscorthy as to proposed committal to an Industrial School of Patrick Berry, Annie Berry and Margaret Berry, children of a vagrant, to an Industrial School.

Referred to County Solicitor.

APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION FOR CRIMINAL INJURY

Application was received on behalf of Matthew Boggan, St. John's Road, Wexford for £70 compensation for destruction of Morris-Oxford Motor Car which was set on fire in Anne Street, Wexford on Christmas Eve.

Referred to County Solicitor to defend.

COMPLAINT OF NON-EMPLOYMENT

Patrick Morris, Castlebridge, came before the meeting and complained that he could not find employment with the County Council beyond a few days while "Engine men" were employed as labourers when engine was idle; also that a man who was in other employment had been employed breaking stones in his overtime.

The County Surveyor said that unless the arrangement to employ the engine men as labourers when the machine was idle obtained, it would not be possible to retain their services which would be the means of dislocating the entire service.

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Miss O'Ryan pointed out that at a previous meeting of the Committee a long statement was read on behalf of Morris and two other men and a reply from Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor. The Finance Committee considered the explanation of Mr. Cullen satisfactory.

It was decided to adjourn further consideration of the matter to next meeting when Mr. Cullen's statement will be re-submitted.

"THE SEASHORES OF IRELAND"

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

"That the book "The Seashores of Ireland" by Mr. E. J. Smyth (price 10/6) be purchased by the County Surveyor for the use of his department."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 3rd January 1936 be received and considered."

CARNE PIER: The County Surveyor said that owing to the recent storms it had not been possible to make a detailed inspection but this would be carried out at the earliest opportunity. So far as he had seen he did not think the question of repair would be a serious matter.

LANE IN BROADWAY: At the suggestion of the County Surveyor it was decided that the County Council representatives for Wexford County Electoral area inspect the place and report to the Council.

Mr. Culleton said that the local people held that with the diversion of the water into a field, the cost of which would be small, the flooding would be obviated.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 3rd January, 1936, be and are hereby confirmed."

RATE FOR COUNTY LIBRARY

The following resolution was read from County Library Committee:-

"That, in view of the great increase in the demands on the Library Service throughout the County as shown by the enclosed report, the County Library Committee request the County Council to grant an increase in the Library Rate for the coming year."

Col. Quin - How much more do they want?

The Secretary replied the resolution did not say. They gave the Committee ½d. in the £. and the normal con-

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tribution, taking the Urban districts into account, would be £824. Last year they gave the Committee £1,174, to include £250 for the van. In 1934 they gave a ½d. rate, plus £100.

Miss O'Ryan said they provided money for the van last year, and another time they gave the Committee £100 extra. She proposed that they continue to give the normal grant, viz., the equivalent of a halfpenny rate on the County at large, plus £100, the same as in 1934.

Mr. Corish seconded.

Mr. O'Byrne said, that the library service was doing an immense amount of good, and there was a big demand for higher class books. They had the £100 and the ½d. rate in the past, and he believed the Committee would want an increase. He proposed a ½d. rate and £200.

Mr. Cummins seconded.

Miss O'Ryan said that in 1934 the Committee applied for £100 for special reference books, and last year they asked for money for the van. She thought the idea was to go back to the £100 for special books.

Mr. O'Byrne withdrew his proposition, and Miss O'Ryan's motion was then put and passed nem. con.

PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME

Under date 9th January 1936 (R/RGM/32) the following letter 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 the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council, relative to the Provisional Road Works Scheme for 1936/37. It is understood that the Scheme is to come before the County Council on the 13th instant. As it would appear that some reductions are proposed to be made in the amount allowed for the roads for the coming financial year, the Minister has caused an

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inspection to be made this week in order that the position concerning the Maintenance Grant may be ascertained. Pending the receipt of the Inspector's report it will not be possible to indicate what grant, if any, can be made. In the circumstances it is suggested that the consideration of the Scheme at the Council's meeting on the 13th instant should be adjourned to a date not later than 27th instant."

The Chairman said he called on the Department and was informed that there was a difficulty about agreeing to the Council receiving the full maintenance grant of 40% as the Council had reduced the amount to be spent for next financial year below that which had been agreed to for the current financial year. It was suggested that the Council should appoint two or three of their members to discuss the report of the Inspector with the responsible officers of the Department.

In reply to Mr. O'Byrne the County Surveyor said they were not putting quite as much money into Main Roads as had been agreed to last year. He brought the Inspector over third-class roads that had been complained of. As he (County Surveyor) had pointed out, those roads were going back for lack of tonnage. They had received representations that roads were impassable, but they did not find any road impassable. One matter he had to report now was that serious damage had been done throughout the County in the recent storm. He had not the figures, but it would possibly run to a couple of thousand pounds. Sea walls had been carried away. For instance, at St. Kearns the sea wall had been carried away and road completely cut out. The protection wall at Great Island had been carried away and there was serious damage at Hopelands, Rosslare. The reclamation wark, it was stated, had completely gone.

Mr. Doyle - I think the damge done there is on private property.

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In reply to Mr. Doyle, Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said there was no great damage done to road leading to Hopelands.

Miss O'Ryan was in favour of the suggestion of the Chairman and asked that the members of the deputation would lay stress on the necessity of having some of their third class roads re classified and moved into the link class. By this means and by securing the 40% for these roads they might be able to calculate on the same grant as last year.

The Chairman said the Council were anxious to do what they could to have the grant brought up to the current year's figure by special grants for some of their third-class roads.

After further discussion it was decided to adjourn further consideration of the Road Works Scheme to special meeting to be held on Monday 27th January 1936 at 10.30a.m.

The Chairman, Mr. Corish and Col. Gibbon were appointed as members of the deputation.

Col. Gibbon said it would not be possible for him to go to Dublin on any day during the week.

Mr. McCarthy was appointed instead.

LOAN FOR BUILDING LABOURERS' COTTAGES

The following motion of which she had given previous notice (and which was circulated to County Councillors on 20th November, 1935) was moved by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That the Wexford County Council consent to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £250,000 (Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds) for the erection of 1,000 Cottages for Agricultural labourers."

In moving her motion Miss O'Ryan said she thought the members of the Council and the general public would agree that they were living in an age of building, and

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those with responsibilities thrown upon them had to realise that every head of a family expected to have a home of his own, and a sanitary home at that. The Board had recently completed a scheme of 500 houses, and had thought that that scheme would have gone a long way towards solving the housing needs of agricultural labourers in the County, but they found that the scheme was not sufficient. Of course, it lessened congestion to a certain extent. They again invited applications for houses, and found that the number of applications received was larger than on the first occasion, and the Board decided to build 1,000 more houses, hoping that that number would solve the housing needs of agricultural labourers for their generation. When the population grew - they hoped to see Ireland again thickly populated - the next Board of Health or County Council could look after their generation. Having the responsibility thrown upon them to provide houses for those in need of them, she thought the County Council would agree that it was their duty to have the houses erected as soon as possible.

Mr. Ronan, in seconding, said that the 1,000 houses would not cover the needs of all applicants.

In reply to Col. Gibbon, Miss O'Ryan said she thought the rents of the new cottages were paid better than the old. She believed over 90% of the rents for the new cottages were paid.

Mr. Corish said they expected to secure 60% of the expenditure from the Government and this meant that the Council would be responsible for only £6,000 a year for 35 years and if they charged 2/3½d. weekly as rent the full amount of the repayment of the loan would be met by the tenants. He also held that a sinking fund of one per cent from the beginning would cover the cost of repairs. They should further remember there was on the stocks a Bill under which the occupiers of cottages would become

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owners, and the local authority would be no longer responsible for maintenance.

Mr. O'Byrne said there was a report that the Board of Health intended grouping the cottages. This would not be in the interests of labourers, as they would not be able to obtain employment if grouped, as readily as if the cottages were detached and distributed.

Miss O'Ryan said that it was intended to carry out grouping but not generally.

Mr. Doyle said he was very pleased that the people for whom they were going to cater had been described by Miss O'Ryan as agricultural labourers. He held that the agricultural labourers were very deserving of being housed in a proper way. He thought it would be very detrimental to the County at large if they put the houses in groups, and he was sure that the Health Board would take into consideration the needs of the country, and not put the houses in groups. He thought the group system would be a terrible deterrent to employment particularly if they increased the group to 25 or 30 houses. The men would not find work in a small area unless times altered very much. The council had a perfect right to know if the houses were to be put in groups. They were the specific guarantors for the loan, which was an extraordinarily big one - one of the largest ever heaped on the County Wexford. He would like if, at the next meeting, the Secretary could give them a full account of all the liability of the County for loans, not alone for cottages, but everything for which they were liable. He thought the sum would be a staggering one.

Miss O'Ryan said that in every application the Board of Health had considered the position of applicant and endeavoured in all cases to provide for the agricultural labourer. Of course, the term "agricultural labourer"

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was (as defined by Act of Parliament) very wide. A tradesman working in a rural area would be regarded as an agricultural labourer.

Col. Gibbon pointed out that he had on former occasions suggested that when expenditure of large sums of money were under consideration full particulars should be circulated to the members of the Council beforehand. Personally, he admitted he was not able to take in the whole of the arguments for and against the matter on the spur of the moment, and he protested very strongly against such matters being brought up without due facts being put before every member of the Council, and, accordingly, he would ask the proposer of the motion to agree to an adjournment to the next meeting, and, in the meantime, the Health Board circulate more facts and figures to the members of the Council.

Mr. Cummins said he only wanted to draw the attention of the Council and Col. Gibbon to the fact that the motion was circulated as far back as the 20th November, and there was plenty of time for any member to ask for any information he required.

Miss O'Ryan would not agree to an adjournment of the motion, because, as a matter of fact, the scheme was prepared, and the whole thing was held up awaiting sanction for the loan. If any member wanted figures she would ask the Secretary of the Health Board to see they were supplied

Mr. Culleton also opposed the adjournment as there were so many labourers waiting for houses.

Mr. Ronan also opposed the adjournment. The Health Board had been accused for a long time of delaying the cottage scheme, but they certainly had not delayed it through any fault of their own, and they were not going to adjourn it for one moment.

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Mr. O'Byrne said although he was favour of the building of the cottages he contended they were entitled to all the requisite information.

Mr. Walsh said that, speaking as a member of the Health Board, they intended to build cottages in groups, the reason being it would be easier to facilitate the people in regard to sewerage and water, but as a general rule he did not think that that was going to be done. It was only in a case where there would be efficiency and in regard to the provision of water - the matter of pumps was becoming increasingly difficult. He did not think it was contemplated to group the cottages into large groups such as of 25 or 30.

The Chairman said that in the case of three or four people applying from the one townland the idea was to get one site on which to build the cottages, if possible. There might be some groups of four or six, but no such thing as groups of ten, twenty or thirty.

Mr. Meyler asked if, in the case of a group of four cottages in one townland, a man would be compelled to give a site for the four.

Chairman - No; there won't be any compulsory order in that respect.

Mr. Doyle said he was not so optimistic as Mr. Corish that the cost to the ratepayers for this Scheme would be infinitesmal. On the Health Board and Board of Guardians, he had experience of a great many promises such as that and they were not borne out. To-day they were taxed to a certain extent with a number of labourers' cottages. Probably the new ones would not mean quite as much as the old ones. It was out of the question to say that one per cent was going to finance a scheme for repairs, if they looked back and found out what it had cost them for repairs for many years. Those were the only objections he had, and he wished to make them public, because, one

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of those days, it might be said that they were promised there would be no cost to the ratepayers.

Mr. Corish said that the amount to be borrowed was £250,000. At present the rate of interest was 4¾ per cent. That worked out at £5. 17. 9½d on an annuity basis. He calculated on a higher basis than that - at 6 per cent - for the payment of interest and sinking fund. That would mean a sum of £15,000 per annum, of which the Government would pay 60 per cent, or £9,000. That would leave £6,000 to be found by the Council, Health Board or tenants. There would be 1,000 cottages, so that it meant £6 a year per cottage, approximately. A rent of 2/3½d. per week per cottage would cover the full amount of the portion of the loan to be debited to the ratepayers.

Mr. Doyle asked where was the 2/3½d. per week to be found? The present rent was 2/- per week and he did not expect they would be able to get any higher figure under the proposed scheme. He could not agree that a loss of 3d. or 3½d. per week on 1,000 cottages was infinitesmal.

Mr. Corish said that the Ministry expected that Wexford County Council would act as all other public bodies were doing in subsidising the building of houses.

Mr. Thomas Redmond said the rumour had gone abroad that the cottages were to be built in groups and this would be very unpopular.

Col. Gibbon held that as Miss O'Ryan had contended there was to be no loss on the scheme and Mr. Corish had admitted there would be a loss of 3d per week per cottage, the question should be adjourned.

The Chairman pointed out it should be remembered that the Health Board could not fix the rents of the cottages until they were built.

Mr. Cummins said that every day they put back the motion would mean a delay to the scheme. There would be

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a meeting of the Health Board next Monday, and if the motion was now passed by the Council they would proceed in regard to the completion of the scheme.

Mr. Doyle said as it appeared from the observations of the Chairman that they could not get figures they did not want to delay the provision of houses for labourers as they were as much in favour of the scheme as the other side of the house - probably more - and he asked Col. Gibbon to withdraw his request which would lead to nothing.

Col. Gibbon suggested to the members of the Health Board that in future, when schemes were put before the Council, it would be only right that more details should be given to them. What they wanted to have interpreted to them definitely and clearly was how the scheme was going to affect the ratepayers of the County.

Miss O'Ryan said that all the figures in connection with loans could be obtained from the Secretary to the Health Board. She would ask that these figures be supplied to County Councillors.

Mr. Doyle then asked the County Secretary to supply particulars of amount of loans outstanding in the case of the County Council and the subsidiary bodies.

After further discussion Miss O'Ryan amended her motion to read as follows:-

"That Wexford County Council agree to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £250,000 (Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds) for the erection of one thousand cottages for agricultural labourers or of such lesser sum as may be found necessary for this purpose taking into consideration any State Grant which may be applicable."

This was seconded by Mr. Ronan and adopted nem. con.

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WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE AT FERNS

The following motion, of which he had given previous notice (and which had been circulated to County Councillors on 12th November 1935) stood in the name of Mr. P. Ronan:-

"That the Wexford County Council consent to borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £2150 (Two Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Pounds) for water supply and sewerage at Ferns."

Mr. Ronan, in moving his motion, said it was anticipated that improvement to the water supply would cost £400 and to the sewerage system £1750. The existing water supply had been laid down about 40 years ago. In 1924 it was found that the pipes were corroded and new six inch pipes had to be put down and a new well opened. Up to three or four years ago this was found to be sufficient but for the three months of the Summer, particularly on elevations, the supply was particularly scarce and generally the water had to be shut off at night. They had only 40 users of water in the past but it was calculated the Board of Health would have to cater for 70 additional users. As regards sewerage, it was satisfactory so far as it went taking into account the primitive conditions which prevailed when it was laid down 30 years ago, but it was crude and emptied into a field within 100 yards of 14 dwelling houses. The smell from it in Summer was really terrible. It now required septic tanks. If a private individual owned the system he would have been prosecuted long since under the sanitary laws. The improvement now suggested was essential for the health of the people of the district. The Health Board expected to receive a third of the cost - about £716 by way of Government Grant.

Mr. Keegan seconded the motion.

After discussion Mr. Ronan amended his motion as follows:-

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"That the Wexford County Council consent to borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance for water supply and sewerage at Ferns a sum of £2150 (Two Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Pounds) or of such lesser sum as may be required for the purpose when amount of State grant applicable is taken into consideration."

Mr. Keegan also seconded the amended motion which was adopted nem. con.

WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE AT OYLEGATE

The following motion of which he had given previous notice (and copy of which had been circulated to County Councillors on 18th November 1935) was moved by Mr. Corish:-

"That Wexford County Council consents to borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £1624 (One Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Four Pounds) for the purposes of providing a water supply and sewerage at Oylegate."

In moving his motion Mr. Corish said they expected a grant of about one-third from the Government leaving £1083 to be borrowed. Mr. Ronan had painted a picture of conditions in Ferns with which he (Mr. Corish) thoroughly agreed, but the position in Oylegate was infinitely worse, because they had no water supply or sewerage at all. Crude seweage was passing in an open drain, and as far as water was concerned they were depending on a pump in the yard of a lady who convenienced the people by allowing them to get the water. All sections of the community in that area had requested the Board from time to time to provide sewerage and waterworks. In regard to the area of charge, half would be taken from the County fund and half from the Enniscorthy Rural District. The amount on the rural district would be considerably less than a ½d. in £. That had been calculated on the full sum, and it would

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be less still if the one-third grant was forthcoming.

Mr. Kelly seconded.

After further discussion Mr. Corish altered his motion to read as follows:-

"That the Wexford County Council consent to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £1624 (One Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Four Pounds) for the provision of water supply and sewerage system at Oylegate, or of such lesser sum as may be required for the purpose taking into consideration the amount of State Grant applicable."

This was seconded by Mr. Kelly and adopted nem. con.

KILLINICK CARNE ROAD

The following motion of which he had given previous notice stood in the name of Mr. C. Culleton. (It had been circulated to Councillors on 10th December 1935):-

"That the Wexford County Council at their Meeting to be held on 13th January 1936 agree to raise a loan of £4000 for the purpose of reconstructing road from Killinick to Carne Pier and that the period of repayment of said loan, area of charge etc., be fixed by above mentioned meeting."

In moving his motion Mr. Culleton said he thought that on account of the Council deciding to send a deputation to the Department of Local Government in regard to roads, and to hold a special meeting to hear their report, it would be well if the Council would agree to the motion being deferred to the special meeting.

Mr. Corish - That's a very wise course, because there is a possibility of getting a grant.

Mr. Doyle said that in regard to adjourning the question of the road, lots of complaints had been received

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about the road. He did not want to interfere with the matter of getting a grant, but, as had already been suggested by Col. Gibbon, he thought the amount could be curtailed considerably by knocking off a long piece of road of very little benefit to people going to Carne. If £4,000 would be able to do the whole thing, they could certainly reduce that amount by more than £1,000 by bringing the road through Tagoat from Killinick, and it would not inconvenience motorists in the least, because it would not be a matter of a quarter of a mile.

Chairman - We can discuss that on Mr. Culleton's motion.

It was then decided that consideration of the proposal be adjourned to the special meeting of the Council to be held on 27th January, 1936. The consideration of the communications from Rev. S. J. Cullen, P.P., Lady's Island and P. J. Doyle, Bakery and Tea Rooms, Carne, as to present condition of Killinick Carne Road was also adjourned.

REMOVAL OF FALLEN TREES

Mr. Ronan said that on the night of 5th January, a tree was blown down across the trunk road near Ferns and it was not removed until the next day. The Sergeant of the Civic Guards came to him to know what to do, and he told him he did not know what he could do except to go to the ganger. The ganger refused to remove the tree. Several motorists had narrow escapes, and the buses and motor cars had to go a few miles of a round in order to get from Camolin to Ferns. Judge Wylie said that eight trees had been removed from the road between New Ross and Enniscorthy, and that he could not understand why this one tree could not be removed, and that he would see the Minister about it. He (Mr. Ronan) would like to know the duty of the ganger in cases of the kind.

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The County Surveyor said the usual practice was for the ganger to get in touch with the owner of the land on which the tree had stood, and the Council's men and the owner's usually cleared away the tree jointly. They had not had any trouble except in the particular case referred to. He had written to the ganger telling him he ought to have seen to getting it removed. He understood it was dark and pouring rain, and one would hardly expect a man to go out and cut things away under the circumstances.

The Chairman said he believed it should be a definite instruction that an obstruction should be removed immediately.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said that, personally, he would not take responsibility for removing trees from roads. His view was that when a person's tree fell across the road that person should, strictly, remove it. Of course, they did remove trees, but in the present case he understood that the Guard went to the ganger about 11 o'clock at night at the height of the storm, and the ganger said he would not go, and in his (Mr. Ennis's) view he very properly refused to go. In his view no man would stand out in that road cutting up a tree surrounded by other trees in a storm.

The County Surveyor said he would like to know from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, what the Council's liability was in the matter. He understood that the owner of a tree was liable, and that the Council could clear the road and charge him with the cost.

Mr. Ronan - I would like to know , Mr. Elgee, who is bound to remove a tree?

Mr. Elgee - The owner of the tree.

The County Surveyor said the practice had been that the Council got their men to take a tree away jointly with the men of the owner, but they would not be liable if any accident happened. He did not think they had any lia-

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bility in the matter.

DREDGING COURTOWN HARBOUR

Under date 10th January, 1936, the following was read from Mr. W. H. Kearon, Wave Crest, Arklow:-

"I should feel obliged if you would bring the matter of dredging of Courtown Harbour before the next meeting of the County Council.

At present I am spending hundreds of pounds on a handy Vessel bought by the Modern Transport Company of Liverpool for the Courtown Trade. This Vessel would only require a little dredging done outside of the entrance of the Harbour and a little done in the inner Harbour, as this Vessel has a very shallow draft only 3 feet 6 empty and 7 feet 6 loaded. I hope the County Council will give this matter their serious attention as this ship, which is in the nature of an experiment, will decide if there is to be a future trade from Courtown or not."

The County Surveyor said he had a recent communication from the Office of Public Works that they had the matter in hands.

Mr. Keegan said that the County Surveyor was instructed to examine the new grab dredger which the Office of Works was about to take over in order to see if it would be suitable for the dredging work at Courtown. The County Surveyor said that the Office of Works was trying out the machine. It was within the last fortnight they stated they had the matter in hands.

The following resolution was then moved by Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Kelly and adopted:-

"That Messrs. Allen(Chairman of the Council) and Corish be requested to call at the Office of Public Works with a view to ascertaining when it can be expected that dredging work at Courtown Harbour can commence."

Col. Gibbon said they had put up a crane to maintain

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a sufficient depth of water in the inner channel and he had no doubt they would have no difficulty in getting seven feet six inches of water there on high tide, but so far as he could see there was no possibility of getting that depth outside or of maintaining it if it were secured.

The County Surveyor said that without the erection of training walls and very expensive work it would not be possible to maintain outside the depth of water mentioned by Col. Gibbon.

Mr. Corish said that Mr. Allen and he had called frequently to the Office of Public Works in connection with the dredging at Courtown.

CAHORE PIER

Under date 10th January, 1936, the Office of Public Works wrote (20972-35) that the expenditure of the State grant which would be required for the proposed extension to Cahore Pier would not be justified on the grounds of public utility.

Mr. Smyth said that in view of the fact that the County Council had agreed to put up 25% of the cost and considering the large number of fishermen and their families, it was a great disappointment that the Government declined to offer any assistance.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Smyth:-

"That the Office of Works be requested to reconsider their refusal to provide a State grant for extension of Cahore Pier. If they are not satisfied to agree to the amount asked by the County Council in the first instance will they state what amount of grant they would be prepared to give and on what conditions."

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WEXFORD-CURRACLOE ROAD

Under date 9th January, 1936, the General Manager, Tourist Development Association wrote giving the following extract from letter received by him from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) relative to improvement of Road (640) from Fahy's Cross to Curracloe Strand:-

"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 Castlebridge. The proposals as submitted by the County Surveyor were accepted. This work might be noted for consideration under the SGP grant."

The County Surveyor said he was submitting details of the work to the Department.

MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES

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

"That the following lanes be listed for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote:- Killincooley Lane (Gorey District); Newtown Lane, Adamstown, and Priest's Lane, Gusserane (New Ross District); Ratholm Lane, Killinick (Wexford District); Floodstown Lane - Cross of Clonmore and Bree (Enniscorthy District)."

FLOODING AT CLONJORDAN

Thomas Warren, Clonjordan, Marshalstown, wrote under date 8th January, 1936, calling attention to the road flooding caused by the overflow from the river under his house on Clonjordan road. There were three or four feet of water across the road which was impassible in the previous week.

Mr. Patrick Jordan, Clonjordan, also wrote complaining

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of this matter. He said there was no footbridge or any other means by which people could cross the road. The pipes were unable to carry 2 feet of water in Winter with the result that the whole place was flooded for years past each Winter.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, for the district wrote that some pipes were put down across this lane (No. 264) some 20 or 25 years ago and in a really heavy flood they were unable to take the water. Probably if the owners of the adjoining land would clear up the channel on the down stream side it would relieve matters. However, it was desirable to put down a further pipe and he intended to do so next summer.

It was decided to inform Messrs. Warren and Jordan of the proposal of Mr. Ennis.

AUGHATHLAPPA LANE, CAIM

Mr. Bowe called attention to the flooding of above Lane and the matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

OWENSTOWN LANE, RATHMACKNEE

Mr. Culleton raised the question of the repair of above Lane.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said it had been listed several times for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote. It would take £120 to do anything on it and there were only three or four families concerned. Many other lanes, when the number of persons using them was taken into account, required more immediate and prior attention when money was available before this particular Lane.

The matter dropped.

GOREY TECHNICAL SCHOOL AND TEMPORARY FENCING

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

"That permission be given to Gorey Sub-Committee

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(County Wexford Vocational Education Committee) to erect temporary fencing 2 feet 6 inches from the front wall of Technical School, Gorey, for protection against cattle, this permission to apply to fair days only.

CENTRAL SAVINGS MOVEMENT

Particulars of the amount invested in Saorstat Savings Certificates were submitted. In July, 1935, the gross sales represented an investment of £2. 15. 8d. per head of the County population; in August £2. 15. 10d.; in September £2. 16. 4d. and in October £2. 16. 7d.

INSURANCE BILL

The following resolution was received from Bray Urban Council:-

"That we, the members of the Bray Urban District Council view with grave concern the terms of the Insurance Bill, 1935, in its present form, under the terms of which it appears greater facilities are to be given to Insurance Companies other than Irish Companies already established and we strongly urge the Government to amend the proposed Bill in such a way that the long promised protection to such an important established native industry may be forthcoming and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Industry and Commerce, and to each County Council and Urban Council in the Saorstat asking for its adoption."

It was decided that no action be taken.

Denis Allen
10th Feb. 36

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Amount of County Loans..... 10.

Cottages Loan..... 10.11.14.

County Board of Health Loans..... 10.

County Council Loans..... 10.

County Secretary & Damage to Roads by Storms..... 4-6.

Damage by Storm- Roads..... 4-6.

Deputation Report- Road Works Scheme..... 1-3.

Finance Committee's recommendation..... 4.6.

Flooding, Broadway Lane..... 9.

Horeswood to Ramsgrange Road- Reconstruction Loan.. 7.

Killinick to Carne Road- Reconstruction Loan..... 7-9.

Loans for Reconstruction of Roads..... 5-9.

Mental Hospital Loans..... 10.

Minor Relief Scheme- Flooding Broadway Lane..... 9.

Recommendation of Finance Committee- Road Works Scheme..... 4-6.

Road Works Scheme- Deputation to Minister..... 1.

Roads re construction Loans..... 7-9.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

27th JANUARY, 1936.

M I N U T E S

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

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

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(1)

A special meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford on 27th January, 1936, for consideration of the following:-

(1) Revision of Road Works Scheme with recommendation of Finance Committee.

(2) Recommendation of Finance Committee as to transfer of certain County Roads to Main Roads Class.

(3) Motion by Mr. Culleton to raise loan of £4,000 for reconstruction of road from Killinick to Carne.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding, also, Messrs. Patk. Colfer, R. Corish, C. Culleton, John Cummins, Ml. Doyle, Col. C. M. Gibbon, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, Jas. Lawlor, Thos. McCarthy, T. J. Meyler, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Patrick Ronan, Ml. Redmond, and Myles Smyth.

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

Medical Certificate from Dr. S. A. Furlong, Infirmary House, Wexford, stated that the County Surveyor was suffering from dyspepsia and was unable for the present to attend to his duties.

ROAD WORKS SCHEME

The Chairman said that the deputation appointed by the County Council at last meeting had called to Department of Local Government and Public Health. The meeting would see from the Minutes of Finance Committee.

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 17th January 1936 were submitted as follows:-

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ROAD WORKS SCHEME

At the meeting of the County Council on 13th January 1936 the Chairman (Mr. Allen) and Messrs. Corish and McCarthy were appointed a deputation to discuss with the responsible officers of the Department of Local Government and Public Health letter from Department of 9th January 1936 (R/RGM/32) as to the figures in Road Works Scheme and the report of the Department's Inspector in the matter.

Mr. Allen and Mr. Corish reported that with Mr. McCarthy they had discussed the matter with Mr. Moylan of the Roads Department of Local Government and Public Health and would report to the County Council that the amount already agreed to for Main Road Upkeep viz., £26,897 should be increased by the re-allocation of £2000 from Improvement fund and of £1000 from Contingencies Fund, making a total of £29897 for Main Road Repair. The 40% grant on this would be £11958 leaving the portion to be borne by rates £17939.

The Meeting decided to recommend the adoption of these figures to special meeting of County Council to be held on 27th January 1936.

In connection with proposed re-classification of certain County roads which were at present bearing more traffic than some main roads and to proposal that they should be moved into Main Road Class, Mr. Allen said the deputation had discussed this question in detail at the interview with Mr. Moylan and gathered that the Department would not object to the transfer from County class to Main Road class of about 30 miles of roads.

The Meeting discussed report of the County Surveyor dealing with suggested transfer of 63 miles of important County Roads, but, in view of the opinion expressed to the deputation, they agreed to request sanction to the following roads being brought into Main Road category:-

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		Miles	Pers.
1.	No. 62 Slaght Cross to Balliniry No. 65.	8	280
2.	No. 22 Ballynabola to Taghmon via Foulksmills No. 55.	10	40
3.	No. 57 Baldwinstown to Wellingtonbridge No. 67 through Coolseskin and Carrig.	9	220
4.	No. 33 Fahy's Cross to Blackwater No. 41.	5	260
	Total Miles	34½.	

It was recommended that the Department be asked to agree that the £3000 transferred from Improvement and Contingencies Funds should - for the greatest part - be spent on the above mentioned transferred roads.

As regards the proposal of Mr. Culleton to borrow a sum of £4000 for reconstruction of road from Killinick to Carne the meeting decided to ask Mr. Culleton to extend his motion to cover Road from Horeswood to Ramsgrange, the amount proposed by him £4000 to stand and the Department of Local Government and Public Health to be asked to give an equivalent sum towards the total cost (which it is calculated will be £8000) for the two roads.

A resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Colfer instructing the County Surveyor to furnish report as to the cost of having the streets through the various villages of the County put into good repair, placing them in the order most requiring attention. And that the Council make application to the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) for a 50% grant for the repair of those which the Council consider they are in a position to deal with.

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

"That recommendation of Finance Committee relative to Road Works Scheme be received and considered."
Passed.

The Secretary stated that before considering the Recommendations of the Finance Committee he wished to point out that a good deal of damage had been caused throughout the County by the recent storm. He (Secretary) had discussed the matter in detail with the County Surveyor and it appeared it would be necessary to provide £600 for repair of damage to County Roads and £150 for the damage on Main Roads.

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

"That a sum of £750 be provided for repair of storm damage, £600 being required for damage on County roads and £150 for damage on Main roads."

The Secretary stated that at the last meeting the finances of the Road proposals for next financial year were agreed to as follows:-

		£.
(a)	Main Roads	26,897
	Plus Loan	2,718
	County Roads	17,162
	Plus Loan	278
		£47,055
(b)	Improvement	2,000
(c)	Contingencies	2,000
		£51,055.

The new proposals of the Finance Committee were as follows:-

		£
(a)	Main Roads	29,897
	Plus Loan	2,718
	County Roads	17,162
	Plus Loan	278
		£50,055

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(b) Improvement Nil

(c) Contingencies 1,000

£51,055.

In reply to Mr. Corish the Secretary said that last year the net amount raised for Roads by rates was £44,100. For the coming financial year excluding storm damage it was proposed to raise from rates £39097 or £5003 less than last year.

Mr. Doyle said that the scheme submitted by the Finance Committee was satisfactory and so far as he could see could not be improved upon.

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

"That the proposal submitted by the Finance Committee in respect of Road Expenditure for the year be and is hereby agreed to."

In connection with the recommendation of the Finance Committee as to transfer of certain County roads to Main Road Class Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem. con.:-

"That the recommendation of Finance Committee as to transfer of 34½ miles of County Roads to Main Road Section as set out in Minutes of Finance Committee of 17th January 1936 be adopted and that in the event of the Department of Local Government and Public Health agreeing to this proposal the amount set aside in Road Works Scheme in addition to any State Grant applicable to these roads be expended on their maintenance."

LOAN FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF ROADS

The following motion stood in the name of Mr. Culleton:-

"That the Wexford County Council at their Meeting to be held on 13th January 1936 agree to raise a loan of £4000 for the purpose of reconstructing road from Killinick

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to Carne Pier and that the period of repayment of said loan, area of charge etc., be fixed by above mentioned meeting."

By permission of the meeting Mr. Culleton amended his motion to read as follows:-

"That the County Council hereby agree to raise a loan of £4,000 for the purpose of reconstructing roads

(1) Killinick to Carne

(2) Horeswood to Ramsgrange via Campile

on condition that the Department of Local Government and Public Health contribute 50% of the cost in each case. That loan be obtained from Treasurer for a period of ten years."

In moving the amended motion Mr. Culleton said he adhered to the views which he had expressed at the last meeting of the County Council that the direct road from Killinick to Carne should be reconstructed. He could not accept the proposal that the road Killinick - Tagoat to the Cross of the Lough should replace the one which he proposed. He had gone over these roads since the last meeting and was convinced that the alternative route by Tagoat to Cross of the Lough would require a good deal more for reconstruction than would the road from Killinick to Carne direct. Besides the proposal would not be satisfactory to the Carne people as it would mean a round of two and a half miles if they wished to get to Killinick and into Wexford. At present on this alternative route two motor cars could hardly pass and he was sure there would be great difficulty in providing for the passage of two lorries. The sides would require to be filled and there were a great many turns which would require to be straightened. The road dealt with in his proposal was not in a very good condition and had annually required resurfacing. The people concerned were entirely against the alternative route.

Mr. Kelly seconded the motion.

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Mr. Doyle held that Mr. Culleton had exaggerated the position of the road through Tagoat to St. Ivers. Motor cars were constantly passing there and no accidents were ever reported so far as he was aware. Most of the corners referred to by Mr. Culleton had been made quite safe. It would be an addition to the public if the road through Tagoat to Carne would be left as a motor road and farmers could use the direct road from Killinick to Carne for their vehicular traffic and for their animals. The mileage to be dealt with would be considerably shortened.

Col. Gibbon supported Mr. Doyle, and also considered they should not duplicate the tarred road when another road was available quite as good.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, stated under Mr. Culleton's proposal, the County Council would have to reconstruct three miles of road from Killinick to St. Ivers which would cost £1800. The other road through St. Ivers to Tagoat would cost at least £2800. The entire length would have to be widened, strengthened and thoroughly surfaced. In fact, it was one of the worst roads in the county.

Mr. Doyle said the alternative route was a mile shorter than that proposed by Mr. Culleton and for that reason he was under the impression it would have been more economical to reconstruct it but having heard that the road through Tagoat would cost £1000 more than the other route proposed by Mr. Culleton he would withdraw any opposition to the motion.

Col. Gibbon said he also had been influenced by motives of economy to support the alternative route but in view of what Mr. Birthistle said that they would be able to reconstruct a road which would serve the village of Broadway and was not going to increase the cost he would withdraw his opposition.

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After some further discussion Mr. Culleton said it was unnecessary for him to deal further with the matter in view of the statement made by Mr. Birthistle.

Col. Quin strongly opposed the obtaining of any further loans. He was of the impression the County Council should call a halt to imposing any further liability for loans on the ratepayers.

The resolution was then put and passed, Col. Quin dissenting.

FLOODED LANE IN BROADWAY

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district reported under date 27th January 1936 as follows:-

"I inspected above lane with Mr. Culleton, M.C.C., on Thursday, 23rd instant.

We also interviewed Messrs. R. Doyle and J. Devereux who recently complained of the condition of this lane.

The lane is not County Council property and is about 2 feet below the level of the adjoining roads. The land is high on both sides of the lane and in consequence floods badly.

Flooding can be cured by laying a pipe through one of the adjoining fields, the property of Mr. N. Furlong, Rosslare.

The cost would be about £50."

The Chairman said that in view of this report the Council could not do anything in the matter unless to schedule it for a grant under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

Mr. Culleton said the people affected contended that the flooding was caused from the County Council road.

Mr. Birthistle held that the road was responsible for very little flooding.

The County Solicitor said the Council had no power to spend money on the lane and the matter dropped.

This matter was already considered by meeting of Finance Committee of 3rd January 1936.

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COUNTY LOANS

The Secretary in response to request made by Mr. Doyle submitted the following figures giving amount of loans by County Council, Mental Hospital and County Board of Health and Public Assistance:-

COUNTY COUNCIL LOANS: Dispensary houses, £652. 1. 2d.; Workhouse Buildings, £1,134. 1. 3d.; Gorey Technical School, £2,141. 7. 2d.; Waterford Bridge, £6,932. 12. 6d.; Deeps Bridge, £787. 2. 11d.; Mountgarret Bridge, £2,716. 13. 4d.; Camblin Road, £1,800; Gorey-Courtown Road, £3,000; Wexford-Rosslare Road, £800; Enniscorthy Road, £1,034; Wexford Road, £2,189; West Wing County Hall, £2,610; Enniscorthy Vocational School, £7,000; Rural Vocational Schools, £3,500; Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, £19,901 4/0d. total, £56,198. 3. 2d.

MENTAL HOSPITAL LOANS: £7,359. 6. 10.

COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH: Borrowed by Rural District Councils:- Labourers Acts £209,779; Water Works and Sewerage £1,425; Burial Grounds £79; total, £211,283.

Borrowed by County Board of Health:- Labourers Acts, £135,418. 17. 6d.; Waterworks and Sewerage, £18,971. 19s.; Tuberculosis Acts, £2,688. 17. 3d.; Burial Grounds, £223; Improvements County Hospital, County Home, new offices, etc., £9,410. 17s.; Loan Instalments due on Labourers' Acts, £5,000; on Camolin Water Supply, £1,200; on Bunclody Water Supply, £1,280; on County Home roofs, £283; new Loans approved by County Council - 1,000 cottages, £250,000; Rosslare sewerage, £6,000; Ferns water supply, £2,150; Oylegate Water Supply, £1,624; total of Board of Health loans, £434,244. 10. 9d.; total of Board of Health and District Councils' loans, £645,527. 15. 11d.

Gross total of all loans is £709,085. 5. 11d.

In reply to Col. Gibbon the Chairman said that the Government contributed 60% of the cost of the erection of the cottages.

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Mr. O'Byrne said that if the tenants paid up there would be no liability whatever on the Council for the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

Mr. Doyle said that on the last day when the County Council agreed to the loan of £250,000 they were informed that the amount which would fall on the ratepayers would be infinitesmal; now they saw the ratepayers would have to bear a very considerable burden.

Miss O'Ryan said no one would believe a Councillor would make a false or misleading statement in the matter of finance. 60% of the Cottage Loan would be paid by the Government and a certain portion of the remaining 40% would be made up in rent. The present rent was 2/- per week and this left the ratepayers liability very small.

Mr. Corish said it was he who gave the figures at the last meeting, when he said that a rent of 2/6d. would mean that the responsibility of the ratepayers would be infinitesmal more especially when they considered the good which would be achieved by the erection of the cottages. The annual figure for which the County Council would be responsible was £2167 odd. This could not be regarded as extravagant when they took into account the Government Grant of 60% and the fact that it was laid down expressly in one of the Housing Acts that it was the business of a local authority to provide and subsidise housing schemes. Some Councils were paying as high as 1/- in the £. for these schemes.

Col. Gibbon reiterated the point made by him at last meeting that no scheme should be put before the Council until proper figures had been circulated. It was not fair either to the party proposing the scheme or to the opposition to bring a scheme forward to the Council without circulating the figures properly before hand. He had no fault to find with Mr. Corish - he did his best to procure figures on the spur of the mement. He could not produce

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the figures on the spur of the moment, and he (Col. Gibbon) would defy any man to do it.

Mr. Doyle said that they did not object to the scheme but they certainly understood that the rents were supposed to produce a figure which would almost meet the loan charges. The recently built cottages were let at 2/- per week and he did not see much prospect of a cottager being in a position to pay 2/6 per week.

Mr. Corish said he never suggested that the cottages should be let at 2/6 per week. From what people knew of him they could believe he would be glad to have the houses let at a rent lower than 2/- per week.

The Chairman said it should be remembered with regard to new and old cottages that the ratepayers were paying more in respect of the old cottages than they would be paying on the new ones. The rent on the old cottages was ls. a week. Mr. Doyle and other members, who had spent many years as members of the Council, had a certain responsibility for former loans. No one in the County would say that the houses were not required, and there was no use in cavilling at the fact that there was going to be a loss of a pound or two on the houses. He thought it was up to them as a public authority to realise their responsibility. Even Urban Councils with much less revenue, and much less means of raising revenue were taking on much greater responsibilities, in comparison with their revenue, than Wexford County Council. When people talked about all the ratepayers were paying now they should remember that the ratepayers were paying all the time for the cottages built in the County, and would pay less in respect of the new cottages than in respect of the old ones.

Mr. Doyle said when they put forward the schemes referred to by the Chairman they submitted full particulars of the cost.

The Chairman said that the members of the Health Board were also members of the Council, and were just as

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responsible as the Council in regard to examining figures before submitting any cottage scheme, but the effort had been made to put the Health Board in an inferior position and to prove that all the superior intelligence was in the Council. There was a second effort - to leave the impression that there was a huge loss on the building of cottages. These were the matters to which he objected.

Mr. Corish remarked that the scheme for the provision of 1,000 cottages would cost 1½d. in the £.

Col. Gibbon submitted the following letter from the Secretary to the County Board of Health under date 24th January 1936:-

"I am sorry that the rush of the Estimate Meeting and its aftermath made it impossible for me to reply to your letter sooner.

The estimate of the all-in-cost of the houses under the proposed Scheme is £245. Under the last Scheme the houses worked out at £244 and the cost to the rates anticipated in respect of each house is £2. 13. 8 per annum. The building of houses under the Labourers' Acts is a duty of the responsible authority and economic schemes are not possible and have not been possible.

Maintenance is estimated at 1% per annum of the capital cost over the life of the house. It is found that it is more than sufficient in the earlier years of the life of a house. It is anticipated that the cost of maintenance of the new cottages will not be more than on the old.

The rent fixed by the Board for the former Scheme and the rent suggested under the new Scheme is 2/- per week. To this will be added a weekly sum of 3d or 4d to cover rates so that the average tenant will pay 2s. 4d. per week for his cottage. In view of the present average wage of the agricultural labourer it is obvious that this weekly sum is a very heavy drain on his resources.

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It may be stated that a scheme of 1,000 houses will create an annual charge on the Rates of approximately £3000. I take it that it is understood that there is a contribution from the Central Fund of 60 per cent of the annual Loan repayment charges. The position may be then summarised:-

	%
Contribution from Central Fund	54
Tenants contribution	30
Rate contribution in respect of each Cottage erected.	16
	100

I hope this gives you the kind of information you require."

Mr. Culleton said the general discussion that day would lead people to think that cottagers were exempt from rates. After all, the cottage tenants were ratepayers, and were contributing, in proportion to their means, the rates that would go towards repaying those loans, and they were also contributing through the rates to gain some advantages for the farming community from the Department of Agriculture and otherwise. The cottage tenants or working class people were raising no howl if they were giving a facility to the farming community from any source, but one would think from the discussion that they were not contributing to the rates at all, while, as a matter of fact, they were contributing more than they could bear.

Col. Gibbon considered that what his side of the house thought of the scheme was shown by their voting unanimously for its adoption. The only objection that he raised was in regard to his thinking that they did not get sufficient figures, and he still believed this. Certainly as regards future loans of any description the fullest possible figures should be available for the Council.

The matter dropped.

D. Allen 10th Feb: 36

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 10th FEBRUARY, 1936.

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

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 10th February, 1936.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman (presiding), also Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patk. Colfer, John Connors, Richard Corish, C. Culleton, Wm. Cullimore, John Cummins, John Day, 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, Ml. Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Patk. Ronan, Myles Smyth and Malachi Sweetman.

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

Mr. E. A. P. White, M.R.C.V.S., of the Department of Agriculture was present.

The Minutes of last ordinary meeting held on 13th January 1936 and of special meeting held on 27th January 1936 were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £2441. 10. 8 was examined and signed.

THE LATE MR. BRIAN DE VALERA

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kelly a vote of condolence in the tragic death of their son, Brian, was adopted to Mr. De Valera, President Executive Council, and to Mrs. De Valera.

The vote, which was adopted in the usual way, was supported by Mr. McCarthy and Col. Quin and also spoken to by the Secretary.

THE LATE MRS. DONOHOE, WILLIAM ST., WEXFORD.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded a vote

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of sympathy to Mr. P. M. Donohoe of County Council Office staff, in the death of his mother, a member of a respected family which had long and honourable connections with the town of Wexford.

The motion was also spoken to by the Secretary.

THE LATE MRS. STAPLES

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

"That the following reply to vote of condolence from Mr. Frank Staples, M.R.C.V.S., in the death of his mother, appear on this day's minutes of proceedings:-

'Will you please convey to the members of the County Council my sincerest thanks for the kind vote of sympathy passed to me in my recent sad bereavement - the death of my mother.

Yourself, I also thank very much in being associated with the vote'."

THE LATE MRS. CULLEN

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Lawlor:-

"That the following reply from Mr. Kelly, County Councillor, in respect of vote of condolence adopted to him in the death of his aunt, Mrs. Cullen, Mangan, be inserted on the minutes of this day's meeting:-

'I desire to return to the members and officials of the County Council my most sincere thanks for their kind vote of sympathy passed with me, at last meeting, on the death of my aunt, Mrs. Cullen, Mangan.'"

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEES

MEETING 17th JANUARY 1936: 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, County Hall, Wexford on 17th January, 1936.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman County Council), presiding, also, Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, W. Cullimore, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, Sean O'Bryne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurers' Advice Note for £2835. 11. 11d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

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

E. J. Murphy	54.7
P. Carty	53.6
J. Curtis	53.1
J. J. O'Reilly	51.3
S. Gannon No. 10.	50.2
D. Kenny	50.0
P. Doyle	49.2
S. Gannon No. 6.	49.0
M. McCarthy	48.9
M. Kehoe	48.7
A. Dunne	47.9
J. Deegan	47.3
J. Quirke	46.9
J. Cummins	46.8
P. Nolan	46.6
J. Flood	42.7
W. Doyle	41.5
W. Cummins	40.2
J. J. Sinnott	39.9
M. Murphy	37.6
	47.3

Compared with the corresponding period last year there was an improvement of 1.4 per cent.

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

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"That the Rates Inspector be instructed to concentrate his attention on the districts of the following collectors whose lodgments were under the figure required to qualify for payment of Poundage, viz.:- Collectors W. Cummins, J. Deegan, John Flood, Matthew Murphy and J. J. Sinnott."

A letter was read from the latter that he was doing his best but the position as regards the setting of land was difficult owing to wet season.

It was decided that the position of the five Collectors referred to be specially considered at next Finance Committee Meeting on 31st January 1936.

The Rates Inspector said he was going through the districts of the Collectors who had a large amount of arrears. He started with J. J. Sinnott (who he thought was doing his best), and was now engaged at Nolan's.

The Chairman said that it should be remembered in connection with the collection that although a number of the Collectors had lodged 50 per cent for first moiety portion of the amount was made up of part of the second moiety.

POUNDAGE: 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 payment of poundage fees on lodgments to the 31st December 1935, in the case of all Collectors who have complied with the terms of the letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health 19th December 1935 (G.217106-35 Loch Garman)."

OFFICE ACCOMMODATION COUNTY REGISTRAR

The following report from Miss O'Ryan and Mr. Corish was read and recommendations confirmed on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

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"At the meeting of the Finance Committee on 3rd January, 1936, Miss O'Ryan and Mr. Corish were appointed a Committee to consider the application of the County Registrar for further office accommodation and also the communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dealing with the matter.

The Committee, who were accompanied by County Secretary, County Surveyor and County Solicitor, met on 11th January 1936. They carefully considered the amount of accommodation at present available in the building and the manner in which the various staffs are distributed. They are of opinion that the application of the County Registrar for further accommodation is borne out by the facts and suggest he be given the old County Council Chamber which is the apartment asked for by him in his first application. The Committee desire to point out that if the old Courthouse on Wexford Quay had been reconstructed it would not have been possible to allot to the County Registrar the amount of floor space now occupied by his offices. In suggesting he be allowed to take over the old County Council Chamber the Committee hold they are providing for his requirements.

Relative to the suggestion of the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to the conversion of old building adjoining Hill Street the Committee are not prepared to recommend the Council to embark on any further building scheme at the Old Jail.

If it be necessary, later on, to provide further accommodation for clerks of County Council Offices some of the old cells on the ground floor of the right wing can be reconstructed for the purpose."

Under date 15th January 1936, the following was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"With reference to your enquiry I write to say that

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Counsel has advised that the County Registrar has not vested in him the Control and Custody of any part of the County Buildings other than that part which was allotted to and is now used for the purposes of the Court House and Court Offices, with the Sanction of the Department of Justice.

He Further advises that in his opinion the County Registrar cannot compel the County Council to evacuate any apartment or apartments in the County Buildings used as County Offices, and assign such apartment or apartments to the County Registrar for the purposes of Court Offices.

It is right to add that since Counsel gave his opinion in the Month of January 1935 The Court Houses (Provision and Maintenance) Act 1935 was passed, and by Section 2 of that Act it is Provided

> " Where a part only of a building is provided and Maintained and is used as Court House accommodation, within the meaning of this Act, and the Residue of such building is provided and maintained and is used for other purposes, nothing in this Act shall apply to such residue of such Building".

Section 3 (1) (b) of the Act provides that every Council shall provide accommodation for the Transaction of Court Business.

Section 1 of the said Act defines Court House accommodation as (Inter Alia) Offices reasonably necessary.

Section 10 (1) of the Act provides that if a Council fails to perform a Duty prescribed by the Act proceedings by Mandamus shall lie in the High Court to enforce the performance of such Duties."

ROAD WORKS SCHEME

At the meeting of the County Council on 13th January 1936 the Chairman (Mr. Allen) and Messrs. Corish and McCarthy were appointed a deputation to discuss with the responsible officers of the Department of Local Government

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and Public Health letter from Department of 9th January 1936 (R/RGM/32) as to the figures in Road Works Scheme and the report of the Department's Inspector in the matter.

Mr. Allen and Mr. Corish reported they had discussed the matter with Mr. Moylan of the Roads Department of Local Government and Public Health and would report to the County Council that the amount already agreed to for Main Road upkeep viz., £26,897 should be increased by the re-allocation of £2000 from Improvement fund and of £1000 from Contingencies Fund, making a total of £29897 for Main Road Repair. The 40% grant on this would be £11958 leaving the portion to be borne by rates £17939.

The Meeting decided to recommend the adoption of these figures to special meeting of County Council to be held on 27th January 1936.

In connection with the proposed re-classification of certain County roads which were at present bearing more traffic than some main roads and to proposal that they should be moved into Main Road Class, Mr. Allen said the deputation had discussed this question in detail at the interview with Mr. Moylan and gathered that the Department would not object to the transfer from County class to Main Road class of about 30 miles of roads.

The Meeting discussed report of the County Surveyor dealing with suggested transfer of 63 miles of important County Roads, but, in view of the opinion expressed to the deputation, they agreed to request sanction to the following roads being brought into Main Road category:-

		Miles.	Pers.
1.	No. 62 Slaght Cross to Balliniry No. 65.	8	280
2.	No. 22 Ballynabola to Taghmon via Foulksmills No. 55.	10	40
3.	No. 57 Baldwinstown to Wellingtonbridge No. 67 through Coolseskin and Carrig.	9	220
4.	No. 33 Fahy's Cross to Blackwater No. 41.	5	260
	Total miles	34½.	

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It was recommended that the Department be asked to agree that the £3000 transferred from Improvement and Contingencies Funds should - for the greatest part - be spent on the above mentioned transferred roads.

As regards the proposal of Mr. Culleton to borrow a sum of £4000 for reconstruction of road from Killinick to Carne the meeting decided to ask Mr. Culleton to extend his motion to cover Road from Horeswood to Ramsgrange, the amount proposed by him £4000 to stand and the Department of Local Government and Public Health to be asked to give an equivalent sum towards the total cost (which it is calculated will be £8000) for the two roads.

A resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Colfer instructing the County Surveyor to furnish report as to the cost of having the streets through the various villages of the County put into good repair, placing them in the order most requiring attention. And that the Council make application to the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) for a 50% grant for the repair of those which the Council consider they are in a position to deal with.

ESTIMATE & DEMAND OF MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

The above Demand for next financial year at £22460 was received: it is £2560 more than for current year.

Referred to County Council.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT 1935-36.

The Secretary reported the receipt of £3050 under above Grant from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads).

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

APPROVAL OF LOAN: Under date 10th January 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Housing Section) wrote (H.20/36) that the Minister had sanctioned

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loan of £200 under above Acts to Maurice Murphy in respect of house to be erected at Tara Hill, Gorey.

HOUSE AT GLENBOUGH: In connection with statement by Mr. Corish at a recent meeting of Finance Committee that he was informed Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, had given directions that the certificate for payment of loan would not be forthcoming unless the roof of house under erection at Glenbough, Screen, was sheeted and felted, Mr. Cullen wrote under date 9th January 1936 that on his inspection of the house he suggested this improvement to Mrs. Mangan as he considered money for it would be well spent. This was mentioned by way of friendly advice and did not come under the heading of "requirements".

No Order.

SANCTION OF OVERDRAFT

Under date 3rd January 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.226102-35 Loch Garman) that the Minister had sanctioned the continuance of Overdraft accommodation not exceeding £40,000 (Forty thousand pounds) on the accounts of Wexford County Council up to 31st March 1936, Interest thereon to be paid at the agreed Rate.

COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE AND RENT

The following recommendation was agreed to on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That we recommend the County Council to allow County Wexford Library Committee to hold their premises free of rent or other contribution in lieu of same."

COMPLAINT BUNCLODY STREETS

Under date 16th January 1936 the following was read from Mr. J. O'Dempsey, Hon. Sec., Bunclody Development Committee:-

"I am directed by my Committee to draw the attention

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of the Council to the state of Hospital Hill and Peg's Lane, both of which are almost impassable at present. A member of the Committee essayed to walk through both these so-called thoroughfares recently and well nigh left the soles of his shoes after him. There are three labourers' cottages in Peg's Lane - including two of recent construction, and yet the condition of the Lane can only be described as scandalous. Hospital Hill serves ten families and school children have, somehow, to get through it twice a day in attending school. Ratepayers in the town have to make use of it, as it leads to their lands, yet its condition is no better than Peg's Lane. Even in dry weather it is quite unsuitable for either pedestrian or vehicular traffic, owing to the numerous large stones projecting upwards from its surface.

Several complaints have been made to the Committee by the residents about the state of both these thoroughfares.

The Committee wish to inform the Council that the kerb stones on the foot path leading to the Catholic Church, having been loosened by the recent frosts, have fallen out of their positions on to the roadway and are a serious danger to pedestrians.

The Committee request the Council to inquire of the Assistant Surveyor how the £50 allotted by them to be expended on work for the unemployed at Christmas was so expended, as only one man from the town is known to the Committee to have had any benefit from it."

It was decided to refer this letter to the County Surveyor for report.

CLAIM FOR ALLEGED INJURY TO ENGINE

Under date 10th January 1936 Daniel Larkin, Ballymore, Camolin, wrote that on 19th December last one of his engines caught in the bough of an overhanging tree at Bolacreen cross roads which resulted in the governor being bent.

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The repair of this cost 15/- which he claimed, as well as 10/- for his time going to and coming from Enniscorthy with the article.

It was decided, on the advice of the County Solicitor to repudiate liability in this case as the bough which caused the alleged damage was not on County Council property.

CLAIM FOR REMOVAL OF TREE

Under date 9th January 1936 the following letter was read from Mr. H. A. Lett, Ballynadara, Enniscorthy:-

"After Sunday's storm the road at Macmine was blocked with an ash tree weighing about 2 Tons. It remained blocked all Monday; and on Tuesday, as there was no sign of your road men coming to clear it, I sent two men to do so. It cost me 6/- and I hope your Council will refund me this amount.

The tree was not on my land, it was on the Macmine Castle Estate."

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

"That Mr. Lett, Ballynadara, Enniscorthy, be informed the County Council have no legal liability with regard to the removal of trees blown down by storm. In the present instance it would appear that the Macmine Castle Estate would be responsible for any cost incurred in the removal of any tree from their land which blocked the road."

STORE OF CAMPILE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY

The County Surveyor submitted report from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district, under date 15th January 1936 that the Manager of the Co-operative Store at Campile was anxious to extend a store at Campile by adding another floor. The existing building was within 30 feet of the centre of the road but the Manager was willing to set back one corner by about one and a half feet if he were given

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permission to erect a lavatory as an annexe between the new building and the wall bounding the property; and was prepared to put in a proper sewer to take the present and future sewerage from all stores and the Creamery.

The County Surveyor said it was a very reasonable proposal and it would be greatly in the interests of the Council to have a proper sewer laid down at the place.

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

"We recommend the County Council to agree to the application of the Manager of Shelbourne Co-operative Society as to extension of building and laying down sewer at Campile premises provided these works are carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

WORK AT COOLGREANEY RIVER

The following under date 30th December 1935 was read from Mr. Thomas J. Byrne, Coolgreaney House:-

"I beg to bring to your notice that the men who are working on the River, under Peter Byrne, Ganger, Coolgreany, are cleaning the course of a bog belonging to Mrs. Black, Coolgreany Demesne, which is not the right course of the river as this river for hundreds of years ran through my 2 fields, and my father and grandfather's before me. It was turned away by the late James Black into this bog which is not the right way. I would be thankful to you if you will send some man of understanding to see this river as soon as possible."

Under date 4th January, 1936, the following was read from Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"Yours of 2nd instant with copy of letter from Mr. Thomas J. Byrne. In reply I beg to state I visited place on 3rd instant with Ganger and found no justification whatever for the statements made. There is no river at

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this place other than what is being cleaned. There is, however, a dry ditch about ten feet over level of river, which it appears Mr. Byrne claims was the original course of the river. To divert stream back to this dry ditch is what he (Mr. Byrne) aims at, but the amount allowed under Grant would not be sufficient to do this. As Mr. Byrne's land is well above level of stream it is not affected."

It was decided to accept as satisfactory the statement made by Mr. Treanor in the matter.

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer that the Committee approve of residence of Dermot S. Fenelon, Scholarship Holder under above Scheme at 43 South Main Street, Wexford (Mrs. Donohoe).

COMPLAINT OF NON-EMPLOYMENT

At the meeting of the Finance Committee on 3rd January 1936 Patrick Morris, Castlebridge, attended and complained that he could not get employment under the County Council and alleged favouritism in the selection of employees. He also stated that one man working in the quarry broke stones by hand in his overtime.

It was then decided that the statement made by Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, should be re-submitted to the meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on 31st January, 1936.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee of 17th January 1936, as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby confirmed."

MEETING 31st JANUARY 1936: 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, County Hall, Wexford on 31st January, 1936.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, (Chairman) presiding, also, Messrs. Patk. Colfer, R. Corish, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, Sean O'Byrne and Miss N. O'Ryan.

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

Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2585. 6. 8 was examined and signed.

THE LATE MRS. KENNY, BALLYCONRAN

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman a vote of condolence was adopted to Rate Collector Denis Kenny (District No. 14) in the death of his mother.

The Secretary also expressed his sympathy.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: Rate Collection was submitted as follows:-

E. J. Murphy	56.5
P. Carty	55.9
J. Curtis	53.3
S. Gannon No. 10	52.3
S. Gannon No. 6	52.2
J. J. O'Reilly	51.6
J. Flood	50.7
P. Doyle	50.5
D. Kenny	50.2
J. Deegan	50.1
J. Cummins	49.8
M. McCarthy	49.5
M. Kehoe	49.4
A. Dunne	48.4
J. Quirke	47.6
P. Nolan	46.9
W. Cummins	44.4
W. Doyle	42.3
J. J. Sinnott	42.0
M. Murphy	39.3
	48.9

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Under date 31st January 1936, the Rates Inspector reported that during the past fortnight he had visited the collection districts of J. Flood and W. Cummins. During the period Flood had made good progress in lodging £315.1.3 since last meeting of Finance Committee, while his arrears had been reduced from £501. 14. 7 to £422. 2. 9. It was the Collector's opinion one year's rates will be paid on all holdings in his district, with one or two possible exceptions. The District of Collector W. Cummins also showed improvement. He had collected £233. 11. 0 during the past fortnight. This for the most part, represented current rate. The arrears in the district had not been fully investigated but fuller report would be submitted on these at a later date.

Under date 20th January 1936, M. Murphy (Collection District No. 12) wrote that during the past fortnight he had gone through all his district and collected about £65. In some places auctioneers had failed to secure promise of payment of one year's rate at auction, and therefore, the land would be left idle. He had handed for collection to his Solicitor, all current year's rate outstanding.

Under date 30th January 1936, Collector Sinnott (District No. 16) wrote regretting he was unable to lodge 50% of his collection and arrears by 31st January. Since last meeting he had lodged £224, and called on all rate payers. Owing to the large amount of accumulated arrears on derelict farms his percentage was very low. He believed it would be agreed that it was impossible to collect in most of these cases either arrears or current year's rate.

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That our Secretary communicate with all Collectors who have not to the present collected amount of first moiety and one year's arrears. The Committee are not

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satisfied that these Collectors are doing their best. They are glad to notice the improvement in the cases of Collectors J. Flood and W. Cummins, but believe this has been due to the visit of the Rates Inspector to these districts. No improvement took place prior to his visit and the Committee hope it will not be necessary to send this official into these two districts in the future in order to induce the Collectors to carry out their duties in an organised and energetic manner.

PERSONAL SURETIES OF RATE COLLECTORS: Wm. Doyle (Collection District No. 2) wrote submitting the name of his mother Ellen Doyle, Scullabogue, vice his father, Thomas D. Doyle, deceased. Mrs. Doyle inherited all her husband's property.

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

"That Mrs. Ellen Doyle, Scullabogue, Newbawn, be accepted as Surety for Rate Collector Wm. Doyle on his personal bond."

Collector W. Cummins (District No. 11) wrote offering as one of his personal sureties, his brother Michael Cummins, Ballylucas, Ballymurrin vice Robert O'Leary, Kilmallock (deceased). The name of Mr. Michael Cummins was approved on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly as personal surety in this case.

POUNDAGE: Under date 29th January 1936 the following letter (G.15523-36 Loch Garman) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 23rd instant I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he will raise no objection to such further payment being made to the following Collectors as represents in each case the balance between the payment approved in this Department's letter of the 20th ultimo

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and the amount payable at 7d in the pound on the amount of the first moiety of the current assessment and the arrears applicable to 1934-35:-

Collector	J. Quirke,	District No.	1
"	W. Doyle	" "	2
"	P. Doyle	" "	3
"	M. McCarthy	" "	4
"	P. Nolan	" "	5
"	S. Gannon	" "	6
"	J. Cummins	" "	8
"	S. Gannon	" "	10
"	J. J.O'Reilly	" "	13
"	D. Kenny	" "	14
"	A. Dunne	" "	15
"	E. J. Murphy	" "	17
"	M. Kehoe	" "	18
"	J. Curtis	" "	19
"	P. Carty	" "	20

It was decided to request the Minister to sanction payment of Poundage Fees to Collector Flood who had lodged an amount equivalent to first moiety of current year's rate and arrears from 1934/35 Warrant.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 21st January 1936 Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote that in the opinion of the Minister amounts proposed to be advanced to applicants under above Acts, were excessive:-

Patrick Scully, Blackstoops, Enniscorthy, amount of proposed advance £145 (H.67-36 Loch Garman).

Patrick Byrne, Blackstoops, Enniscorthy, £170 (H.227546-35 Loch Garman).

Mrs. Mary Anne Pender, Blackstoops, Enniscorthy, £190 (69-36 Loch Garman).

Thomas O'Reilly, Blackstoops, Enniscorthy, £170 (H.69-36 Loch Garman).

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John Mullett, Blackstoops, Enniscorthy £145 (H.68/36),

Mrs. Johanna Kennedy, Shelbaggin, Ramsgrange, £240 (H.76/36) and

Charles Hendrick, Blackstoops, Enniscorthy £140 (H.71/36).

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

"That amount of loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be fixed as follows in the following cases:-

Patrick Scully £130;

Patrick Byrne £155;

Mrs. Pender £170;

Thomas O'Reilly £155;

John Mullett £130;

Mrs. Kennedy £215;

Charles Hendrick £125.

That in view of the decision of the Minister the amount of loan to Jeremiah Clare, Custodium, Inch, agreed to at £180 at last meeting be reduced to £165."

COMPLAINT OF NON-EMPLOYMENT

In connection with complaint of Patrick Morris, Castlebridge, that he would not be employed on road work, an explanation of the matter was submitted by Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor for the district dealing in great detail with the points raised by Morris.

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

"That we again reiterate our decision regarding explanation of Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, re non-employment of P. Morris, Castlebridge as being in our opinion, satisfactory."

CAMOLIN PARK ROAD

Under date 29th January 1936, letter was read from James Hendrick, Camolin Park, relative to above road leading from Kilcloran out on Ballyduff road.

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It was decided to point out to Mr. Hendrick, as regards the main Camolin Park Road, the County Council were in correspondence with Government relative to fencing of this road, in order to protect Government plantations. The Council were of opinion that this work should be carried out at the expense of the State, but so far had not received a favourable reply on this point from the Government Department concerned.

DEFAULTING ROAD CONTRACTORS

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

"That the County Surveyor take proceedings against the following Contractors:-

John Hayden, Monavullen, Oulart;

John Murphy, Ballyhought, Blackwater;

Patrick Mangan, Knocknasilogue, Blackwater,

or otherwise, take over the roads under 54th Section of the Grand Jury Act 1836, whichever course he considers most advisable in the interests of the roads concerned."

EMPLOYMENT AT BALLYFADD DISTRICT, INCH.

The following resolution was received from Coolgreany and Ballyfadd Cumann of Fianna Fail:-

"That we call on the Wexford County Council to expend some of the relief grant in our Cumann area as employment is badly needed here at present. We suggest that the old road leading from the County Road at Mullawn to the County Road at Rathpierce be reconstructed."

It was decided that the application be listed for consideration under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

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

"That minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 31st January 1936, be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE: The Secretary stated that all the Collectors had reached the standard required by Department of Local Government and Public Health for payment of poundage except Matthew Murphy and J. J. Sinnott. The Collectors who have not been paid poundage as well as these two are:- J. Deegan, J. Flood and W. Cummins.

These should have reached the standard fixed by Department on 15th January but they did not reach that standard until later dates:-

J. Flood, 30th January, 1936.
J. Deegan, 3rd February, 1936.
W. Cummins, 8th February, 1936.

The Finance Committee asked for sanction to payment of Flood's poundage at their last meeting and would on Friday next probably ask for sanction to poundage for W. Cummins and J. Deegan.

The decision of the Department as to payment was the lodgment of equivalent of first moiety and arrears of one year.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS: In reply to Col. Quin, the Secretary stated as could be seen from the minutes of Finance Committee the Minister contended that fixing the loan at the difference between the value of house and Government grant was excessive and should be reduced. Evidently what the Minister had in mind, though not explicitly stated in any of his communications dealing with these loans, was a maximum figure of 90% of the difference between value of house and Government grant. At the beginning of

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the Scheme this was the attitude adopted by the Finance Committee and the County Council, but a deputation attended on behalf of a number of men who were erecting houses at Killoggy, Ferns and explained that they could not carry on unless they received as loan the difference between the value of house and Government Grant and convinced the Council their statement was correct. The precedent then established was followed to the present.

There was nothing in the Act of Parliament precluding the Council from giving as the amount of loan the difference between the value of house and the Government Grant but as each individual loan is subject to the sanction of the Minister it is manifest the Council must fall in with his figure.

Mr. O'Byrne and Mr. Kelly contended that in some cases at least it would not be possible for applicants to carry out the building of their houses on the basis now approved.

On the motion of Col. Quin, seconded by Miss O'Ryan, the recommendations of the Finance Committee were adopted.

The following resolution was also agreed to, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That we request the Chairman of Council (Mr. Allen) and Mr. Corish, T.D., to discuss the question of amount of loan advanced to applicants under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts with Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and ascertain if anything could be done to have loan fixed at the difference between value of house and government grant in cases in which applicant is in a position to prove that the cost of erection of house and expenses attendant thereto are above amount of the value of house less Government Grant."

OFFICE ACCOMMODATION FOR COUNTY REGISTRAR: On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly, the following resolution was adopted:-

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"That the Minute of Finance Committee relative to this item be furnished to the County Registrar for his information."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 31st January 1936 be and are hereby confirmed."

ROSSLARE ROAD - LOAN FOR WIDENING OF

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

"That the Council as recommended by the Finance Committee obtain from their Treasurer a loan of £1500 (Fifteen Hundred Pounds) to cover cost of widening road at Rosslare, period of repayment to be fixed at ten years."

In moving his motion Mr. Corish said that the widening of the road would be carried out in connection with the sewerage scheme for Rosslare and had been agreed upon between the Council and the County Board of Health. The loan would be used to provide a much needed improvement of the road at Rosslare which accommodated such a very large number of visitors particularly during the Summer season.

Mr. Kelly seconded the motion which was adopted.

Col. Quin dissented and said that the Councillors were "going mad on a borrowing craze".

CORONER FOR NORTH WEXFORD

Under date 17th January 1936 the Local Appointments Commission wrote (L.A.21-5-35) recommending Dr. Alfred Joseph Cantwell, Bunclody, for appointment as Coroner for North Wexford.

The following is a summary of Dr. Cantwell's qualifications:-

Date and
Place of Birth:- 10th November, 1897. Offaly.

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Qualifications and Experience:- M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., 1924.
Registered in the Medical Register of Saorstat Eireann.
Ship's Surgeon, one year.
Post-graduate course at Brompton Hospital, London, 6 months, and at the National Maternity Hospital, Dublin, 1 month.
House Surgeon, St. Michael's Hospital, Dun Laoghaire, 6 months.
Medical Officer, Clonegal and Newtownbarry Dispensary Districts since 1927.

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

"That, as recommended by Local Appointments Commission under date 17th January 1936, Dr. Alfred Joseph Cantwell, M.B., Bunclody, be appointed Coroner for North Wexford, (comprising the old Rural Districts of Enniscorthy and Gorey and the Urban District of Enniscorthy) salary £125 per annum. Duties - as prescribed by Coroners' Ireland Act 1846. Coroners' (Amendment) Act 1927 and as may from time to time be prescribed by legislation or Orders or Rules made by the Minister for Justice.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936.

Under date 31st January 1936, the Department of Agriculture (G.92/36) wrote forwarding Advance copies of the above Order with copies of explanatory memorandum. The Order, though now in force, would not come into effective operation until 15th March next. Similar Orders had been made in England and Northern Ireland. As it was felt that persons having animals infested with Warble Fly might fail to comply with the Order it was essential that Local Authorities should without delay appoint Inspectors to supervise the work prescribed by the Order and also determine what other measures should be taken immediately to secure the greatest possible publicity as to its requirements.

In view of the serious reactions against the cattle export trade which might occur if the order was not fully and properly carried out Local Authorities, it was hoped,

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would take the fullest measures to secure that cattle infested with Warble Fly were dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Order. Names of Inspectors with their districts should be forwarded to the Department for the Minister's approval. Half of the appropriate sanctioned expenditure would be defrayed by the Department.

Mr. White, M.R.C.V.S., (Department of Agriculture), who attended in connection with this matter, gave a short synopsis of the Order. He held that if the campaign suggested by the Department was taken in earnest the warble fly pest would disappear in a few years. It was unnecessary to point out the great losses which were caused to stock owners. When they realised it had been calculated that the warble fly laid 300 eggs it was manifest that every possible step should be taken for its eradication. The "squeezing out" of the larvae should be done when the fly was nearly "ripe" for issue: if allowed to remain longer they emerged, dropped to the ground and escaped. The Inspectors appointed should be able to explain to stock owners how the dressing of cattle wash should be applied and also how the larvae should be squeezed out from the backs of animals. The cattle washes which would be used were not a preventitive of the fly but were effective after the fly strikes.

Col. Gibbon said that where a man had 20 or 30 young cattle on grass it would be difficult to round them up every ten days to squeeze out warbles.

In reply to Col. Gibbon Mr. White said that either treatment provided must be continued until the warbles had disappeared.

Mr. Smyth said he had tried squeezing out warbles with some of his own cattle and they almost went mad. About 20 years ago they had been advised by the Department to use a dressing to prevent the fly "striking" but soon after

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they were told this was waste of time. As stated he had tried squeezing out warbles in his own cattle but had to leave a number of them untreated owing to their wild condition. It would mean a lot to farmers, he admitted, if the fly could be eradicated but he feared the present proposals would not be found practicable.

Mr. Kinsella said their former Agricultural Instructor, Mr. O'Conor, had carried out some years ago some very successful experiments with cattle washes.

Col. Quin said it would be admitted it was difficult to carry out the squeezing out of warbles but there could be no great objection to the cattle wash treatment. Not only was there a great direct loss owing to defective hides by warbles but animals went out of condition and cows slipped calf so that they should be prepared to do what they could to help the campaign the Department of Agriculture were starting. The only objection he had in the matter was having a whole lot of inspectors coming round and worrying people.

The Chairman said that there was little to be gained by considering the effectiveness or otherwise of the Order. It was now law and it was the duty of the Council to put it into operation. Personally he believed it would be a great advantage to the country. The shoe pinched in the matter of finance for the remuneration of the proposed Inspectors though as the Council were agreed the work should be done in a thoroughly efficient way it was absolutely necessary to have Inspectors appointed. People, they should remember, could be prosecuted if they contravened the terms of the Order and it was possible later that the export of animals suffering from Warbles would not be allowed. It had been mentioned that they might employ the six lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors.

Mr. White said he believed the Department would expect

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"a better class man" would be appointed as Inspector. He did not know their Sheep Dipping Inspectors and some of them might suit, The men appointed should have reached a certain educational standard and should be in sympathy with the farmers.

Col. Gibbon asked would the Inspectors go round and instruct the farmers and Mr. White pointed out that this could be embodied in the conditions of their appointment.

Mr. White said it had been estimated that cost of treatment by cattle wash would be about one penny per head. The cost of the preparation was not really the difficulty; it was the trouble of its application.

Mr. Kinsella said this Order would be like the Weeds and Seeds Act under which there had not been a single prosecution and where only a few people even knew that an Inspector from the Department of Agriculture had visited the County.

The Chairman said that statements such as that of Mr. Kinsella was an inducement to evade the Order. He (Chairman) asked if it would not be possible to employ their Veterinary Inspectors to carry out the Order.

Mr. White did not believe the Veterinary Inspectors could afford sufficient time for the work. He had made a rough census of the cattle in the County and it ran from 126,000 to 140,000. So far as he could see about 12 or 13 Inspectors would be needed. In Gorey with 34,000 cattle three Inspectors at least would be needed: in Enniscorthy with 43,000 cattle, four Inspectors would be required: in New Ross 29,000 cattle two or three Inspectors and in Wexford with 34,000 cattle three Inspectors were suggested. The work could not be properly done with less Inspectors than 12 or 13.

In reply to Col. Quin, Mr. White said the Department would not be difficult to deal with as regards the remun-

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eration of Inspectors.

The Chairman suggested they should agree to the appointment of 12 Inspectors at £2. 10. 0 each for a period of 15 weeks.

Mr. Meyler said he believed the Order was right if it could be carried out. How could a man with 50 or 60 cattle provide for their efficient dressing every 28 days? The Department held that the fly was introduced into the animan's system through the tongue but he knew of experiments carried out in which calves were put into leggings for twelve months and yet developed warbles. He (Mr. Meyler) considered they should be satisfied if the Order could be carried out to a certain extent.

The Chairman said this would never bring about the extinction of the fly. Seven eighths of the cattle were in houses at the present time and if the dressing was started there it would cut down the work later. He believed the Council should for the sake of efficiency make the Veterinary Inspectors responsible for the working of the Order.

Mr. White said that the Department would certainly agree to approve of the appointment of the necessary Inspectors at reasonable remuneration but he had doubts if they would sanction payment to their Veterinary Inspectors for the work of supervision.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted nem. con. on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That we appoint 13 Inspectors in accordance with the provisions of Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order 1936 to be distributed as follows:- Enniscorthy District 4; Gorey District 3; New Ross District 3 and Wexford District 3, at an inclusive salary of £2. 10. 0 each for 15 weeks,

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terms and conditions of appointment to be arranged by Finance Committee, who will also allocate the various districts made out in electoral divisions. The persons appointed must reside in their district and must be able to fill up the stipulated forms and simple reports, and be approved by the Minister for Agriculture. Their services to be determined at any time by the Finance Committee on a week's notice.

Applicants must have a good knowledge of cattle and be able to instruct farmers in the use of Cattle Wash preparations and the squeezing out of warble fly larvae from the backs of affected animals.

We further agree that the Veterinary Inspectors of the Council be appointed to supervise the work of the lay Inspectors and to receive therefor a bonus of £25 for the Districts of Enniscorthy, Gorey and Wexford, and that a similar sum be provided for the two Veterinary Inspectors in New Ross District to be apportioned as follows, viz., Mr. J. Lynch £15 and Mr. Taylor £10.

That the Minister be requested to sanction these proposals."

It was also decided that applications would be received by the Finance Committee who would report to the Council on each candidate's suitability for the post.

In reply to Mr. Thomas Redmond, the Chairman said if the Veterinary Inspectors would not accept the terms offered the Council would be obliged to make other arrangements.

Mr. White thanked the members for the consideration they had shown him in the discussion of the Order.

RESIGNATION OF MR. MALONE, V.S.

The following under date 23rd January, 1936, was read from Mr. R. Malone, M.R.C.V.S., Wexford District:-

"In reply to your letter of the 17th instant, I regret to say that my health shows no sign of definite improvement.

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Accordingly I feel that should no longer inconvenience the Council and as we have all been such good friends for so many years, I do not want to be any hindrance at the end of my days. Therefore I think the only course for me to adopt is to accept the suggestion of the Minister and resign - which I hereby do - and place myself in the hands of the Council for their generous consideration."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That we accept with very great regret the resignation of Mr. R. Malone, V.S., Wexford District, as from 1st February, 1936."

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

"That the Minister for Agriculture be requested, in view of the fact that Mr. R. Malone has resigned his position at the request of the Department, to interest himself in endeavouring to have the Council permitted to pay Mr. Malone the gratuity of £100 already unanimously voted to him by the Council consequent on his resignation, and which sum the Council are prepared to pay from their own funds."

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

"That Statutory Request in connection with the appointment of "part-time" Veterinary Inspector for Wexford District be furnished the Local Appointments Commission. That the salary for the office be fixed at £90 with £25 for work in connection with Bovine Tuberculosis Order. That the terms and conditions governing the appointment be arranged by the Finance Committee, and that the sanction of the Minister to these and to the proposed salary be requested."

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The meeting considered the eligibility of the students who applied for award of Scholarships and Bursaries under above Scheme, as detailed on the following list:-

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SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following candidates have applied for award of Scholarships or Bursaries under above Scheme and their eligibility to compete for same will be decided by the County Council at their Meeting to be held on 10th February 1936.

Abbreviations: C (Children); I (Income); V (Valuation).

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Deacon Richard H.J.B., Ryland, Clohamon.
C. 4 V. £28. Farmer.

Gahan Walter J., Barmona, Boolavogue, Ferns.
C. 5 V.£113.10.0. Farmer.
(See Scheme re limit of Valuation for 5 children).

Gethings James, Effernogue, Ferns.
C. 4 Labourer.

Lacey Nicholas, Clohamon, Ferns.
C. 5 Quarry Worker.

McDonald Patrick, Irish Street, Bunclody.
C. 5 Butcher.

Pender Matthew A., Milltown, Ferns.
C. 1 Widow. Small house.

Somers Ellen Mary, Chapel Lane, Ferns.
C. 2 Labourer.

Tracey Rosanna T., Main Street, Ferns.
C. 5 Carpenter.

BURSARIES:

Franklin Martin F., Island Road, Enniscorthy.
C. 6 Labourer.

Fingleton James, Shannon, Enniscorthy.
C. 7 Civic Guard. I.£195

Jordan Samuel, Market Square, Enniscorthy.
C. 4 National Health Insurance Agent. I.£150

O'Hanlon Michael A., 7 Friary Place, Enniscorthy.
C. 4 Postman

Tracey Maurice, 2 Cathedral Street, Enniscorthy.
C. 7 Insurance Agent. I.£180.

Whitney Richard M., 24 Court Street, Enniscorthy.
C. 1 Photographer. I.£209.

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GOREY DISTRICT

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Doyle Sarah, Island, Craanford.
C.3 V.£13: 5: 0. Farmer.

Ffrench Mark, Moneylawn, Gorey.
C.4. V.£37. Farmer.

Lawless Peter, Camolin.
C.2. Postman.

Murphy Elizabeth M.A., Ballinabray, Gorey.
C.6 No V.given. Farmer.

Murphy Margaret, Litterbeg, Kilmuckridge.
C.4. Labourer.

O'Brien Maire, Ballymoney, Gorey.
C.2. Blacksmith.

Wafer Mary J., Kilmuckridge.
C.6. Bootmaker

BURSARY:

Sheehan Joseph, Clonattin Road, Gorey,
C.3. Postman.

NEW ROSS DISTRICT

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Carthy Johanna, Ballylannon, Cushinstown, Ballinaboola,
C.3. V.£16:10: 0. Farmer.

Foley Annie, Rathimney, Gusserane,
C.7. V.£30. Farmer.

BURSARIES:

Brereton Michael F., 25 Ard-na-Greine, New Ross.
C.1. I.£90. Shopkeeper.

Dempsey Clement P., Creywell, New Ross.
C.1. I.£332. Brewer. (Unemployed)
(See Scheme for limit).

Nolan Daniel J., John Street, New Ross,
C.2. I.£230. Grocer.

WEXFORD DISTRICT

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Cahill John, Ballytra, Broadway,
C.1. Labourer.

Cullen Margaret Mary, Allenstown, Broadway,
C.12. V.£44. Farmer.

Devereux Elizabeth, Grange, Broadway,
C.9. V.£47. Farmer.

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Doyle James Aidan, Churchtown, Bridgetown,
C.6. Carpenter.

Doyle Kathleen, Ballygillane, Kilrane,
C.9. Steam Raiser Railway.

Doyle William Francis, Drimmagh, Rosslare,
C.4. Railway Checker.

Furlong James, Rosetown Cottage, Rosslare Strand.
C.5. Labourer.

Griffin Daniel Joseph, Bridgetown,
C.5. I.£195. Railway Station Master.

Marley Mary K., Broadway,
C.2. I.£177. Insurance Agent.

Moran John, Baldwinstown, Bridgetown,
C.3. V.£8.15.0. Farmer.

O'Brien John A., Ballycowan, Tagoat,
C.2. Postman.

Rossiter Margaret M., Rathmore, Broadway,
C.8. Railway Worker.

BURSARIES:

Carty Nicholas, Byrne's Lane, Wexford.
C.3. Mother Widow.

Cullen Thomas P., 61, South Main Street, Wexford.
C.1. Cycle Agent.

Cummins Jas.P. Waterloo Road, Wexford.
C.4. I.£213. Superintendent Meat Factory.

Lucking James, William Street, Wexford.
C.5. Carpenter.

Maloney James, Carrigeen Street, Wexford.
C.6. Clerk.

O'Leary Timothy T., 31 St. Enda's Terrace, Wexford.
C.2. Clerk (Unemployed)

Rutledge Edward Vincent, 5 Parnell Street, Wexford.
C.4. I.£208 Foreman Mechanical Engineer.

Sinnott Thomas S., 7 Grattan Terrace, Hospital Road,
Wexford
C.6. I.£250. Building Contractor.

Whelan George Joseph, Maudlintown, Wexford.
C.6. Labourer.

White Patrick F., Kevin Barry Street, Wexford.
C.4. Blacksmith.

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Miss O'Ryan raised the question of the eligibility of James Fingleton, Shannon, Enniscorthy, son of a Civic Guard, who might be transferred from Enniscorthy any time.

Mr. Kelly and Mr. McCarthy pointed out that Garda Fingleton was living in Enniscorthy for ten year past and it was unlikely he would be transferred.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"We are of opinion that candidates for Secondary and Vocational Scholarships and Bursaries on list presented to this meeting by the Secretary and which has been circulated to Councillors, are eligible to compete for Secondary and Vocational Scholarships and Bursaries except Clement P. Dempsey, Creywell, New Ross, applicant for Bursary, whose father's income brings him outside the terms of the scheme.

That in the case of Walter J. Gahan, Barmona, Boolavogue, Ferns, we ask the Department of Education to allow the Council to agree to the elegibility of this candidate, although debarred by limit of valuation in view of the fact that applicant's father has been in Hospital for a considerable time and will not, without the assistance of the Council, be able to provide secondary or vocational education for his son."

The Secretary said that on 6th February 1936, he had received an application from St. John of God Convent, Wexford, for syllabus of Scheme and also entry forms.

And on 7th February 1936, an application has been lodged on behalf of Mary Elizabeth Doyle, Ballyshannon, Adamstown.

He had written in both instances that he would ask for instructions from the Council as he had no power to accept entries after 1st February. He also pointed out that copies of the Scheme had been furnished last year to the Teachers of all National Schools in the County and adver-

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tisement had appeared in three issues of the three local papers that copies could be had on application. In January advertisements were issued for three issues of the three local papers stating that applications for Scholarships could not be accepted after 1st Fabruary and that forms of application could be obtained from County Council Offices.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Kinsella seconded the following resolution which was adopted, Col. Quin dissenting:-

"That we request the Department of Education to allow the Convent of St. John of God, Wexford, to lodge late entries in connection with Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme as through inadvertence the matter was overlooked by them. That in the event of the Department of Education agreeing to this proposal they be requested to consent to the acceptance of entry of Mary Elizabeth Doyle, Ballyshannon, Adamstown."

SANCTION OF APPOINTMENT OF CLERK TO OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE NO. 3.

Under date 11th January 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (M.1504) approving of the appointment of Mr. Patrick Joseph Cullen as Clerk of No. 3 Sub-Committee (Taghmon and Killurin) under Old Age Pensions Acts.

TRANSFER OF COUNTY ROADS TO MAIN ROADS SCHEDULE

Under date 4th February 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (R/RD/32) (Roads) that an Order was in preparation to include in the Wexford Main Road Schedule as from 1st April 1936 the roads described in the Council's resolution of 27th January, 1936.

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APPOINTMENTS OF CLERKS OF WORKS

Under date 23rd January, 1936 (Circ.S.5/36) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote referring to their circular letters of the 17th June 1933 and the 16th May 1934 on the above subject. Possession of a full course certificate in building, issued by the Technical Instruction Branch of the Department of Education, or a first class technological certificate, intermediate stage, or a technological certificate, advanced stage, issued by the Department of Education, would qualify a candidate to act as clerk of works on contracts of the nature already referred to.

It had also been represented to the Minister that there were persons who had acquired considerable experience of supervising contracts, and although they might not possess academic qualifications, the Minister was willing to allow such persons to be considered. This amendment of the order governing such appointments does not apply to Public Health works (waterworks and sewerage schemes), full qualifications as set out in a previous circular being still essential.

AUDIT ACCOUNTS DISTRICT MENTAL HOSPITAL

Under date 16th January 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (A.224242/35) forwarding copy of their Auditor's Report on his Audit of the Accounts of Enniscorthy Mental Hospital Committee for the two half years ended 31st March 1935. Abstracts of the accounts were also forwarded.

SOW DRAINAGE COMMITTEE

Application was received from Mr. M. Ryan, Coolnaboy, Oylegate, as Hon. Secretary to a recent meeting of Sow Drainage Ratepayers asking that the Council should appoint a Local Advisory Committee for the drainage area.

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

"That the following be appointed under Section 58 of Local Government Act 1925 (as amended by Local Government Act 1927) as an Advisory Committee in connection with Sow Drainage Area, Mr. John Doyle, Ballynamuddagh, The Ballagh, to act as Chairman and Mr. M. Ryan, Coolnaboy, Oylegate as Hon. Secretary:- John Mernagh, Oulartleigh; Charles Mernagh, Oulartleigh; Walter Mernagh, Clonmore; Marks Murphy, Middletown; Peter Cullen, Killisk; Owen Kavanagh, Killisk; Michael Sutton, Ballyvake; Walter Bolger, Coolnaboy; Thomas Brien, Coolamain; Thomas Grannel, Ballina; John Doyle, Ballinamuddagh; Michael Ryan, Coolnaboy; John Sutton, Tinrahavan and William Gahan, Oulartleigh.

That the meetings be held in Glenbrien at such times as may be considered advisable by Chairman and Hon. Sec. and that the quorum be fixed at five.

That the Minister be asked to sanction these proposals."

MENTAL HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Corish said that a deputation from Mental Hospital Committee to the Department were submitting report to that Committee at their meeting on 11th February.

CAHORE PIER

Under date 6th February 1936 the Office of Public Works wrote (C.87.13.1.36) that they were advised by the Department of Agriculture that the expenditure of £3,000 at Cahore would not be justified by the extent of the fishing industry there. Consequently, the question of a State contribution towards the cost of the Scheme did not arise.

This was in reply to a resolution of the Council passed on 13th January 1936 asking the Office of Public

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Works to re-consider their refusal to provide a State Grant for the extension of Cahore Pier. If they were not satisfied to agree to the amount asked by the County Council in the first instance would they state what amount of grant they would be prepared to give and on what conditions.

Under date 31st January 1936, Philip Crowe and P. Dempsey, Cahore, wrote on behalf of the fishermen of Cahore asking if they would be received as a deputation by the Council.

Both these men attended and submitted the following statement:-

"We claim that the statement of the Commissioners of Public Works - namely - "that the expenditure of the State grant which would be required for the proposed extension of Cahore Pier, would not be justified on the grounds of Public utility" has been made without due and adequate consideration.

Our reasons are as follows:-

(1) From October to the end of December 1000 Boxes of herrings were sold to the Sea Fisheries Association at an average of 4/6 per Box.

(2) Previous to the Sea Fisheries Association taking the fish over three hundred boxes were sold locally.

(3) The fishermen suffer great hardship owing to insufficient berthing accommodation, as the hauling and launching of the boats entail much labour and some danger, especially during the past herring-fishing season.

(4) By the extension of the Pier, this hardship and danger would be averted, as we would have berthing accommodation and shelter, as well as being enabled to take advantage of the full fishing season. In proof of the latter statement - A boat purchased through the Sea Fisheris Association has been moored at the Pier, since the middle of September, and safely rode out the worst storm within the

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past forty years.

(5) We may add that some years ago, over a dozen boats were engaged in the oyster-fishing earning over £2 per week per man. These boats were put out of action owing in great measure to the want of berthing accommodation. This source of employment should prove remunerative in view of the fact that French and British waters were stocked from the Oyster-beds off our coast.

(6) Coal is discharged at the Pier by lighters during the Summer months, necessitating the paying out in wages of almost £200.

(7) There are over 70 men unemployed in the district and we also speak on their behalf. It is self-evident that the work on the extension of the Pier would relieve much distress."

Mr. Smyth proposed that the statement submitted by deputation on behalf of fishermen of Cahore to this meeting be forwarded to the Office of Public Works asking for a reconsideration of their decision that a State contribution for extension of Cahore Pier could not be provided. In view of the fact that new fishing boats were utilising the harbour there was no doubt but further accommodation at the pier is required.

Mr. Kinsella seconded the resolution which was adopted.

WORK FOR UNEMPLOYED

Under date 20th January 1936 the Irish Tourist Association wrote in regard to the adoption of special works in various parts of the Counry in substitution for the payment of Unemployment Relief and asked for the co-operation of all public bodies with a view to the preparation of a comprehensive set of recommendations for submission to the responsible Minister. They submitted a memorandum which had been prepared for the purpose of suggestion and guidance in the selection of appropriate works.

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

"That copy of memorandum re work for unemployed men be furnished County Surveyor for his information, with the request that he assist the Tourist Association in this communication so far as he can possibly do so."

NEW ROSS URBAN ROADS - TRANSFER TO COUNTY COUNCIL

Under date 8th February 1936 the County Surveyor wrote that it was necessary for the County Council to allocate funds for the above roads which came under the care of the County Council as from 1st April next. On the 7th instant he had an interview with the Town Clerk, New Ross, on the matter. At this stage it was not possible to forecast definitely what these roads would cost next year but he had arrived at figures which he believed were approximately accurate. After a year's experience of their maintenance the Council would be able to deal with the matter very closely. The expenditure for the past three years varied considerably. Last year the estimate of the Town Surveyor at £570 was approved but only £271 expended. He (County Surveyor) understood there was a great deal of arrears of work to be done and in the circumstances in consultation with the Town Clerk it was decided to ask for £450 for the maintenance proper to which should be added £25, amount suggested by the Chief Road Engineering Inspector of the Department of Local Government and Public Health as fees for County Surveyor's supervision. The total amount £475 would be included in the Demand of the County Council on the New Ross Urban Council.

In reply to Mr. Colfer, the Secretary stated that a sum of £25 was the total which the Department would agree to under the heading of fees. No allocation was made for payment to Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, who would

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be in close touch with practically the whole work.

Mr. Colfer contended that the fee offered between the County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyor was a miserable sum, and proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Corish and adopted:-

"That in connection with fee for supervision of work to be carried out re maintenance of New Ross streets, other than Main Roads, we recommend the New Ross Urban Council to fix the amount of fees at £50 at least, as in our opinion £25 mentioned for the purpose by the Department is grossly inadequate."

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT

Quarterly report of County Analyst (Miss Phyllis Ryan) to 31st December last showed that 328 analyses had been carried out, viz.: Foods 267; Drugs 59; Waters 2. Number Adulterated:- Butter 1; Rum 1; Whiskey 1; New Milk 2; Buttermilk 1.

STATE OF KILMUCKRIDGE STREETS

Mr. Ronan raised the question of the condition of Kilmuckridge street, which, he said was the worst in the County Wexford. The people of the district ahd to go to Mass ~~and~~ and the children to school along this thoroughfare while a number of farmers passed over it to and from the creamery. The Vocational School in the principal portion of the village would soon be finished and it was essential something should be done to put the street into a better state of repair. It was only about 300 yeards in length and there was no relief scheme available for repair.

Mr. Corish said that something should be done with this street at once as its condition was disgraceful.

The County Surveyor said that something would be done as soon as possible.

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STREETS IN VILLAGES

It was decided that the County Surveyor be requested to furnish for next meeting of the County Council report as to the condition of village streets in respect of which a resolution had been adopted at a recent meeting.

REPAIR OF LANE AT GREAT ISLAND, CAMPILE, AND MAINTENANCE OF LANES

Mr. Augustine Malone, Great Island, wrote on behalf of the residents of the area calling attention to the necessity of having some repairs carried out to a road at Great Island. This road was made three years ago by means of an Unemployment Grant but since then nothing had been done and it was now in very bad condition - almost impassable. It was only 600 yards long and would not cost much to repair. Mr. Malone concluded by asking the Council to put the road into contract.

The Chairman said that when the Council had carried out work on lanes the least to be expected was that the people concerned would keep them in decent repair for the future but, so far as he could see, there was a growing impression amongst a section that once the County Council repaired a lane they should be responsible for its future maintenance for all time.

The County Surveyor pointed out that the County Council had stated distinctly on a number of occasions they would not be liable for the future maintenance of these lanes and would not take them over as County Roads.

The Chairman said that it should go abroad that people who considered that the Council should take over every lane repaired under Minor Relief Scheme were labouring under a serious misapprehension. There were 3,000 or 4,000 lanes in the County and if the County Council were lucky enough to secure grants for the repair of even a quarter of these they would be doing very well. People should understand

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that when the Council spent the money under the Relief Grant they had no further responsibility or liability.

It was decided to inform Mr. Malone that no further money was available under Relief Schemes Vote for repair of lane mentioned by him and that the Council could not see their way to have this lane converted to a Contract road.

Miss O'Ryan said the Council might consider the advisability of supplying rough material to people who wanted to repair their lanes and let them do the necessary work themselves. The Council held all the good quarries so that private individuals found it difficult to procure metalling. Instead of spending a lot of money on a few lanes if the Council could adopt some procedure by which they would supply material and the people benefiting would do the work many more lanes could be put into repair than was possible under the present system.

On the suggestion of Col. Gibbon it was decided that the County Surveyor should publish an advertisement in the local papers pointing out that where lanes had been repaired by the County Council under a State Grant the people concerned were responsible for future maintenance.

DAVIDSTOWN LANE, ENNISCORTHY

Mr. James Brennan, Davidstown, Enniscorthy, wrote asking if there was any chance of Davidstown Lane being repaired under Minor Relief Schemes. He understood that one branch of the lane was being repaired but the portion on which he lived had been passed over. He could not understand this. There were three good ratepayers on his branch and he could not see why their claims should be ignored. The lower part which led to their only water supply was practically impassable due to flooding. Stones for metalling the lane could be obtained free.

Mr. Lawlor said the portion of the lane which had been

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done would be of very little public utility unless the branch applied for by Mr. Brennan was also dealt with.

The Chairman said the amount of money allocated had been spent and it was the business of the people to whom the lane was an advantage to do the rest.

Mr. Lawlor proposed the following which was seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That we apply to the Office of Public Works for an increased grant to finish the work on Davidstown Lane."

On a show of hands six voted for the motion and ten against.

The Chairman declared it lost.

DAMAGE TO ROAD NO. 210(C) BALLYMORE

The County Surveyor forwarded the following report under date 4th February 1936 from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor of the district as to damage to above road:-

"A four foot culvert at above was badly damaged by Threshing Engine pulling up on same to take water from stream. I have had temporary repairs made which will ensure safety of the public. I estimate that a sum of £20 will be required to rebuild portion damaged."

The County Surveyor said it was the practice of drivers of these engines to stop for water on a road bridge and of course, they were likely to do damage. In fact, sometimes they broke down the parapets to put the hose into the stream for the purpose of drawing water. The Council had no authority to prevent the practice but he would put a notice in the Press appealing to drivers to discontinue it.

The suggestion of the County Surveyor was approved.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer it was decided that the damage to this bridge be repaired by County Surveyor, amount not to exceed £20.

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ANNAGH LANE, KILLENA

A lengthy communication was read from Patrick Gahan, Annagh Lane, Killena, re above Lane. The work already done on the lane through Relief Grant was satisfactory and the lane was now almost entirely free from water and from flooding. But nearly the whole lane was in a bad way for metalling. This, if taken in time, could be remedied at small cost, but if allowed to deteriorate for another year would take a considerable sum; £35 or £40 spent now would make a good lane of it for years.

It was decided to inform Mr. Gahan that no further money was available for the repair of Annagh Lane.

TOMONA LANE

Mr. Andrew Ryan, Tomona, Ballindaggin, wrote that an application had been made two years ago for a grant to repair the above lane but nothing had been done although it was used by six or seven families. Unless something was done with it they would not pay their rates.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution:-

"That Mr. Andrew Ryan, Tomona, be informed the County Council have spent all the money available on ~~Tomona~~ farmers' Lane. That it be also pointed out to him that his threat of non-payment of rates will not be tolerated."

Passed.

KELLYSTOWN AND RAHEENDUFF RIVER

Mr. D. O'Gorman, Kellystown, Adamstown and others wrote that if a grant was available the cleaning up of above river would furnish a most useful work and save a good deal of land from flooding.

Referred to County Surveyor, work to be carried out if any arrangement can be arrived at for the employment of men who are at present in receipt of the "Dole".

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RELIEF WORK IN SOUTH WEXFORD

Under date 14th January 1936, letter was read from Hon. Secretary Rosslare and Kilrane Fianna Fail Cumann as to the absence of Relief Schemes in the area. The possibility of improving the trunk road from Rosslare Pier to Tagoat was suggested. This was narrow in parts and the dyke two or three feet at either side was a source of danger to the public. It was necessary to give a good impression to the many tourists who passed over this route by providing a first class road at the gateway to Southern Ireland.

It was decided to point out to Rosslare and Kilrane Fianna Fail Cumann that no money was available for improving the trunk road from Rosslare Pier to Tagoat but that a good deal of employment would be provided in the district by the reconstruction of road from Killinick to Carne, and also by the large number of cottages it is proposed to erect in the area.

GREAT ISLAND ROAD AND EMBANKMENT

Under date 6th February 1936 Mr. N. Murphy, Kilmokea, Campile, wrote that the people of Great Island were living under great inconvenience consequent on the damage to the protecting wall to the public road - the only public entry to the townland. On 9th January a high tide and gale swept away 60 or 70 yards of the protecting wall and an equal length of the road. After a few days the road was made passable. On 24th January, the next series of high tides the sloblands were again submerged to a depth of several feet and the same depth of water ran across the road. On Sunday 12th January and Sunday, 26th January, the people of Great Island had no way to attend Mass except by walking along the railway line. From 24th January to 30th the roadway was completely covered and children could not attend school. At present further high tides were indicated and it was feared the place would be again isolated. He asked the Council to do something to relieve

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the local people of the hardship under which they laboured in this matter. The whole trouble had been caused by the defective embankment. Engineers from the Land Commission had visited the place three years ago but nothing was done. The matter was brought before the Land Commission by the Minister for Agruculture in November last but still no action was taken. If the Council could bring pressure to bear on the Land Commission it might induce the latter to move.

The County Surveyor said he had already reported the serious damage which had been caused to the wall. The embankment on a Small Drainage area over which the Council had no control was responsible for the flooding. A heavy flood came in there and carried away 70 feet of the road wall which was 3 feet 6 at the bottom and 5 feet high and blocks two tons in weight were carried 60 or 70 yards down the fields. They were repairing the road.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. M. Redmond seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem. con.:-

"That copy of letter from Mr. N. J. Murphy, Kilmokea, Campile, as to flooding at Great Island with report on the matter from the County Surveyor be furnished the Land Commission and that they be requested to make good the damage caused by the recent flooding and to ensure that no recurrence of the flooding take place."

NEWBRIDGE LANE, CAMOLIN

Mr. Andrew McCann, Newbridge, wrote asking that some repairs should be carried out to above lane leading to his farm and to the holdings of Messrs. Corrigan and Browne. He considered he had a claim on the Council for this request as farmers from far and near went to his place to have their wheat cleaned for which he never charged them, though he provided them with refreshments. About one week's work would make it passable.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said this lane had

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been already listed for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Corish it was decided to send a special recommendation to the Office of Public Works as to repair of Newbridge Lane (Camolin) in view of its use by a number of farmers who attend the holding of Mr. A. McCann for the purposes of wheat cleaning.

CURRACLOE ROADS

Under date 6th February 1936 Miss O'Connor, Hon. Secretary to Curracloe Development Association wrote calling attention to the bad condition of the Wexford-Curracloe Road from Fahy's Cross to Johnstown and from the Schoolhouse to the Strand. Nothing had been done to put these sections into repair and the summer season was only a few months away. The Association hoped the Council would help them in every way for the development of their seaside resort.

The County Surveyor said that as the road from Fahy's Cross to Curracloe had now been included in Main Road Scheme it would have a higher maintenance figure and he would be able to do a good deal of work on it. The Government had been asked for a grant of £1100 to improve the road from Curracloe turn down to the Strand and the Tourist Association had the matter in hands.

No order.

TOWN PLANNING WEXFORD TOWN

Under date 15th January 1936, the Town Clerk, Wexford Corporation, wrote forwarding copy of resolution to be moved at the meeting of the Corporation on 2nd March next for the formation of a Planning Area under Article 6(2) of the Town and Regional Planning Regulations 1934.

PAYMENT OF ROAD CONTRACTORS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Lawlor seconded by Mr. Ronan:-

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"That we hereby agree to the payment of Contractors for roads and other works as certified by County Surveyor and appearing on Form 22 subject to the modifications and other Orders noted theron and initialled by the Chairman."

LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL AND PRICE OF COAL

The following resolution was read from Limerick County Council:-

"That we hereby draw the attention of the Government to the huge increase in the price of coal, with the result that considerable hardship is inflicted, particularly on Charitable Institutions, and, that they be asked to remit the Tax of 5/- per ton on same."

Mr. Corish proposed the adoption of the resolution with the following addendum:-

"That the attention of the Government Department concerned be called to the inferior quality of the coal at present imported from England, and they be requested to see that coal which is imported be at least of reasonably good quality."

Mr. Kelly seconded the motion which was adopted.

TAKING OVER LANDS ETC.

The following resolution was read from Hon. Secretary, Wexford District Executive, Fine Gael:-

"That we, the Wexford District Executive of Fine Gael (United Ireland) do vehemently protest against the proposed compulsory and confiscatory acquisition of lands, the homes and property of tenant-farmers of this County who have purchased their Holdings under the Land Purchase Acts, and used them as they always did for mixed farming, giving all the employment in their power. To treat such men as Ranchers is not only a great injury to the men themselves but a National shame.

We ask the Public in general and the Farming Community

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in particular to help to crush this evil eviction campaign at its outset and would again remind the Farmers of Ireland of that slogan of Parnell's which we little thought they would ever again be called upon to use in their own defence:- "Keep a firm grip on your Holdings!"

The Chairman ruled the resolution out of order: it was a matter entirely outside the business of the Council.

Mr. Kinsella challenged this. It was a matter for the Council to take action when they saw ratepayers thrown out of their places.

The Chairman said he would not allow his ruling to be questioned and the matter dropped.

Signed...T. Kilcan.....

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 9th MARCH, 1936.

M I N U T E S

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

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

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The Monthly Meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford on 9th March, 1936.

Present:- Mr. Denis Allen, (Chairman), presiding; also, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patk. Colfer, John Connors, R. Corish, C. Culleton, Wm. Cullimore, John Cummins, John Day, Ml. Doyle, 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, Thos. 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

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £3078. 9. 9 were examined and signed.

REPLIES TO VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

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

"That replies to Votes of Condolence as follows be inserted on the Minutes of this day's meeting:-

FROM PRESIDENT DE VALERA:

"President de Valera desires to convey his heartfelt thanks to Comhairle Condae Loch Garman for their kind expression of sympathy with him and his family in their recent loss."

FROM MR. PATRICK M. DONOHOE:

"Kindly convey to the Council, especially the proposer and seconder, my very sincere thanks for the vote of sym-

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pathy, passed with me in the death of my dear mother.

I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking you personally for the kind references which you made at the meeting.

My brothers and sister join with me also in their thanks."

RATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1936/37

(This constituted the special business of the meeting).

Under date 6th March 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.44432/36, Loch Garman), that the Minister assented to such departure from the terms of Article 78 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, as would enable the Wexford Council to consider the general estimate of rates and the estimate of rates for Separate Charges for the financial year 1936/37 by a date not later than the 9th instant.

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

"That Rate for General Charges as recommended by Finance Committee at meeting of 28th February 1936, (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. That rates for Separate Charges for financial year 1936/37 (in conformity with particulars appearing on Form 43) and as presented to this meeting be also agreed to."

"That the following amounts be fixed as the sums to be demanded from the three Urban Districts of the County:-

Enniscorthy	£3210. 12. 2
New Ross	£2950. 9. 8
Wexford	£6325. 15. 9

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WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

In connection with appointment of 13 Inspectors under the above Order, the following is a list of the candidates:-

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INSPECTORSHIPS UNDER WARBLE FLY ORDER

MEETING COUNTY COUNCIL 9th MARCH 1936

The following applicants for above positions, ~~except those marked absent~~, were interviewed by Finance Committee at Special Meeting on 6th March 1936:-

AREA NO. 1.

Bolger, Timothy, Crowpark, Ballycarney.

Crean, David, Ballyphilip, Kilmyshal.

Doyle, Robert, St. Aidan's, Ferns.

Doyle, Thomas, Ballyandrew, Ferns.

Doyle, Thomas, Bolachoir, Ferns.

Hayes, Patrick, Lower Abbey Street, Wexford.

Kearns, John, Ballinakill, Ferns.

McDonald, John, Irish Street, Bunclody.

Moulds, W. G., Kilkeysan, Camolin.

O'Leary, Philip, Ballinaberney, Strahart.

O'Neill, James, Bolinaspeck, Camolin.

O'Neill, Patrick, Tombrick, Ballycarney.

Ryan, Aidan, Craanrue, Ballycarney.

Redmond, William, Clologue, Ferns.

AREA NO. 2.

Bolger, James J., Coolnahorna.

Brooks, Matthew, Kiltealy, Enniscorthy.

Byrne, Patrick, Grange Lower, Killanne.

Cowman, Michael, The Leap, Enniscorthy.

Creane, John, Grange, Rathmure.

Doyle, James, Coolree, Ballindaggin.

Frayne, Richard, Coolnahorna, Enniscorthy.

Jordan, Myles, Monbeg, Ballindaggin.

Masterson, Henry, Ballywilliam, Ballycarney.

Murphy, Edward, Ballinakill, Marshalstown.

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Ormond, Richard, Skahana, Ballycarney.

Redmond, Richard, Scarawalsh, Enniscorthy.

Roche, John, Tomahurra, Enniscorthy.

Somers, Stephen, Ballydaw, Marshalstown.

AREA NO. 3.

Brennan, Edward, 27 Market Square, Enniscorthy.

Connolly, Matthew, Bree, Ballyhogue.

Creane, William, Ballyelland, Davidstown.

Daly, Patrick, 27 Market Square, Enniscorthy.

Fenlon, Michael, Ballymotey, Enniscorthy.

Freeman, Martin, Coolafullaun, Macmine.

Gahan, Matthew, Carrigeen, Ferns.

Hendrick, William, 2 Wafer Street, Enniscorthy.

Howlin, Patrick, 83 Irish Street, Enniscorthy.

Leary, Joseph James, Ballygilliestown, Davidstown.

Murphy, Nicholas, Boolavogue, Ferns.

Nolan, John, Ballycoursey, Glenbrien.

O'Connor, Michael J., Spring Farm, Enniscorthy.

O'Connor, William, 6 Patrick Place, Enniscorthy.

O'Neill, Con, Blackstoops, Enniscorthy.

Turner, John, Meaugh, Boolavogue.

AREA NO. 4.

Brien, William, Glentigue, Edermine.

Breen, Peter, The Ballagh, Enniscorthy.

Dempsey, Daniel, Craanrue, Edermine.

Doyle, Larry, Courtlow, The Ballagh.

Foley, James, Ballykelly, Ballymurn.

Hearne, Patrick, Ballinra, Screen.

Kavanagh, William, Church, Kilmuckridge.

Kehoe, Philip, The Gap, Enniscorthy.

Leary, Patrick, Boolabawn, Davidstown.

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MMurphy, Charles, Ballyought, Blackwater.

MMurphy, Myles, Crosshue, Blackwater.

MMythen, John, Toberlamina, Blackwater.

MMythen, Luke, Ballytarsna, Oulart.

NNolan, John, Clondaw, Ferns.

CO'Connor, John, Ballyknocken, The Ballagh.

QQuirke, John J., Killesk, The Ballagh.

RRoche, Vincent K., Garrylough, Screen.

SStamp, James, Ballinacarrig, Oylegate.

WWhelan, Frank, Kilmuckridge.

AREA NO. 5.

Byrne, Thomas Joseph, Coolgreany, Inch, Gorey.

Condren, Michael, Killybegs, Inch, Gorey.

Doyle, William, Clonsilla, Gorey.

Graham, Patrick, Croghan, Ballyfad, Inch.

Hughes, Peter, Tubberduff, Gorey.

Kearns, Thomas, Ballyfad, Inch.

Kenny, Thomas, Brideswell, Carnew.

Smyth, William, Sleebawn, Gorey.

AREA NO. 6.

Keyes, James, Ardamine, Courtown.

Lawlor, Patrick, Camolin.

~~Lynch, Leo, Ballinclare, Gorey.~~

Moulds, Robert, Camolin.

Mordaunt, William, Ballingarry, Gorey.

Orr, James, Ballyduff, Killena.

Stafford, Aidan, Clonattin, Gorey.

Stephens, Arthur H., 41 Main Street, Gorey.

Turner, Edward, Medop Hall, Camolin.

AREA NO. 7.

Butler, James, Ballinamire, Wells.

Dempsey, Thomas, Garrydaniel, Monamolin.

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Dwyer, Jnr., Andrew, Ballyoughna, Killena.

Furlong, John, Ballinlow, Kilmuckridge.

Kinsella, Arthur M., Mounthoward Lower, Monamolin.

Kinsella, James, Coolook House, Ballycanew.

McGuinness, Laurence, Bolinready, Ballyconra.

O'Brien, Patrick, Mounthoward, Monamolin.

O'Loughlin, Thaddeus, Glasscarrig, Killena.

Ryan, Patrick, Newtown, Kilmuckridge.

Sinnott, Garrett, Greenhall, Wells.

Tomkins, Edward James, Curratubbin, Killena.

Tomkins, Edward James, Mounthoward, Monamolin.

AREA NO. 8.

Byrne, Michael, Tomgarrow, Adamstown.

Cullen, Bernard, Whitemoor, Palace.

Dunne, Martin, Monamolin, Rathnure.

Flynn, John, Ballindoney, Ballywillian.

~~Kehoe, Peter, Monamolin, Rathnure.~~ Absent.

Murphy, Edward, McMurrogh, New Ross.

Murphy, Patrick, Scarke, New Ross.

Quigley, Thomas, Lacken, New Ross.

Rochford, Philip, Templenacrow, Palace East.

Roberts, Martin J., Old Ross, Ballinaboola.

Ronan, Thomas, Pondfields, New Ross.

AREA NO. 9.

Banville, Laurence, Shanoule, Foulksmills.

Bennett, Patrick, Cushinstown, Ballinaboola.

Byrne, Thomas, Ballynacar, New Ross.

~~Cleary, Simon, Whitechurch, New Ross.~~ Absent.

Doran, M., Grallagh, Raheen.

Doyle, John, Tinnecarrig Upper, Foulksmills.

Foley, Michael, Ballyclenock, Newbawn.

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Foley, Thomas, Ballykelly, New Ross.

Furlong, James, Raheenkennedy, Adamstown.

Howlin, James J., Ballykeroguc, Campile.

Kiely, William, Newbawn.

Morrissey (Junr.) John, Cassagh, New Ross.

Power, Walter, Dunnain, Cassagh.

AREA NO. 10.

Carty, William, Yoletown, Ballycullane.

Costello, Michael, Campile.

Curtis, James P., Tinnerath, Foulksmills.

Doyle, James, Boley, Ballycullane.

Foley, Michael, Rathimney, Gusserane.

O'Connor, David, Knockea, Campile.

O'Grady, Patrick, Tintern, Saltmills.

O'Neill, Robert E., Fisherstown, Campile.

Reville, John, Clongeen, Foulksmills.

~~Rowe, Laurence, Tinnock, Campile. Absent.~~

Shannon, James, St. Leonards, Ballycullane.

Sutton, Thomas, Cool, Campile.

Whelan, Nicholas, Ballinruane, Ballycullane.

AREA NO. 11.

Bennett, Arnold, Johnstown, Castlebridge.

Cooney, Robert, Barntown, Wexford.

Doyle, John, Ballygoman, Barntown.

Doyle, John, Killurin, Wexford.

Doyle, Peter, Colestown, Barntown.

Fielding, John, Seaview, Barntown.

Hayes, James, Dungeer, Taghmon.

Kinnsella, Thomas, Crosstown, Wexford.

Lynam, Michael L., Hill Street, Taghmon.

Murphy, William, Kilcorral, Castlebridge.

O'Brien, George, 9, Carcur Cottages, Wexford.

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Sexton, James, Glynn, Wexford.

Walsh, Laurence, Corlican, Killurin.

Woods, Edward, Kingsford, Barntown.

AREA NO. 12.

Byrne, John J., Scurlogue, Duncormick.

Culleton, Nicholas, Ballymagyr, Duncormick.

Crosbie, Michael, Bayview, Bannow.

Dooley, James, Mullanour, Murrintown,

Doyle, Michael, Roseland, Ballycogley.

Hayes, John, Mulrankin, Bridgetown.

Hayes, P. J., Little Johnstown, Duncormick,

Kehoe, James, Raheen, Foulksmills.

Kehoe, Patrick, Ballymitt.

Meehan, William, Hilltown, Ballymitt.

Murphy, Thomas, Blackstone, Duncormick.

Rossiter, Patrick, Slevoy, Foulksmills.

Stafford, Edward F., Baldwinstown, Bridgetown.

Sinnott, Thomas, Heavenstown, Clearlestown.

White, Edward, Scotsland, Duncormack.

AREA NO. 13.

Boggan, Nicholas, Walshestown, Ballycogley.

Browne, Nicholas, Granisk, Ballycogley.

Cousins, Edmund, Knockingall, Murrintown.

Devereux, Nicholas, Ballyhiho, Tacumshane.

Doyle, John, Whiterock, Wexford.

Doyle, Patrick, Ballygarvey, Tagoat.

Druhan, Dermot S., Lady's Island, Broadway.

Jordan, Martin, Bloomhill, Ballycogley.

McDonald, M.G., Killane, Drinagh.

Nagle, Wm. J., Woodville, Bridgetown.

O'Connor, A., 6, Roches Terrace, Wexford.

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O'Reilly, Sean, Dallysheen, Killinick.

Parle, Fintan, Ringpark, Tacumshane.

Ross, Willoughby R., Killinick.

Rossiter, John, Newtown, Kilmore.

LIST OF APPLICANTS AREAS NOT STATED, ETC.

Cosgrave Martin, Scurlockbush, Oylegate.

Doyle, James, Munny, Carnew.

Leary, M., Garrybreen, Oulart.

~~Malone, Michael, Mt. St. Benedict, Gorey. (Withdrawn).~~

Power, Sylvester, Raheenahoon, Bree.

Sinnott, Garrett, Ballytarsna, Oulart.

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The following report of Special Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 6th March 1936, relative to above candidates was submitted and approved on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

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A special meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 6th March 1936 for the purpose of interviewing applicants for the position of Warble Fly Inspectorships.

Present: Mr. D. Allen (Chairman County Council) presiding, also Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, Wm. Cullimore, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, were also present.

The Finance Committee interviewed a number of the applicants - 171 in all - but in view of the large number applying they do not feel justified in making recommendations in favour of particular candidates, as sufficient time could not be afforded for interviews from which the applicants' knowledge of cattle and of the treatment for eradication of warble fly larvae could be satisfactorily elicited.

They, however, considered that applicants who did not comply with the terms of the advertisement by presenting themselves to the Finance Committee should not be considered by County Council, except in one instance, John Doyle, Ballygoman, Barntown (No. 11 District), in which applicant had recently met with an accident and was now in hospital.

The Committee also expressed the opinion that applicants who did not reside in the particular area for which they applied did not comply with the terms of the advertisement and should be ruled out.

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The Meeting then proceeded with the election of Inspectors:

Area No. 1. - 14 Candidates.

The following is result of poll as between David Crean, Ballyphilip, Kilmyshal and James O'Neill, Bolinaspeck, Camolin, the only candiates put forward:-

For Crean:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, Miss O'Ryan, M. Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman. 14.

For O'Neill:- Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Day, Doyle, Kinsella, McCarthy, Maylor, Murphy, O'Byrne, Quin, Smyth and Walsh. - 12.

The Chairman declared David Crean, Ballyphilip, Kilmyshal elected.

Area No. 2. - 14 Candidates.

The following is result of poll as between James Doyle, Coolree, Ballindaggin, and Matthew Brooks, Kiltealy, Enniscorthy, the only candidates put forward:-

For Doyle:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, Miss O'Ryan, M. Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Ronan and the Chairman. - 13.

For Brooks:- Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Day, Doyle, Kinsella, McCarthy, Meyler, Murphy, O'Byrne, Smith and Walsh. - 11.

Did not vote:- Col. Quin and Mr. Sweetman. - 2.

Area No. 3. - 16 Candidates.

A vote was taken, as between the 3 candidates put forward, viz., Michael O'Connor, Spring Farm, Enniscorthy; Matthew Gahan, Carrigeen, Ferns; and William Creane, Ballyelland, Davidstown, and resulted as follows:-

For O'Connor:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, Miss O'Ryan, M. Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Ronan and the Chairman. - 13.

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For Gahan:- Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Day, Doyle, O'Byrne and Smyth. - 6.

For Creane:- Messrs. McCarthy, Meyler, Murphy and Kinsella. - 4.

Did not vote:- Col. Quin, Messrs. Sweetman and Walsh. - 3.

The Chairman declared Michael J. O'Connor, Spring Farm, Enniscorthy elected as he had a clear majority of those present and voting, over the other two candidates.

Area No. 4. - 19 Candidates.

A vote was taken as between William Brien, Glentigue, Edermine and Philip Kehoe, The Gap, Enniscorthy, the only candidates put forward, with the following result:-

For Brien:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, Miss O'Ryan, M. Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Ronan and the Chairman. - 13.

For Kehoe:- Messrs. Connors, Day, Kinsella, Meyler, Murphy, O'Byrne and Smyth. - 7.

Did not vote:- Messrs. Bowe, Doyle, McCarthy, Quin and Walsh. - 5.

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

The Chairman declared William Brien, Glentigue, Edermine, elected.

Area No. 5. - 8 Candidates.

A vote was taken as between Thomas Kenny, Brideswell, Carnew, and Peter Hughes, Tubberduff, Gorey, the only candidates put forward, with the following result:-

For Kenny:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, Miss O'Ryan, M. Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Ronan and the Chairman. - 13.

For Hughes:- Messrs. Connors, Kinsella, O'Byrne and Smyth. 4.

Did not vote:- Messrs. Bowe, Doyle, McCarthy, Murphy,

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Meyler, Quin and Walsh. - 7.

Messrs. Day and Sweetman (2) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared Thomas Kenny, Brideswell, Carnew, elected.

Area No. 6. - 9 Candidates,

One of whom, Leo Lynch, Ballinclare, Gorey, withdrew.

A vote was taken as between Patrick Lawlor, Camolin; James Keyes, Ardamine, Courtown and Aidan Stafford, Clonattin, Gorey, the only candidates put forward, with the following result:-

For Lawlor:- Messrs. Colfer, Connors, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Kelly and Smyth. - 8.

For Keyes:- Messrs. Keegan, Lawlor, Miss O'Ryan, M. Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Ronan and the Chairman. - 7.

For Stafford:- Messrs. Kinsella and O'Byrne. - 2.

Did not vote:- Messrs. Bowe, Day, Doyle, McCarthy, Meyler, Murphy, Quin and Walsh. - 8.

Mr. Sweetman (1) was not present when vote was taken.

Stafford having fallen out, a vote was taken as between Lawlor and Keyes with the following result:-

For Lawlor:- Messrs. Bowe, Colfer, Connors, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Doyle, Kelly, Kinsella, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne and Smyth. - 13.

For Keyes:- Messrs. Cullimore, Keegan, Lawlor, Miss O'Ryan, M. Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Ronan and the Chairman.8.

Did not vote:- Messrs. Day, Meyler, Quin and Walsh.4.

Mr. Sweetman (1) was not present when vote was taken.

The Chairman declared Patrick Lawlor, Camolin, elected.

Area No. 7. - 13 Candidates.

A vote was taken as between Patrick Ryan, Newtown, Kilmuckridge, and Thaddeus O'Loughlin, Glasscarrig, Killena, the only candidates put forward, with the following result:-

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For Ryan:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, Miss O'Ryan, M. Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Ronan and the Chairman. - 13.

For O'Loughlin:- Messrs. Connors, Day, Kinsella, O'Byrne and Smyth. - 5.

Did not vote:- Messrs. Bowe, Doyle, McCarthy, Meyler, Murphy, Quin and Walsh. - 7.

Mr. Sweetman (1) was not present when vote was taken.

The Chairman declared Patrick Ryan, Newtown, Kilmuckridge, elected.

Area No. 8. - 11 Candidates.

A vote was taken as between John Flynn, Ballindoney, Ballywilliam, and Thomas Quigley, Lacken, New Ross, the only candidates put forward, with the following result:-

For Flynn:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, Miss O'Ryan, M. Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Ronan and the Chairman. - 13.

For Quigley:- Messrs. Connors, Day, Doyle, Kinsella, O'Byrne and Smyth. - 6.

Did not vote:- Messrs. Bowe, McCarthy, Meyler, Murphy, Quin and Walsh. - 6.

Mr. Sweetman (1) was not present when vote was taken.

The Chairman declared John Flynn, Ballindoney, Ballywilliam, elected.

Area No. 9. - 13 Candidates.

A vote was taken as between James Furlong, Raheenakennedy, Adamstown; William Kiely, Newbawn; Walter Power, Dunmain, Cassagh; and Michael Foley, Ballyclemock, Newbawn, the only candidates put forward, with the following result:-

For Furlong:- Messrs. Cummins, Keegan, Lawlor, Miss O'Ryan, M. Redmond, Thos. Redmond and the Chairman. - 7.

For Kiely:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Kelly and Ronan. - 6.

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For Power:- Messrs. Connors, Kinsella, Murphy, O'Byrne and Smyth. - 5.

For Foley:- Mr. Meyler. - 1.

Did not vote:- Messrs. Bowe, Day, Doyle, McCarthy, Quin and Walsh. - 6.

Mr. Sweetman (1) was not present when vote was taken.

Foley, having dropped out, a vote was taken as between Power, Furlong, and Kiely with the following result:-

For Power:- Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Day, Doyle, Kinsella, McCarthy, Meyler, Murphy, O'Byrne, Smyth, and Walsh. - 11.

For Furlong:- Messrs. Cullimore, Connors, Keegan, Lawlor, Miss O'Ryan, M. Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Ronan and the Chairman. - 9.

For Kiely:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton and Kelly. - 4.

Col. Quin and Mr. Sweetman (2) were not present when vote was taken.

Kiely having dropped out a vote was taken as between Furlong and Power with the following result:-

For Furlong:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, Miss O'Ryan, M. Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Ronan and the Chairman. - 13.

For Power:- Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Day, Doyle, Kinsella, McCarthy, Meyler, Murphy, O'Byrne, Smyth and Walsh. - 11.

Col. Quin(1) did not vote and Mr. Sweetman (1) was not present when vote was taken.

The Chairman declared James Furlong, Raheenakennedy, Adamstown, elected.

Area No. 10. - 12 Candidates.

A vote was taken as between William Carty, Yoletown, Ballycullane; David O'Connor, Knockea, Campile; and Michael Foley, Rathinmey, Gusserane, the only candidates put

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forward, with the following result:-

For Carty:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, Miss O'Ryan, M. Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Ronan and the Chairman. - 13.

For O'Connor:- Messrs. Connors, Doyle, Kinsella, Murphy, O'Byrne and Smyth. - 6.

For Foley:- Mr. Day. - 1.

Did not vote:- Messrs. Bowe, McCarthy, Meyler, Quin and Walsh. - 5.

Mr. Sweetman (1) was not present when vote was taken.

The Chairman declared William Carty, Yoletown, Ballycullane, elected, as he had a clear majority of those present and voting over the other two candidates put forward.

Area No. 11. - 14 Candidates.

A vote was taken as between John Doyle, Ballygoman, Barntown; William Murphy, Kilcorral, Castlebridge, and Thos. Kinsella, Crosstown, Wexford, the only candidates put forward, with the following result:-

For Doyle:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, Miss O'Ryan, M. Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Ronan and the Chairman. - 13.

For Kinsella:- Messrs. Day, Doyle, Murphy and O'Byrne. - 4.

For Murphy:- Messrs. Connors, Kinsella and Smyth. - 3.

Did not vote:- Messrs. Bowe, McCarthy, Meyler, Quin, Sweetman and Walsh. - 6.

The Chairman declared John Doyle, Ballygoman, Barntown, elected as he had a clear majority of those present and voting over the other two candidates put forward.

Area No. 12. - 15 Candidates.

A poll was taken as between Patrick Rossiter, Slevg, Foulksmills; Edward F. Stafford, Baldwinstown, Bridgetown; and William Meehan, Hilltown, Ballymitty, the only candi-

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dates put forward, with the following result:-

For Rossiter:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, Miss O'Ryan, M. Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Ronan and the Chairman. - 13.

For Stafford:- Messrs. Connors, Day, Kinsella, Murphy, O'Byrne and Smyth. - 6.

For Meehan:- Meyler. - 1.

Did not vote:- Messrs. Bowe, Doyle, McCarthy, Quin, Sweetman and Walsh. - 6.

The Chairman declared Patrick Rossiter, Slevoy, Foulksmills, elected as he had a clear majority of those present and voting over the other two candidates put forward.

Area No. 13. - 15 Candidates.

A vote was taken as between Dermot S. Druhan, Lady's Island, Broadway; Willoughby R. Ross, Killinick; Sean O'Reilly, Ballysheen, Killinick, and Nicholas Devereux, Ballyhiho, Tacumshane, the only candidates put forward, with the following result:-

For Druhan:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, Miss O'Ryan, M. Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Ronan, and the Chairman. - 13.

For Ross:- Messrs. O'Byrne and Smyth. - 2.

For O'Reilly:- Mr. Connors. - 1.

For Devereux:- Mr. Meyler. - 1.

Did not vote:- Messrs. Bowe, Day, Doyle, Kinsella, McCarthy, Murphy, Quin, Sweetman and Walsh. - 9.

The Chairman declared Dermot S. Druhan, Lady's Island, Broadway, elected as he had a clear majority of those present and voting over the other candidates put forward.

The duties suggested by the Finance Committee to be carried out by the Veterinary Inspectors in connection with the administration of the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order 1936, appear on minutes of meeting of that Committee,

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held on 28th February 1936 and which are set out on this day's general Minutes.

Under date 6th March 1936, the following letter (E.1022/36) was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letter of the 2nd instant in connection with the proposal of your County Council as decided upon at the Council's meeting on the 10th ultimo to utilise the services of your Local Authority's Veterinary Inspectors under the Diseases of Animals Acts to supervise the work of the Lay Inspectors under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, 1936, during the period of its operation in the current year, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that he will be prepared favourably to consider the question of the payment of a bonus, as indicated below, to each of the Veterinary Inspectors at the end of the treatment period under the Order, provided a report as to the work done by each Veterinary Inspector is submitted to this Department's Offices through your Local Authority at the end of the treatment period and that the report bonus in each case being, as contemplated by your Council, £25 for Veterinary Inspectors in the Districts of Enniscorthy, Gorey and Wexford respectively, whilst the total sum of £25 to be provided for the 2 Veterinary Inspectors in New Ross District is to be apportioned as follows, namely, £15 for Mr. Lynch, M.R.C.V.S. and £10 for Mr. Taylor, M.R.C.V.S.

I am also to state that the Minister agrees generally as to the duties to be assigned to the Veterinary Inspectors whilst acting in a supervisory capacity under the Order as indicated in your letter under reply. As you are, of course, aware, the Lay Inspectors are required to furnish weekly returns to your Local Authority, the returns to reach your office not later than the first post on each Tuesday morning. The Veterinary Inspectors, therefore, who are to receive each night from the Lay Inspectors particulars as to the work done during the day, should take care to see that there is no delay as regards the furnishing of the returns to the Local Authority so as to reach their offices on the Tuesday mornings."

The Recommendation of the Finance Committee as to the duties of Veterinary Inspectors under the Order was confirmed on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 14th FEBRUARY 1936: Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of above meeting, 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 14th February, 1936.

Present: Mr. D. Allen, Chairman (presiding), also, Messrs. R. Corish, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

The County Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, Rates Inspector and Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, were also present.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £1393. 7. 9 was examined and signed.

THE LATE MRS. KENNY

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Kelly that the following resolution be adopted:-

"That the following reply from Mr. Denis Kenny, Rate Collector, to vote of condolence to him in the death of his mother, Mrs. Kenny, Ballyconran, Craanford, be inserted on this day's minutes:-

'Many thanks for letter of sympathy on the death of poor mother (R.I.P.). No doubt it has been a crushing blow.

Please convey my heartfelt thanks to Mr. O'Byrne, the Chairman, and the entire Finance Committee on their vote of condolence.'"

RATE COLLECTION

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

E. J. Murphy	58.7
P. Carty	56.8
J. Curtis	56.1
S. Gannon No. 10	54.5
J. J. O'Reilly	53.7

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J. Flood	53.0
S. Gannon No.6	52.5
J. Deegan	52.4
M. Kehoe	52.1
P. Doyle	52.0
J. Cummins	50.7
D. Kenny	50.6
M. McCarthy	49.9
A. Dunne	49.6
J. Quirke	48.6
P. Nolan	48.1
W. Cummins	45.3
W. Doyle	43.8
J. J. Sinnott	43.3
M. Murphy	40.5
	50.4

Compared with corresponding period last year the collection was .8 per cent improved.

The Chairman said several of the Collectors had secured very little money since the last meeting of the Finance Committee. For instance, the improvement since then was in six instances .3, .4, and .9. If they continued with an improvement of that meagre character the Collection would not be closed by Xmas. If they put their collections on a recognised basis, collecting, so far as was possible, a definite percentage every fortnight the collection would be much better than by spasmodic bursts of energy followed by a complete lull. He proposed the following resolution:-

"That a Return be submitted to next meeting of the Finance Committee giving particulars of the number of rate-payers in each Collector's area in which the first moiety of rate remains outstanding."

He (Chairman) feared unless they got the first moiety now it would be difficult to collect it later.

Miss O'Ryan seconded the resolution which was adopted.

The Chairman said that where collectors had not collected the first moiety of current rate they should take steps to do so.

The Rates Inspector said there was a number of holdings in respect of which the Collectors did not expect to get the year's rates and they wanted to know what they were to do.

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The Chairman said it was for each Collector to come to a decision on that point for himself. The Collectors had a kind of system that if they get a half year's rates out of a holding they will not push for any more and are in no hurry to collect it. They should certainly bring into court a number of people who had not paid the first moiety.

Mr. O'Byrne said he had been talking to Collector Sinnott and was informed that rates in this district could not be paid until the people had set their land.

The Chairman suggested that the Collectors who had not collected more than 1½ per cent of warrant since last meeting of the Committee should be written to and informed the Committee were not satisfied these Collectors were carrying out their duties as they should.

The Chairman's suggestion was adopted.

COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE: Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following resolution:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction payment of poundage at 7d in £. to Collectors John Deegan and W. Cummins in respect of the lodgment of an amount equivalent to the first moiety of the current warrant and the arrears applicable to the financial year 1934/35."

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

"That the name of George Murphy, Ballyvaloo Upper, Blackwater, be accepted as personal surety for Collector Matthew Murphy vice Matthew Murphy deceased."

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

"That the name of Miss M. Gannon, Tara Hill, Gorey,

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be accepted as personal surety for Collector Sean Gannon vice John Connors, deceased.

LETTERS FROM RATE COLLECTORS: Under date 12th February, 1936, Collector W. Cummins wrote that in connection with the improvement in his collection he pointed out that with the exception of £28. 0. 9 he had collected all the money lodged in the fortnight by his own exertions. The £28.0.9 was the only amount collected on the day the Rates Inspector went round with him.

Under date 13th February 1936, Collector John Flood wrote that all the Rates lodged by him were collected prior to the visit of the Rates Inspector.

These letters were in reply to an expression of opinion from the Finance Committee that the Inspector's visit had brought about a very definite improvement in the collection in both of these districts.

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

"That the tender of Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy for printing of 7,000 Abatement Forms and 5,000 postcards relative to same at £5. 10. 0 be accepted."

Messrs. English & Co., Quay, Wexford, tendered at £7. 5. 0 and "The People", Wexford at £7. 6. 0.

CLERICAL ASSISTANCE FILLING ABATEMENT FORMS: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the following be employed for the work of filling Abatement Forms in respect of Rates for 1936/37:- Messrs. E. Brennan, New Ross; M. Conroy, Gorey; M. Flusk, John St., Wexford; John J. O'Leary, do; and P. Beary, Wexford. That the Secretary select from last year's list

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of Rate Clerks from Enniscorthy Area another temporary clerk for this work.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 29th January, 1936, Owen Hiney, Rectory Road, Enniscorthy, wrote in respect of loan under above Acts. He held a certificate for £70 Grant from the Department of Local Government and Public Health. The house in which he now resided was practically blown down in the recent storm and was beyond repair. There was only one bedroom 6 feet by 9 feet. He had a wife and four children and they were in a very bad way at the moment as the house was in danger of collapse. If the Council agreed to the loan he would proceed to build.

Mr. Kelly said that Patrick Byrne, 7 Market Square, Enniscorthy, who had been a selected applicant for loan was building his house without financial assistance from the Council and this would allow of money being available to meet Hiney's application. This man was unfortunate as, while working in the Urban District he lived in the Rural District with the result that he would not be recognised either by the Urban District of Enniscorthy or the County Board of Health as eligible for a house from them. He proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Miss O'Ryan and adopted:-

"That the Council be recommended to advance to Owen Hiney, Rectory Road, Enniscorthy, a loan of £140 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

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

"That Michael McGrath, late storekeeper, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, and James Murphy, New Road, Gorey, be informed by Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, that they must reside in the houses which they have erected under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, otherwise, the Council will be

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obliged to proceed against them.

John Eustace, Clonleigh, Palace East, New Ross, wrote applying for loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, and stated that the house in which he now resided was not fit for "any living being". He and his family had to live in an outhouse during the bad weather. He had been promised the Government Grant.

It was decided to inform Eustace that the Council would not advertise for applications in respect of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts until they were aware of the changes in procedure etc. consequent on new legislation.

HAULAGE WORK

The following report under date 5th February 1936 was read from Mr. R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor:-

" I think it right to bring to your notice a clever plan by which one of our stone hauliers succeeded in getting more than his fair share of stone drawing this year.

He got three roads in his own name as follows:-

ROAD NO.	156	40 c.y. @ 3/8d	£ 7: 6: 8d
	160	60 c.y. @ 3/7d	£10:15: 0d
	161	24 c.y. @ 6/-	£7 : 4: 0d
		Total	£25: 5: 0d

In getting this amount he was doing rather well as other men competing with him for haulage only got £12 to £15 worth.

In order to get more than his fair share he also tendered for, and got, two other roads in a friend's name:-

ROAD NO.	152	30 c.y. @ 2/3d	£ 3: 7: 6d
	159	20 c.y. @ 2/3d	£ 2: 5: 0d
			£ 7:12: 0d

This makes a total for the five roads of £32: 18: 0d.

The man whose name was used had never hauled stones, and never had any intention of doing so.

The one man drew the stones on all five roads. Any

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cheques which came in the friend's name were handed over.

It seems to me that this matter should not be passed over too lightly. It strikes at the whole idea of dividing the haulage according to each man's abilities and needs.

The man who worked this plan is:-

John Kennedy,
Ballyberney,
Strahart.

I have reason to believe that he carried out a similar scheme the year before on one road."

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly that Kennedy be warned that if there be any similar complaint against him in future he will be debarred from any future work under the Council.

On the suggestion of the Chairman it was decided that the following be read at the opening of each Teners Committee Meeting:-

"Any person who tenders in another person's name or who deceives the Tenders Committee by putting in a fictitious or bogus tender, or who is guilty of any other malpractice in respect of tenders for road maintenance or for haulage will be disqualified and debarred from receiving work under the County Council in the future."

VETERINARY INSPECTOR FOR WEXFORD DISTRICT

Under date 13th February, 1936, the following letter (E.881-36) was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letter of the 3rd instant and its enclosures, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that he approves of the continuance of the temporary employment of Mr. F. Staples as Veterinary Inspector for duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts and Bovine Tuberculosis Order in the Wexford district in place of Mr. Malone until the next meeting of your Local Authority when it is presumed arrangements will be made for the dis-

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charge of these duties pending the making of a regular appointment through the Local Appointments Commission."

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

"That pending permanent appointment of Veterinary Inspector for Wexford District, Mr. F. Staples, M.R.C.V.S., Wygram, Wexford, be appointed to carry out the duties at a salary of £90 per annum and £25 per annum for work under Bovine Tuberculosis Order."

"That in accordance with resolution of County Council at their meeting of 10th February 1936 Statutory Request in connection with appointment of Veterinary Inspector for Wexford District (Former Rural District of Wexford and Urban District of Wexford) be forwarded to the Local Appointments Commission."

"The Committee would point out to the Commission that the salary for the position which is "part time" and non-pensionable is £90 per annum with £25 per annum for work under Bovine Tuberculosis Order.

The Inspector is to discharge all duties pertaining to the Diseases of Animals Acts in the district and also any duties that may be assigned to the position by the Department of Agriculture. The Committee does not consider it necessary to fix age limits and as regards competent knowledge of oral Irish the Committee consider this "desirable" but not "essential".

The successful candidate must furnish the usual reports in connection with disease in stock. He must also visit the fairs of his district and report as to the condition of the stock exhibited there.

A month's notice in writing at either side will determine the appointment."

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BUNCLODY STREETS

The following report in reply to letter from Hon. Secretary of Bunclody Development Association as to the streets of the village was read from Mr. R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor:-

"Hospital Hill and Peg's Lane, of which Mr. O'Dempsey complains, are private lanes and not under the control of the County Council. I am finding considerable difficulty in keeping passable the roads which we have in our charge.

I will have some money available after 1st April to lower the footpath at the place where the kerb stones have slipped down. Until then it would be waste of money to stick them back. I would not consider them dangerous.

With regard to the £50 unemployment grant, it was carried out according to the regulations, the men being taken in the proper order from the lists supplied by the Labour Exchange."

It was decided that copy of Mr. Ennis' report be furnished the Hon. Secretary to the Bunclody Development Association.

GULLET IN OULART

In connection with complaint of Laurence Prendergast as to flooding caused by gullet in Oulart village, the County Surveyor said that so far as he could see the house of Mr. Prendergast was below the road and the County Council had not done anything to cause or increase the flooding there. The proper thing to do was to put down a concrete channel but the Council had no responsibility as regards this.

It was decided to inform Mr. Prendergast accordingly.

SHEEP SCAB

It was decided to request the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana to call the attention of the Garda to the fact that this Committee has been informed that sheep scab

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is prevalent in some districts in the County and the owners of the animals are not reporting it.

WARBLE FLY INSPECTORS

The Committee spent a considerable time in drafting advertisement for the positions of Warble Fly Inspectors and in alloting the various District Electoral divisions of the County to the thirteen areas in which the work of inspection is to be carried out.

It was decided that advertisement be submitted to the Department of Agriculture for approval.

It was decided that a special meeting of the Finance Committee be held on Friday, 6th March, to interview applicants for the position of Inspector.

Consideration of the remainder of the business was adjourned to next ordinary meeting.

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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 14th February, 1936, as submitted to this meeting, be and are hereby confirmed."

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 28th FEBRUARY 1936: Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of above meeting 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 28th February 1936.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen,(Chairman County Council) presiding; also Messrs. P. Colfer, W. Cullimore, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Sean O'Byrne and Miss N. 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

Treasurers' Advice Note for £2353. 15. 3 was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

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

E. J. Murphy	62.5
J. Curtis	60.5
P. Carty	57.9
J. Flood	57.0
S. Gannon No. 10.	56.6
M. Kehoe	56.0
J. J. O'Reilly	55.7
J. Cummins	55.3
S. Gannon No. 6.	55.2
J. Deegan	54.8
P. Doyle	53.5
D. Kenny	53.5
A. Dunne	51.3
M. McCarthy	51.0
P. Nolan	51.0
J. Quirke	48.8
W. Cummins	47.9
J. J. Sinnott	47.6
W. Doyle	45.5
M. Murphy	42.0
	52.9

The Collection was 1 per cent better than at the corresponding period last year.

The Chairman said the trouble from this on, which the Committee would have to face was to oblige the Collectors to close. Pressure would have to be put on them to close

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by the end of the financial year tho' at the rate of progress made by some of them it would be July or August before the collection would be wound up.

The following shows the percentage of the number of ratepayers in each Collector's District excluding those of J. Deegan and W. Doyle (to be dealt with later) who have not paid the first moiety:-

	No. Unpaid	% Unpaid
J. Curtis	75	4.8
D. Kenny	47	4.9
E. J. Murphy	70	5.9
M. Kehoe	47	6.3
J. Cummins	48	6.4
W. Cummins	62	7.6
J. J. O'Reilly	83	7.9
J. J. Sinnott	89	9.1
P. Carty	156	11.3
A. Dunne	170	11.6
J. Flood	122	12.6
M. McCarthy	173	12.8
P. Doyle	162	13.0
S. Gannon No. 10	83	13.6
P. Nolan	185	13.7
M. Murphy	155	15.4
J. Quirke	327	19.8
S. Gannon No. 6	103	21.2

It was decided to communicate with all Collectors in whose districts over 10% of ratepayers had not paid the first moiety of the current rate and inform them that they must take immediate steps to close the collection of first moiety and if this is not obtainable in the ordinary way the Collectors concerned should be prepared to take drastic action. If they are prepared to seize under their own warrants and act on the advice of the County Solicitor in each instance the Finance Committee would be willing to recommend the County Council to indemnify the Collector against any loss occasioned by seizure.

It was also decided that returns be made of the number of ratepayers who have not discharged their liability for first moiety of rate, to the meetings of the Finance Committee.

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PERSONAL SURETIES OF RATE COLLECTORS: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That Joseph Kenny, Ballyconran, Craanford, be accepted as personal surety for Rate Collector Denis Kenny vice Mrs. Kenny, deceased."

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

"That Miss Jane Harrington, Terrerath, Cassagh, New Ross, be accepted as personal surety for Collector P. Carty vice Martin W. Harrington, deceased."

POUNDAGE TO COLLECTORS: Under date 15th February 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.28675-31 Loch Garman) approving of the payment of poundage to Rate Collector Flood.

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

"That as Collector Sinnott has now lodged the stipulated amount fixed by Department of Local Government and Public Health to qualify for payment of poundage, we request the Minister to agree to the payment of his poundage fees as in the case of the other collectors."

CREDIT NOTES: Under date 27th February 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circular No. 19/3/36) that in granting abatement of rates on agricultural land allowances for primary portion of rebate could be made at the discretion of the Council by way of Credit Notes but the full abatement could be shown on the demand note if the Council so decided. If, for any reason, there was likely to be delay in the issue of demand notes so that these might not be in the hands of ratepayers until July next it would not be advisable to issue credit notes.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of

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Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That the full abatement of rates on agricultural land for financial year 1936-37 be made on the demand note and that the credit note system be not adopted for said financial year."

ILLNESS OF COLLECTOR DUNNE: The Secretary reported that Collector Dunne was in a Dublin Hospital for an operation and would not be effective for eight days. Collector O'Reilly would look after the district in the meantime.

SOW DRAINAGE RATES: Letter from Thomas Lacey, Killisk, The Ballagh, offering to pay his drainage rates in instalments was referred to the Rate Collector of the district for his observations.

ESTIMATES OF RATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1936/37

Under date 7th February 1936 Circular letter No. 19/2/36 was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that the allocation for Agricultural Grant for financial year 1936/37 had been fixed at the same amount as for current financial year, viz. £77417. The Agricultural Grant would be applicable to the Relief of Rates in the same manner as for current financial year. The valuation basis on which the grant will be applied for 1936/37 for Primary, Employment and Supplementary allowances will be the same as for year 1935/36.

Particulars of County Services for next financial year with the comparative figures for 1935/6 (and which had been supplied to each member of the Finance Committee were then considered.

The following gives particulars of the proposed allocation for the various services, the amendments in the figures made by the Finance Committee being indicated in red ink:-

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ESTIMATE COUNTY SERVICES ACCOUNT FOR YEAR 1936-37

Approved

~~TO BE CONSIDERED~~ BY FINANCE COMMITTEE ON

FRIDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1936.

	1936/37	1935/36	Increase	Decrease
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Co. Mo. Medical Officer of Health (part of)	500	500		
Salalaries: Secretary's Office	2118	2083	35	
Salalaries: other Co. Officers, Anal Analyst, Lamplighters, etc.)	421	431		10
Rettiring Allowances & Gratuities	202	206		4
Cosost of Rate Collection, viz. Poundage and Rate Clerks' Wages	~~3845~~ 3773	3788	~~57~~	13
Stamps on Rate Receipts	70	54	16	
Ratate Collectors for checking Abeatement Forms	110	113		3
Travelling Expenses Rate Inspector	100	100		
Irrecoverable & Temporary Uncollecctable Rates	~~6000~~ 5250	6000		750
Priinting in connection with Regegistration Act	380	380		
Frannchise and Jurors	1542	1517	25	
Valaluation	208	208		
Mellembers' Travelling Expenses	152	172		20
Uniniversity Scholarships	910	1050		140
Pririmary Scholarships	1375	1010	365	
Legegal Expenses	320	300	20	
Corroroners and Inquests	355	417		62
Posostage and Office Requisites	356	304	52	
Staltamp Duty on Paying Orders	200	-	200	
Priprinting and Stationery	339	209	130	
Advadvertising Pleasure Resorts	416	414	2	
Othother Advertisements	340	335	5	
Conontribution Co. Council's general Covouncil	20	20		
Conveyance of Prisoners	90	50	40	
FORWARD	~~20369~~ 19549	19661	~~947~~ 890	~~239~~ 1002

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	1936/37	1935/36	Increase	Decrease
	£	£	£	£
FORWARD	~~20369~~ 19549	19661	~~947~~ 890	~~239~~ 1002
Weights and Measures	115	72	43	
Food and Drugs	140	39	101	
Salaries: Court Officials etc.	156	156		
Rents and Expenses of Courthouses	736	667	69	
Library Scheme	932	1174		242
Reformatories & Industrial Schools	3278	3670		392
Courtown Harbour	84	88		4
Rent Old Jail	207	207		
Old Courthouse Loan	-	343		343
West Wing Co. Hall Loan	391	403		12
Refund to Wexford Urban - adjustment Financial Relations	45	45		
Diseases of Animals Acts, Salaries Veterinary and Sheep Dipping Inspectors	642	622	20	
Warble Fly Scheme - net cost to Rates	300		300	
Diseases of Animals Acts, other expenses	620	864		244
Audit Fee	85	85		
Debit Interest	1000	1450		450
Superannuation allowances - Ex-Union Officers	1032	1080		48
Superannuation Allowances - Ex-R.D. Council Officers	217	217		
Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act	147	152		5
Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act	154	152	2	
Expenses Collection Motor Duty (Amount recouped by L.G.D.)	360	360		
Advances Prosecutors and Witnesses Expenses	17	96		79
Contingencies	450	450		
Money supplied to Co. Committee of Agriculture	2976	2973	3	
FORWARD	~~34453~~ 33633	35026	~~1485~~ 1428	~~2058~~ 2821

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	1936/37	1935/36	Increase	Decrease
	£	£	£	£
FORWARD	33633	35026	1428	2821
Money supplied to Co. Vocational Education Committee	3920	3528	392	
Superannuation Allowance - Ex-manual Instructor	68	68		
Loan Gorey Vocational School	84	167		83
Loan 3 Rural Vocational Schools		103		103
Public Works (already agreed to by the County Council)	1000	825	175	
TOTALS	38705	39717	1995	3007
Net Decrease				1012

Amendments at Finance Committee Meeting are shown in red ink.

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DEMANDS CO. BOARD OF HEALTH

	1936/37	1935/36	Increase	Decrease
	£	£	£	£
Board of Assistance	64851	62590	2261	
Health District Charges	4817	3408	1409	
Joint District Charges	3774	4220		446
Separate Charges	17353	15938	1415	
Fund under Public Health (Special Expenses) Act 1931	1488	1486	2	
TOTALS	92283	87642	5087	446
Net Increase Co. Board of Health Demands			4641	

DEMAND MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

	1936/37	1935/36	Increase	Decrease
	£	£	£	£
Mental Hospital Committee	22460	19900	2560	

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On the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Miss O'Ryan, it was decided that the County Council be recommended to agree to a rate of 8/10d. in the £ for general charges for year 1936/37.

It was also decided to recommend the County Council to agree to Separate Charges as follows:-

No.		Net amount to be raised.		Rate in £.
14	Loans Enniscorthy Union	6.	12. 2 Urban	Included in Enniscorthy Urban Demand
16	Loans New Ross Union	135.	10.10 Rural	½d.
		18.	9. 8 Urban	Included in New Ross Urban Demand
15	Loans Gorey Union	33.	0. 0	¼d.
20	Expenses Labourers' Acts - Co. Health District of Wexford	13862.	0. 0	9½d.
28	Repayment of Loan, Wexford R.D. Charges A/c.	1038.	0. 0	2½d.
1A	Expenses Public Health Acts, Enniscorthy R.D.	880.	0. 0	2d.
2A	Lighting Newtownbarry Town - Townland of Ballinapark and Newtownbarry.	35.	0. 0	5½d.
3A	Expenses Public Health Acts Ferns Dispensary Dist.	100.	0. 0	1¾d.
4A	Expenses Public Health Acts-Oulart Dispensary Dist.	80.	0. 0	1d.
5A	Sewerage Clonroche Dispensary Dist.	160.	0. 0	2d.
9A	Lighting of Ferns Town-Townlands of Castlelands, Coolbawn, Ferns Lr.and Upper and Ferns.	16.	0. 0	2½d.
10A	Expenses Public Health Acts - Bree Electoral Division	45.	0. 0	2¾d.
1B	Sanitary Works and Water Supply Gorey Rural District	1,000.	0. 0	3d.

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No.		Net amount to be raised. £. s. d.	Rate in £.
5B	Public Health Acts Coolgreany D.D.	180. 0. 0	2¾d.
8B	Public Health Acts E.D. of Courtown & Gorey Urban	80. 0. 0	2d.
1-10C	Public Health Acts New Ross R.D.	300. 0. 0	1d.
1D	Water Supply, Rosslare - Wexford R.D.	450. 0. 0	1¼d.
2D	Public Health Acts-Bridgetown D.D.	30. 0. 0	½d.
4D	Public Health Acts-Taghmon & Glynn D.D.	20. 0. 0	¼d.
5D	Public Health Acts-Crossabeg D.D.	20. 0. 0	½d.
7D	Public Health Acts-Bannow D.D.	50. 0. 0	¾d.
8D	Public Health Acts-Townlands of Bearlough, Walsheslough, Mauritiustown, Rosetown and Whitehouse.	7. 0. 0	1¾d.
295	Criminal Injury Decree-R. Codd - Wexford Urban	9. 14. 3	Included in Demand on Wexford Urban District
296	Criminal Injury Decree - P. Whelan - Wexford Urban	8. 15. 0	Included in Demand on Wexford Urban District
297	Criminal Injury Decree - E.S.B. - Wexford Urban	21. 5. 3	Included in Demand on Wexford Urban District.
298	Criminal Injury Decree - Rev. Mother St. John of God Convent-Wexford U.	9. 1. 3	Included in Demand on Wexford Urban District
299	Criminal Injury Decree - T.A. Furlong-E.D. of Carrick.	16. 6. 3	1½d.
300	Criminal Injury Decree - M. Stedmond - E.D. of Bree.	42. 10. 9	2¾d.
301	Criminal Injury Decree - T.C. Kehoe - E.D. of Rathaspeck	33. 15. 3	2½d.
302	Criminal Injury Decree - Rev. H.E. Lambert -E.D. Mayglass	25. 17. 3	2¾d.
29	Repayment of Loan - [illegible] Co. H.D. of Wexford.		No Rate necessary.

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to extend the period for considering the general estimate of rates and the estimate of rates for Separate Charges for ensuing financial year to 9th March 1936, date of next meeting of the Council."

INSURANCES OF COUNTY COUNCIL

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

"That the County Surveyor advertise for quotations for County Council Insurances under Workmens' Compensation Acts, Third Party Risks etc. to be considered at meeting of Finance Committee on 13th March 1936."

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS MENTAL HOSPITAL

The report of the joint deputation from Mental Hospital Committee and County Board of Health to Dr. Kelly, Inspector of Mental Hospitals and Mr. T. J. McArdle of the Department of Local Government and Public Health on 16th January 1936 was read. The deputation stressed the necessity of including in the Committee's scheme of improvements the provision of a water supply for the Mental Hospital, and the reconditioning of the Committee's electric power plant at Kilcarberry in order to meet the lighting and power requirements of the Mental Hospital and Grianan Charmain.

It was agreed that the deputation would place the proposed improvements in the order of what they considered was their urgency and these were then set out as follows:-

(1) Water Supply Scheme.

(2) Kilcarberry Electric Power Development.

(3) Installation of Regrigerator.

(4) Laundry Equipment.

(5) Central Heating and Steam Plant.

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(7) Bathing Accommodation.

(8) Building Nurses' Home.

(9) Building Chapel.

The total estimated cost of these would be about £80,000, half of which would be met by Grant out of Hospitals Sweepstakes Fund.

It was decided to adjourn further consideration of the matter for further information from the Mental Hospital Committee, and that the question of the necessary notice of motion as regards loan be arranged for at meeting of County Council on 9th March 1936.

WARBLE FLY INSPECTORSHIPS

Under date 18th February 1936 the Department of Agriculture wrote (E.1022/36) that the Minister approved of the proposals of Wexford County Council to appoint 13 Inspectors for the administration of above Order, at an inclusive salary in each case of £2. 10. 0 per week, whilst employed under the Order. The Inspectors appointed must discharge their duties under the Order to the satisfaction of the County Council and of the Minister for Agriculture.

Regarding the proposal of the Finance Committee to appoint their Veterinary Inspectors at the certain given remuneration to supervise the work of the lay Inspectors, the Department inquired as to the nature of the particular duties intended to be assigned to the Veterinary Inspectors if appointed to act in a supervising capacity under the Order.

The Chairman proposed that they inform the Department that they desired the Veterinary Inspectors to help as follows in the administration of the Order:-

1. By giving instruction to the Inspectors on the two methods advocated for dealing with Warble Fly larvae.

2. By examining the diaries of Inspectors which are to be sent Veterinary Surgeons each night with a list of

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farmers visited and particulars of treatment of cattle found infested with warbles.

3. Arrange for surprise visits to townlands in which Inspectors are working and particulars of which are given in their weekly diaries.

4. Calling the attention of the Council to any Inspector who is not discharging his duty in a capable manner or who is not giving his "whole time" to his work.

The Finance Committee believe the foregoing conditions are essential to effect the proper working of the Order.

It was decided to regard Dermot E. Druhan, who has not yet reached his twenty-first year and J. O'Grady, Tintern, Saltmills, who is over 45 years old but under 46, as eligible to compete for Inspectorships under Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order 1936.

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

Under date 20th February 1936 the Minister for Agriculture wrote that the resolution of the Council of 10th February proposing to grant £100 gratuity to Mr. R.Malone, V.S., on his retirement was a matter for the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to whom he had written. From inquiries which he had made the Minister for Agriculture was afraid there was no statutory authority to enable the County Council to make the payment.

No Order.

TENURE OF THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, reported that the lease of the County Buildings was held for three lives, the last being King George V. of England. He recommended that the Council would take out a fee farm grant at the present rent, viz., £207. 11. 6.

This course was approved.

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ROAD MATTERS

BUNCLODY STREETS: Mr. Francis D. Mulrennan, Chairman, Bunclody Town Improvement Committee wrote forwarding a memorial from a number of people, residents and landholders, who are compelled to use Hospital Road and Peg's Lane - now almost impassible. These roads had been brought to the notice of the Council on a previous occasion and it was requested they should receive early attention. A number of children had to travel over them going to and returning from school. The landholders (with one exception) were prepared to give whatever portion of land that would be required for the widening of road or lane.

It was decided to point out to Mr. Mulrennan that as the two thoroughfares in question were "private roads" the County Council had no liability for repair. If an Unemployment or Relief Grant were received from the Government the matter could be considered by the Council in conjunction with other applications of a similar character.

DANGEROUS CORNERS ETC.: Mrs. Anastatia Carberry, Dunmain, New Ross, wrote drawing attention to the dangerous condition of the corner at Dunmain Cross and Patrick Murphy, Robinstown, Duncormack, to the dangerous turnings on the road in Robinstown.

James Kavanagh, Camross, called attention to the bad condition of the lane leading to his house and the houses of two other farmers.

Patrick Fanning, Raheen, Foulksmills, asked for the provision of gravel for the lane leading to his house.

Edward Maddock, Tomfarney, Bree, wrote as to the cleaning up of a river bounding his farm.

It was decided to inform the foregoing applicants that the County Council can spend on the works in question only the money received from the State for Relief or for Unemployment. At present, no money from these sources is avail[illegible]

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Other applications for repair of lanes were similarly dealt with.

ROAD BLACKWATER TO BALLYCONIGAR LOWER

Under date 12th February 1936, Rev. T. Quigley, P.P., Blackwater, wrote calling attention to the unsatisfactory condition of the above road, which was dangerous for motor traffic, particularly in the Summer months. Besides being narrow, there were four dangerous corners on the road which needed attention. There had been several narrow escapes from accidents but a rather serious accident did occur a short time back. The landowners were agreeable to have any changes made in the boundaries, ditches, fences, etc., along the road.

Referred to County Surveyor.

ROAD WORKS SCHEME 1935/36

In connection with above, the County Surveyor wrote under date 27th February 1936 pointing out that the County Council had approved of an expenditure of £825 on Public Works for the current year. It was now found that the estimate for some items was insufficient, whereas there was a surplus on others. He, therefore, asked the sanction of the Finance Committee to vary the allocations on the several items, keeping the total expenditure within the approved proposal.

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to vary the amounts for items on Public Works Estimate for current year provided the total amount agreed to by the County Council is not exceeded."

PRINTING ROAD WORKS SCHEME 1936-37

The following under date 24th February 1936 was read from the County Surveyor:-

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"With reference to your communication of 21st instant regarding letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health asking for copy of approved Road Works Scheme I beg to inform you that I have made every endeavour to get Form completed. I may note that the Printing Contractors have held up the work both as regards Provisional Road Works Scheme, and now as regards the approved Scheme. The Road Works Scheme was approved by the County Council on 13th January, and on 27th ult., at their Special Meeting, various amendments were made to comply with the suggestions of the Local Government Department. On the 3rd instant I sent copy of the amended Scheme to the Printers, and on receiving proof of same found it so inaccurate that the whole Form had to be redone. I have been in constant communication, over 'phone, with the Printing Contractors (Echo Ltd.,Enniscorthy), and to-day have been promised the final proof which I hope to receive to-morrow. I cannot even now guarantee that this will be correct as I have so frequently found that the work coming from these Contractors is so unsatisfactory."

It was decided that copy of letter of County Surveyor be furnished "The Echo" and they be informed that as their work is unsatisfactory, the Council be recommended not to consider any further quotations for printing from this Company.

MACHINERY FOR ROAD WORK

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

"That the following report from County Surveyor as to provision of extra machinery for road work be received and approved and recommended to the County Council for adoption:-

'Will you please bring this matter before the Finance Committee at their Meeting on 28th instant. We at present own an air compressor and rock drill plant which is unable to deal with all our quarry work. The work is supplemented by steam drilling, which besides being less satisfactory is also slower and more expensive. The average running expenses for the steam drill is 50/- per day with an output of eighteen feet of holes drilled. The Compressor costs on average 48/- with an output of thirty feet. In neither case is depreciation or capital charge taken into account.

Our compressor plant is now in use eight years, and the engine has been rebored: this is a good life for a

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petrol engine, subject as it is to hard usage. In the event of any serious breakdown happening, all the quarry work will be held up, or will cost considerably more if we hire steam engines for the drills. I therefore recommend that a new plant be purchased at an estimated cost of £760.

We have two 10 - 7 c.f.concrete mixers, and one 7-5c.f. There is already a heavy demand on the large machines for tar macadam work, and this will be very much increased in the future. I therefore ask the Council to purchase another 10 - 7 c.f.mixer at an estimated cost of £150.

The total estimated expenditure on this new machinery is therefore £910.

Regarding the Finances:- it is now necessary to charge cost of all new plant to the machinery account, and recoup same out of the road proposals: if a loan be obtained the interest and sinking fund must be charged to the same account. I estimate that at the end of present financial year there will be a credit balance in the machinery account of in or about £400, and with charges as at present running for hireage there should be a further credit balance at the end of next financial year of £200 making a total credit at 31st March, 1937 of £600. This leaves a balance of £310 to be made up, and I propose obtaining this by small increased charge for hireage of compressor plant during the coming two years. I estimate the increased revenue at £165 per annum, which will cover the charge in two years. In addition to the compressor we also own a sharpening machine and this I propose disposing of and hope to obtain a satisfactory figure, thus, practically clearing off the capital charge for new machinery in the coming year. I should explain that the sharpening machine is now very little used owing to the nature of our quarries. This machine deals with rotary drills only, and we find that the loss of gauge with these is so excessive as to prohibit

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their use. Moreover, while the sharpener is at work the drilling must be stopped as there is insufficient air pressure to have both running together."

LOCAL LABOUR FOR WORK ON ROADS

Under date 2nd February 1936 David Connolly, Hon. Sec. Crossabeg Fianna Fail Cumann wrote forwarding the following resolution:-

"That local labour should get first preference at all Grant work in the parish."

At present there were a number of idle men in the district and who would be willing to work if they could find it. They also asked that the Council employ more men at Ferrycarrig road diversion. They also called attention to the road leading from the Church Cross of Kyle to Killurin Railway station, as its present condition was dangerous even to pdestrians. The road, on account of beet industry, bore a good deal of traffic for three months of the year. It was so narrow in parts that a car could not be turned on it. It would help to relieve unemployment if the work could be carried out.

As regards the question of local labour it was decided to inform Mr. Connolly that the Council had to employ the men nominated by the Unemployment Exchange. The other portions of the letter were referred to the County Surveyor.

SHEEP SCAB

Under date 21st February 1936 the Chief Superintendent Garda Siochana, Wexford, wrote in connection with the statement of last Finance Committee meeting that Sheep Scab was rife in several districts, that the Gardai at Kilmore Quay had detected two cases of scab. It would be helpful if the names of the districts in which it was alleged scab was prevalent would be furnished to him by the County Council. The matter would then be more easily rectified.

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It was decided that the County Secretary communicate further with the Chief Superintendent in the matter.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Walter Carley, Rectory Road, Enniscorthy, who applied some time ago for a loan of £180 under above Acts and was not accepted, wrote under date 26th February 1936, renewing his application, this time for loan of £200. He had purchased plot at Rectory Road. He was residing in a condemned house (containing two so-called rooms) which was in a dreadful state of repair as the landlord would not do anything. The ground on which this house was standing had been sold and that as the purchaser wanted the place for building purposes he (Carley) would have to obtain a house soon. His present circumstances with a wife and seven children were intolerable.

It was decided that this application would be considered when money under loan was available.

Mr. P. D. Jordan, Solicitor, Enniscorthy, wrote under date 26th February 1936 enclosing application for loan of £180 for Denis Redmond, Blackstoops, Enniscorthy. Loan had been previously applied on behalf of Patrick Byrne, 7, Market Square, Enniscorthy and sanctioned by the County Council at £180. Byrne had left the district and had informed Mr. Jordan he did not intend to live in the house. The building was now completed and ready for occupation, but the builder had not been paid. Redmond had received a certificate for a Government Grant of £70.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, communicate with Mr. Jordan and suggest that Redmond should come to terms with the builder. The Council have no liability in the matter as Byrne never made title and according to Mr. Jordan's information, never intended residing in the house at any time.

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The Chairman said he had interviewed the officials of the Housing Section of the Department of Local Government and Public Health and had been informed that consideration would be given to any particular cases in which the expense incurred by applicants for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts had been of an abnormal character.

DUPLICATE PAY ORDER

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

"That Duplicates be issued for Pay Orders No. 6656 and 6657 (Subsidiary Account) to Patrick Underwood, Newtown, Tagoat, as Originals issued on 31st January last appear to have been lost in course of post."

"That an estoppel be placed by County Council Treasurer on payment of Original Pay Orders."

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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 28th February 1936, be received and considered."

MENTAL HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENTS LOAN: Under date 3rd March 1936 the following letter was read from Dr. Lyons, Resident Medical Superintendent, District Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant and as regards amount of loan to be raised, the following is the list of improvements which it is proposed to carry out on a 50/50 finance scheme as between the County Council and Sweepstakes Funds:-

	£.
Installation of water supply scheme	5,800
Kilcarberry Electric Power Development	11,790
Laundry Equipment	3,600
Steam Generating & Central Heating Plant	15,000
Contingencies	1,000
Refrigerator	600
Building Admission unit	19,000
Providing Bathing Accommodation	5,250
Building Nurses' Home	10,000
Building Chapel	7,000
Total .....£	79,040."

Mr. Kelly gave the following notice of motion:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of the Wexford County Council, to be held on 13th April 1936 that a sum of £39,520 (Thirty-nine thousand, five hundred and twenty Pounds) or such lesser sum as may be agreed upon be obtained from the Local Loans Fund or other approved source for the purpose of carrying out improvements at the Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy."

MR. R. MALONE, V.S., VETERINARY INSPECTOR WEXFORD AREA: Under date 21st February, 1936, Mr. R. Malone, V.S., Coolree, Wexford wrote, conveying his sincere thanks to the members of the County Council for their resolution, and their kind

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remarks in connection with his resignation and which he much appreciated.

In connection with the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Malone, Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Minister for Agriculture be requested to confirm the salary and conditions of employment for Veterinary Inspector for Wexford District vice R. Malone, V.S., resigned, so that statutory request can be presented to the Local Appointments Commission."

TENURE OF COUNTY BUILDINGS WEXFORD: It was decided that the matter of taking out a fee farm grant for the County Buildings at the present ground rent of £207. 11. 6 be again referred to the Finance Committee with a view to considering the question of buying out this rent.

PRINTING OF ROADS WORKS SCHEME: Mr. Sweetman proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was agreed to:-

"That the resolution of the Finance Committee, relative to the complaint of the County Surveyor as to delay in printing Roads Works Scheme by the Echo Co., Enniscorthy, Printing Contractors, be confirmed but that the question of debarring the Echo Co. from tendering for future contracts or being accepted therefor, be deferred pending consideration of their reply to the complaint of the County Surveyor and the decision of the Finance Committee theron."

SHEEP SCAB: It was decided that communication from lay Inspector of Sheep Dipping for New Ross District should be be referred to the Finance Committee for further report on the matter.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee, in respect of

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meeting held on 28th February 1936, be and are hereby confirmed, except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

TENDERS COMMITTEES: Minutes of Tenders Committees were submitted as follows, and approved on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Corish:-



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GOREY TENDERS COMMITTEE

The members of Gorey Tenders Committee met in Courthouse, Gorey, on 15th February, 1936.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman County Council (presiding), also Messrs. W. P. Keegan, Sean O'Byrne, and Myles Smyth.

The County Secretary, County Surveyor, and Assistant Surveyors Treanor and Ennis were also in attendance.

IRREGULARITIES IN TENDERING

The Secretary by directions of the Finance Committee stated it had been decided by that Committee that any person who tendered in another person's name or who deceived the Tenders Committee by putting in a fictitious or bogus tender or who was guilty of any mal practice in respect of tenders for road maintenance or for haulage would be disqualified and debarred from receiving work under the County Council in future.

ROAD CONTRACTS

The following tenders for roads were accepted - period from 1st April 1936 to 31st March 1939:-

ROAD NO. 87. Amount allowed £10.

Abraham Storey, Croghan, Inch, tendered at the amount allowed, and gave as his Sureties, James Graham, Croghan, Inch and Andrew Kinsella, Croghan, Inch.

This, being the only tender was accepted.

NO. 90. Amount allowed £17.

No tender, given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 101. Amount allowed £20.

Thomas Jackson, Ballyellen, Inch, tendered at the amount allowed, and gave as his Sureties William Sharpe, Ashwood, Arklow, and Richard Jackson, Ballyellen, Inch.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

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NO. 104. Amount allowed £15.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 124. Amount allowed £15.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 125. Amount allowed £12.

Edward Savage, Gorey Hill, Gorey, tendered at the amount allowed, and gave as his Sureties, Francis Carty, Coolnastud, and James Hempenstall, Main Street, Gorey.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 126. Amount allowed £20.

Edward Savage, Gorey Hill, Gorey, tendered at the amount allowed, and gave as his Sureties Francis Carty, Coolnastud, and James Hempenstall, Main Street, Gorey.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 127. Amount allowed £20.

Patrick Kinsella, Market Square, Gorey, tendered at the amount allowed, and gave as his Sureties, James Hempenstall, Main Street, Gorey and Dan Kinsella, Knockavota.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 184. Amount allowed £14.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 185. Amount allowed £9.

Matthew Gortland, Askamore, Carnew, tendered at the amount allowed, and gave as his Sureties T. Loughlin, Drummond, and William Kinsella, Drummond.

This, being the only tender was accepted.

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NO. 186. Amount allowed £15.

John Donohoe, Ballyconran, tendered at £13. 18. 0.

Patrick Higgins, Ballydarragh, Craanford, tendered at £15.

John Donohoe, being the lowest tender was accepted. Sureties, Patrick Donohoe, Ballyconran, and John Toole, Drummond.

NO. 333. Amount allowed £17.

Patrick Furlong, Ballinavalley, Killenagh, tendered at £16. 17. 6.

This, being the only tender was accepted, and he gave as his Sureties, Edward Crowe, Ballinavalley, Killenagh and Thomas Funge, Main Street, Gorey.

NO. 1015. Amount allowed £15.

Terence Curley, Kilcavan, Gorey, tendered at £12.

Patrick Spencer, Tara Hill, Gorey at £12.

Peter Noctor, Kilcavan, Inch, Gorey at £12.

Terence Curley's tender was accepted, and he gave as his Sureties, Michael Kavanagh, Cullenogue, and Denis Doyle, Tomnahely, Inch.

NO. 1021. Amount allowed £15.

Martin McCann, Moteybower, Carnew, tendered at the amount allowed, and gave as his Sureties William Gibson, Baltyfarrell, Carnew, and Thomas O'Loughlin, Knockbrandon, Craanford.

This, being the only tender was accepted.

HAULAGE

A number of haulage tenders were considered and accepted, the Committee dividing the work so far as they consistently could in view of the prices quoted.

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ENNISCORTHY TENDERS COMMITTEE

The above Committee met on 18th February 1936 in Courthouse, Enniscorthy.

Mr. J. P. Kelly presided and there were also present:- Messrs. James Lawlor and P. Ronan.

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

ROAD CONTRACTS

The following Road Contracts were accepted, the period being from 1st April 1936 to 31st March 1939:-

ROAD NO. 164. Amount allowed £15.

James Cullen, Bullingate, Carnew, tendered at the amount allowed, and gave as his Sureties, Thomas O'Hara, Bullingate, Carnew, and Robert Murphy, Bullingate, Carnew.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 165. Amount allowed £17.

Patrick O'Hara, Bullingate, Carnew, tendered at the amount allowed, and gave as his Sureties, Thomas O'Hara, Bullingate, Carnew, and Robert Murphy, Bullingate, Carnew.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 166. Amount allowed £25.

Patrick Farrell, Ballycadden, Ferns, tendered at the amount allowed, and gave as his Sureties Mogue O'Rourke, Oldtown, and John Kehoe, Lackendarragh.

This, being the only tender was accepted.

NO. 237. Amount allowed £10.

Denis Doyle, Ballypracus, tendered at £9. 9. 10, and gave as his Sureties Martin Kearns, Curraduff, and Aidan Jordan, Glasslacken.

Patrick Byrne, Kilmyshall tendered at £8. 9. 0, did not answer his name.

Denis Doyle's tender was accepted.

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NO. 262. Amount allowed £25.

William Doran, Tomona, Kiltealy, tendered at £19. 19.0 and gave as his Sureties Edward O'Connor, Coolree and John Larkin, Cooleycarney.

Matthew Brooks, Kiltealy tendered at £23. 18. 9.

William Doran's tender was accepted.

NO. 263. Amount allowed £15.

William Doran, Tomonia, Kiltealy, tendered at £13.19.0 and gave as his Sureties Edward O'Connor, Coolree, and John Larkin, Cooleycarney.

Valentin Brooks, Cullentra, Kiltealy, tendered at £14.

William Doran's tender was accepted.

NO. 264. Amount allowed £15.

Valentine Brooks, Cullentra, Kiltealy, tendered at £14. 18. 9 and gave as his Sureties John Butler, Ballinure, Marshalstown, and Peter Smith, Rafter Street, Enniscorthy.

This, being the only tender was accepted.

NO. 265. Amount allowed £10.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 266. Amount allowed £9.

No tender, given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 267. Amount allowed £10.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

No. 282. Amount allowed £13.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 295. Amount allowed £10.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

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NO. 373. Amount allowed £25.

John Quigley, Carrigeen, Rathnure, tendered at £18, and gave as his Sureties James Wyse, Carrigeen, Ferns and Patrick Doolan, Carrigeen, Ferns.

John Cahill, Grange, Rathnure, tendered at £19.

John Kely, Grange, Rathnure, tendered at £25.

John Quigley's tender was accepted.

NO. 375. Amount allowed £15.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 377. Amount allowed £10.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 397. Amount allowed £10.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 398. Amount allowed £20.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

No. 399. Amount allowed £15.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 400. Amount allowed £20.

John Dempsey, Davidstown, tendered at the amount allowed, and gave as his Sureties William Deacon, The Leap, and Thomas Hayes, 7 Court Street, Enniscorthy.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 401. Amount allowed £20.

John Dempsey, Davidstown, tendered at £18. 9. 0, and gave as his Sureties William Deacon, The Leap, and Thomas Hayes, 7 Court Street, Enniscorthy.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

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NO. 418. Amount allowed £10.

John Doran, Kilcotty, tendered at the amount allowed, and gave as his Sureties Peter Doran, Market Square, Enniscorthy and W. K. Stamp, Market Square, Enniscorthy.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 532. Amount allowed £15.

Francis Cullen, Ballyrannell, Glenbrien, tendered at the amount allowed and gave as his Sureties, Peter Kehoe, Slaney Street, Enniscorthy and James Mernagh, Clonmore, Glenbrien.

This, being the only tender was accepted.

NO. 536. Amount allowed £20.

Francis Cullen, Ballyrannell, Glenbrien, tendered at the amount allowed and gave as his Sureties Peter Kehoe, Slaney Street, Enniscorthy, and James Mernagh, Clonmore, Glenbrien.

NO. 537. Amount allowed £20.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 563. Amount allowed £20.

Laurence Power, Rahane, Oylegate, tendered at £18.15.0 and gave as his Sureties Art Sinnott, Clone, Ferns and Alec Leary, Kilabeg, Ferns.

Francis Cullen, Ballyrannell, tendered at £20.

Patrick Leary, Ballinaslaney, tendered at £19. 17. 6.

Laurence Power's tender was accepted.

NO. 1014. Amount allowed £10.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

HAULAGE CONTRACTS

A large number of haulage contracts were taken, regard being had to a division of the work consistent with quoted prices.

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NEW ROSS TENDERS COMMITTEE

The above Committee met in New Ross Courthouse on 20th February 1936.

Present: Mr. John Cummins, presiding and Mr. Patk. Colfer.

The County Secretary, County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors T. Cullen, P. O'Neill and J. F. Birthistle, were also in attendance.

ROAD CONTRACTS

The following Road Contracts were accepted, the period being from 1st April 1936 to 31st March 1939:-

ROAD NO. 463. Amount allowed £10.

Michael Ryan, Ballybawn, Rathnure, tendered at £7. 19. 0, and gave as his Sureties Nicholas Lennon, Mylerspark and Edward Colfer, South Street, New Ross.

This, being the only tender was accepted.

NO. 464. Amount allowed £13.

John O'Brien, Ballygibbon, Rathnure, tendered at £11. 18. 0, and gave as his Sureties Thomas Conran, North Street, New Ross, and John Byrne, North Street, New Ross.

This, being the only tender was accepted.

NO. 465. Amount allowed £10.

Nicholas Dunne, Monamolin, Rathnure, tendered at £8. 4. 0, and gave as his Sureties Michael O'Connor, South Street, New Ross and Thomas Kehoe, Ballindoney.

John Hayden, Monamolin, Rathnure, tendered at £8. 5. 0

Nicholas Dunne's tender was accepted.

NO. 466. Amount allowed £10.

James Doyle, Ballindoney, Ballywilliam, tendered at the amount allowed, and gave as his Sureties Thomas Kehoe, Ballindoney and Matthew Cooney, Charles Street, New Ross.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

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NO. 467. Amount allowed £10.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 471. Amount allowed £20.

William Rochford, Templenacrow, Palace, tendered at the amount allowed, and gave as his Sureties Timothy Murray, Mary Street, New Ross and John French, South St., New Ross.

This, being the only tender was accepted.

NO. 474. Amount allowed £8.

James Byrne, Rathgarogue, tendered at £7. 19. 0, and gave as his Sureties William Byrne, Gobbinstown and John Byrne, Banastooka.

Richard McGrath, Knockroe, Palace East tendered at £8.

James Byrne's tender was accepted.

NO. 574. Amount allowed £11.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 575. Amount allowed £24.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 577. Amount allowed £10.

Richard McGrath, Knockroe, Palace East, tendered at the amount allowed and gave as his Sureties John Murphy, Bridge Street, New Ross and John Byrne, North Street, New Ross.

This, being the only tender was accepted.

NO. 578. Amount allowed £30.

John Doran, Gobbinstown, Ballywilliam, tendered at the amount allowed, and gave as his Sureties Patrick Nolan, Templenacrow and Edward Colfer, Shopkeeper, New Ross.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

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NO. 579. Amount allowed £20.

John Doran, Gobbinstown, Ballywilliam, tendered at the amount allowed and gave as his Sureties Patrick Nolan, Templenacrow and Edward Colfer, Shopkeeper, New Ross.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 598. Amount allowed £15.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 599. Amount allowed £15.

Michael Hayden, Brocorra, Adamstown, tendered at £14. 19. 0, and gave as his Sureties Denis Delaney, Ballagh, and Michael Wallace, Ballagh.

This, being the only tender was accepted.

NO. 600. Amount allowed £20.

William Rochford, Templenacrow, Palace East, tendered at the amount allowed, and gave as his Sureties John French, South St., New Ross and Timothy Murray, Mary St., New Ross.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 601. Amount allowed £10.

William Rochford, Templenacrow, Palace East, tendered at the amount allowed, and gave as his Sureties, Timothy Murray, Mary St., New Ross and John French, South St., New Ross.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 606. Amount allowed £10.

Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Foulksmills, tendered at the amount allowed and gave as his Sureties, John O'Connor Shanoule, Foulksmills, and Moses McCabe, Ballyvergin, Foulksmills.

This, being the only tender was accepted.

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NO. 663. Amount allowed £35.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 664. Amount allowed £20.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 665. Amount allowed £10.

Michael Kelly, Camblin Wood, New Ross, tendered at the amount allowed, and gave as his Sureties James Whitty, Camblin, New Ross, and James Kelly, Michael St., New Ross.

This, being the only tender was accepted.

NO. 667. Amount allowed £7.

Michael Hanlon, Ballyverogue, Campile, tendered at £6. 14. 0 and gave as his Sureties, John Whitty, Camblin, New Ross and Patrick Hanlon, Ballyverogue.

This, being the only tender was accepted.

NO. 684. Amount allowed £25.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 685. Amount allowed £17.

Thomas Cooney, Ballykelly, New Ross, tendered at the amount allowed, and gave as his Sureties, Thomas Walsh, Mary Street, New Ross and Patrick Hanlon, Ballyverogue, New Ross.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 686. Amount allowed £25.

Thomas Cooney, Ballykelly, New Ross, tendered at the amount allowed, and gave as his Sureties Thomas Walsh, Mary Street, New Ross and Patrick Hanlon, Ballyverogue, New Ross.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

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NO. 687. Amount allowed £25.

Thomas Cooney, Ballykelly, New Ross tendered at the amount allowed and gave as his Sureties Thomas Walsh, Mary Street, New Ross and Patrick Hanlon, Ballyverogue, New Ross.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 688. Amount allowed £9.

Thomas Cooney, Ballykelly, New Ross tendered at the amount allowed, and gave as his Sureties, Thomas Walsh, Mary Street, New Ross and Patrick Hanlon, Ballyverogue, New Ross.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 689. Amount allowed £15.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 694. Amount allowed £18.

Michael Hanlon, Ballyverogue, Campile, tendered at the amount allowed, and gave as his Sureties, John Whitty, Camblin, New Ross and Patrick Hanlon, Ballyverogue, Campile.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 695. Amount allowed £12.

William Power, Ballybrazil, Campile, tendered at the amount allowed, and gave as his Sureties Clement Power, Ballinamona, Campile, and Patrick Q uinn, Ballysop, Campile.

This, being the only tender was accepted.

NO. 696. Amount allowed £7.

James McGrath, Dunbrody, tendered at the amount allowed and gave as his Sureties Anthony Doyle, Ballykerogue and John Shannon, Ballyvelig.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

No. 697. Amount allowed £10.

Laurence Rowe, Terrarath, Cassagh, New Ross, tendered

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at £9. 12. 6, and gave as his Sureties Thomas Byrne, Ballynacar and Thomas Kennedy, Arnestown, New Ross.

Richard Ryan, Garryduff, Campile tendered at £10.

Laurence Rowe's tender was accepted.

NO. 698. Amount allowed £10.

James McGrath, Dunbrody, tendered at £9. 15. 0, and gave as his Sureties John Shannon, Ballyvelig and Anthony Doyle, Ballykerogue.

William Power, Ballybrazil, Campile tendered at £10.

James McGrath's tender was accepted.

NO. 699. Amount allowed £14.

William Power, Ballybrazil, Campile, tendered at the amount allowed and gave as his Sureties Clement Power, Ballinamona, Campile, and Patrick Quinn, Ballysop, Campile.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 700. Amount allowed £9.

Nicholas Brennan, Garryduff, Campile, tendered at the amount allowed and gave as his Sureties Moses Browne, Garryduff and Michael Barron, Rathimney.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 701. Amount allowed £20.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 702. Amount allowed £9.

Michael Shannon, Campile, tendered at the amount allowed and gave as his Sureties Richard Finn, Ballyvelig and John Shannon, Campile.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 719. Amount allowed £12.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

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NO. 720. Amount allowed £6.

Patrick Quirke, Ballygarvan, Gusserane, tendered at £5. 4. 0, and gave as his Sureties Martin Rossiter, Boley, Ballycullane and James O'Connor, Boley, Ballycullane.

Luke Daye, Boley, Ballycullane tendered at £5. 10. 0.

James Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills tendered at £5. 12. 6.

Patrick Quirke's tender was accepted.

NO. 726. Amount allowed £13.

Patrick Murphy, Ballybrack, Foulksmills, tendered at £10. 17. 0, and gave as his Sureties Martin Rossiter, Boley, Ballycullane and James Bennett, Rosphile, Foulksmills.

James Kinsella, Loughnageer, tendered at £10. 18. 6.

Michael Parle, Boley, Ballycullane tendered at £11.

Luke Daye, Boley, Ballycullane tendered at £11. 14. 0.

Patrick Murphy's tender was accepted.

NO. 742. Amount allowed £10.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 745. Amount allowed £25.

Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Foulksmills, tendered at the amount allowed, and gave as his Sureties, John O'Connor, Shanoule, Foulksmills and Moses McCabe, Ballyvergin, Foulksmills.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 746. Amount allowed £10.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 749. Amount allowed £10.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

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NO. 750. Amount allowed £12.

Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Foulksmills, tendered at the amount allowed and gave as his Sureties, John O'Connor, Shanoule and Moses McCabe, Ballyvergin, Foulksmills.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 799. Amount allowed £6. 9. 0.

Michael Shannon, Campile, tendered at £6. 5. 0 and gave as his Sureties Richard Finn, Ballyvelig, and John Shannon, Campile.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 802. Amount allowed £9.

John Redmond, Nuke, Arthurstown, tendered at the amount allowed, and gave as his Sureties Richard Walsh, Nuke, Arthurstown and Michael Farrell, Nuke, Arthurstown.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 803. Amount allowed £19.

John Redmond, Nuke, Arthurstown, tendered at the amount allowed and gave as his Sureties Richard Walsh, Nuke, Arthurstown and Michael Farrell, Nuke, Arthurstown.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 805. Amount allowed £12.

Patrick Keating, Nuke, Arthurstown, tendered at the amount allowed, and gave as his Sureties Richard Walsh, Nuke, Arthurstown and Michael Farrell, Nuke, Arthurstown.

This, being the only tender was accepted.

NO. 806. Amount allowed £10.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 807. Amount allowed £5.

Patrick Keating, Nuke, Arthurstown, tendered at the amount allowed and gave as his Sureties, Richard Walsh,

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Nuke, Arthurstown, and Michael Farrell, Nuke, Arthurstown.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 808. Amount allowed £14.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 826. Amount allowed £15.

Joseph Hanlon, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, tendered at £13, and gave as his Sureties James Bennett, Rosphile, Foulksmills and Michael Donnelly, Little Cullenstown, Foulksmills.

This, being the only tender,was accepted.

NO. 827. Amount allowed £8.

James Kinsella, Loughnageer, tendered at £6. 15. 6 and gave as his Sureties Patrick Kinsella, Loughnageer and William Bohannon, Loughnageer.

Patrick Murphy, Ballybrack, tendered at £8.

James Kinsella's tender was accepted.

NO. 829. Amount allowed £11.

Patrick Murphy, Ballybrack, Foulksmills, tendered at £9. 4. 0, and gave as his Sureties Martin Rossiter, Boley, Ballycullane, and James Bennett, Rosphile, Foulksmills.

Luke Daye, Boley, Ballycullane tendered at £9. 9. 0.

James Kinsella, Loughnageer, tendered at £10. 5. 6.

Patrick Gordan, Ballycullane, tendered at £10. 10. 0.

Patrick Murphy's tender was accepted.

NO. 832. Amount allowed £16.

Thomas Walsh, Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge, tendered at the amount allowed and gave as his Sureties Patrick Walsh, Clonmines, and Thomas Murphy, Clonmines, Wellington-bridge.

James Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, tendered at £14. 1. 0, tender incomplete.

Thomas Walsh's tender was accepted.

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NO. 833. Amount allowed £14.

James Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, tendered at £11. 6. 6 and gave as his Sureties Patrick Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills and William Bohannon, Loughnageer, Foulksmills.

Thomas Walsh, Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge, tendered at £13. 9. 0.

James Kinsella's tender was accepted.

NO. 848. Amount allowed £6.

John Murphy, Tallaught, Ballycullane, tendered at the amount allowed and gave as his Sureties, Thomas Murphy, Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge, and Patrick Walsh, Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 853. Amount allowed £17.

Edward Mallon, Aldridge, Duncannon, tendered at £15. 17. 6, and gave as his Sureties, Patrick O'Neill, Kinnagh, Ballycullane and William Clegg, Kilbride, Ballycullane.

This, being the only tender was accepted.

NO 854. Amount allowed £23.

Thomas Doran, Haggard, Ramsgrange, tendered at the amount allowed, and gave as his Sureties, James Cogley, Ramsgrange and James McDonald, Curraghamore.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 870. Amount allowed £18.

Edward Mallon, Aldridge, Duncannon, tendered at £16. 7. 6, and gave as his Sureties Patrick O'Neill, Kinnagh Ballycullane, and William Clegg, Kilbride, Duncannon.

Richard Power, Grange, Fethard-on-Sea tendered at £18.

Edward Mallon's tender was accepted.

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NO. 873. Amount allowed £8.

Thomas Orange, Fethard-on-Sea, tendered at the amount allowed, and gave as his Sureties Andrew Power, Grange, Fethard-on-Sea, and William H. Auld, Fethard-on-Sea.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

HAULAGE CONTRACTS

A large number of tenders for haulage were accepted, the work being divided amongst the various hauliers, having regard to prices and ability to carry out the haulage.

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WEXFORD TENDERS COMMITTEE

The Wexford Tenders Committee met on 22nd February 1936.

Present: Miss O'Ryan and subsequently Mr. R. Corish (presiding) also Messrs. C. Culleton and John Day.

The Secretary, County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors T. Cullen and J. F. Birthistle were also in attendance.

ROAD CONTRACTS

The following Contracts for Roads were accepted, the period being from 1st April 1936 to 31st March 1939:-

ROAD NO. 622. Amount allowed £25.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 628. Amount allowed £20.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 643. Amount allowed £20.

Patrick Leary, Ballinaslaney, Oylegate, tendered at £19. 15. 0, and gave as his Sureties Thomas Savage, Ballinaslaney, Oylegate and Michael Stamp, Ballinacarrig, Oylegate.

Myles Sunderland, Kilcoral, Castlebridge tendered at £20.

Patrick Leary's tender was accepted.

NO. 644. Amount allowed £15.

Edward Browne, Ballyhoo, Castlebridge, tendered at £14. 15. 0 and gave as his Sureties Nicholas Furlong, Selskar, Wexford and Thomas Nolan, Redmond Place, Wexford.

Myles Sunderland, Kilcoral, Castlebridge tendered at £15.

Edward Browne's tender was accepted.

NO. 645. Amount allowed £15.

Edward Browne, Ballyhoo, Castlebridge, tendered at £14. 15. 0 and gave as his Sureties Nicholas Furlong, Sels-

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kar, Wexford and Thomas Nolan, Redmond Place, Wexford.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 646. Amount allowed £15.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 647. Amount allowed £20.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 648. Amount allowed £15.

Denis Murphy, Johnstown, Castlebridge tendered at £14. 10. 0, and gave as his Sureties James Kelly, North Main Street, Wexford and Nicholas Murphy, 57 South Main Street, Wexford.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 649. Amount allowed £10.

Denis Murphy, Johnstown, Castlebridge tendered at the amount allowed, and gave as his Sureties James Kelly, North Main Street, Wexford and Nicholas Murphy, 57 South Main Street, Wexford.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 761. Amount allowed £20.

John Furlong, Ballinclay, Killurin, tendered at the amount allowed and gave as his Sureties James Murphy, Ballinclay, Killurin and Daniel Connors, Ballinclay, Killurin.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 762. Amount allowed £20.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 765. Amount allowed £14.

William Brett, Shelmalier Commons tendered at £13, and gave as his Sureties John Dowd, Cools, Barntown, and

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William Wright, Shelmalier Commons.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 780. Amount allowed £6.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 782. Amount allowed £15.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 784. Amount allowed £10.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 891. Amount allowed £15.

John Martin, Rochestown, Taghmon tendered at £14. 10. 0 and gave as his Sureties Patrick Walsh, Rochestown, Taghmon and John Furlong, Rochestown, Taghmon.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 892. Amount allowed £20.

John Martin, Rochestown, Taghmon tendered at £19 and gave as his Sureties Patrick Walsh, Rochestown, Taghmon and John Furlong, Rochestown, Taghmon.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 912. Amount allowed £30.

John Davey, Balloughton, Wellingtonbridge, tendered at £24. 18. 6 and gave as his Sureties James Davey, Newtown, Wellingtonbridge and Matthew Davey, Newtown, Wellingtonbridge.

James Harpur, Haggard, Bannow tendered at £24. 19. 0.

William Waters, Vernegley, Wellingtonbridge at £26. 13. 0.

James Wade, Danescastle, Bannow at £29. 9. 0.

John Davey's tender was accepted.

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NO. 914. Amount allowed £9.

Robert Sheridan, Blackhall, Bannow tendered at £6.15.0 and gave as his Sureties James Harpur, Bannow and W. H. Murphy, Jeweller, Wexford.

William Waters, Vernegley, Wellingtonbridge tendered at £7. 13. 0.

John Davey, Balloughton, Wellingtonbridge at £7.14.6.

Robert Sheridan's tender was accepted.

NO. 915. Amount allowed £12.

John Davey, Balloghton, Wellingtonbridge tendered at £10. 6. 0 and gave as his Sureties James Davey, Newtown, Wellingtonbridge and Matthew Davey, Newtown, Wellingtonbridge.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 917. Amount allowed £12.

John Davey, Balloughton, Wellingtonbridge tendered at £10. 4. 0 and gave as his Sureties James Davey, Newtown, Wellingtonbridge and Matthew Davey, Newtown, Wellingtonbridge.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 918. Amount allowed £15.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 930. Amount allowed £10.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 955. Amount allowed £27.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 958. Amount allowed £28.

John Cullen, Killag, Duncormick tendered at the amount allowed and gave as his Sureties Edward Goff,

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Richfield, Duncormick and Patrick Kehoe, Gibberpatrick, Duncormick.

This, being the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 1010. Amount allowed £20.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 1011. Amount allowed £10.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 1012. Amount allowed £8.

Given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

NO. 1013. Amount allowed £10.

Michael Flood, Seaview, Murrintown tendered at £9 and gave as his Sureties Michael McBride, Clearlestown, Kilmannon and John Dowd, Barntown.

James Murphy, New Bog, Taghmon tendered at £9. 9. 0.

Michael Flood's tender was accepted.

NO. 1022. Amount allowed £15.

No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

HAULAGE CONTRACTS

A number of haulage contracts were accepted, the work being distributed evenly consistent with price in each instance.

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APPOINTMENT OF EX-OFFICIO INSPECTOR, FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That, as recommended by Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Garda Denis Cronin (5196) be appointed as ex-officio Inspector under Food & Drugs Acts by Wexford County Council."

DEPUTY CORONER, NORTH WEXFORD

Under date, 25th February, 1936, Dr. Alfred J. Cantwell, Coroner, North Wexford, wrote that, pursuant to Section I of the Coroners' Act 1892, he had appointed Dr. Eugene Connolly, Gorey, as Deputy Coroner for his district.

Approved.

COMPULSORY RETIREMENT OF OFFICERS

Under date 28th February 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circular No. 18/36) as follows:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has from time to time received representations that it is not conducive to the public interest that local officers should continue in pensionable employment above the age of sixty-five years. Cases have come to notice in which disciplinary and other difficulties have arisen by reason of the retention in responsible posts of officers whose faculties have been impaired by age. Where, as is usually the case the official record of the officer concerned has been meritorious a situation arises which causes embarrassment to both the local authority and the Minister.

The Minister thinks it well to give this intimation of his view that the normal procedure should entail compulsory retirement at the age of sixty-five. Where that age has been already reached or exceeded and there is no obvious loss of efficiency by reason of physical or mental impairment or other cause the Minister will be prepared, if the local authority so desire, to allow a period of six months to elapse before an officer is required to relinquish his duties. A period of grace subject to the same condition would also apply to officers who reach sixty-five within the next six months, that is, they need not be retired until 1st September next.

Local authorites would not be precluded, however, from calling on any officer to retire at the age of sixty if they considered his efficiency had diminished and that his retirement would be in the public interest. There are

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certain classes whose duties are such as render an earlier age of compulsory retirement desirable. All mental hospital officers and servants except such as have not the care or charge of patients in the usual course of their employment should be retired compulsorily at sixty years. Fire brigade officers would also appear to come within the category of those to whom the retirement at sixty would apply."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That provided the compulsory retirement of the County Secretary and the County Surveyor becomes effective, these officers retain their positions for the ensuing six months up to 1st September 1936."

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 20th February 1936, the Office of National Education wrote (Trg2/41241) that, as the gross income of the father of Walter J. Gahan, Barmona, Boolavogue, was in excess of the sum laid down in clause 2 of the Scheme, there was no power to regard this applicant as eligible to compete for the award of a scholarship and he would not, therefore, appear to be eligible to compete for the award of a Scholarship.

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

"That in connection with the decision of the Office of National Education, debarring Walter J. Gahan, Barmona, Boolavogue, from competing for scholarship under the Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme, we would point out that this boy's father has been in hospital for a very considerable time and would be unable to provide secondary education for his boy owing to the expenses incurred through his long illness. We consider it would be most regrettable if, in the circumstances, this candidate was not allowed to compete for scholarship."

Under date 20th February 1936, the Office of National Education wrote (Trg2/41241) that, in view of the terms of

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Clause 11 of the scheme and the fact that the person who called for application form was informed it should be lodged not later than 1st February, it did not appear desirable to accept the application of Mary E. Doyle, Ballyshannon, Adamstown.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION ACT - ENNISCORTHY SCHOOL

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

"That, in connection with communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, under date 28th February, 1936 (S.41140/36-Loch Garman (Pg)), re loan of £7000 the necessary mortgage for the amount be sealed and signed on behalf of the Council and that the cost of same, £11. 9. 6, be paid to the Office of Public Works."

Under date 2nd March 1936, the Department of Education (Technical Instruction Branch) wrote (1890/36), stating that the Minister for Finance had intimated that, in the event of loan of £7000 being raised by the Wexford County Council for the purpose of providing and equipping new Technical School at Enniscorthy, refund would be made out of State funds under Section 51 (2)(6) of the Vocational Education Act 1930, of 50 per cent of the actual loan repayment charges.

SOW DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Under date 25th February 1936, the following letter No. 34330/36, Wexford County, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant on the subject of the constitution of a Committee to administer the Sow Drainage District, and to state that as the acts of the Committee established

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pursuant to the resolution of the Council of the 10th idem are to be subject to the approval of the County Council, the resolution of the Council does not require the Minister's sanction."

FOOD AND DRUGS (MILK) ACT 1935

Under date 4th March 1936, circular letter (P.H.31/36), relative to above, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health. This stated the minimum percentage of milk fat which should be contained in whole milk and cream and the minimum percentage of milk solids, other than milk fat, which should be contained in skimmed or separated milk or buttermilk. As from the appointed day, the plea of milk being sold as "straight from the cow" would no longer be available as a defence in proceedings instituted under the Regulations formally made under Section 2 of the Sale of Food and Drugs (Milk) Act 1935.

The Secretary stated that copy of the Department's circular letter and also of the circular letter of 20th May last year was supplied to each ex-officio Inspector under Food and Drugs Acts.

BALLYHACK HARBOUR

Under date 12th February, 1936, the following letter was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"With reference to your letter of 30th April 1935 stating that your Council were prepared to contribute £100 towards the cost, estimated at £300, of carrying out certain works at Ballyhack Harbour, Co. Wexford, the estimate is now increased by your County Surveyor to £344.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance is disposed to recommend the sanction of a grant not exceeding £230 and I shall be glad to be informed if your Council is prepared to contribute the balance of the cost and to maintain the works on completion."

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The Secretary stated that this letter meant that the Council would be expected to pay the ~~appropriate~~ additional £14 in addition to the £100 they had already promised to the work at Ballyhack Harbour.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Ronan seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That this Council agree to contribute towards the proposed works at Ballyhack Harbour a sum of £114."

ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR

Under date 4th March 1936, the following letter was read from Mr. Joseph Rea, Butlerstown, Broadway:-

"As Secretary to a meeting of Fishermen held at St. Helen's, Kilrane, on Sunday, I am directed to request you to bring to the notice of your Council the deplorable state of the harbour. As a result of the recent storms the entrance has been blocked up with sand and heavy boulders which the sea has either unearthed or hurled against it. It was the feeling of the meeting that unless something was done quickly fishing of any description could not be carried on there in the coming season.

I would be thankful if you placed the matter in the agenda for the next meeting of the Council."

The County Surveyor said the statements in Mr. Rea's letter were quite true and the entrance to the harbour was certainly blocked up. He did not see it was possible to do anything except to make a further application to the appropriate Department for a State Grant. He was satisfied that a sum of £900 spent there, would furnish a satisfactory job and he would be prepared to carry out the necessary work there at that figure.

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

"That we point out to the Office of Public Works that representations have been made to them by the Wexford County Council from time to time as regards repair of St. Helen's Harbour. Owing to recent storms, the mouth of the harbour is now completely blocked and, in consequence, the place is useless to the fishermen. The County Surveyor is prepared

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to carry out the necessary work at the place for a sum of £900 and, in the circumstances, we would ask the Office of Public Works to provide a substantial State Grant towards this expenditure. We would point out that this is a matter of great urgency and, unless something be done to help the fishermen there, they will become really destitute."

REPAIR OF RAILWAY BRIDGE

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter, under date 29th February 1936 (Ref.P.22/27037) from the Chief Engineer's Office, Great Southern Railways, Westland Row, Dublin:-

"I beg to inform you that this Company proposes to renew overbridge No. 373 New Ross Branch, County Wexford.

I have been in correspondence with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and he has intimated that provision will be made for your Council to recoup this Company to the extent of the estimated extra cost due to providing for the needs of modern traffic. The extra cost for this bridge will amount to £86.

I will send you a formal application for this amount when the work has been completed."

In reply to Mr. Corish, the County Surveyor stated that this was the first intimation he had about the matter and, in fact, he could not definitely place the exact position of this railway bridge. He was aware it was at some point along the Palace line to New Ross.

Mr. Corish proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Kelly and adopted:-

"In view of the fact that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health has been in correspondence with the Great Southern Railways Company relative to repair of overbridge No. 373, New Ross Branch, we request the Roads Department of the Department of Local Government and Public Health to furnish this Council with some definite

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information in the matter."

SURVEYORS CARRYING EXPLOSIVES

Under date 6th March 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RV/221/16) as to members of County Survey Staffs carrying explosives in their motor cars. So far as injury to third parties was concerned policies should cover carriage of goods, but it was a question if injuries to persons or property arising out of an explosion would be covered, especially if the fact of carrying explosives was not disclosed to the Insurance Company. If this practice obtained in Wexford County, the contents of circular should be brought to the notice of the Council and the individual Surveyors with a view to steps being taken that risks involved were adequately covered.

The County Surveyor stated that provision had been made in their Insurance policies, covering carriage of explosives by Surveyors and the fact that the Survey Staff was carrying explosives was explained in detail to the Insurance Companies before the policies were effected.

INCREMENTS OF STAFF

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

"That, in accordance with former decision of the County Council the following increments to staffs be agreed to:-

Secretary's Office:- J. H. Cadogan £10; S. Hayes £10; J. Moloney £10; P. M. Donohoe, £5; J. J. A. Masterson (Rates Inspector), £10.

County Surveyor's Office:- D. Radford £10; J. O'Kennedy, £7. 10. 0; Miss E. M. Norton, £5."

LANES, ETC.

Mr. Culleton referred to the condition of Grugan Lane near Tacumshane and contended that it was the cutting of

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bar at Tacumshane Lake had made a great portion of the lane impassable.

Referred to the County Surveyor for report.

Memorial was received from a number of ratepayers asking that the road between Molloy's Cottage and Old Court Village, about 300 yards long, should be repaired.

The County Surveyor stated this was the fourth class road No. 684. Its length was 880 perches. He applied for £25 for its maintenance - not a very excessive amount for the repair of practically three miles of road - and all that was allocated was £10. It was quite manifest that very little could be done for that annual amount of money for a three-mile stretch.

It was decided that the following lanes should be listed for repair under Minor Relief Scheme Grant when money becomes available:-

Raheenduff Lane (Adamstown); Clonmore Lane (Enniscorthy); Tara Hill Lane (Gorey); Redhouse Lane (Duncormick); Ballycullane Lane.

Letter from Ballythomas Cumann, Fianna Fail, asking that work should be started at Wicklow Gap Quarry as soon as possible and calling the attention of the County Council to the condition of the road from Wicklow Gap through Ballythomas to the bounds of Wicklow County, was referred to the County Surveyor.

In connection with application of William Whelan to have the continuation of Kellystown River running through his land cleaned up as it was at present completely choked at Kellystown Bridge, this was also referred to the County Surveyor.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF WIDOWS' & ORPHANS' PENSIONS ACT

The following resolution from Leitrim County Committee of Agriculture was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

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"That we, the Leitrim County Committee of Agriculture, hereby draw the attention of the Government to two Clauses in the Widows and Orphans Pensions Act with a view to having same amended as soon as possible, viz.,

(1) The case of poor widows of small holders who, through force of circumstances, were compelled to dispose of their little holdings and change their places of abode. Under the Act, widows of small holders are turned down because they do not reside on their late husbands' holdings.

(2) The case of widows between 55 and 60 years of age, who, because they have no children under 14 years of age, are also deprived of the pensions. We suggest that the age 60 years be reduced to 50.

The framers of this Act do not appear to be students of human nature nor do they seem to be very well acquainted with farming conditions in the poor districts."

Signed ..... 14th April '36

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 14th APRIL 1936.

M I N U T E S

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

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

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 14th April, 1936.

Present:- Mr. Denis Allen (Chairman), presiding; also, Messrs. P. Colfer, John Connors, R. Corish, C. Culleton, Wm. Cullimore, John Cummins, John Day, Col. C. M. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, James Lawler, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Co. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Thos. Redmond, Patk. Ronan, Myles Smyth and M. Sweetman.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £49686. 5. 0 were examined and signed.

REPLY TO VOTE OF CONDOLENCE - LATE MR. ALBERT SMITH

It was decided on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Kelly that the following reply from Mrs. Kathleen Smith acknowledging vote of condolence adopted to her in the death of her husband, the late Albert Smith, be inserted on the minutes of the day:-

"I trust you will pardon my delay in writing to thank you for your kind message of sympathy. I ask you to please thank on my behalf the Co. Committee of Agriculture, the Members of the Co. Council, the Co. Surveyor and the Co. Solicitor for their vote of condolence to me.

Albert's death came very unexpected and was a great shock to me. Thanking you again for your sympathy."

ANNUAL MEETING COUNTY COUNCIL

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

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"That the annual meeting of Wexford County Council be held on Tuesday, 30th June 1936 at 10.30 a.m. and that the monthly meeting fixed for Monday, 12th July 1936, be cancelled."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 13th March 1936 were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford on 13th March 1936.

Present: Mr. D. Allen, Chairman County Council presided; also present:- Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, Wm. Cullimore, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The County Surveyor was absent owing to illness.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurers Advice Note for £2097. 2. 11 was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

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

E. J. Murphy	70.5
J. Curtis	68.1
M. Kehoe	61.2
J. Flood	60.2
S. Gannon No. 6	59.2
J. J. O'Reilly	59.1
D. Kenny	59.1
P. Carty	59.1
J. Cummins	59.0
J. Deegan	59.0
S. Gannon No. 10	58.2
P. Doyle	57.9
P. Nolan	53.7
A. Dunne	52.6
M . McCarthy	52.0
J. Quirke	50.4
W. Cummins	49.5
J. J. Sinnott	49.1
W. Doyle	47.6
M. Murphy	46.2

The average was 56 per cent. Compared with the corresponding period last year the collection was .2 better.

The following under date 12th March 1936 (G.47333-36) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

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Adverting to your letter of the 4th instant relative to the payment of poundage to Collector John J. Sinnott (No. 16 Collection District), I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is not prepared to sanction payment of poundage as proposed, but will raise no objection to payment at the rate of 7d less 5 per cent in respect of the lodgment of an amount equivalent to the first moiety of the current warrant plus arrears applicable to 1934-35.

The position of the collection generally in the County is most unsatisfactory and the Minister desires that a copy of this letter be sent to each Collector. The Council should furthermore at the earliest opportunity fix a date for the closing of the warrants in the County, and the action to be taken in the event of failure to comply should be intimated in advance to the Collectors. I am to ask that you will also take such steps at this stage as may be necessary to impress on Collectors that the lists of irrecoverable items should be submitted within the time prescribed."

It was decided to warn Collectors they must close their collection by the lodgment of a sum equivalent to the amount of current rate plus amount of arrears carried forward from 1934/35 assessment by 18th May 1936. That the Council be recommended to withhold Collecting Books for next financial year from any Collector who, in the opinion of the Council has not taken proper steps to carry out this direction. That where there are no arrears carried forward from previous Collections the Council will refuse to regard as temporary uncollectable any amounts of second moiety of current rate.

The Chairman expressed the opinion that the majority of the Collectors should by the present date have collected at least 80% of their current rate.

The following table gives the percentage of ratings on which the first moiety of rate is still due:-

J. Curtis	3.8
D. Kenny	4.5
M. Kehoe	5.6
E. J. Murphy	5.7
J. Cummins	6.0
J. J. O'Reilly	7.3
W. Cummins	7.3
A. Dunne	8.0
P. Doyle	8.4
J. Deegan	8.4
J. J. Sinnott	8.5
P. Carty	10.9
S. Gannon No.10	12.2
W. Doyle	12.2

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J. Flood	12.3
M. McCarthy	12.5
M. Murphy	13.1
P. Nolan	13.3
J. Quirke	15.6
S. Gannon No. 6	19.3

It was decided to inform collectors who have 9% or over of holdings on which first moiety rate is outstanding that the Finance Committee are not satisfied with this state of affairs. They believe Collectors who have over 9% of holdings for which first moiety has not been paid have not been sufficiently energetic in getting in the rates. The requests of the Finance Committee to the Collectors calling for a substantial improvement in their collection have met with poor response, and unless better progress be made from now on the Finance Committee will be obliged to urge that drastic action should be taken.

APPLICATION COMPENSATION CRIMINAL INJURY

An application for £50 compensation for alleged wanton or malicious burning of a rick of hay etc. was received from Patrick Fortune, Corah, Ballycarney.

It was pointed out that applicant had been awarded Decrees previously.

A recommendation was adopted to point out to the Executive Council that the Malicious Injury Acts should be repealed as they are used at present in the main for the protection of Insurance Companies. The Finance Committee understand that in England, in which no such Statutes are in existence, insurance rates are lower than in this country.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following under date 5th March 1936 (H.40,235-36 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to an entry in the minutes of the meeting of the Wexford County Council on the 10th ultimo

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on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state the he consents to the making of the following advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

NAME	PREMISES	AMOUNT
Patrick Scully	Blackstoops, Enniscorthy	£130
Patrick Byrne	do.	£155
Mrs. Mary Anne Pender (nee Corcoran)	do.	£170
Thomas O'Reilly	do.	£155
John Mullett	do.	£130
Charles Hendrick	do.	£125
Mrs. Johanna Kennedy	Shelbaggin, Ramsgrange.	£215
Jeremiah Clare.	Custodium, Inch.	£165

I am to add that the advance of £155 to Patrick Byrne is in lieu of the advance of £145 sanctioned on 11th December, 1935 (H.206829/35) and the advance of £165 to Jeremiah Clare is in lieu of the advance of £150 sanctioned on the 19th November, 1935 (H.186,859/35)."

Under date 12th March 1936 Joseph Doyle, Woodville, Ballyhogue wrote that he had applied under above Acts for a loan of £200 and was awarded £135 which was supplemented by a Government grant of £45 making in all £180, which was not sufficient to finish the building of his house which would cost £245. He now applied for another £55.

It was pointed out that Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, had valued the house at £180 and deducting the grant of £45 from this the applicant had been granted a loan for the balance.

It was decided to inform Mr. Doyle that the Finance Committee could not recommend him for a larger loan taking into account the value of his house and the amount of the Government Grant.

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

"That the advance earmarked provisionally for Mr. W.P. Keegan be transferred to Edward Dempsey, Ardamine, as Mr. Keegan has withdrawn his application."

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In the case of Patrick Byrne, Mr. Kelly said that this man had left the district and did not intend to take up residence in the new house.

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

"That Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor inform James Murphy, New Road, Gorey, and Patrick Byrne, Enniscorthy that, if they do not take up residence in new houses erected under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts by 31st March 1936 the County Council will proceed to take up possession of both houses."

It was decided that at the first meeting of the Finance Committee held after the close of the financial year the list of unsuccessful applicants for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be submitted along with amount of loan for each Rural District not taken up by applicants to whom it was provisionally allocated.

COUNTY COUNCIL INSURANCES

It was decided that quotations for Insurances of County Council be adjourned to next meeting of the Committee when it is expected that the County Surveyor will be in attendance.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER

At last meeting of the Finance Committee letter was read from Mr. Lynch, V.S., New Ross that he had reason to believe a big percentage of sheep was not dipped which was chiefly responsible for any outbreaks of sheep scab in South Wexford.

Under date 9th March 1936, the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, wrote that Mr. Lynch when interviewed, was unable to state any instance in which sheep in the New Ross division were not dipped. He had stated instead that it was his opinion that the sheep were ineffectively dipped

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and consequently subject to scab.

Under date 6th March 1936 Mr. M. J. Hennessy, Lay Sheep Dipping Inspector for New Ross District wrote that the Sheep Dipping Order was not enforced along the Carlow Wexford border from Bunclody to Drummond. The district on the Carlow side of the Mountain was full of Scab and the disease was imported into Wexford by sheep straying down the mountain on to the Wexford side. Carlow sheep owners hired grass every year in Wexford and Wexford people bought sheep from Carlow owners which caused the disease to spread. He held that sheep along the Carlow side of the mountain were never dipped. It would be difficult to prevent the spread of the disease until the Order was properly enforced throughout Carlow County. As regards dipping not being carried out in New Ross District there may be some truth in the matter as the Garda were very dilatory about sending the Forms to the Inspector. These were left in the barracks sometimes for weeks after the date on which they were handed in. Whenever he (Inspector) called to a barrack he found a pile of them hanging about. By holding the Forms in this way the Garda were not giving the Inspector a chance of supervising the dipping of the sheep referred to therein. At present there were two stray sheep on the Wexford Carlow border in a bad state with scab. They had strayed in from Carlow County and were being hunted all over the place by dogs. Sheep owners feared these animals would introduce scab to their flocks. He (Inspector) had reported the matter about a month ago to the Garda and he did not know if they had taken any steps.

It was decided to furnish the Chief Superintendent of the Garda Siochana with extracts from the letter of Mr. Hennessy, Lay Sheep Dipping Inspector; also to ascertain

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if a notice issued by the Council calling attention to the necessity for carrying out the Sheep Dipping Order in an effective manner would be exhibited on the notice boards of Garda Barracks in the County. Owing to the number of rumours in circulation the Council will be obliged to see that this Order is effectively carried out in the future.

VACANCY FOR VETERINARY INSPECTOR WEXFORD DISTRICT

Under date 11th March 1936 the Department of Agriculture wrote (E.1239/36) as follows relative to above vacancy:-

"With reference to your letter of the 17th ultimo, relative to the appointment of a Veterinary Inspector for duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts and Bovine Tuberculosis Order in Wexford district (including Wexford Urban District) in place of Mr. Malone who has resigned, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that he will offer no objection to the rates of remuneration proposed by your Local Authority for the post., viz., £90 per annum for duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts and £25 per annum for duties under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order, the latter sum being subject to periodic revision.

The Minister also approves of the proposal of your local Authority regarding the description of the district of the Veterinary Inspector viz., the old Rural District of Wexford and the Urban District of Wexford.

I have to add that the duties of the post might be set out as shown in the accompanying memorandum. The regular Veterinary Inspector to be appointed should reside within the district in question."

The following is a list of the duties to be carried out:-

(a) Attendance at all cases or suspected cases of Scheduled Contagious Animal Diseases reported under the respective Orders within the district of the Veterinary Inspector.

(b) The carrying out of duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts and Orders (including the Bovine Tuberculosis Order and the Sheep Dipping Orders) and of all Orders issued or that may be issued thereunder by the Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

(c) Attendance at fairs in the district in connection with the various Orders especially of the Sheep Scab Order

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and the furnishing of reports at least once a month of the work carried out in connection with attendance at fairs.

It was decided that Statutory Request on the lines already agreed to by the Finance Committee with list of duties supplied by Department of Agriculture be furnished to the Local Appointments Commission in respect of the vacancy.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

Under date 11th March 1936 the Department of Agriculture wrote (E.1022-36) that the names of the Inspectors appointed at the meeting of the Council on 9th instant for the purposes of above Order and the particulars of the districts to which they had been assigned had been duly noted. The decision of the Finance Committee that the Council's Veterinary Surgeons, in the event of their accepting the proposals as to supervision under the Order should meet the newly appointed Inspectors on the 16th instant for the purpose of giving practical illustrations to the Lay Inspectors as to treatment under the Order, had also been noted.

Letters were read from the following Veterinary Surgeons that they agreed to the proposals of the Council as to supervision and remuneration therefor:- Messrs. F.S. Ringwood (Enniscorthy), T. A. Mernagh (Gorey), Frank Staples (Wexford) and F. W. Taylor and Joseph Lynch (New Ross).

LEAVE OF ABSENCE COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER

Under date 9th March 1936 the following was read from Dr. C. Bastible, County Medical Officer:-

"I wish to apply to the Wexford County Council through you for the balance of my annual leave for 1935 plus a week of my annual leave for 1936.

The dates for which I wish to apply are from the 19th March to the 9th April, 1936. I name as my substitute Dr. Thomas O'Sullivan at the usual remuneration of 10 guineas

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a week. Dr. O'Sullivan is at the moment acting as Tuberculosis Officer and he will be able to get another Doctor to do his duty during the period of my absence."

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

"That the leave applied for by Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, viz., from 19th March to 9th April 1936 be agreed to subject to the approval of County Board of Health."

It was also agreed that Dr. Thomas O'Sullivan, D.P.H., be appointed as substitute at remuneration of £10. 10. 0 per week with Vouched Travelling Expenses at the rate of £200 per annum.

GREAT ISLAND EMBANKMENT

Under date 11th March 1936 the following (12551/36 - Estate of E.M. Gallwey County Wexford. Rec. No. S.855) was read from the Irish Land Commission:-

"With reference to your letter of the 17th ultimo, forwarding a copy of a resolution adopted by your Council at their meeting on the 10th idem, regarding flooding at Greatisland on the above Estate, stated to be due to defective river embankments, I am desired by the Land Commission to inform you that this matter is at present being investigated by them and that a further communication on the subject will be made to you in due course."

It was decided to furnish Mr. N. J. Murphy, Kilmokea, Campile, with copy of this letter for the information of the people concerned.

MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES

The following proposals under Minor Relief Schemes have been approved by the Office of Public Works:-

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT: Repairing and widening the accommodation road leading through Garrymile townland - the approach to nine dwellings in the townland. Amount £80.

Repair and surface road at Garrynisk. £50.

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GOREY DISTRICT: Repair and widen road leading from County road near Riverchapel village at James Daly's house etc. Amount £75.

Repair accommodation road leading from County road in Croghan and going north west to tenants' houses in Croghan Upper. Amount £80.

NEW ROSS DISTRICT: Repair and surface lane at Hopefield and Tottenham Green. Amount £70.

WEXFORD DISTRICT: Repair and surface road in Ballinacoola-beg and Ballinacoola More. Amount £80.

APPOINTMENT OF RATE CLERKS

It was decided that special Committee for appointment of temporary clerks to write up Rate Books and Receipt and Demand Note Books meet at 3.30 p.m. on Friday 27th March 1936 to select those who are to be employed.

Patrick Beary, 3 St. Columbas Villas, Wexford, wrote applying for extra remuneration this year for acting as charge hand when engaged in the following work:- Issue of abatement forms; checking these when returned etc. and also preparation of Rate Books, Receipt and Demand Notes. At present he was in receipt of 1/- per hour, the same rate of pay as the clerks whose work he directed. He considered that last year he had carried out the work satisfactorily and the members would, he believed, agree with him that a person overseeing the work of a number of men was entitled to something over and above the rate of pay of those of whose work he was in charge.

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

"That Patrick Beary, while engaged as charge hand in connection with preparation of Rate Books etc. be paid at the rate of 1/2d. per hour."

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CARETAKER GOREY UNION BUILDINGS

Under date 11th March 1936 Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district wrote that he had arranged with Thomas Lawlor, Caretaker, Gorey Union Buildings, about taking over possession on 14th March 1936. He went into the question of claim for repairs carried out in lodge where he resides and valued same at £3.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to allow Thomas Lawlor, Caretaker, Gorey Union Buildings, the sum of £3 for repairs carried out by him at the Lodge, Gorey Union Buildings."

ROSSLARE SEWERAGE SCHEME

Under date 19th February 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health forwarded (P.H.9012/1936) Sealed Order fixing the area of Wexford Rural District as constituted before the 1st day of October 1925 as the area of charge on which all expenses for the purposes of providing a sewerage system and maintaining the same at Rosslare. These expenses will be chargeable as between the area of Wexford Rural District as set out in the proportion of nineteen twentieths and one twentieth on the townlands of Bearlough, Mauritiustown, Rosetown, Walsheslough and Whitehouse in Rosslare District Electoral Division.

COUNTY BUILDINGS AND LEASE

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, said that it was intended that the fee farm grant about to be taken out would be at the same rent £207. 11. 6d. as was set out in the lease just expired. There was a head-rent of £22 and there was also an annuity of £20, both of which had to be satisfied out of the £207. 11. 6. At twenty

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years' purchase the capital sum would be £4140.

It was decided that further consideration of the matter be adjourned to next meeting of Finance Committee when the amount of annuity to raise the above amount at 20, 25, 30 and 35 years at 4, 4¼, 4½, 4¾ and 5 per cent would be submitted.

VILLAGE STREETS

It was decided to ask the County Surveyor to submit schemes for the repair of the streets of the villages of the County to next meeting of the Finance Committee with a view to making application to the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) for a 50% grant towards these repairs.

GOREY TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Under date 7th March 1936 the Principal of Gorey Technical School wrote asking the permission of the County Council to have new holes for erection of fair-day temporary fencing posts opened in the side walk in front of Gorey School in place of those filled in by Co. Council workers.

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"The Finance Committee cannot see their way to recommend the County Council to agree to request from Principal of Gorey Technical School re opening of holes in side walk in front of school but would approve of the erection of a suitable temporary railing which should be erected to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

IRISH SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS

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

"That permission be given County Wexford Vocational Education Committee to use County Council Chamber for the purpose of holding the Committee's Irish Scholarship Examinations on 16th May and 23rd May 1936."

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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 13th March 1936 be received and considered."

ROSSLARE SEWERAGE SCHEME: The County Surveyor submitted the following under date 1st April 1936 from Mr. P.H.McCarthy, 26 Lower Leeson Street, Dublin:-

"I send you herewith a survey to a scale of 20-feet to an inch showing the east side of the public road at Rosslare, the edge of the concrete, the adjoining fence and the houses.

On this I have indicated where the sewer will be laid. The existing water main is between the edge of the concrete and the fence. Owing to the nature of the ground I don't think we could safely keep any nearer to the existing pipe, in fact I think we will be very close to the existing pipes - that is the water mains.

Between Manhole 14 and Manhole 16 you will see we are a good distance away from the edge of the concrete and in this case you will need to keep your new fence between the sewer and the edge of the concrete, but the fact of our sewer being on the land side would not interfere with any building development. The same observations apply from about midway between Manholes 18 and 19 to the final Manhole No. 22 on the Public Road. Mr. Kelly was anxious that none of his trees would be interfered with and I have tried to meet his views by keeping the sewer clear of the trees.

I shall be glad if you could look into the matter and have things arranged at your earliest convenience as the Contractor will soon want to make a start at this portion of the work."

The County Surveyor said that after examining the plan he inspected the place and did not agree with the proposals of Mr. McCarthy. The latter had gone outside the area which the County Council decided to take in as per the agreements they had made for widening the road. He (County Surveyor) was satisfied that the sewerage pipes could be laid under the road footpath as was pointed out to Mr. McCarthy in the first instance and apparently accepted by him.

After discussion the Chairman proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Culleton and adopted:-

"That Miss O'Ryan, Messrs. Corish, Col. Gibbon, Mr.

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P. H. McCarthy (Engineer) with the Secretary to Board of Health and County Surveyor be appointed a Sub-Committee to meet at Rosslare to inspect and report as to the laying of sewerage pipes as regards widening of road . That the County Surveyor fix place, date and hour of meeting when he has arranged for the attendance of Mr. McCarthy.

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

"That Sub-Committee also examine timber structures erected at the end of Station Road, Rosslare and report to the Council theron."

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 13th March 1936 be and are hereby confirmed"

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 27th MARCH 1936: The Minutes of Finance Committee for this date were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 27th March 1936.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman (presiding), Messrs. Patrick Colfer, Wm. 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 £5559. 7. Od. was examined and signed.

NEXT MEETING OF COMMITTEE

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

"That as Good Friday falls on 10th April 1936 - the day fixed for next meeting of this Committee - said meeting be held on 9th April."

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following shows the position of the Rate Collection to date:-

E. J. Murphy	77.3
J. Curtis	71.9
S. Gannon No. 10	68.3
M. Kehoe	67.5
S. Gannon No. 6	67.3
J. Deegan	66.8
J. Cummins	66.0
J. Flood	64.3
D. Kenny	64.1
P. Carty	63.2
P. Doyle	61.6
J. J. O'Reilly	60.7
P. Nolan	60.2
M. McCarthy	57.7
A. Dunne	56.9
W. Cummins	56.2
J. Quirke	54.1
J. J. Sinnott	53.3
M. Murphy	51.3
W. Doyle	50.5

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The percentage of amount collected was 1.9 per cent behind the amount for the corresponding period last year.

Under date 23rd March 1936, the following letter (G.45303-36 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that he has had under consideration the position of the Rate Collection in Wexford County, as disclosed in the monthly return for the period ending 29th ultimo, and to state, that having regard to all the circumstances, he is not satisfied that the collection is being carried out with all possible diligence by the Collectors. In five Districts a moiety of the rates has not so far been lodged, and it is apparent that unless the question is now taken up with the Collectors personally, the ratepayers who are in a position to pay will postpone meeting their obligations indefinitely.

I am to request that the following steps should now be taken, viz.:-

1. A copy of this letter should be sent forthwith to every collector in the County, with a request that the active steps so far taken to enforce the collection, and proposed to be taken before the end of this month, should be notified to you in writing within three days. Copies of these statements should be submitted to this Department. The Collectors should be warned that unless these statements are forthcoming by the prescribed time, their suspension will follow. In any case in which the reply is evasive or unsatisfactory, the Collector should be so informed and a further opportunity afforded him to comply. If continued failure results, the matter should be put before the Council for necessary action.

2. The Rate Inspector, assisted, if necessary, by a member of the clerical staff, should arrange to visit the Districts of Collectors J. Quirke, W. Doyle, S. Gannon, J. Deegan, J. Cummins, J. Flood, W. Cummins, M. Murphy and J.J. Sinnott, where the outstanding amounts require special explanation. The Rate Collector in each case should be interviewed as to the manner in which he has so far effected his collection, special attention being paid (i) to the dates on which the Demand Notes were actually served (ii) the methods by which the fact that rates are now overdue are brought to the notice of the ratepayer in default i.e., whether ratepayers who are in arrear and in a position to have paid, have been visited personally by the Collector, and warned as to the consequences, (iii) the number of cases in which six day notices have been issued or legal proceedings instituted. The special reports in all cases should be submitted to this Department.

I am to add that the Minister does not regard the position in any of the Districts in the County as satisfactory, due regard being had to the dates the warrants were issued and the progress made in other counties with comparable ecomomic features. Apart from any disciplinary action by way of removal from office, which may be necessary, it should be borne in mind that up to the present

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considerable deference has been paid to the wishes of the Council in regard to the poundage payable to Collectors who have have not complied with the conditions of their appointments. It is obvious that an impression has now arisen that payment at the maximum basis with in many cases an addition by way of bonus, will follow, irrespective of the dates of closing, provided application to this effect is made.

The Minister now deems it necessary that there should be a clear understanding at this stage, that apart from cases in which graver disciplinary action is necessary, poundage at rates which may hitherto have been regarded as customary, will not be sanctioned unless there is reasonable compliance with the conditions prescribed. The Collectors would accordingly do well to realise that the results by way of remuneration will depend on an early closing of their warrants, and that the responsibility for any reductions made from the basic rate of poundage will rest entirely with themselves.

Furthermore the issue of the warrants for the coming financial year should not be presumed by any Collector who is not prepared to carry out the directions to be issued by the Council in regard to the closing of the current warrant. The Minister sees no reason why a date not later than the 30th proximo should not be fixed by the Council for closing generally in regard to the whole county, and Collectors notified to this effect. The views of the Council on this matter will be awaited."

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

"That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be informed that the County Council have fixed 18th May 1936 as the closing date for warrants of Rate Collectors in respect of current financial year. The Finance Committee request the Minister to acquiese in this proposal as a number of important fairs are held in the County between 1st May and 18th May."

The Secretary stated it was intended to call in the nine collectors named in the Department's communication to County Council offices on 3rd April 1936, when the amounts outstanding would be examined.

Attention was called to advertisement issued by collectors in Gorey area in which it was stated that they had "received notice from Local Government Department threatening suspension and dismissal of any Collector who does not take immediate and drastic steps against ratepayers in default."

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It was pointed out that the meaning of this advertisement could only be that the Rate Collectors in question were only prepared to carry out their duties on threat of suspension or dismissal. The Finance Committee considered this a most undesirable view to take, particularly in view of the contract of service between the Collectors and the County Council to collect rates with all due diligence.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That in connection with collection of rates, Rate Collectors must, in future, submit to County Secretary, for his approval any advertisement which they propose to issue in respect of collection."

In connection with seizures for rates the Finance Committee adopted a resolution asking the Land Commission, when dealing with cases in which amounts were due for Land Annuities and also for rates, that the amount realised should be on a 50/50 basis.

Attention was also called to a particular case in which nulla bona/return had been made by the Sheriff on a holding which had been set. There were nine cows and two year old cattle on the lands and also a large crop of wheat had been obtained from the holding last year.

The Chairman proposed the following resolution:-

"That as regards payment of arrears of rates this Finance Committee are of opinion that the law should be amended enabling growing crops of cereals etc. to be seized and enabling Collectors to obtain a garnishee Order against crops. At present, corn cannot be seized unless in stack."

Mr. Kelly seconded the resolution which was adopted.

COUNTY COUNCIL INSURANCES

The following quotations were received for the County Council Insurances for financial year 1936/37:-

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The Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corporation Ltd. quoted through their brokers Messrs. McDonagh & Boland, the following figures:-

Employers Liability: Common Law 1/6%; Sub Contractors 60% 30/-% and all others 30/-%.

Public Liability: Indemnity £1,000; £10,000 for one year; on Wages 3/6%.

The Employers Liability Assurance Co. Ltd. quoted as follows:-

Employers Liability Risk: Common Law 1/6%; Sub Contractors 30/-% and all others 30/-%.

Public Liability Risk: On wages 3/6%.

Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Co. quoted as follows:-

Employers Liability Risk: Common Law 1/6%; Sub Contractors 30/-%; all others 30/-%.

Public Liability Risk: 3/6% on wages.

Mr. J. J. O'Sullivan, Broker, gave the following quotations:-

Employers Liability Risk: Common Law 1/6%; Sub Contractors 30/-% and all others 30/-%.

Public Liability Risk: Not stated.

G. L. Dexter quoted for the Irish National Assurance Co. at the following figures:-

Employers Liability Risk: Not stated.

Public Liability Risk: Indemnity £1000, unlimited at 4/6% on wages.

Messrs. Kehoe & Co. for Lloyds, London, quoted as follows:-

Employers Liability Risk: 25/-% over all.

Public Liability Risk: 5/-% Roads and Quarries; 2/-% remainder. £5,000 one year - unlimited or Flat Premium £100.

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A Representative of the Ocean Accident Company came before the Finance Committee and explained that the rate quoted by them, was the lowest for any County Council in the Free State.

The Chairman pointed out that quotation for the various insurances by the Ocean Accident Company was the same as last year except for Public Liability Risk on Wages, which was increased from 2/-% to 3/6%. He considered that this was not justified.

The Insurance Company's Representative stated that the rate was based on the"incidence of accidents" and the Company were not prepared to reduce it. Next year, if things were favourable, a reduction might be secured.

In the course of further discussion, a point was raised as to the liability of the County Council in the case of carters who were Sub-Contractors and in respect of whom accidents might occur while engaged drawing material for the County Council. It was stated this liability was not covered by present Insurance Policies and a potential liability policy in connection with horse drivers should be obtained.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution:-

"That the quotations for County Council Insurances from the Ocean Accident Company through Messrs. McDonagh & Boland, Brokers, be accepted."

Passed.

MAIN ROAD UP-KEEP GRANT

Under date 14th March 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RGM/201/36) that a grant of £11958 had been provisionally allocated for the upkeep of Main Roads for Wexford County for year 1936-37. This represents 40% of the amount passed by the

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Council for the upkeep of Main Roads, viz., £29,897.

ALLEGED REMOVAL OF ROAD MATERIAL

The County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, under date 24th March 1936:-

"On 20th instant I inspected above Contract Road No. 602 in company with Ganger Bradley, and found that a depot of unspread material had been removed. This did not appear to have been spread on the road, and we found the stones (approximately nine cubic yards) dumped inside the fence of an adjoining field.

This Contract is in the name of John Butler, Newbawn, but is worked by Nicholas Butler, Newbawn. In the course of further investigation I interviewed the latter, and he told me that he had all material spread on the particular road. Eventually he admitted having removed the stones, and could not give any satisfactory explanation.

These people hold a number of Road Contracts and Haulage Agreements, but are anxious to be rid of the former."

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

"That the report of Mr. Cullen under date 24th March 1936, as to alleged removal of road material from Road No. 602 be referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, with a view to prosecution."

GROUND RENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

A discussion took place relative to the redemption of the ground rent of County Buildings, viz., £207. 11. 6d. at 20 years' purchase and figures were submitted showing amount of annuity for 20,25, 30 and 35 years at 4%, 4½% and 5%.

It was decided that the Treasurer be requested to state if National Bank would be prepared to advance loan for the purpose, and if so, for what period and on what

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terms. Also that it be ascertained if loan can be obtained from Local Loans Fund and for what period.

"ECHO" NEWSPAPER AND PRINTING ROAD WORKS SCHEME

Under date 25th March 1936 the following was read from Managing Director, "Echo" Newspaper, Enniscorthy:-

"In reply to your favour of the 18th instant enclosing us copy of the Resolution passed by the Finance Committee relative to the complaint of the County Surveyor as to the delay in Printing of the Road Works Scheme. We regret exceedingly the inconvenience caused. The delay was due to the fact that at the time we had an exceptional heavy rush of work and some of the principal members of our Staff were ill. Needless to say that at all times it is our desire to give prompt delivery and satisfactory work. We are for a number of years Contractors to your Council as well as several other County Councils and Public Bodies and this is the first occasion our work has been the cause of complaint.

We assure you that there will be no delay in executing your work in future."

It was decided to accept the explanation.

PRINTING CONTRACT FOR 1936-37

The following tenders for printing Contract for 1936-37 were submitted:-

"The Echo", Enniscorthy, £111. 9. 0; "The People", Wexford, £116. 18. 0 and "Free Press", Wexford £118. 5. 6d.

The tender of "The Echo" - the lowest - was accepted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Keegan.

ALLEGED NON-TRADE UNION FIRM

The following was read from Michael Fitzpatrick, Wexford Lodge, United Operative Plumbers and Domestic Engineers' Association of Great Britain and Ireland:-

"I am instructed by the Members of above Association (Wexford Lodge) to inform you that the firm of Thos. J. Quigley, North Main Street, Wexford, Electrical Engineer, who has been employed by your Council is a Non Trade Union firm, as he has refused to pay the standard rate to the two Electricians who were employed by him. They then had no other alternative but to leave him."

The County Surveyor stated that Mr. Quigley ~~was not~~ was not working for the County Council.

No order.

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HAULAGE CONTRACTS - JOHN KENNEDY

The following under date 22nd March 1936 was read from John Kennedy, Ballinaberney, Strahart, Ferns:-

"I received a letter from you some time ago in which it stated that it was reported at a Council Meeting that I took out contracts for haulage in a friend's name. Well, that's untrue, but I carted material for a man by the name of Murphy, who got sick and was unable to carry out his contracts, for which he paid me, but I took out no contracts in his name. And I challenge the person who made that accusation against me to prove it at the next Council Meeting and let Murphy prove the way it happened."

It was decided that copy of this letter be furnished Mr. R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, for his observations.

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 approve of overdraft accommodation by the Council with their Treasurer up to a maximum of £40,000 (Forty Thousand Pounds) for the months of April, May and June 1936."

ALLOCATION FROM CONTINGENCIES FUND

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

"That the following allocations be made from Roads Contingencies Funds:-

MAIN

3	£ 8. 0. 0d
12	£ 5. 0. 0d
57	£12. 0. 0d
64	£ 3. 0. 0d
68	£3 . 0. 0d
41	£ 3. 0. 0d
52	£ 8.10. 0d
30	£ 9. 0. 0d

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COUNTY

Sect. 1	£10. 0. 0d
" 8	£24. 0. 0d
" 34	£20.14. 0d

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CO. MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

The following letter (P.H.55896/35 Loch Garman) under date 14th March 1936 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, and I am to state that, subject to ratification by the County Council, the Minister approves of the appointment of Dr. T. O'Sullivan, D.P.H., as substitute during the absence on leave of Dr. C. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, as from the 19th instant, with remuneration at the rate of £10/10/- per week and vouched travelling expenses not exceeding £200 per annum.

EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS

Invitation was received from Fianna Fail Workers Club, Cinema Lane, Wexford, as to participation in Commemoration Procession to Crosstown Cemetery, Wexford, on Easter Sunday.

No order.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 27th March 1936 be received and considered."

COUNTY COUNCIL INSURANCES: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to obtain from Messrs. McDonagh and Boland, 51 Dame Street, Dublin, quotation for potential liability policy for drivers of horse-drawn vehicles who are employed from time to time by the Council."

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 27th March 1936, be and are hereby confirmed."

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 9th APRIL 1936: The 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, County Hall, Wexford, on 9th April 1936.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding, also, Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, 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

Treasurers' Advice Note for £5462. 9. 4d. was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following gives the state of the Rate Collection to date. It was 6.1 per cent below the amount collected at the corresponding period last year:-

E. J. Murphy	87.9
J. Curtis	84.2
S. Gannon No. 10.	79.1
P. Carty	77.1
J. Deegan	76.7
M. Kehoe	76.7
J. Cummins	76.3
D. Kenny	75.8
S. Gannon No. 6.	71.7
J. Flood	71.7
P. Nolan	71.2
P. Doyle	70.8
J. J. O'Reilly	70.3
M. McCarthy	68.5
A. Dunne	64.2
J. Quirke	61.7
W. Cummins	61.7
J. J. Sinnott	58.6
M. Murphy	58.1
W. Doyle	56.8
	70.2

The following report was submitted from the Secretary:-

"Delay in closing warrant in due time is frequently caused through Collectors' failure to take prompt steps to recover first moiety in good time. The result is that numbers of ratepayers pay first moiety in the months of

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January and February, and Collectors, therfore, find it impossible to collect second moiety by the 31st March.

It is suggested that Collectors should take definite action against ratepayers, who are in arrear with first moiety, about the middle of November each year. In order that the Council should be kept informed of the position of the first moiety, I consider Collectors should be instructed to lodge rates applicable to first moiety separately so that returns may be easily prepared showing at Finance Meetings the position of each moiety separately.

Some Collectors complain that since decrees obtained through the Courts were not executed this had a detrimental effect on the collection and, also, when a Court decree is obtained, a Collector is not authorised to proceed under his own warrant. It would be well to point out to Collectors, generally, that if a Court decree be obtained for, say, the 1934-35 rate, there is nothing to prevent them seizing on their own warrants in respect of rate for the year ended March 1936. It would be well to ask Rate Collectors to send list of unexecuted Court Decrees to the Rates Inspector so that the matter may be taken up with the County Registrar.

Nine Collectors were interviewed at County Council Offices on Friday, 3rd April 1936, viz:- J. Quirke, W. Doyle, S. Gannon, J. Deegan, J. Cummins, J. Flood, W. Cumming M. Murphy and J. J. Sinnott.

All these Collectors, except William Doyle had their Demand Notes served by the end of August. The service of Demand Notes in Mr. Doyle's area was not completed until 20th September 1935. The Collectors stated they called a number of times on defaulting ratepayers but three of the Collectors did not obtain Court decrees for current rate within the financial year. Cases were, however, dealt with by the Collectors' Solicitors. I have notified the Collectors concerned that in future they should take steps

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to obtain decrees in due time before the end of the financial year.

The attention of Collectors was drawn to the fact that last year in a number of instances one moiety of outstanding rate remained uncollected and had to be carried forward in the following year's warrant. They were informed they should make a special "drive" to secure the hanging half year before Collecting books are closed next month.

It would be advisable that Collectors put greater energy into the early stages of the collection. It appeared that a number of Collectors put off taking definite action against ratepayers until after 31st March. This results in a very poor collection at the close of the financial year. I consider a definite date should be fixed for the closing of the first moiety and that the steps now taken by the Collectors after the close of the financial year, should be taken in respect of the first moiety by mid-November, and for the second moiety by the 1st March."

The foregoing report of County Secretary was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Colfer.

Miss O'Ryan pointed out that the collection in her opinion should be much more forward than it was. There were definite signs of increasing prosperity as compared with last year.

The Rates Inspector stated that the Credit Notes last year had the effect of bringing in at this particular period a large amount of money. The collection would not wind up with a 6% deficit, compared with corresponding period last year.

Miss O'Ryan held that unless the Warrants were satisfactorily closed the services of some of the Collectors would have to be dispensed with.

After consideration it was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan that ~~the~~ two years'

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arrears would be brought forward in the new Collecting Books and any arrears over and above this be collected as Separate items.

It was decided that Collectors be called upon at the close of warrant to lodge any items on Collecting Books on which they fail to give the Secretary a satisfactory reason for non-collection.

The Rate Inspector will from his visits to Collectors' Districts note on outstanding lists his observations in respect of undischarged items.

The Chairman considered that from now to the end of the collection, the Rates Inspector should compile a list of people from whom it was expected rates would not be obtained, and have a report for the Finance Committee, at the meeting at which the close of the collection will be considered.

It was also decided that any collector who will lodge the equivalent of current warrant and last year's arrears will be regarded as having made a satisfactory colse. The Finance Committee feel they will be compelled to take drastic steps against Collectors who fail to carry out this direction.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to obtain approval of Minister for Local Government and Public Health to permanent appointment of John Deegan, as Rate Collector for No. 7 District, and to Sean Gannon, Collector for No. 10 District,(which we recommend, should be amalgamated with No. 6)."

"This recommendation is made in view of the fact that both these Collectors have given satisfaction in the past. Should it be decided that an examination for this position is required, we recommend the Council to insert in the ad-

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vertisement inviting applications, a provision that any person at present in the service of the Council and who has proved satisfactory, will not be required to sit for the examination."

SOW DRAINAGE RATE: Letter from Thomas Leacy, Killusk, The Ballagh, as to Rates on Sow Drainage Area was referred to the collector concerned.

EMPLOYMENT OF RATE CLERKS: The Secretary was given authority to dispense with the services of any temporary Rate Clerks whose work was not up to the average.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, made application on behalf of Mr. Matthew Parle, Clover Valley, Taghmon, for loan under above Acts for house which he proposed to erect at a cost of £500, as per plan of Mr. Gerald Flood, Engineer County Board of Health. It was decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Colfer that a sum of £350 be advanced in this case.

Application from Mrs. Goldie, 1 Wafer Street, Enniscorthy was refused as she lived in the Urban District of Enniscorthy.

The meeting considered that any balance on foot of existing loans and any money which may be made available under any new loans should be reserved for applicants residing in rural areas.

Enniscorthy District: Amount available unspent £250. Reduction of Loans £170. Total £420.

The following advances were agreed to:- Owen Hiney, Rectory Road, Enniscorthy £180; Mrs. Murphy, Dranagh, Caim £100; Walter Carley, Rectory Road, Enniscorthy £140. These were selected from previous lists of applicants.

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Gorey District: Available £200 from previous loans and £140 through reduction of loans. Total £340.

It was decided that allocation be made at next meeting of Finance Committee from existing applicants.

New Ross District: There is a sum of £360 available in this district and it was decided to allocate this at next meeting of Finance Committee.

Wexford District: It was also decided to allocate the £860 available in this district at next meeting of Finance Committee.

A resolution was adopted asking County Surveyor to ascertain from Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, if it is possible to make a revised value of house (£150) of Patrick Murphy, Rosetown, Barntown.

The steps to be taken by the County Solicitor in reference to houses of Ml. McGrath, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy and Patrick Byrne, 7 Market Square, Enniscorthy, at present unoccupied were approved.

TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACT 1934

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

"That Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, be instructed to prepare a Memorandum which will afford the requisite information to the Council as to the necessary steps to take to put into effect provisions of the Town and Regional Planning Act in so far as same may affect the rural portion of the County Wexford.

PRINTING RECEIPT AND DEMAND NOTE BOOKS

Two tenders were received for the printing of Collectors' Receipt and Demand Notes for year 1936/37:-

Messrs. Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy at £26. 18. 6, and

Messrs. J. English & Co., Wexford at £28. 0. 0.

Redmond's tender was accepted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly.

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WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

The Secretary reported that John Doyle, Ballygoman, Barntown, had resigned his position as Warble Fly Inspector for No. 11 district, comprising the following Electoral Divisions:- Glynn, Kilbride, Killurin, Kilpatrick, Artramont, Ardcavan, Ardcolm, Forth, Carrig, Taghmon and Whitechurch (Glynn).

This was owing to the fact that he had not recovered from the effects of a recent accident.

The Secretary said he had suggested to the Department of Agriculture that the district might be divided between the Inspectors for Nos. 12 and 13, but the Department would not agree and stated they preferred a new man should be appointed to the vacancy.

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

"That Edward Woods, Kingsford, Barntown, a former applicant for the position, be appointed as temporary Inspector under Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order 1936 for No. 11 District, vice John Doyle, Ballygoman, Barntown, resigned. We understand that Mr. Woods has been helping John Doyle in this work up to the present. That this temporary appointment be reported to the meeting of the County Council on the 14th instant."

BALLYTHOMAS QUARRY

Mr. Keegan pointed out that as there was a considerable amount of unemployment in the district, and a number of men were available for hand breaking at the above quarry, the County Surveyor should arrange to start work there immediately.

The County Surveyor said that if at all possible he would carry out the proposal of Mr. Keegan.

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HAULAGE CONTRACT - J. KENNEDY, BALLYNAHERRY, STRAHART.

In connection with the statement of Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, that John Kennedy had obtained haulage for two roads in a friend's name, a letter from Kennedy denying these allegations had been referred to Mr. Ennis. Kennedy stated in this communication it was untrue to say he had taken contracts for haulage in anybody's name. He had carted material for a man named Murphy who was ill and unable to carry out his contracts. Murphy paid him for the work but there were no contracts taken out by Kennedy in Murphy's name and Murphy was prepared to prove this to the Council.

The County Surveyor said that Mr. Ennis adhered to his statement that Kennedy had tendered for and got two other roads in another person's name.

No order; as the Finance Committee had already dealt with the matter and had decided to warn Kennedy that if a similar complaint was made against him in future he would be debarred from any further work under the Council.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Notification was received from the District Court Clerk, New Ross, that application would be made for the committal of Bridget Lewis, 6 years old, illfgitimate child of Mary Lewis, who was unable to support her, and who was at present an inmate of the Good Shepherd Convent, New Ross as a penitent.

Referred to Mr. Elgee.

TELEPHONE EXCHANGE - COUNTY HALL

Under date 9th April, 1936, the following was read from Secretary, County Board of Health:-

"It has been suggested at a meeting of the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance that telephonic arrangements for the Board's new offices at the County Hall might best be made by providing a telephone exchange for the County Hall Offices and the employment of a special

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person to keep the exchange and keep a Departmental Return of telephone calls. I understand from Mr. Allen that he is anxious to discuss this matter at the meeting of the Finance Committee to-day."

The proposal was agreed to on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION CRIMINAL INJURY

An application from Dr. James A. Pierse, Wexford, for £20 compensation for damage to gas brackets, globes, mantles, window glass, window frames and doors at Ard Ruadh, Spawell Road, Wexford, was referred to the County Solicitor.

TEMPORARY FILING CLERK

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

"That application of Secretary for temporary filing clerk for two months be approved, remuneration to be at the rate of 25/- per week."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 3rd April 1936, Mr. J. M. Druhan, 35, Chelmsford Road, Ranelagh, Dublin, a County Council University Scholar, wrote that as a result of an examination he had obtained a position in the Civil Service and he had decided on accepting instead of continuing his University studies. He was not returning to the University next term.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to agree to allow Mr. J. M. Druhan (University Scholar) to accept a position in Civil Service on condition that he repays to the County Council any amount paid on foot of his scholarship from the date of his attendance at his last University Lecture. That this scholarship be cancelled."

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TRIPOD FOR INSPECTOR WEIGHTS & MEASURES NEW ROSS

Under date 19th March 1936 Sergeant McGrath, G.S., Ex-Officio Inspector Weights & Measures Acts, New Ross wrote that it was very difficult to verify traders' beam scales owing to lack of suitable means of hanging them. Owing to the construction of the Courthouse, there was no place at which he could erect a plank to hold the scales and it would be objectionable to erect a permanent wooden structure. A tripod having a clearance of 8 feet to carry about eight cwt. would meet requirements.

Quotation from Thomas Lee, Blacksmith, Quay, New Ross, to supply the tripod referred to in Sergeant McGrath's application at £2 was submitted and report from County Surveyor that the quotation would probably be the lowest that could be secured.

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

"That quotation of Thomas Lee, Quay, New Ross, for supply of tripod for Ex-Officio Inspector of Weights and Measures, New Ross, at £2 be accepted."

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Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem. con.:-

"That Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting of 9th April 1936 as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

HAULAGE CONTRACTS - JOHN KENNEDY: In connection with this matter the following was read from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"I have nothing to add to my letter of 6th February 1936 in this case."

Mr. Ronan said he knew all the people concerned in the matter and understood that Murphy did take out the haulage contracts but owing to varicose veins was laid up and got Kennedy to carry out the work. There were certainly grounds for suspicion.

Mr. Ennis said he interviewed Murphy who was surprised to find that a tender for haulage was lodged in his name.

The matter dropped.

TELEPHONE EXCHANGE: It was decided that Miss O'Ryan and Mr. Corish be appointed a Sub-Committee to deal with this matter and report. It was arranged they should meet on Thursday, 16th April 1936 at 10 o'clock.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 9th April 1936 be and are hereby confirmed."

TEMPORARY RATE CLERKS

The following report of meeting of Selection Committee for appointment of temporary staff for writing up Rate Books etc. was approved on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

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SELECTION TEMPORARY CLERICAL STAFF - RATE BOOK WORK

A Meeting of Sub-Committee for the selection of Rate Book staff was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 27th March 1936.

Present:- Enniscorthy District - Mr. John P. Kelly.
Gorey - The Chairman and Mr. Keegan.
New Ross - Mr. Colfer.
Wexford - Mr. Cullimore.

The following applicants were selected:-

Enniscorthy District:

Edward Brennan, 27 Market Square, Enniscorthy.
James Whelan, 14 St. Aidan's Villas, Enniscorthy.
Thomas O'Rourke, 16 John Street, Enniscorthy.
Kevin Maher, 28 Island Road, Enniscorthy.

Gorey District:

Ml. Conroy, Clonattin Road, GOREY.
James Sinnott, Newtown, Clonevan.
John Reid, Tara Hill, Gorey.
John Bolger, Garden City, Gorey.

New Ross District:

James Brennan, Chapel Lane, New Ross.
Wm. Kiely, Newbawn.
James O'Shea, Lower Rosbercon, New Ross.
James Whelan, Nunnery Lane, New Ross.

Wexford District:

Thomas Wafer, St. Peter's Square, Wexford.
William O'Leary, 12 Mill Road, Wexford.
Patrick Leacy, c/o Nurse Murphy, South Main Street. Wexford.
James Roche, 20 Barrack Street, Wexford.

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WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER.
APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTOR.

Miss O'Ryan proposed:- "That Edward Woods, Kingsford, Barntown, be appointed Inspector under Warble Fly Order for No. 11 Area for the balance of inspectorial period."

Mr. Cummins seconded.

Mr. Kinsella proposed and Mr. Smyth seconded the appointment of William Murphy, Kilcorral, Castlebridge.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Woods:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, O'Ryan, Thos. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman (13).

For Murphy:- Messrs. Connors, Day, Gibbon, Kinsella, O'Byrne and Smyth. (6).

Col. Quin declined voting.

The Chairman declared Woods elected.

Under date 21st March 1936 the Department of Agriculture wrote that the Minister approved of the proposed temporary employment of Mr. Jas. Doyle, Ballygoman, Barntown, as Inspector under Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order during the illness of his brother, Mr. John Doyle, subject to the approval of the County Council and to Mr. James Doyle complying with the appropriate conditions.

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

"That we approve of the appointment of James Doyle as substitute for his brother John Doyle as Inspector under Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order 1936 during the illness of John Doyle."

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE AND WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' PENSIONS ACT 1936.

Under date 27th March 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (National Health Insurance)

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wrote as to appointment of four delegates who are to participate in the election of five members of Committee of Management of the National Insurance Society. The persons appointed are to hold office for three years from 1st May 1936.

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

"That the following members of the County Council who are insured persons be appointed delegates in compliance with letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health (National Health Insurance Section) under date 27th March 1936:- Messrs. P. Colfer, J. Connors, C. Culleton and P. Ronan."

FOOD AND DRUGS INSPECTOR

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

"That Garda Patrick O'Donnell (3862), Enniscorthy, be appointed Ex-officio Inspector under Food and Drugs Act for County Wexford."

OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE NO. 8.

Recommendation from No. 8 Sub-Committee (Old Age Pensions Acts) as to appointment of Joseph Kehoe, Merchant, Blackwater vice M. M. O'Donoghue, deceased member, was submitted.

Mr. Kinsella proposed the appointment of Mr. Kehoe as recommended by Sub-Committee.

Mr. Day seconded.

Mr. Corish said there was no representative of Labour on this Sub-Committee and he accordingly proposed the appointment of Peter Dempsey, Blackwater.

Mr. Kelly seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

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For Dempsey:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, O'Ryan, Thos. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman (12).

For Kehoe:- Messrs. Connors, Cummins, Day, Gibbon, Kinsella, O'Byrne and Smyth (7).

Col. Quin did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr. Dempsey appointed.

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES APPOINTMENT REPRESENTATIVE.

Letter under date 25th March 1936 as to appointment by the County Council of a person authorised to attend and vote at the General Meetings of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. was submitted.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the appointment of Mr. John P. Kelly and the proposal was adopted.

LOAN FOR PROVISION OF COTTAGES

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

"That the Council consents to County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance raising loan of £160,000 (One Hundred and Sixty Thousand Pounds) for the purpose of providing 528 Cottages throughout the villages of the County."

(This was circulated to members of the Council on 9th March 1936).

In moving his motion Mr. Ronan pointed out that in the larger villages it was intended to erect 189 cottages and the balance would be built in the smaller places. The "all-in" cost of each house would be approximately £300. The rents had not yet been fixed because in some villages it was realised that some tenants would be able to pay a higher rent than in others, and of course, the status of

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tenants would also be taken into consideration. For instance Railway and Post Office Clerks would be asked to pay a higher rent than ordinary workers. The lowest rent, however, would be 2/- plus rates and it could be taken as certain that the Scheme would not impose on ratepayers a larger amount than one halfpenny in the £1, even if it would be that. The state of some villages as regards housing was appalling and it should be remembered that while in the rural areas labourers' cottages had been erected for agricultural workers, nothing had been done for the residents of villages. It was anticipated that the Board of Health would be able to deal with the erection of these houses during the coming summer.

Mr. Keegan in seconding, appealed to the members of the Board of Health to speed up the erection of the cottages, and hoped that they would deal first with the villages which had the worst houses.

Col. Gibbon complained that no detailed figures from the Board of Health as to the cost of the scheme had been put before the meeting. When a similar scheme was under consideration he inferred from the discussion which then took place, and from the Chairman, that in future, fully detailed figures would be forthcoming in connection with such large schemes.

Mr. Kinsella said he understood that in Castlebridge new houses were to be built on a back road. If that were so, and the existing streets left in their present position it would be creating a scandalous position. In his opinion, the matter of getting different rents according to the status of tenants was a humbug.

Mr. Ronan denied this.

Mr. Corish pointed out that the reason why the change of site for the new houses had been decided upon in Castlebridge was that the existing houses were subject to flood-

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ing, practically for the whole winter, as he had seen for himself, and it was advisable to have the people housed in a perfectly healthy locality.

Miss O'Ryan said that Mr. Kinsella could rest assured that the old area in Castlebridge would be cleaned up, and would not be left in an unsightly condition.

Col. Quin, while commending the scheme, said that the figures submitted were not satisfactory. The rent of 2/- and "some more" was very vague. It would be extremely difficult to have different rents for the one class of house. They might find that the ½d. in the £ referred to by Mr. Ronan would - before the scheme was completed - amount to several shillings in the £. They did not know if the houses would cost £400 instead of £300. Was there any guarantee that they would be erected anywhere near the estimate. A pretty bad mess had been made in regard to the estimates for the last cottage scheme and he feared that things would be just as bad regarding the present one. He was in favour of the erection of houses but to show what he thought of the very bad manner in which the last scheme had been carried out he would vote against the present proposal. He also had asked that in the case of these large schemes, figures should be circulated to the members of the Council and he thought the Chairman more or less promised that in future such figures would be obtained from the Board of Health and circulated.

Miss O'Ryan pointed out that as regards the last Scheme, Col. Quin was given from the Board of Health Office all the information he required and if he had written for any particulars in connection with the present scheme he would have been also supplied. In her opinion there should be a general direction regarding the amount of information which it was thought was necessary to be submitted with motions of the present character.

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Col. Quin asked had they any guarantee that the Scheme would not cost another £50,000. He wanted the Scheme carried out in a business like way and to avoid a large additional sum having to be paid later.

Mr. Smyth agreed with Cols. Gibbon and Quin that the Council were promised to have a detailed account from the County Board of Health as regards schemes of this description. This had not been done. He understood that there were large arrears in connection with payment of the rents of cottages.

Mr. Corish pointed out that there was no degree of truth in the statement made by Mr. Smyth. Any arrears in connection with cottage rents referred to old cottages; the rents of new cottages were paid extremely well.

After further discussion the Chairman decided to take a show of hands when it was found that 16 were in favour of the motion and that there was no dissentient.

He then declared it carried.

IMPROVEMENTS AT MENTAL HOSPITAL

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

"That a sum of £39,520 (Thirty-nine Thousand, Five Hundred and Twenty Pounds) or such lesser sum as may be agreed upon, be obtained from the Local Loans Fund or other approved source for the purpose of carrying out improvements at the Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy."

(This was circulated to Members of Wexford County Council on the 10th March, 1936).

In moving his motion Mr. Kelly said he proposed that the amount of loan would be £39,520 which would be spread over a number of years. The Committee proposed to begin on the most urgent works, viz., the Installation of water supply scheme estimated to cost £5,800 and Kilcarberry

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Electrical Power Development which was expected to cost £11,790.

The water supply at the Mental Hospital was a very urgent question at the moment. The full proposals had been considered in great detail by the Mental Hospital Committee and also at previous meetings of the County Council. The Hospitals Trust were contributing the same amount as he now moved. It was essential that the two sections of the Scheme to which he referred should be started at once.

Mr. Sweetman seconded the motion which was passed nem. con.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER

Under date 3rd April 1936 the Department of Agriculture wrote (E.1619-36) asking to be furnished with particulars of the arrangements which the County Council proposed making for the sheep dipping periods of the current year. The Department stated that no doubt Local Authorities which had adopted dipping Schemes would take care to ensure that the Schemes would be properly enforced.

Some members stated that the manner in which the Order was carried out in some districts left room for improvement and, on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Thomas Redmond, it was decided to refer the matter to the Finance Committee of 24th April 1936 with a request for recommendations as to how in their opinion any improvement could be effected.

MAIN ROADS SCHEME

Under date 31st March 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (R/RD32) enclosing Order under Section 1 of the Local Government Act 1925, declaring the Main Roads in the County Wexford as from 1st April 1936.

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

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"That list of Main Roads according to new declaration made by Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date 30th March 1936 (Uimh.RD.32/1936) be printed and circulated to the members of the County Council."

LOAN FOR VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

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

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of the date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, for the repayment of the sum of £7000, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Vocational Education Act 1930, and the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898."

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

"That inasmuch as this Council does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Council, but prefer to receive same by instalments as occasion may require IT IS RESOLVED that the Requisition for each advance shall be intimated to said Commissioners by the Chief Executive Officer of the Vocational Education Committee of County Wexford, for the time being countersigned by the Secretary of this 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 this Council's account at The Wexford Branch of the National Bank."

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 25th March 1936 (Trg.2/41241) the Department of National Education wrote that in view of the fact that Walter J. Gahan, Barmona, Boolavogue, did not fulfil all the requirements of the above Scheme as published it

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was not possible for the Department to reverse their decision in the matter conveyed in their letter of 20th February 1936 and accordingly, Master Gahan should be informed he is ineligible for admission to the examination.

The Secretary stated that copy of the letter from the Office of National Education had been furnished Walter J. Gahan.

COUNTY COUNCILS GENERAL COUNCIL

The Secretary to above wrote that the next meeting of the General Council would be held during the Spring Show Week - May 5th to 9th.

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

"That the General Council of County Councils be requested to set down for discussion at their meeting to be held during Dublin Spring Show Week the questions of Town Planning for rural areas and the repeal of the Acts dealing with compensation for Criminal Injuries."

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS UNION AND RETIREMENT OF OFFICIALS.

Under date 31st March 1936 the following was read from the Irish Local Government Officials Union:-

"I am directed by the Central Council of the Union to forward to you the enclosed copy of the opinion of Eminent Senior Counsel in relation to the Circular Letter No.18/36, dated 28th February, 1936, issued by the Department of Local Government and Public Health to all Local Authorities in the Free State, relative to compulsory retirement of officials at 65 years of age, and I am to request that you will be kind enough to bring same to the attention of your Council, Board or Committee.

You will please note that Counsel is definitely of opinion that this action on the part of the Minister is ultra vires, and that the Circular need not be acted upon

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by Local Authorities."

TOWN PLANNING

Under date 4th March 1936 notification was received of adoption of resolution under Articles 5(2) and 6(2) of the Town and Regional Planning Regulations from Wexford Corporation as to the making of a planning scheme for the Borough of Wexford.

Copy of Resolution in the matter was also received.

COURTOWN HARBOUR DREDGING

Mr. W. H. Kearon, Wave Crest, Arklow, wrote under date 4th April 1936 asking for information regarding the proposals of the County Council to have the dredging of Courtown Harbour carried out. He found on inspection the bar and Channel very good and he suggested the Council should extend the rails for the crane and carry out some dredging in the inner harbour to enable a ship to be loaded. He had been asked to bring in a cargo for the new factory at Gorey and if the dredging is done he could ship the cargo very soon.

The County Surveyor said if the rails were extended they would be able to provide dredging to about 40 feet and which would give berthage at the end of the pier.

Mr. Keegan proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con.:-

"That the Chairman of the County Council (Mr. Allen) and Mr. Corish with the County Surveyor be requested to interview the responsible officials of the Office of Public Works with a view to making definite arrangements as to the completion of the dredging at Courtown Harbour."

CARNE PIER

The County Surveyor submitted communication he had received from the Office of Public Works under date 2nd March 1936 stating that the Parliamentary Secretary had

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considered the proposals for the extension and improvement of Carne Pier. In view of the relatively high cost of the work and the limited amount of unemployment in the district as disclosed by the latest returns he regretted that he could not recommend a grant from the Relief Vote for the purpose.

Col. Gibbon said that blocks of stones which had been left alongside the Pier rendered it unsafe for boats to be launched. Spring tides were commencing next week when boats should be at the fishing, and if the stones were not removed these Spring tides would be lost and boats would have to wait another three weeks.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said he had the work mentioned by Col. Gibbon in hands and was proceeding with it immediately.

BALLYHACK HARBOUR

Under date 23rd March 1936 the Office of Public Works wrote if the County Council was prepared to maintain the harbour as improved on completion of these works.

The County Surveyor said that the liability for maintaining the portion of the harbour taken over would mean spending £150 every ten years.

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

"That the Office of Public Works be informed that the County Council are prepared to maintain in the future the portion of the Harbour at Ballyhack which they have improved."

CURRACLOE ROAD

The County Surveyor submitted letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) (RG.32) stating that with reference to application for a grant for the improvement of road from Curracloe to village at the Strand

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the Minister was not in a position to make a further grant at present to the County Council for the improvement of roads. The estimate submitted was considered excessive.

No Order.

COURTOWN COASTGUARD BOATHOUSE

Under date 8th April 1936 the Office of Public Works wrote (11455/35) that the lease of Courtown Coastguard Station boathouse dated 15th May 1906 from County Council to the Admiralty expired on 1st May 1936. The premises were let to Andrew Byrne on a weekly tenancy at a rent of 2/- per week and the County Council were asked if they would take over the premises subject to this tenancy. The local architect would attend at the premises to hand them over on a date to be arranged between now and 1st May 1936.

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

"That the Office of Public Works be informed the Wexford County Council are prepared to take over the boathouse at Old Coastguard Station, Courtown, in accordance with the terms of their letter under date 8th April 1935 (11455/35) and that Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, Courthouse, Gorey, be appointed as the Representative of said Council to take over the premises on a date to be fixed by the Office of Public Works."

CAMOLIN PARK ROAD

Under date 14th March 1936 the Irish Land Commission wrote (A & R-Revesting 54741-35-Estate of I.L.C. (W.H.Foster) County Wexford Record No. E.C.4198) that they were not prepared to contribute more than £600 towards the reconstruction of the road through Camolin Park and would not agree to execute any agreement accepting responsibility for repairs. The conditions under which the £600 would be granted were set out in the Department's letter of 20th August last.

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The Chairman mentioned that the County Council had decided they could not see their way to be responsible for erection and maintenance of the long line of fencing which would be necessary in connection with the reconstruction of this road and as the Land Commission were not prepared to accept the responsibility the project would have to be abandoned.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

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

"That new licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to John Doyle, North Street, New Ross, the Civic Guard authorities having no objection. Also renewal of licence to Denis Lennon, Merchant, Bunclody."

REPORT COUNTY ANALYST

Report of County Analyst for quarter ended 31st March 1936 was submitted. From this it appeared that the following samples had been analysed:-

Food 268; Drugs 36; Waters 10; Total 314.

Adulterated New Milks 3; Butter 2; Waters condemned 6; Crossabeg 1; Kiltealy 3 (and one passed); Glynn 1; Gorey 1 (and two passed-).

TACUMSHANE LAKE

The following attended as a deputation in connection with recent work at Tacumshane Lake to obviate flooding:-

Messrs. John Roche, The Island; Sean Murphy, Tilladavins; Frank Rowe, Ballycleary and James Roche, Ballycogley.

Col. Gibbon apologised for the deputation not being able to give the seven days notice of their intention to come before the County Council Meeting as it was only on Friday last that the work of cutting the lake had been abandoned. The members of the deputation alone had about 150 acres of land under water and they were naturally anxious to know what prospects there were of the work of

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cutting the Channel there continuing.

The County Surveyor stated that he would have been prepared to expend £20 or £30 there on the chance of having this amount sanctioned, but, after an inspection with an Engineer from the Office of Public Works on the 7th and 8th April they came to the conclusion that such a small sum would be money thrown away and he decided to close down the work until the Engineer from the Office of Public Works had made his report. Between the Lake and the sea they had lowered the water so much that one could walk across where there had been a channel several feet deep. The cut they had made was about 60 yards wide and they had been in great hopes that the Channel would be established but unfortunately storms came on and filled up the place. They subsequently tried to cut it a couple of times but could not get through. When the lake was cut in the past the Channel usually remained open for about 12 or 13 years; last time it had stood for about 20 years. It was particularly unfortunate that the cut had filled because he was hoping to spend the balance he had in hands in opening up drains into the lands which would have helped to relieve future flooding. It was really pitiable to see such a large area of land under water.

Mr. James Roche, a member of the deputation, said that he held 115 statute acres of which 30 were under water. He suggested the construction of a tunnel; cutting the bar was a mere temporary arrangement because the bar shifts.

Mr. Culleton said he had heard that a tunnel did exist and if it was working properly it would drain all Lingstown. He thought the Engineer of the Office of Works should be asked to examine the tunnel.

Col. Gibbon, referring to the tunnel, said he understood it worked for a few years and finally became blocked from various causes. He believed that engineering opinion generally on it was that it would become automatically blocked owing to the difficulty of keeping the tunnel open.

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In reply to a query as to how much money would be required to do the job, the County Surveyor stated that it would be about £150.

Mr. John Roche, another member of the deputation believed the flooding could be obviated only by the construction of a tunnel.

The County Surveyor said there would be enormous difficulty in making the outlet of the tunnel in shifting soil and of course it might be blocked at any time.

Mr. John Roche held that the bank which had fallen had been cut too straight and on that account the sides had fallen in.

The County Surveyor said in reply to Mr. Corish that the Office of Public Works knew all the circumstances as they had been reported to them in detail and their Engineers had been at the place. They looked on the work all through as an experiment.

Mr. Sean Murphy, another member of the deputation, stated he was the worst affected person in the area. For the past twelve months over thirty acres of his land was covered with water and most of his houses were flooded to a depth of three feet. He was only living there for four years and he made inquiries of aged residents about the bar and the tunnel and they told him that they remembered hundreds of cattle and sheep grazing outside the subsidiary embankment. He had been told by old men that the tunnel had been blocked purposely.

Mr. Frank Rowe, another member of the deputation, agreed with the others in holding that it would be necessary to construct a tunnel to prevent the flooding.

Miss O' Ryan corroborated the statement of Mr. Murphy as to the flooding of his lands and houses. When she was down there after the first cut had been made everyone was pleased with it tho' she had not much confidence in it

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holding. If there had been normal weather the chances were it would have been a good job. It was certainly hard lines on the farmers of the district. There were 1,400 acres flooded. As the cutting of the bar did not appear to be a permanent job they might be losing more money by cutting it again.

Chairman - Is there any possibility if another grant were got that the people would organise and do a little work to keep it open? The County Council had no power of themselves to spend any of the rates on it.

County Surveyor - The tunnel might cost three or four thousand pounds. When I reported to the Board of Works first I mentioned the matter of the tunnel.

Mr. Culleton proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Col. Quin:-

"That the Office of Public Works be requested to obtain from one of their engineers a report on the work done in cutting Tacumshane Lough Bar and his suggestions as to how best the place could be drained in a manner likely to be permanent."

Mr. O'Byrne moved:- "That a Committee of the County Councillors for Wexford Electoral area arrange for a meeting with the local people concerned and endeavour to ascertain how far they were prepared to offer assistance in keeping the channel open once it had been established."

Col. Quin seconded. After further discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Cummins:-

"That the Chairman (Mr. Allen), Mr. Corish, T.D., and the County Surveyor arrange to wait on the responsible officials of the Office of Public Works with a view to obtaining - in consequence of the urgency of the situation - a further grant to cut the bar at Lady's Island lake and that the resolutions (1) relative to visit of Engineer from

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Office of Public Works and (2) as to assistance to be given by the local people be adjourned pending report of the deputation to Office of Public Works."

Mr. Sean Murphy stated that if a grant were obtained for the opening of the tunnel the people would be prepared to do what they could to keep it working properly.

It was decided that the representatives of Wexford Co. Electoral area and the County Surveyor should confer with the people of the district to decide the best way to do the work in the event of a further grant being forthcoming.

The remainder of business was adjourned to next meeting.

Signed ..D. Allen.. 11th May 36...

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 11th MAY 1936.

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 on 11th May 1936 in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.

Present:- Mr. Denis Allen, Chairman (presiding); also, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patk. Colfer, John Connors, R. Corish, C. Culleton, John Cummins, John Day, Col. C. M. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, James Lawler, Thos. McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Patrick Ronan and Myles Smyth.

The County Secretary, County Surveyor, County 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 £22079. 3. 4d were examined and signed.

CONFIRMATION FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MEETING 24th APRIL 1936: Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on above date 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 24th April, 1936.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding, also, Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, W. Kinsella, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

The County 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 £2873. 10. 3d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

The following is the state of the Rate Collection to date:-

E. J. Murphy	94.0
J. Curtis	89.7
M. Kehoe	83.6
D. Kenny	81.6
J. Deegan	81.5
J. J. O'Reilly	81.3
P. Carty	81.2
S. Gannon No. 10	80.9
J. Cummins	79.8
J. Flood	78.3
P. Doyle	76.5
S. Gannon No. 6	74.8
M. McCarthy	74.5
P. Nolan	74.1
A. Dunne	69.1
W. Cummins	67.6
J. J. Sinnott	63.7
M. Murphy	62.3
J. Quirke	62.1
W. Doyle	62.1
	75.1

The Collection is 4.2 per cent behind that of last year.

The Committee decided it would be necessary to take drastic steps against any Collector who does not close his Collection satisfactorily in accordance with their direction

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COMPLAINT AGAINST RATE COLLECTOR: Mr. Kinsella handed in letter from John Sheil, Ballyhubbock, Kilmuckridge, which stated that Mr. Sheil had always paid his rates punctually. M. Murphy, Collector, called to his house once only. Mr. Sheil generally met him at Blackwater fair or left the Rates for him at Mrs. Stamp's, Blackwater. On the present occasion amount of rates was left at Mrs. Stamp's, Blackwater on 24th December and on 13th January following he receved a process for the amount up to 31st March 1936. He then went to Blackwater and found the money left there had not been collected. The assistant in Stamp's shop said that Murphy had called several times but did not take the money as he said he had no books with him. He (Mr. Sheil) saw the Collector on 14th January; he refused to take the money and referred Mr. Sheil to his solicitor, who subsequently informed Mr. Sheil that his instructions were to proceed for the rates due to 31st March. What Mr. Sheil complained of was the action of the Rate Collector in not letting him know that the money was not taken up, but leaving it lie for three weeks and then taking proceedings. He (Mr. Sheil) was not prepared to pay almost £2 in costs.

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

"That Matthew Murphy, Rate Collector (No. 12 district) be summoned to next meeting for interview as regards his method of Rate Collection."

POUNDAGE TO RATE COLLECTOR: Under date 16th April 1936, Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote G.77252/36, stating that the Minister was not prepared to sanction to Matthew Murphy, Rate Collector No. 12 District, payment of poundage in excess of 5d in the £, less 5%, in respect of the lodgment of an amount equivalent to first moiety of his 1935/36 warrant plus arrears applicable to the financial year 1934/35.

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BACKWARD COLLECTORS: The Rates Inspector wrote that Collectors Quirke, Wm. Doyle and Matthew Murphy had been interviewed and directed to take immediate steps to recover all outstanding items in order that they could close their warrants at the prescribed time. These Collectors stated they were about to proceed on their warrants in a number of cases.

CLAIM BY RATEPAYER: Mrs. Whelan, Ballyorley, with her son Edward, came before the meeting as regards payment of her Rates. She claimed that Collector Joseph Cummins in 1931 had overcharged her by £2. Also that this Collector seized in the same year 33 sheep (brood ewes) and at a sheriff's sale purchased them for £10. She had had a visit recently from the Special Unit who stated they would return on 28th April 1936 and make a seizure unless she paid amount of decree £27. 3. 8 for which her son had signed a consent. Mrs. Whelan admitted that the amount of Rates due was about £75. She said she had never seen the Collector since the transaction about the sheep in 1931 until quite recently and denied that she had received demand notes for the Rates struck since then.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, wrote under date 24th April 1936 that the period during which the decree of 1931 could be questioned had expired long since and there was no course open to Mrs. Whelan except to pay the amount of this decree. In any event the questions raised by Mrs. Whelan were entirely between herself and the Collector and did not concern the Council.

The Chairman explained the situation to Mrs. Whelan and advised her to see the Sheriff in the matter.

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by the Chairman it was decided to obtain from the Rate Collector the dates upon which he had served demand notes 1932 onwards and how

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often he had called on the Whelans in the meantime to collect the rates.

TEMPORARY RATE CLERKS: It was decided on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kinsella:-

"That the following be added to the temporary Rate Staff:- J. J. O'Leary, St. Enda's Terrace, Wexford, and Frank McCoy, Oylegate, Enniscorthy."

REVALUATION OF RAILWAY PROPERTY

Under date 18th April 1936 the Valuation Department wrote S.1429, that a valuation of the Railway Undertakings in County Wexford was about to be made, and any alterations which might result therefrom would be included in the revised valuation Lists issued on 1st March 1937.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 8th April 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.70039/36 - Loch Garmain) stating that the Minister had sanctioned the proposal to advance £72 to Patrick Murphy, Rowestown, Barntown, under above Acts.

It was decided that application be made for sanction of the Minister to increase the amount of Patrick Murphy's Loan to £95 as Assistant Surveyor now valued the house at £175.

Mr. Kelly said that the estimated value of site and house to be erected by Owen Hiney, Rectory Road, Enniscorthy, was £230 and deducting the £70 grant, 90% of the balance would be £144 which he proposed should be advanced by the County Council in this case.

Mr. Colfer seconded the motion which was adopted.

In connection with £340 in Gorey still available, the Chairman proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

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"That a sum of £117 be advanced to Sean Butler, Ballinatray Lower, Courtown Harbour, Gorey for a £200 house and £100 to Ellen Leary, Ballywalter, Kilmuckridge."

In reference to New Ross District it was decided that application forms be sent John Eustace, Clonleigh, Palace, New Ross and Anne Murphy, Dungulph, Fethard-on-Sea and that Mr. Elgee again communicate with accepted applicants who have up to the present failed to prove title. And that if the latter are not able to deal with the matter satisfactorily within ten days the money allocated to them and any other available balance be re-allocated at next meeting of the Committee.

In connection with amount available for Wexford district £877, as all available applicants had been dealt with, it was decided that £439 be allocated to Enniscorthy District and £438 to Gorey District.

It was decided that £250 of the amount earmarked for Gorey District be allocated to Mrs. Mary J. Doyle, Gurteen, Inch.

Application was received for loan of £200 from Laurence O'Grady, Clonhaston, Enniscorthy, who was an attendant in Mental Hospital.

Certificate was read from Dr. Kathleen Sloan that O'Grady's house was most unsuitable as it contained only two bedrooms for the parents and nine children.

Mr. Kelly said this man applied for a cottage to the Board of Health but could not be accepted as tenant owing to his position as attendant at Mental Hospital.

It was pointed out that a number of applicants had applied for loans a considerable time back and could not be accepted owing to the fact that all money available had been allocated.

The meeting considered that the claims of all applicants standing over in Enniscorthy and Gorey districts be

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brought to the notice of next Finance Committee and considered in conjunction with O'Grady's application.

T. Vandeleur Beatty, Kilcarberry, Enniscorthy, wrote that he was prepared to become tenant of house in Enniscorthy built by P. Byrne by loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts as Byrne had left the Country.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

MAIN ROAD - JOHN STREET, WEXFORD

Under date 20th April, 1936, the Town Clerk, Wexford wrote that Wexford Corporation had received a report from the Borough Surveyor, that the surface of John Street, Wexford, a main road, was deteriorating rapidly, and to save it from complete disintegration, it was essential to have it resurfaced at an early date. The work was estimated to cost £85 and it was impossible for the Corporation to carry out any repairs out of the £420 set aside for the maintenance of Main Roads in the Borough. In the circumstances the Corporation asked the County Council to make a further contribution towards the cost of Main Roads in the current year, for the purpose of having this particular street repaired.

It was pointed out that as the full amount agreed to in Road Works Scheme had been allocated to Wexford Corporation it was not possible to increase the expenditure under this head.

After discussion Mr. Corish suggested that the amount might be taken from the Contingencies Fund, but the County Surveyor in reply stated that owing to the fact that this fund had been cut by 50% it was not possible to take from it any money for the repair of John Street, Wexford, as during the year it was certain other works of a more pressing nature would arise and draws upon the Contingencies Fund would have to be called upon.

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After further discussion Mr. Corish proposed that the County Council be asked to provide £60 of the necessary expenditure for the repair of John Street, Wexford.

The question of finding this particular amount was then debated. Finally Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following, which was adopted:-

"That provided the Finances of the Council allow, on the report of the County Surveyor, a sum of £60 be allocated for the repair of John Street, Wexford - a Main Road."

PROPOSED TELEPHONE EXCHANGE - COUNTY HALL

Under date 23rd April, 1936, letter was read from Secretary, County Board of Health, stating that as a result of interview with an Official of the Post Office, an exchange within the building with three lines, and with all extensions required, would entail an annual rental of £48 10s. Separate telephone accommodation for the different offices on the basis of present requirements would cost £49 10s. Temporary accommodation could be provided for the Board of Health by giving an extension from a spare plug on the County Council switch-board and which would cost 17/6. This, however, would entail the employment of an attendant.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Colfer, that Mr. Corish interview the Wexford Postmaster and ascertain if it be possible to secure, in the case of the establishment of a general exchange at the County Buildings, a cheaper rental than the amount set out in communication to the Finance Committee, viz, £48 10s. and that he report result to the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

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"That we approve of the arrangement of use of spare plug in County Council Office to provide telephonic communication for the Board of Health and that the County Secretary be empowered to employ temporary filing clerk to deal with telephone calls pending any permanent arrangement in the matter."

SANCTION TO OVERDRAFT

Under date 16th April, 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G. 74310/36. Loch Garman) that the Minister had sanctioned overdraft accommodation not exceeding £20,000 up to 30th April, 1936. Interest to be paid thereon at the agreed rate.

ENTRANCE TO COUNTY LIBRARY, etc.

The County Surveyor forwarded copy of the following letter received by him from the County Registrar:-

"The public entrance to the Library through the main hall-way is anything but satisfactory. On Wednesday and Friday evenings of each week a large number of children congregate in the hall-way and on the staircase, thus blocking the free access to the offices in the building In addition to this, while they are in the building there is a continual racket going on, which is seriously interfering with the work of the offices, the fault of this lies, not with the children, as it is natural for them to make noise, nor with the Librarian, who cannot be expected to do her work and control the children outside her offices. The matter can be rectified by making an inexpensive entrance to the Library in Hill Street.

I have also to complain about continual personal interruptions at my private office from people inquiring for the Board of Health offices. No notice is provided outside to direct the public where to go. An entrance should be provided in Hill Street which can combine both

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the Board of Health Offices and the Library.

With reference to the proposal to make an entry through the present building to the Health Offices I cannot consent to same. This would be tatamount to making these buildings a public thoroughfare. I cannot see the sense in this when the matter can be easily arranged by Hill Street."

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

"That having considered letter of County Registrar under date 23rd April, 1936, re Library Entrance, etc., the Finance Committee are of opinion that the requests contained therein are without justification."

As to claim of the County Registrar to exercise jurisdiction over the whole County Buildings, the Finance Committee direct his attention to Section 2 of the Courthouses (Provision and Maintenance) Act, which states:-

"Where part only of a building is provided and maintained and used as Courthouse accommodation, and the residue of such building is provided and maintained and used for other purposes, nothing in the Courthouses (Provision and Maintenance) Act shall apply to such residue."

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER - 1936.

The following report under date 23rd April, 1936, was read from Mr. F. S. Ringwood, V.S., Enniscorthy:-

"The Inspector in my No. 1. area (D.Creane) reported to me that William Fortune, (Farmer) Gurteen, Bunclody, states that two cattle dressed by said Inspector died and that the dressing was the cause of death.

I visited Mr. Fortune's farm to-day and found one

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yearling said to be off his feed. On examination I found skin tender and hard on back and I removed a scab which had pus under it and sent it to the Laboratory. The owner states that two others of similar age died. I cannot say what they died from, not having seen them, but I gather they were in very poor condition before being dressed. The animal I saw to-day shows no symptoms of poisoning and temperature is normal. Twenty four out of total of thirty four cattle were dressed for warbles by the Inspector on April 2nd, with Richardson's Paragad and I cannot see how it could cause any ill effects."

In the course of the discussion arising out of Mr. Ringwood's report it was stated that cattle that were in poor condition might die as a result of the dressing, from shock but not from poison.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER - 1915

Under date 3rd April, 1936, the Department of Agriculture wrote (E. 1619/36) asking to be supplied with particulars as to the arrangements proposed to be made for the sheep dipping periods of the current year. It was very advisable steps should be taken with a view to eradicating sheep scab, and which could best be achieved on the lines of compulsory dipping under proper supervision. It was hoped that Local Authorities who had not yet adopted measures in this respect would take the matter into consideration, and also that Authorities who had adopted Sheep Dipping Schemes would take steps to ensure their proper enforcement during the forthcoming dipping season.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"That the County Secretary prepare forms of weekly report for use of lay sheep dipping Inspectors, which

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are to be furnished to County Council Office each week, and which are to set out in detail premises visited by the Inspectors and the number of sheep dipped under supervision. In addition these Inspectors are directed to furnish the usual specified reports to the Vetenmary Inspectors. That the latter be requested during the sheep dipping season to pay some surprise visits to premises at which dipping is being carried out and report to the Council any instances in which in their opinion Inspectors have not carried out their duties.

That we would again impress upon the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, the necessity for forwarding immediately on receipt, Notices of Intention to Dip to the Inspectors concerned. If any delay be made in the despatch of these forms, the actual dipping will be carried out before they are received by Inspectors."

IMPROVEMENT OF VILLAGE STREETS.

It was decided to postpone consideration of report of County Surveyor for repair of streets of villages in the County to next meeting of Finance Committee.

The County Surveyor mentioned there were apparently 48 villages in the County Wexford and considerable difficulty would be found in classifying them in order of importance and also in urgency of street repair.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Notification was received from the Inspector of the N.S.P.C.C. (Co. Wexford Branch) as to application to be made to New Ross District Court, for the committal of an illegitimate child, Mary Bridget Walsh, no fixed abode, to an Industrial School. The mother, Josephine Walsh, was a maternity case in the County Home at Enniscorthy. She was homeless and was found wandering with the child in the vicinity of New Ross.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

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MACHINERY AND QUARRY CHARGES - 1936/37

The following machinery and quarry charges recommended by the County Surveyor were approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

Steam Drill.....	£3: 0:	Od per day
Engine and Granulator (large).....	£3:10:	Od per day
Engine and Granulator (small).....	£2:15:	Od per day
Engine and Stone-breaker.....	£3: 0:	Od per day
Compressor, Drill Plant and Lorry.....	£4: 0:	Od per day
Roller.....	£2: 0:	Od per day
Tar Boilers or Sprayers.....	£1: 5:	Od per week
Ballybrennan Plant.....	£4: 0:	Od per week
Concrete Mixer.....	£1:10:	Od per week

FOR MATERIAL - FLAT RATE AS UNDER

Rubble Stone.....	3/6d per cubic yard
Broken Stone.....	6/6d per cubic yard
Chippings screened from Broken Stone.	6/6d per cubic yard
Granulated Chippings.....	9/6d per cubic yard

The Rate charged to Contractors shall be that set out in their specifications."

PERMANENT APPOINTMENT - SHORTHAND-TYPIST.

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

"That, as Miss Kathleen Tobin has carried out her duties as Shorthand-Typist in Wexford County Council Office in a satisfactory manner during her probationary period of six months, we recommend she be permanently appointed to the position."

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

"That the minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th April 1936 be received and considered."

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936: Under date 9th May 1936, No. E.1012-36, the Department of Agriculture wrote:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to transmit the accompanying sample of a powder purporting to be Cooper's Warble Fly powder, which was received by this Department from Mr. Ringwood, one of your Local Authority's Veterinary Inspectors, and which Mr. Ringwood states was given him by Mr. Michael O'Connor, temporary Inspector under the above Order, and I am to state that the Solicitor to the Local Authority should be consulted as to the advisability of having legal proceedings instituted against Mr. Alphonsus Thornton, Market Square, Enniscorthy, who is offering the powder for sale.

It is manifestly desirable that steps should be taken to secure as far as practicable that no spurious or ineffective preparations are allowed to be sold for use under the Order, and a prosecution where the circumstances warrant such action would have a salutary effect in this respect.

It is requested that the matter will have immediate attention and that a report as to the action taken by the Local Authority will be furnished to this Department as soon as possible."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That letter of Department of Agriculture under date 9th May, 1936 (E.1012-36) as to sample of powder used under Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, 1936, be referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, for report. That said report be considered by Finance Committee of this Council which is hereby empowered to take any steps in the matter which the circumstances may warrant."

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1915: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Redmond:-

"That, provided they agree to carry out the regulations of the Finance Committee (confirmed at this meeting) as to

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supply of weekly reports etc. the following be appointed Lay Inspectors under above Order:-

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, Kiltealy and The Leap).

Patrick Ormonde, Ballyellis, Carnew; (for the Electoral Divisions of Ballylarkin, Ballynestragh, Coolgreany, Courtown, Gorey Rural, Gorey Urban, Kilgoman, Kilnahue, Limerick, Monaseed and Wingfield).

Thomas Prendergast, Knockskimolin, Oulart; (for the Electoral Divisions of Ardamine, Ballybeg, Ballycanew, Ballyellis, Ballygarrett, Ballyoughter, Cahore, Ford, Huntingtown, Kilcomb, Killenagh, Killincooley, Monamolin, Rossminogue and Wells).

Mr. M. J. Hennessy, Monamolin, Rathnure, Enniscorthy for New Ross District.

Mr. James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin, for Wexford District.

Remuneration £1 per week for both dipping periods with out-of-pocket expenses of postage."

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 held on 24th April 1936 be and are hereby confirmed."

MEETING 8th MAY 1936: Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting of above Committee held on 8th May 1936 were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 8th May 1936.

Present: Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. P. Colfer, Wm. Cullimore, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £3657. 6. 3d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

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

E. J. Murphy	95.5
J. Curtis	92.3
J. J. O'Reilly	88.3
P. Carty	88.2
J. Deegan	87.8
M. Kehoe	87.7
D. Kenny	86.7
M. McCarthy	83.0
S. Gannon No. 10	82.8
J. Cummins	82.5
P. Doyle	81.2
J. Flood	80.8
P. Nolan	77.6
S. Gannon No. 6	75.7
A. Dunne	74.7
J. Quirke	69.2
W. Cummins	68.7
J. J. Sinnott	68.4
W. Doyle	66.3
M. Murphy	65.3
	79.5

Compared with corresponding week last year the collection was 2.2 per cent behind.

CLOSING OF RATE WARRANTS: Rate Collector Patrick Nolan, Hon. Secretary County Wexford Rate Collectors, wrote asking the Finance Committee to extend the time for the closing of the 1935-36 Rate Warrants from 18th to 31st May 1936 in

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order to make (as far as was possible) a successful closing.

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kinsella seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the Council be recommended to accede to the application of County Rate Collectors for an extension of the period to close Rate Collection to 30th May."

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

"That Rate Collectors be informed that as regards items of outstanding rates the Council will insist on Collectors or their sureties lodging such of these as in the opinion of the Council should have been collected.

That special meeting of Finance Committee for close examination of all items of rates claimed to be temporary uncollectable be held on Tuesday, 2nd June at 11 a.m."

SEIZURES FOR RATES: In connection with seizure of stock at the farm of Agnes Murphy, Hollymount, Castlebridge, the following report under date 6th May 1936 was submitted from Rates Inspector:-

"On the 27th April last, Collector Quirke carried out a seizure on the lands of Mrs. Agnes Murphy, Hollymount, Castlebridge, for outstanding poor rate. The Collector had the assistance of seven drovers who were driven to the farm on the morning of the seizure. Two horses were used to round up the cattle.

On the same evening five cattle, one calf, and two horses were driven off the farm and placed in the pound; the cattle in Wexford and the horses in Enniscorthy. One beast had to be destroyed later.

Regarding the sale of the stock, the Collector was instructed to communicate with Mr. J. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council."

Under date 6th May 1936 the following report was submitted from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

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"With reference to the seizures of Cattle &c., made by James Quirke and Matthew Murphy, I beg to report, that when Quirke and Murphy reported to me that they had made the Seizures, I at once saw Mr. Dwyer, the County Registrar, with a view to ascertaining from him what procedure should be adopted in order to secure a Buyer who would attend the Sale. Mr. Dwyer informed me that he was not in a position to give me any information on the matter, inasmuch as the attendance of the Buyer was arranged through the Garda Authorities.

I then saw the Chief Superintendent on the matter, when he stated, that he saw no reason why a Buyer should not be provided in such cases (but he added that he had no Precedent of a Buyer being provided in cases where Cattle were seized by Collectors under their own Warrant) provided the quantity and quality of the Cattle warranted his attendance.

Having regard to the small Number and poor quality of the Cattle and Sheep seized in the two above cases, I was not in a position to state that the Cattle were valuable, as I knew such was not the case, and this being so, no Buyer attended.

In future cases I am arranging that immediately a Seizure is made the Collector is to notify me, giving full Particulars of the Seizure and full details of the number of Stock seized, and an Estimate of their value if sold on the open Market.

When I have these Particulars I will at once see the Chief Superintendent, and if possible arrange that he should take the matter up with his Department, so that a Buyer may attend."

The following account was submitted from Mr. Quirke (Rate Collector No. 1 District) in respect of this seizure:-

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	£.	s.	d.
Motor Car Hire	5.	0.	0
Pound Fees - Wexford	2.	5.	6
do. do. - Enniscorthy	1.	0.	0
Horse float conveying knocked out beast	1.	0.	0
Seven men @ £1 each	7.	0.	0
2 Riding Horses 10/- each	1.	0.	0
Expenses 2 days self	1.	0.	0
1 Suit of Clothes destroyed	4.	10.	0
	22.	15.	6
Less amount realised at Sale:- Cows £1; Horses £2.	3.	0.	0
	£19.	15.	6

Under date 7th May 1936 application was received from Mr. M. Murphy, Rate Collector (No. 12 District) for payment of £6. 9. 0 in connection with seizure at the holding of Edward and John Kavanagh, Ballybeg, Screen. The total expenses were £11. 2. 0 made up of Car Hire, Drovers and Pound fees £7. 2. 0 and personal expenses (unvouched) £4. The three lambs and six cattle seized realised £4. 13. 0 so that the amount due to him, Mr. Murphy claimed, was £6. 9. 0.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded resolution that the expenses claimed by the Collectors in respect of seizures be paid in full.

The Chairman proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following:-

"That expenses of Collectors Quirke and Murphy relative to seizures for Rates be recommended for payment less any claim for personal expenses and for clothes."

After consideration it was agreed that personal expenses of £1 claimed by Collector Quirke and £4 claimed by M. Murphy be deleted.

Mr. Kelly then proposed and Mr. Kinsella seconded the

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following which was agreed to on a show of hands of 4 in favour and 3 against (other motions having been withdrawn):-

"That the claim of Collector Quirke for refund of £14. 5. 6 and £3 for replacement of suit of clothes be agreed to.

That a sum of £2. 9. 0 be paid to M. Murphy, Rate Collector, to cover expenses in connection with seizure for rates of live stock at the holding of Edward and John Kavanagh, Bellybeg, Screen."

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

"That as regards refund of expenses incurred by Rate Collectors when making seizures under their warrants in future the County Council be recommended not to accept liability for hire of motor cars and confine recoupment to pound and sale fees with reasonable expenses for necessary drovers of stock."

Mr. J. J. O'Reilly, Rate Collector, No. 13 District, wrote that he obtained a decree against Andrew Whelan, Custodium (E.D.Limerick) for one year's Rate then due, on 24th May 1935 amount £2. 18. 4. Warrant for this was sent to Sheriff plus £1. 10. 0 costs on 13th June 1935. Sheriff's officers seized three cows, one mare, tackling and cart on 21st March 1936. It appeared another seizure on foot of a second decree obtained by John Walsh, Blacksmith, Annagh, was made at the same time. Copy of letter with original notice of sale received by Mr. Reilly's Solicitors as enclosed and forwarded to him on 22nd April 1936. He (Mr. O'Reilly) did not attend the Sale as he did not consider it part of his duty to "bid or buy" at a Sheriff's sale. Had he not received the notice he would have attended. He understood no person made any offer for stock or effects and same were handed back to Whelan, the defendant. He had no communication in connection with the matter since.

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Under date 22nd April 1936 the County Registrar wrote Mr. O'Reilly enclosing the notice of sale and stating it was absolutely necessary to have some person on behalf of Plaintiff to bid or buy, otherwise the sale would prove abortive, and the animals etc. seized would have to be handed back to the defendant and the Notice concluded "I must look to you for expenses".

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

"That copy of Sale Notice relative to seizure of stock at the holding of Andrew Whelan, Custodium (E.D. Limerick) be furnished to the Department of Justice by the County Council Solicitor for their observations particularly as regards demand for payment of expenses by the Rate Collector.

That Mr. O'Reilly, Rate Collector, be asked to state what items were covered by the £1. 10. 0 costs referred to in his letter.

OVERHOLDING BY RATE COLLECTOR: Under date 23rd April 1936 Joseph Whelan, Holmstown, Barntown, wrote that his wife had paid the second moiety (£7. 5. 6) of last year's rate to Collector Quirke on 4th April and up to date had not obtained a receipt.

The Secretary stated he had called the attention of Mr. Quirke to the matter and the latter wrote under date 28th April 1936 admitting having received the amount in question. He stated he was sick when he was directed to have his books checked and had to get them written up by another Collector. It was in this way the amount was overlooked but it was being lodged that day (28th April 1936).

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

"That Collector Quirke be informed he must in future adhere strictly to the Article of Public Bodies Order as to lodging all items of Poor Rate within 48 hours of receipt."

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COMPLAINT AGAINST MATTHEW MURPHY RATE COLLECTOR: Mr. Patrick Breen, Ballyvaloo, Blackwater, wrote under date 27th April 1936 that on 19th February last he had received a letter from Solicitor to Matthew Murphy, Rate Collector, asking for payment of Rates by the following Tuesday with 3/6 costs. The Collector only called to him once - on the 1st October - and he (Breen) held he had seven weeks after that - up to 31st March - to pay and be within the time. The Collector, however, never called on him in the meantime, though the man next door to him, Breen contended had not paid his rates and was not called on by the Collector from 1st October to 13th April but he did not receive a Solicitor's letter. Breen considered his treatment arose through spite. He asked the County Council to inquire into the matter as he considered it most unjust he should have to pay Solicitor's costs as he had always paid his rates within the proper period.

At the last meeting of the Finance Committee letter under date 3rd March 1936 was read from John Sheil, Ballyhubbock, Kilmuckridge, stating that he had always punctually paid his rates and that the Collector (Matthew Murphy) had called on him only once since his appointment. He generally met the Collector in Blackwater fair or left the money at Mrs. Stamp's shop. On this occasion the money was left at Stamp's on 24th December 1935 and remained there until 13th January 1936 when he received a Civil Bill for the amount due to 31st March last. He (Sheil) then went to Blackwater and found that the money had not been taken up by the Collector. The assistant in Stamp's told him that Murphy had called on several occasions but declined to take the money as he said he had not his books with him. He saw Murphy on the 14th January and he refused to take the money and referred him to his (Murphy's) Solicitor, who informed Sheil his instructions were to take proceedings for the Rates due

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to the 31st March. What he (Sheil) complained of was that Murphy should have informed him that he did not take up the money and not leave it hanging over for three weeks and then to take proceedings. He (Sheil) was not prepared to pay almost £2 in costs.

Mr. Murphy, Rate Collector - who was present at the meeting - said that the statements in Sheil's letter were false. He served in this case a six day notice in October and his Solicitor wrote in November. When no payment was made he directed his Solicitor in December to take proceedings. The money for the Rates was not left in Stamp's until after the Summons for the amount had been served. Sheil was not the only ratepayer in his district against whom he had taken legal proceedings.

It was decided that Mr. Murphy supply all relevant dates in this case, viz., when he called on the ratepayer for the rates, when he served six day notice, when his solicitor wrote for payment, when summons was issued and when the money was left at Stamp's. Also the number of ratepayers who owed current rate only and against whom he had taken proceedings for recovery of the amounts due.

In connection with the complaint of Breen, Mr. Murphy said that he served demand note in this case by hand, and had called a second time for the rates. He subsequently served a six day notice as Breen had not paid in the meantime. After this Breen wrote asking for time until March to pay and this request was acceded to.

It was decided to point out to Breen it was not correct to assume he could delay payment of rates to the 31st March in any year.

COLLECTOR JOHN DEEGAN (DISTRICT NO. 7): Under date 7th May 1936 the following was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

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"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your communication of the 22nd ultimo, and to state that as already intimated, he is not prepared to vary his decision that the position of Rate Collector for District No. 7 is to be filled after public advertisement.

It is to be clearly understood that if the Council decide to hold a qualifying examination in connection with the making of the appointment no candidate for the post will be exempted, and the appointment of any person who fails to qualify at the examination, if held, will not be sanctioned. It is for the Council to decide whether the examination is to be dispensed with, having regard to the terms of their previous resolution in this connection.

I am to request that a draft of the advertisement proposed to be issued be forwarded for the Minister's approval. I am, at the same time, to intimate that the Minister will not be prepared to renew sanction to Collector Deegan's appointment in a temporary capacity, and in the circumstances proposals in accordance with the foregoing should be submitted without delay, so that a permanent Collector will be in office when the 1936-37 warrants are ready for issue."

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

"We recommend the County Council to agree to furnish draft advertisement for appointment of Rate Collector for No. 7 District to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for approval and that also no examination in respect of this appointment be held. Poundage fees to be at rate of 7d in the £ as in the case of the existing Collectors who close their Warrants satisfactorily."

RATES DUE BY WHELANS BALLYORLEY: In reply to statement by Mrs. Whelan, Ballyorley, that demand notes for rates had not been served on her or her son since 1931, Mr. J. Cummins, Rate Collector, wrote that demand notes had been served on 28th September 1932, 14th July 1933, 1st October 1934 and 17th August 1935. Mr. Cummins pointed out that Mrs. Whelan was the first ratepayer against whom he had to issue a process and the first one to state she had not received demand notes for her rates. He did not see the necessity of calling to the place until the Sheriff had executed the decree. His Solicitor informed him that he had written several times for a return as regards the decree. He (Mr. Cummins)

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called twice on Mrs. Whelan in 1936 and served six day notice. When he obtained a return from the Sheriff he would proceed in court for the balance of rates outstanding.

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

"That we regard the explanation of Mr. J. Cummins, Rate Collector, as regards collection of rates of Mrs. Whelan, Ballyorley, as satisfactory."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

It was decided that of the £527 standing to the credit of Wexford district (as no applicants from this district were available) that £263 should be transferred to Enniscorthy District and £264 to Gorey District.

The meeting then adopted allocations as follows:-

Enniscorthy District - available £264.

Applications had been received from the following who had originally applied but whose applications had not been successful:-

Denis Redmond, Blackstoops, Enniscorthy.	£180
James Oakes, Ballynure, Marshalstown.	£100
Thomas Ormonde, Jamestown, Templescoby.	£150
Mark Redmond, Ballycourcey, Glenbrien.	£160
Thomas Stoneham, Ballyelan, Davidstown.	£110
John Keating, Ballinavocran, Bunclody.	£75

At last meeting of the Finance Committee application for loan of £140 had been received from Laurence O'Grady, Clonhasten, Enniscorthy, who was strongly recommended by Mr. Kelly and Mr. Sweetman, County Councillors, as a suitable applicant, had been adjourned to present meeting.

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Keegan:-

"That we recommend the County Council to agree to advance loan of £140 to Laurence O'Grady, Clonhasten, Enniscorthy, under small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to advance to Thomas Stoneham, Ballyeland, Davidstown, and John Keating, Ballinavocran, Bunclody, loans of £110 and £75 respectively under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

Gorey District - Amount available £123 and £263 (transferred from Wexford District). Total £386. From this is to be deducted £250 agreed to at last meeting of the Finance Committee to be advanced to Mrs. Mary J. Doyle, Gurteen, Inch, leaving an unapplied balance of £136. The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Keegan:-

"That the County Council be recommended to advance under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts loan of £100 to Dominic Cosgrave, Cahore, Clonevan, Gorey."

New Ross District - Available £595.

The following recommendation was proposed by Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Keegan and passed:-

"We recommend the County Council to advance under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts loan of £100 to Anne Murphy, Dungulph, Fethard-on-Sea and of £205 to William Colfer, Coolboy, Foulksmills."

This left a balance of £290.

Mr. Colfer was asked to ascertain definitely from Patrick Barden, Battlestown, Ramsgrange, who applied for loan of £180 if he intends proceeding with the erection of house.

Wexford District - The amount standing to the credit of this district £527 was transferred to Enniscorthy and Gorey, the former receiving £263 and the latter £264.

Under date 7th May 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.92376-36 Loch Garman) stating that the proposal to advance £95 under Small Dwellings

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Acquisition Acts to Patrick Murphy, Rosetown, Barntown, had been sanctioned in lieu of the advance of £75 sanctioned in letter of Department (H.70039-36).

The County Solicitor (Mr. Elgee) submitted letter from Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of Joseph F. Swards, Bayview Terrace, Rosslare Harbour, asking for consent of the County Council to the transfer of a second house and half of the plot on which both houses were erected to Mrs. Fitzmartin and which he could not do so long as the entire plot was subject to the County Council Mortgage.

The Secretary stated that a similar application was before the meeting of the Finance Committee on 6th December last when the following resolution - subsequently confirmed by the County Council - was adopted:-

"We recommend the County Council to refuse application of James F. Swards, Bayview Terrace, Rosslare Harbour for transfer to Mrs. Fitzmartin of portion of plot of ground, the subject of loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

CENTRAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

Report was received from Mr. Corish that he had interviewed the Postmaster at Wexford, who informed him that he had no power to make any reduction in the stipulated charges for installation of central telephone exchange in the County Buildings. The difference between the cost of independent telephones to each office and central exchange was £1 in favour of the latter.

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

"That in view of the time which would be saved to typists in County Offices and Board of Health Offices by the adoption of a Central Telephone Exchange we recommend the County Council to approve of its establishment. That Miss Mollie Moran, Quay, Wexford, temporary Clerical Assistant in

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County Board of Health Offices be nominated to the office of Telephone Attendant for six months for sanction by the County Council, remuneration 25/- per week rising by 5/- per week per annum to 35/- per week. That one moiety of this expenditure be paid by the County Council and the second by the County Board of Health."

PAYMENTS TO LOCAL LOANS FUND

Under date 4th May 1936, the Office of Public Works wrote calling attention to the fact that penal Interest would be charged on all loans out of above fund unless the instalments were paid within 31 days after 1st May in each year.

The Secretary stated that all instalments of Wexford County Council were paid within the specified period.

SANCTION OF OVERDRAFT

Under date 7th May 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.95246/36 Loch Garman) that the Minister had sanctioned overdraft accommodation not exceeding £20,000 (Twenty Thousand Pounds) on the accounts of the Wexford County Council up to 31st May 1936, Interest to be paid thereon at the agreed rate.

GROUND RENT COUNTY BUILDINGS

Under date 1st May 1936 the Manager, National Bank, Wexford, wrote that in connection with the application of the County Council for loan of £4151 to enable them to purchase the annual ground rent of £207. 11. 6d for County Buildings it was observed that the Council suggested the loan should run for a period of 35 years, but under the decision of the Banks Standing Committee the maximum limit over which Loans of this nature could be granted was 15 years.

The Secretary said that provided loan could be obtained at 4% for 15 years the amount repayable for loan would be:-

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	£.
For Instalment Loan	5479
and for Annuity Loan	5610
leaving in favour of the former	131

but, of course, the Council, under the instalment basis, would pay back each year a larger amount of the principal.

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

"That the Treasurer of the County Council be requested to state if his Directors are prepared to advance to the Council the sum of £4151 by way of loan to purchase ground rent attaching to the County Buildings, loan to be advanced at 4% and period of repayment 15 years. Should a favourable reply be received notice of motion to obtain said loan be considered at County Council meeting in August next."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 29th April 1936 Miss Johanna Cooney, 23 Larkfield Park, Kimmage, Dublin, applied for an extension of her University Scholarship to enable her to secure the Higher Diploma Degree in Education.

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That the application of Miss Johanna Cooney for extension of her University Scholarship be recommended to the County Council for favourable consideration provided she furnishes evidence of having secured the degree of B.A."

Medical certificate was submitted from Dr. P. A. Doyle, Bridgetown, that Anthony O'Rahilly Hassett, University Scholarship Holder was seriously ill at Rathronan, Bridgetown, with Gastritis and was unfit to resume his studies at the University for the present.

CLAIM FOR LOSS OF MARE

Under date 4th May 1936, Messrs. Huggard Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, Wexford, wrote that on 23rd March last

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their client, Peter Sinnott, Killelan, Screen, had furnished to County Surveyor claim in respect of the loss of a valuable brood mare owing to an accident on 14th March arising out of the alleged wrongful and negligent acts of the servants or agents of the County Council. The claim which was made to the County Surveyor in writing on 23rd March last, was accompanied by a Certificate from Mr. Staples, V.S. Up to the present their client had not heard anything further of the matter.

The Secretary reported that the County Surveyor had been in correspondence with the Insurance Company in the matter.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 8th May 1936 as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

SEIZURES FOR RATES: The following was moved by Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Bowe:-

"That the County Council decline to allow any amount of recoupment to Collector Quirke (District No. 1.) for clothes destroyed in making seizure for Rates at the premises of Agnes Murphy, Hollymount, Castlebridge"

On a show of hands 7 voted in favour of this proposal and 11 against.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

Mr. Ronan proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution:-

" That the recommendation of the Finance Committee in respect of allowance of expenses to Rate Collectors be approved and that as regards the allowance to Collector Quirke for replacement of suit of clothes destroyed, this must be regarded as exceptional and in no way establishing a precedent for the payment of similar claims in the future."

Passed.

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 held on 8th May 1936, be and are hereby adopted."

PROPOSED TAGHMON DISPENSARY RESIDENCE

The following motion which stood in the name of Miss O'Ryan was circulated to members of the Council on 1st April:-

"That the Council consents to the borrowing by County

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Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £2000 (Two Thousand Pounds) for the purpose of defraying the expenses of providing a Dispensary and Residence at Taghmon."

Miss O'Ryan in moving her motion said that a dispensary and residence at Taghmon was badly needed. The site had been procured.

Mr. Corish seconded and the motion was adopted, Col. Quin dissenting. He said if the estimate for the new building was £1600 this was the amount which should be borrowed.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following list of applicants for Scholarships under above Scheme was submitted for the purpose of determining their eligibility to compete for award of Scholarships:-

Bolger John A., Victoria Place, New Ross.
(Father Auctioneer deceased).

Breen James, 24 McCurtain Street, Gorey.
(Carpenter).

Brewer William, Irishtown, New Ross.
(Carpenter).

Corish Brendan, 1 St. Ibar's Villas, Wexford.
(Father T.D.).

Doyle Patrick, Custom House Quay, Wexford.
(Publican).

Doyle Patrick Robert, Pavilion, Rosslare Strand.
(Fruiterer).

Egan Johanna, Fethard-on-Sea, Co. Wexford.
(Ex-Sergeant R.I.C.).

Flynn John, Ballymaclare, Campile.
(Farmer).

Forde Charles, 2 Slaney Street, Wexford.
(Railway Inspector).

Forde James A., Delta Cottage, Gorey.
(No occupation stated).

French John, 28 Main Street, Gorey.
(Merchant).

Hanlon, William Joseph, 7 Friary Place, Enniscorthy.
(Postman).

Hickey Anne, Westgate, Wexford.
(C.E.O. Town of Wexford Vocational Education Cttee).

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Hughes Margaret, Irish Street Hill, Bunclody.
(Gardener).

Kehoe John Patrick, Creacon, New Ross.
(Farmer).

Kelly Johanna M., 53 South Main Street, Wexford.
(Father - Clerk. Mother - N.T.).

Kelly Mary Elizabeth, Ballymorris, Ballyhogue, Enniscorthy.
(Farmers).

Meyler James J., Blackhall, Glynn.
(Farmers).

Murphy Michael, Cushinstown, New Ross.
(National Teacher).

Murphy Philip M., Knockreigh, Adamstown.
(Farmers).

O'Donnell Bridget, Duncannon, Co. Wexford.
(Retired Lightkeeper).

O'Flaherty James, Hill Street, Wexford.
(Moulder).

O'Grady Nicholas, 16 Carrigeen Street, Wexford.
(Tailor).

O'Rourke Laurence, Brownstown, Newbawn, Co. Wexford.
(Father - Farmer. Mother - N.T.).

Rossiter Edmond Patrick, Broadway, Co. Wexford.
(Railway Worker).

Ryan John, 16 Quay, New Ross.
(Business).

Whitmore Patrick, Bishopswater, Wexford.
(Casing Curer).

Miss O'Ryan mentioned that in connection with award of these scholarships discussion occurred at each annual meeting at which eligibility of candidates was considered as to the best means of ascertaining whether the parents or guardians of applicants were in need of assistance to provide University education. A number of people had formed the opinion that the Council did not give the same opportunity to persons in receipt of incomes as to farmers or other persons holding peoperty. Of course, the wish of the Council was to be as fair as possible to all classes of ratepayers and if they could arrive at a certain level of income they might be able to have a basis for calculation which would be suitable. There was also an idea that chil-

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dren of teachers should not be allowed to compete for these University Scholarships, but the Council had never arrived at such a conclusion. If they could fix a maximum taxable income, people with a large number of children would not be hit so hard as by any other basis of valuation. As she believed an amount up to £300 taxable income would be perfectly fair she moved a resolution to this effect.

Mr. Kelly seconded the motion.

Col. Quin held that a person with £300 of an income would scarcely be called poor. He believed £200 would be much nearer the mark. He proposed an amendment to this effect.

Mr. Kinsella seconded the motion which, however, was subsequently withdrawn.

Mr. McCarthy pointed out that in the past the Council had at one period decided eligibility on the question of valuation, but it was found that a man with a high valuation who had to employ a considerable amount of labour was worse off than a man with a much smaller valuation, who was assisted in working his holding by sons or other relatives. Recently, the Council had as regards University Scholarships considered each application on its merits. Of course, regarding Secondary and Vocational Scholarships they had valuation and income bases which were included in the scheme by directions of the Department of Education. He thought the amount in Miss O'Ryan's proposition too high.

Miss O'Ryan said she was quite prepared to alter her figures and had submitted it really for the purpose of discussion and to enable the Council to arrive at what would be generally considered fair.

Mr. Bowe believed that a taxable income of £200 was too high, as a man with three children under this, could have an income of £550.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed that the gross income should not exceed £500 but this proposal was not seconded.

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Col. Gibbon proposed that the list should be accepted as it stood.

Mr. Redmond seconded.

On a show of hands this was supported by two members only.

The Chairman suggested they should agree to Mr. McCarthy's proposal.

After further discussion Mr. McCarthy proposed that as regards list of University Scholarship applicants for award of scholarships submitted to this meeting, this Council considers that applicants whose parents or guardians are in receipt of taxable income in excess of £200 should be declared ineligible for award of such scholarships.

Mr. Kinsella seconded.

Mr. Bowe proposed that the figure for taxable income should be fixed at £150.

Col. Quin seconded.

On a show of hands, this received two votes only and was declared lost.

Mr. McCarthy's motion was then put and declared passed.

Col. Gibbon proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That, in future, applicants for University Scholarships whose parents or guardians are in receipt of taxable income in excess of £200 be regarded as ineligible for award of such Scholarships."

It was decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Colfer that meeting of Scholarship Committee to consider Scholarship Schemes for 1937 be held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on Saturday, 16th May 1936 at 11 o'clock a.m.

POULDUFF PIER

Under date 28th April 1936 the Department of Agriculture (Fisheries Branch) wrote (W.5/6/35) that as regards

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the proposed contribution of County Council of £750 towards £3000 the cost of extending Poulduff Pier, the Minister would in present conditions have much difficulty in justifying a proposal to provide the balance, £2250 from State Funds. If the Council were prepared to offer one-half of the cost, viz., £1,500, the Minister would have the matter afforded further consideration.

The Chairman said he had recently called to the Fisheries Department and was asked if there was really a good case for the extension of the pier. He (Chairman) gave particulars of the number of boats and families dependant on the place. He was informed that the Government, in view of the amount involved had never given a grant of three fourths to any similar work. If, however, the people of the County considered it justified they might be prepared to put up 50% of the cost. Even, in that event, the Government were not prepared to give a guarantee they would contribute half the cost but the statement that should the County Council put up the 50% the decision of the Government to give the proposal further consideration was a step in the right direction. Of course, if the Council did not think the circumstances did not justify the cost which was a big item for one work they should not agree to its provision.

Mr. Smyth was in favour of the County Council providing half the cost of the proposed work to a maximum of £1500. The number of boats at Poulduff had increased and as had been explained at previous meetings unless the pier was extended boats could not lie alongside, and there would accordingly be considerable loss of time to the fishermen and the danger of injury to their boats. If the extension was carried out he believed that there would be an increase in the number of boats at the place and an all-round development of the fishing industry.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the following:-

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"That the Wexford County Council provide £1500 towards the cost of improving Poulduff Pier on condition that a similar amount be provided by State Grant."

Mr. Cummins in seconding said that years ago a proposal had been put before the Council to borrow £100,000 for the development of all their fishery piers. If this proposal had been adopted they would now have a flourishing industry instead of having the best of their fish looted by foreign trawlers.

Col. Gibbon said as they had decided upon their expenditure for the year he could not see where the proposed amount to be given by the County Council was to be procured. It would resolve itself into a question of borrowing He was not in favour of expending such a large sum on this particular pier. The Harbours of Courtown, Kilmore, Fethard and Slade required improvement, Fethard being completely silted up and he believed the Council would secure better results by spending the money on these places rather than at Poulduff.

Mr. Keegan supported the motion. The money which provided a livelihood for the people was well spent. In addition an extension of Cahore pier would help the farmers who could import coal and other supplies.

Col. Quin also supported the motion. The men at Cahore were a fine type and he was sure if helped by the Council they would develop their industry.

In reply to the Chairman, the County Surveyor said the estimated amount of £3000 for repair of the pier had been made out by him.

The motion was then put and passed.

CUTTING AT TACUMSHANE LAKE

Under date 9th May 1936 the following report was read from County Surveyor:-

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"As arranged by the County Council, the Chairman, Mr. Corish and the County Surveyor attended in Dublin at the Office of Public Works on the 17th April last. Mr. Candy, Chief Engineer, interviewed the deputation and discussed both Tacumshane Minor Relief Scheme and Courtown Harbour Dredging. The advisability of making a further grant to complete Tacumshane job was fully discussed, and Mr. Candy sought to have more complete evidence that the further work proposed would be of a permanent nature. As the work is very much dependant on weather conditions the County Surveyor was not able to give a definite undertaking in the matter, and it was finally arranged that Mr. Candy would visit the site later, probably at the end of May or early in June and go fully into details on the spot. The deputation understood that if there is any reasonable prospect of making a satisfactory job it is probable further funds may be made available."

Mr. Culleton said that the men engaged in cutting the sand bank appeared to be under the impression that when the matter was discussed at the Council meeting a statement had been made that they had interfered with the work to prevent it being effective. What had been mentioned at the meeting was that there was a rumour that a considerable time ago the sluices had been interfered with but this had nothing whatever to say to the recent work and as a matter of fact no evidence of the truth of the rumour was ever forthcoming.

The County Surveyor said that though labouring under great hardships the men who had been engaged at the "cut" carried out their work well.

Col. Gibbon said that he had visited the place on several occasions and considering the disabilities under which the men laboured and the distances which they had to travel to work they had behaved excellently.

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

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"That the County Surveyor be instructed to communicate with Mr. Candy, Chief Engineer to Office of Public Works in connection with further work of cutting Tacumshane Lake, and that he represent to this Department the necessity for providing a further State Grant in order to obviate flooding of the adjoining lands. Were it not for the storms which unfortunately came when the previous work was completed, the cutting would have been maintained. In the circumstances, the Council appealed to the Minister to provide the necessary State Grant to complete the work."

COURTOWN HARBOUR DREDGING

The County Surveyor reported that as arranged by County Council, the Chairman, Mr. Corish and the County Surveyor attended at the Office of Public Works on the 17th April, 1936.

Mr. Candy, Chief Engineer, interviewed the deputation as to Courtown Harbour.

In regard to the dredging, Mr. Candy stated that the method of clearing the harbour by over-head cable into which they had inquired had been abandoned as not being feasible, and at the present time the Office of Works were trying out a new system at Dun Laoghaire, and in the event of its being successful they would communicate with the Council regarding Courtown. It was suggested that if the rails on the Pier were extended round the basin it would be possible for crane and grab to dredge adjoining the Quay wall. This matter will be taken up later.

Mr. Keegan said it appeared that they were as far as ever from dredging being carried out at Courtown Harbour basin. This project was first mooted two years ago and after correspondence running on for ~~two~~ months they were informed the Office of Public Works was trying out a new dredging apparatus on the Shannon. Now it appeared this

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particular apparatus was a failure and it looked as if the Council were to receive no help from the Board of Works until a new gadget was tried out, and which might possibly also be unsuccessful. He approved of the extension of the rails as it might possibly give another berth at the Pier.

The County Surveyor said it would cost about £120 to extend the rails.

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to communicate with Mr. Candy, Chief Engineer, Office of Public Works, relative to dredging Courtown Harbour Basin and also that tramway rails at Courtown Harbour Pier be extended. That Office of Public Works be requested to provide from the proposed State Grant for the improvement of this Harbour a sum of £120 which will be required for this extension."

COURTOWN HARBOUR BOATHOUSE

The Secretary reported that Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, had taken over from Mr. McGowan, Representative of the Office of Public Works, on 1st May 1936, the old Coastguard boathouse.

ROSSLARE ROAD WIDENING

The following report was submitted by County Surveyor:-

"By appointment the Committee met Mr. McCarthy, Engineer Rosslare Sewerage Scheme, in Rosslare on 23rd April, 1936. The Committee walked the length of roadway it is proposed to widen, and examined in detail the plans for the new sewer pipe line.

There were present representing the County Council and Health Board, Miss O'Ryan, Colonel Gibbon, T.D. Sinnott, Secretary, Health Board, Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor and the County Surveyor, and representing other interests Mr. McCarthy, Engineer for the Scheme, Mr. Jackson, Resident Engineer and the Contractor's representative.

Having gone fully into the matter it was eventually decided that the line of the new boundary fence should be at twelve feet from the existing edge of the concrete road surface, and that the pipe line should be under proposed footpath between this new fence and the concrete road surface.

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The Committee inspected the timber shed erected by Mr. McGurk, and decided that it should be put back behind line of the more permanent structure facing the road to the Coastguard Station."

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

"That report of County Surveyor re widening of Rosslare Road be approved and that Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, take any steps which he may consider advisable to have shed of Mr. J. McGurk at Rosslare Strand set back the proper distance from the road."

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD

Under date 15th April, 1936, the Electricity Supply Board, 60/62 Upper Mount Street, Dublin, wrote A.220/1/1(a) S.2 notifying the County Council of their intention to lay a high tension underground cable at Enniscorthy.

The County Surveyor stated that the cable had been laid down to his satisfaction.

CARPET FOR COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBER

The County Surveyor submitted letter from Dun Emer Guild Ltd., Hardwicke Street, Dublin, stating that the carpet for County Council Chamber would be finished in about two weeks. The donor wished to have it shown at the Guild premises for a few days, and after that, it would be forwarded to the County Council.

RECONSTRUCTION OF ROADS

Under date 23rd April 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (R/RG.32) that the sanction of the Minister for Finance to the making of a Grant from Road fund of 50% of the cost of a scheme for the reconstruction of the Roads from Killinick to Carne and from Horeswood to Campile, subject to a maximum grant of £4,000 had been received.

The Scheme had been approved the Grant being subject

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to the conditions governing the recruitment of labour as set out in the Department's circular letter (SGA/202) of 22nd November 1935. A communication regarding the application for sanction to raise a loan of £4000 to carry out the scheme would be forwarded the County Council in due course. A resolution was read from Broadway and Tacumshane Fianna Fail Cumann asking the Council to proceed with the reconstruction of the Killinick-Carne Road as speedily as possible.

It was decided to inform this Cumann that the Council were doing everything possible to have the work started at an early date.

COMPLAINT OF FETHARD ROADS

Under date 2nd May 1936, Mr. M. J. Fortune, Hon. Sec., Slade Fianna Fail Club, wrote stating that it was over 12 months since a deputation from the district were before the County Council complaining of the condition of the roads in Fethard and district. Instead of improvement they had become worse and the ratepayers more discontented as they could see nothing done for the outlay.

In his own immediate district - Slade - it looked as if they would lose their road altogether and he asked that a Committee of the Council should examine it.

There was great discontent regarding road work at Fethard as men were imported from neighbouring parishes and men living alongside the road had been refused work though some of them were in dire straits having received notices to leave their cottages. One would think such people would receive preference when the Council were doing work in their own area.

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, wrote under date 7th May 1936 that he called to see Mr. Fortune to ascertain from him the roads of which he complained, but he was from home. He (Mr. O'Neill) agreed there had not been any improvement in the roads of the district for the past year and with the

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money available there was no hope of improving them in the present year. The men engaged at Fethard road were recruited through the Labour Exchange except the man in charge and one other. He considered it essential that at least two men in a gang should have some knowledge and experience of road work.

Mr. Colfer said the regulations of the Department compelling the Council to take men from the Unemployment Exchange were entirely too drastic. He was of opinion that the work should be given to the unemployed men in the district.

Mr. Culleton concurred.

The County Surveyor pointed out that the Labour Exchange arranged men by Electoral Areas and not by parishes, which might be a foundation for some of the complaints which they had heard.

The Chairman believed that with the exception of a number of keymen, agricultural labourers were capable of doing road work - certainly 99% of them. He was of opinion there should be instructions from the Council that Surveyors, before employing men on any grant job, should inspect lists supplied by the Labour Exchange and where eligible give preference to men of the immediate district.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, believed that if too definite an order were made in the matter it would probably bring them up against Government regulations. At present they had very little discretion.

Mr. Corish stated that under present regulations in regard to grant work, the names of men in receipt of the greatest amount of Unemployment Assistance were submitted. That would debar men who were off the exchange recently. The men to whom Mr. Colfer had referred might be in that category.

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Mr. Ennis said they were supposed to be given the list in the order of the amount of money the men were getting per week.

The County Surveyor said if they failed to employ men from the list in the order given, they would have to furnish very satisfactory reasons.

The Chairman said the Surveyors were now in possession of the opinion of the Council in the matter and they should not bring in men from another parish to one in which eligible men were registered. If they took that line now the Council would give them every support.

Mr. Colfer held that the regulations should be amended and that a list of names (where men were available) should be given from a three mile radius. He knew of certain jobs where men came from 10 to 12 miles away.

The Chairman said, generally speaking, they had very few complaints although he should say they had some from the Slade district.

Mr. Colfer said there was a large number of unemployed persons there.

After further discussion Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That as regards employment of men on grant work we believe the present regulations should be amended and where sufficient unemployed are to be found within a circumscribed radius, say three miles, they should get preference over those residing outside said radius."

IMPROVEMENT VILLAGE STREETS

Letter from Mr. Ronan - adjourned from last County Council meeting as to above was read.

Mr. Ronan, dealing with the matter said the Kilmuckridge street was the one which needed improvement most as it was not better than a ploughed field. Then the streets of Ferns and Bunclody also required renovation.

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Mr. Corish supported Mr. Ronan. The street of Kilmuckridge was absolutely impassible particularly in a wet season.

Mr. Keegan referred to improvement of Courtown and Riverchapel.

The County Surveyor said there were 48 villages in the county and his estimate for the improvement of their streets was £24,760. Of course, some were far more important than others. He admitted that Kilmuckridge was certainly in a bad way. They might possibly approach the Government with a view to securing even some portion of the necessary funds for the improvement of Kilmuckridge and some of the other most important villages.

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

"That the question of improvement of Village Streets be again referred to the Finance Committee with a view to submitting particulars of eight villages, the streets of which urgently need improvement."

ROAD MATTERS REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That the following matters be referred to Finance Committee for consideration at their next meeting and that Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, attend in connection with same:-

(1) Complaint re Kiltrea Quarry.

(2) Patrick Clear and complaint re haulage.

(3) Complaint re Workmen (Road No. 50).

WEXFORD - CURRACLOE ROAD

Mr. Kinsella said that a mile and half of above road from Fahy's Cross was in very bad condition and needed attention.

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Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, said he wanted to "hold" the portion of the road that had been resurfaced as it would have to be sprayed. This would account for most of the money set aside for improvement. On the really bad section they could only fill the potholes.

SLIPPERY ROADS

Mr. Ronan raised the question of the slipperiness of road Moyeady to Bunclody and Coolattin Bridge to Bunclody.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said that the matter would be dealt with as soon as possible and so far as funds would allow.

MINOR RELIEF SCHEME

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Colfer, it was decided that the following applications be selected for favourable consideration under Minor Relief Schemes Vote when money for same was available:-

Ballywilliam Lane (Tara Hill).
Newtown (Bannow) Lane.
Clone, Castletown, Inch Road.
Bunclody Streets.
Ballydonfin Lane.
Pathway at Dranagh (Courtnacuddy).
Roadway Drinagh (Broadway).
Cleaning river - Coolnagree and Galbally.
Ballingarry Lane.

KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE RATES

Under date 8th May, 1936, Mr. N. J. Murphy, Hon. Secretary, Kilmannock Drainage Committee, wrote that as regards payment of this drainage rate, the system at the present time was useless, being completely nullified by the salt water coming through the foundation of the Causeway roads, and the flooded lands at Fisherstown, so that at every spring tide, the drain is absolutely full and might as well

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have never been cleaned up. As he had explained to the Council on a former occasion the whole scheme was a huge piece of administrative bungling, as the people concerned had been told by the Engineer in charge, that the work was being done under a Grant to relieve unemployment. There was enough money squandered as not only to have cleaned up the main drains, but all the subsidiary drains as well. He further pointed out that the ordinary county rate on the drained lands was higher than the combined rate and annuities on the surrounding estates, and he did not see how some of the owners could possibly pay what was really an unjust imposition. He asked the Council to press the Government for a substantial modification of the original Drainage Charge.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was decided that the communication from Mr. Murphy be referred to the Finance Committee for report.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

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

"That new licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to Michael Breslin, 82 Main Street, Gorey, and that renewals of licences issue to William Hogan, Fethard-on-Sea and N. Tackaberry, Cash Stores, Bunclody.

PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS

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

"That proposals for payment as submitted to this meeting and including payments to Road Contractors, as certified by County Surveyor on Form 22, be and are hereby agreed to, and Paying Orders for same be issued."

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PIGS MARKETING BOARD

Representations were received from the Irish Pig Dealers Association, Prosperity Chambers, 5, 6 & 7 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin, pointing out that the proposal before the Pigs Marketing Board would place that body in control of the entire pig supplies of the Saorstat with the object of eliminating markets and fairs at which live pigs were sold. Such a scheme would have a disastrous effect on all towns where markets have been held for generations. A letter published in the "Cork Examiner" by Mr. William McElligott, Chairman of the Listowel Traders' Protection Association, and a resolution adopted by this body were also submitted.

The Chairman mentioned that this matter had been considered at great length by the Committee of Agriculture and rejected. He proposed that the communication be marked "read".

Mr. Redmond seconded and the resolution was adopted.

THE LATE SIR ROGER CASEMENT

A resolution from the National Graves Association asking the English Government to allow the remains of the late Roger Casement to be restored to his native land, where he wished to find a final resting place, was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Ronan.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING 8th JUNE 1936.

M I N U T E S

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

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

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 8th June 1936.

Present:- Mr. Corish (Vice-Chairman) and subsequently Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presided; also, Messrs. J.J. Bowe, Patk. Colfer, John Connors, C. Culleton, Wm. Cullimore, John Cummins, John Day, Col. C.M. Gibbon, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, Jas. Lawler, Thos. McCarthy, T.J. Meyler, Philip Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, Ml. Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Patk. Ronan, Malachi Sweetman and James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £11302. 5. 9d were examined and signed.

THE LATE MR. MICHAEL DOYLE

A vote of condolence to Mr. Myles Smyth, County Councillor, on the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. Michael Doyle, Gorey, was adopted in the usual manner on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. McCarthy.

The Secretary on behalf of himself and staff also expressed sympathy with Mr. Smyth.

STRIKING OF RATE FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1936-37

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. M. Redmond:-

"That we hereby allow and make the rates as agreed to at meeting of this Council on 9th March 1936 and as set out and assessed in Rate Books for each Collection District for this County, our Secretary having certified at foot of

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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, 1937, such relief to be given by way of abatement as determined by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

That the following sums, as agreed to at meeting of this County Council, held on 9th March, 1936, be demanded from the three Urban Councils of the County, for financial year 1936/37 :-

Enniscorthy. . .	£3,210. 12. 2.
New Ross . . .	2,950. 9. 8.
do. (maintenance of Urban Roads in Urban district)	475. 0. 0.
Wexford. . . .	6,325. 15. 9."

(This was the special business of the meeting).

MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEES.

MEETING 22nd MAY, 1936: The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of this 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 22nd May 1936.

Present:- Messrs. P. Colfer, W. Cullimore, 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 also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly, the chair was taken by Miss O'Ryan.

After confirmation of Minutes, Mr. Corish, Vice-Chairman, County Council, presided.

After examination of Treasurer's Advice Note, the Chairman (Mr. Allen) attended and presided for the rest of the meeting.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2989. 10. 7d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

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

E. J. Murphy	96.1
J. Curtis	93.3
P. Carty	91.4
J. J. O'Reilly	90.7
M. Kehoe	89.8
J. Deegan	88.9
D. Kenny	88.6
P. Doyle	84.5
S. Gannon No. 10	84.2
M. McCarthy	83.6
J. Cummins	83.5
J. Flood	82.8
P. Nolan	79.4
A. Dunne	77.2
S. Gannon No. 6	77.0
J. J. Sinnott	73.0
W. Cummins	71.5
J. Quirke	70.7
M. Murphy	70.2
W. Doyle	68.3
	81.6

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The Collection was 1.4% behind the corresponding period last year.

In connection with the examination of amounts of temporary uncollectable Rates claimed by the Collectors, it was decided to change the date of special meeting of Finance Committee for the purpose from 2nd to 12th June 1936, meeting to be held at 11 a.m.

PERMANENT COLLECTOR FOR DISTRICT NO. 7: With reference to proposed appointment of permanent Collector for No. 7 District, the following advertisement was approved on the motion of the Chairman (Mr. Corish) and seconded by Mr. Kelly and it was directed it should be forwarded for sanction of the Minister:-

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO. 7 DISTRICT

The above Council will, at their meeting to be held on Tuesday, 30th June 1936 at 10.30 a.m. ("Official" time), consider applications for the position of Rate Collector for No. 7 District which comprises the District Electoral Divisions of:- Ballindaggin, Castledockrell, Killoughrim, Kilrush, Marshalstown, Moyacomb, Newtownbarry, Rossard, St. Mary's and Tombrack.

Candidates must be over 21 years on 1st June 1936, and must submit birth or baptismal certificate with application.

Remuneration - 7d in the £ on all monies collected and lodged (provided warrants are closed by statutory dates) with statutory fees for work in the preparation of Electors' Lists.

Terms and conditions of appointment, which should be obtained by all intending candidates, will be furnished on application to the Undersigned.

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Applications (with testimonials and reputable evidence as to character) must be lodged with the Undersigned not later than 27th June 1936 at 10 o'clock a.m. (official time).

The Council do not bind themselves to make any appointment at meeting on 30th June 1936.

The successful candidate must receive the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

N. J. FRIZELLE,

Secretary.

Wexford County Council,
County Hall, WEXFORD.

COMPLAINT AGAINST RATE COLLECTOR: The following under date 20th May 1936 was read from Rate Collector Matthew Murphy (District No. 12):-

"In reply to your letter of the 16th instant re John Sheil's complaint against me, I beg to state that on 28th October he got a six days'notice, on the 20th November, my solicitor sent out 26 letters of application including Mr. Sheil's. On the 19th December, there were four summons sent out all for first moiety rate. On the 30th December Sheil left the rates at Mrs. Stamp's.

If I am to be called before the Council whenever a Ratepayer makes a complaint to a member of the Council, I think it is only fair that a certain amount of expenses should be allowed to me.

I am trying to carry out my duties to the best of my ability and naturally I feel that I am being hampered in these duties when I can be called before the Council at the behest of any Ratepayer who considers he has a grievance by any action taken by me in the execution of my duties as Rate Collector."

Miss O'Ryan said there appeared to be some opposition to the Rate Collector in the district.

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The Rates Inspector said that Murphy was a rather tactless man, but it was a difficult district to work in.

After a long discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by the Chairman:-

"That the Rates Inspector be directed to interview John Sheil, the Assistant in Stamp's shop and the Rate Collector with a view to ascertaining the dates (1) when the Rate Collector called on the Ratepayer; (2) when six day notice was issued; (3) when solicitor applied for payment; (4) when the summons was issued against Sheil; (5) when the latter left the rates at Stamp's shop, and (6) when they were taken up by the Rate Collector. That report regarding these dates be furnished the Finance Committee. Also that Rates Inspector endeavour to procure for the Finance Committee information as to friction which appears to exist between the Collector and some of the Ratepayers."

It was decided to inform Collector Murphy that the Finance Committee would call for his attendance at any meeting at which they believed it to be necessary to elicit any facts in connection with his Rate Collection.

POUNDAGE TO COLLECTORS: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That the Council be recommended to procure the sanction of the Minister to the payment of Poundage to Collectors who lodge a sum equivalent to the amount of current warrant and arrears of financial year 1935/36 by the 30th May 1936."

IMPROVEMENT VILLAGE STREETS

The Chairman referred to the great necessity which existed for the improvement of the village streets of the County, many of which were in very bad condition, and even where reasonably passable occasioned so much dust through

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motor traffic that the residents were put to loss as well as to inconvenience. The Government were providing two and a quarter millions for improvement and development work and there was no doubt that some of this money could be most usefully spent in improving their village streets. They could divide the streets into two lists putting into No. 1 those which most urgently needed attention and reserving the second list for further consideration. The Council should, however, bear in mind that it would be necessary in order to qualify for the State grant that substantial local contribution towards the various works would have to be forthcoming.

Miss O'Ryan pointed out that the Grant would be only available for work on road work which would not be done by the Council in the ordinary way, in other words, for reconstruction and improvement, but not for maintenance.

The Chairman proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Colfer and passed nem. con.:-

"That as regards proposals for improvement and reconstruction of village streets in County Wexford, we hereby approve of the submission of the names of the following villages and amounts as estimated by the County Surveyor:-

Coolgreaney £920; Courtown and Riverchapel £1100; Kilmuckridge £1,000; Monamolin £980; Ballycarney £600; Kiltealy £920; The Ballagh £300; Castlebridge £550; Crossabeg £480; Slade and Churchtown £360; Saltmills £100; Ballyhack £500; Clongeen £400; Tagoat £280; Taghmon £1200; Bridgetown £600; Duncormack £600. Total £10,890.

That we recommend the County Council to accept these proposals and to agree to contribute one moiety of the amount actually spent for this Scheme provided the other moiety be available from State funds."

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SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 7th May, 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.92376/36 Loch Garman), stating that the Minister had sanctioned a proposal of the Wexford County Council to advance £95 to Patrick Murphy in respect of a new house to be erected at Rosetown, Barntown, under the Small Dwellings Acts and in lieu of advance of £72 already sanctioned.

Under date 12th May, 1936, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health wrote H.96586/36 Loch Garman, that the Minister had sanctioned an advance of £195 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to James Sinnott in respect of house to be erected at Seamount, Gorey.

The application of John Eustace, Clonleigh, Palace, New Ross, for an advance of £100 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, was passed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Corish.

It was decided that an application from Samuel McCutcheon, Coolbrook, Wellingtonbridge, Oil Salesman, for a loan of £300 be adjourned for further inquiries.

It was stated that Mr. McCutcheon did not require any advance under Small Dwellings Acquisition Act for the purpose of erecting a residence, as his present premises were very substantial and suitable.

In connection with the loan advanced to Michael Wickham, Tomnalosset, Enniscorthy, for house at Knockmarshal, Mr. Kelly said that a lodger named Bass still occupied the place and was so far as he could learn, paying 10/- or 12/- per week. Some time ago, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, had been directed to take up possession and he (Mr. Kelly) wished to know what had been done in the matter.

Mr. Elgee said he was dealing with the matter.

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WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

Under date 19th May, 1936, the Department of Agriculture wrote:-

"In reply to your letter of the 11th instant, I have to refer you to Article 12 of the above Order which renders it unlawful for any person to sell any preparation for dressing cattle for warble infestation unless such preparation is contained in a sealed package on the outside of which there is certain printed matter, including the words "Approved by the Minister for Agriculture". This provision is designed to secure that no unapproved and possibly ineffective or adulterated or otherwise spurious preparations will be sold for the purposes of the Order. It was not assumed that the sample mentioned in this Department's letter of the 9th instant to the Local Authority was spurious or ineffective. The matter was referred to the Local Authority for attention in view of the fact that the sample did not comply with the foregoing requirements.

It is, of course, a matter for consideration by the Local Authority whether the purpose in view would not be sufficiently served by, in the first instance, warning the trader who was offering the powder for sale against any further similar infringment of the Order."

Under date 19th May, 1936, letter was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, forwarding list of questions which he had asked the Department in view of their first letter as to Warble Fly Powder sold in this instance.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, stated he had supplied Mr. Thornton on request with a sample of the powder which had been forwarded by the Department to the County Council.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the attention of Mr. Alphonsus Thornton, Chemist, Enniscorthy, be called by Mr. John Elgee, County Council Solicitor, to the necessity of adhering strictly to the instructions under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order 1936, relative to the sale of powders under the Order. The Council would expect that in future that Mr. Thornton would exercise special care in seeing that any preparation sold on his premises for dressing cattle for Warble Fly infestation is contained in a sealed package on the outside of which there is the printed matter required by Article 12 of the Warble Fly Order 1936, including the words "Approved by the Minister for Agriculture".

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LOAN FOR PURCHASE OF HEAD RENT COUNTY BUILDINGS

Under date 21st May 1936, the Manager, National Bank, Wexford, wrote that his Directors would favourably consider the advancement of a loan of £4151 for the purpose of purchasing the ground rent of the County Buildings, repayment to be spread over a period of 15 years on the usual terms as to Interest and Security, viz., Mortgage over the Rates, Rate of Interest ½% under Irish Banks Rate varying with a minimum of 4% in accordance with the decision of the Irish Banks Standing Committee.

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

"That the National Bank (Treasurer of County Council) be requested to advance Loan of £4151 for the purchase of ground rent of County Buildings at 4% fixed Interest for the full period of 15 years."

Under date 19th May 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (S.92170-36-Loch Garman) that in connection with application to Commissioners of Public Works for advance of Loan to redeem ground rent of County Buildings the matter had been referred to them for attention and it was requested that full particulars as to the acquisition of the premises would be submitted.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of this letter pending the result of negotiations in the matter with the Treasurer of the County Council.

ROSSLARE SEWERAGE

Under date 19th May 1936 the County Surveyor wrote that a letter had been received from the Engineer of above Scheme as regards the removal of the projection at the Golf Hotel, Rosslare. When the Committee inspected the place it was considered this building should come down so as to allow of the proper laying of the sewer pipes.

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

"That the matter of removal of projection at Golf Hotel, Rosslare, be again referred to the County Surveyor to submit information as to the conditions agreed to by the County Council when an application to allow of the erection of the building was made to them."

ROSSLARE ROAD OBSTRUCTION

Under date 22nd May 1936, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, wrote that the structure which the County Surveyor had reported as blocking the road at Rosslare Strand and which was owned by Mr. McGurk was on a public right of way leading to the Strand, over which the County Council had no control.

No order.

ROAD MATTERS

WORK AT KILTREA QUARRY: A letter from Mr. Kelly, M.C.C., under date 20th April as to work in this quarry was referred from the general meeting of the County Council in May to Finance Committee for consideration. Mr. Kelly said that there were five of the regular staff of road workers breaking stones by hand in Kiltrea quarry. Three of these men had 4 years' stamps to their credit. At one time a number of casual workers were employed at this particular work. Mr. Kelly then gave the names of seven married men with dependants who were on Unemployment Assistance with about 10/- each week and he contended these men should get some of the work in the quarry as heretofore.

Under date 6th May, 1936, Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, pointed out that the men in this section referred to by Mr. Kelly were employed at Main Road Work for three months, winter work on by-roads for three months and in Kiltrea Quarry (preparation of material) four months. This was a total of 10 months. Often with the stamps which they

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accumulated two months idleness would not leave them anything as a reserve. He had no room for any further men in the Section. Of the seven men mentioned by Mr. Kelly, only one ever worked for him and for a short period only. Of course, the amount of work available in this Section was not nearly so large as before the main road from Enniscorthy to Ballymackessy was rolled.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kinsella to accept the explanation of Mr. Ennis in this matter as satisfactory.

COMPLAINT RE HAULAGE: Under date 20th April 1936, Patrick Clear, Ballyprecus, Bunclody, wrote as to haulage work and the letter which had been referred from general meeting of the County Council to Finance Committee for consideration, was dealt with. Clear pointed out that he started work with the County Council over 20 years ago, and no fault had ever been found with him. He had hauled for the Council during crucial periods. A few years ago, when farmers would not work for the Council he had two or three horses employed, but for the last five years work grew less and less so that he had been employed only for three weeks for the last six months. He complained that at the present there was very little haulage from Ryland Wood to Corragh, and farmers were employed. Men who had land and other means of livelihood were at work while he (Clear) who had not a perch of land or house of his own, was unable to secure a day's work.

Under date 6th May, 1936, Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that Clear could be described as a professional haulier, having three good horses. Formerly, he, to a large extent, lived by County Council work, but latterly this had been greatly cut down, because, while formerly Clear got all work in Ryland Quarry and adjoining Section, this had been divided by Order of the County Council, and

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now Clear got somewhat less than half of his former employment. The second reason was that haulage to roads was now given by competitive tender, and he did not receive one-third of the amount he had in the past. Men like Clear could not draw for 7d or 7½d per yard mile while a small farmer would pick up £5 or £10 rather than have his horses idle. Clear was always a satisfactory man, and it seemed a pity that men like him should be knocked out. This was, however, the inevitable result of the policy of the division of work. Whenever possible, Clear had received his share of employment. The trouble with Clear and men like him was that they could not live unless they got what might seem to some, an undue proportion of the work. With new men being brought in every year, it was becoming impossible to keep some of the old regular hauliers going.

Mr. Keegan said there was a certain amount of dissatisfaction with the procedure of gangers having entire charge of the men in any district.

The Chairman said that men working under gangers resent being ordered about by them, so that, whenever it was possible, the Assistant Surveyor should give instructions to the ganger on the road.

Mr. Keegan pointed out that there was an erroneous idea abroad that the gangers had control of the employment and discharge of road workers.

The County Surveyor said it was almost necessary that the Assistant Surveyors should discuss with the gangers the merits of particular workmen who were to be employed or discharged. Of course, it was after due consideration that the Assistant Surveyors gave the gangers instructions as to what was the most feasible thing to be done in certain circumstances.

The Chairman proposed that Mr. Ennis' explanation as regards complaint of Patrick Clear be accepted as satisfactory.

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Miss O'Ryan seconded.

Passed.

ROAD NO. 50: Letter from Mr. Kelly under date 20th April 1936, which had been referred from County Council general meeting to the Finance Committee, for consideration, pointed out that Road No. 50 had been changed to a different Section, from Ballinlug to Ballymackessy some time ago, with the result that men from another Section, including the ganger, had to come a distance of six or seven miles to work on the road in question. The Section these men normally worked in was twice the size of the section in which the above road was before being changed, and yet these men could get out stones and have the hand-breaking of them as well. Six men who had seen Mr. Kelly, had written to object to this, and also, to the fact that 300 yards of stones were hauled from Cherryorchard Quarry to Scollagh Gap. This material could have been obtained from Grange quarry. The men who came into the Section to work had two or three years' stamps to their credit, while the men on whose behalf he had written, were all married and getting from 8/- to 10/- Unemployment Assistance. He stated that if they were expected to pay rent and rates they should get a share of the work in their own section.

Under date 6th May 1936, Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that some years back Road No. 50 had been changed from Section 16 to 17. Formerly, Section 16 had 13 miles of unrolled main road, and Section 17, 6 miles of rolled and none of unrolled Main Road. Six miles of rolled road would not yield very much work, and he, Mr. Ennis, found that the foreman in Section 16 had more main road work than he could manage, with the result that road No. 50, which was five miles long, was put into Section 17. This left eight miles in Section 16 and this was found to be much more satisfactory than the previous arrangement. The road fitted more naturally into this particular Section. The

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statements made as to men being brought six or seven miles were simply untrue. The statement that Section 17 was twice as large as Section 16 was also untrue. Even with the change, he, Mr. Ennis found, the effective work yield of 16 was still rather greater than 17. As regards the statement that 300 cubic yards of stones were being brought from Cherryorchard to the Scollagh Gap road, what had been decided was to spread about 140 cubic yards of ½ inch chippings on this road. These could not possibly be supplied by Rathduff or Grange quarry. The latter quarry could hardly supply sufficient chips for the main roads adjacent to it. Even if they could be had they would cost considerably more. Of the six men whose names were given only one ever worked for him and for a short period only.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded a resolution that Mr. Ennis' explanation be regarded as satisfactory.

Passed.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT

The Secretary reported that £2810 Road Improvement Grant 1935-36 had been lodged by the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) to the credit of the County Council.

ALLEGED REMOVAL OF ROAD MATERIAL

Under date 19th May 1936, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, wrote that Nicholas Butler, Newbawn, Foulksmills, was at the District Court held on 19th May, fined £2 (the full amount allowed by Act of Parliament) in a prosecution for the removal of road material.

A BROKEN DOWN ROAD

Under date 20th May 1936 Mr. John R. Cousins, Hill, Bridgetown, wrote that he had been notified to repair road which had been worn down by his cattle going to his land

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every day. He repaired the road seven years ago, though he had no liability in the matter, as he was not supposed to keep up a contract road. He also wanted to be paid for the work which he had carried out on the road.

The County Surveyor said he had seen the place, and as far as he could make out a deep drain on the road close to Mr. Cousins' house was broken down by his cattle. The ganger, John Roche, complained of the damage done by the cattle to Mr. ~~Roche~~ Cousins, but, he (County Surveyor) considered it was "up to" the Council to build a road so that cattle could be driven along it. He thought a retaining wall of concrete should be built there.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor who was instructed to confer with Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, as to the liability of the Council.

KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE RATES

Under date 8th May 1936 letter from Mr. N. J. Murphy, Hon. Secretary, Kilmannock Drainage Committee, which was referred from County Council meeting re payment of Kilmannock Drainage Rates to Finance Committee for consideration was read. Mr. Murphy pointed out that the Rate Collector was pressing the Drainage Ratepayers for payment. At present, the drainage was useless as it was nullified by the salt water coming through the foundation of the Causeway roads from the flooded lands at Fisherstown, so that at every Spring tide the drain is full and might as well never have been cleaned up. The whole Scheme was faulty and when it was being carried out the ratepayers were informed it was for the relief of unemployment. The ordinary County Rate on the affected holdings was higher than rates and annuities on the surrounding estates. He did not see how some of the owners could pay what was really an unjust imposition. He asked the County Council to press the Department of Local Government and Public Health for a remission or at least a

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very substantial modification of the original drainage charges.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kinsella:-

"The Finance Committee, in view of their experience relative to a similar request in connection with the Sow Drainage area, cannot hold out any hope of reduction in the amount of loan advanced for improvement of Kilmannock Drainage Area, but are prepared to ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to allow the collection to be dealt with similar to the collection of the Sow Drainage Rate, viz., by the collection of one year's Drainage rate each year until amount of Charging Order has been repaid by Drainage Ratepayers. The expenditure for maintenance of Area to be collected from Drainage Ratepayers in addition to the sum set out in Charging Order.

COMPENSATION TO A GANGER

Mr. Keegan said there was a rumour in the district that a ganger named Redmond, Curratubbin, who was receiving compensation for injury had been engaged on work of his own when the injury took place. He did not know how true this was, but he asked the County Surveyor to ascertain all possible information in the matter.

The County Surveyor said there was a rumour that the man had been cutting firewood for himself when the accident occurred but this was denied. He would go into the matter fully.

LOAN VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

Under date 14th May 1936, the Commissioners of Public Works wrote (C.92/13/2/36) that as regards payment of further instalment of £1093. 14. 4d of the loan of £3500 sanctioned for the erection and equipment of Vocational Schools at Adamstown, Kilmuckridge and Shelbaggin, they were

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referring the relevant papers to their Architect for his report. They would issue the amount he recommended. As the Mortgage Deeds for this loan did not cover the purchase of the sites, they could not advance any money for the purpose, but they suggested that the Council should communicate with the Department of Local Government and Public Health in the matter.

The Secretary stated that the County Council had borrowed the amount asked for by County Vocational Education Committee.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That copy of letter from Commissioners of Public Works under date 14th May 1936 (C.92/13/2/36) be referred ~~to~~ for their observations to County Wexford Vocational Education Committee."

PERMANENT APPOINTMENT SHORTHAND-TYPIST

Under date 19th May 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.102730/36-Loch Garman) that the Minister had sanctioned the permanent appointment of Miss Kathleen Tobin as Shorthand-Typist under Wexford County Council on the terms and conditions set out in replies to queries and on the conditions of the published advertisement inviting applications for the position.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The report of Scholarship Committee held on 16th May 1936, was submitted as follows:-

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SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE

MEETING 16th MAY 1936.

A meeting of above Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 16th May 1936.

Very Rev. J. Doran (President St. Peter's College), presided and there were also present:- Miss O'Ryan, Messrs. R. Corish, T.D., John J. Kelly, N.T., and Hugh O'Byrne.

The Secretary to the County Council was also in attendance.

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHEME: The following recommendation of Galway Education Committee was considered:-

"That candidates present themselves for only one optional subject."

It was pointed out that the aim of Wexford County Council as regards subjects of examination for scholarships was to have all elementary Schools on an equal footing. At present, in a two-teacher school, it is not possible, during school hours to provide for the teaching of optional subjects except in girls' schools in which needlework is included in the curriculum.

It may be argued that pupils are not obliged to qualify in two optional subjects to secure a scholarship, but it is manifest that so long as students are given credit for these subjects by examiners they are in a much more favourable position to qualify than pupils who rely on the marks obtained in the compulsory subjects only.

The Galway resolution commended itself favourably to the Committee in view of the fact that with some sacrifice a teacher might be able to prepare pupils in one optional

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subject in a school in which preparation of two would be out of the question.

The Committee strongly favour the inclusion of one optional subject only in future schemes and recommend the County Council to use their best efforts to secure the sanction of the Department of Education to this proposal, which would certainly be of considerable help to the pupils of the smaller schools.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: The working of the following resolution adopted at the meeting of the County Council on 11th May 1936 was considered at length:-

"That in future all applicants for University Scholarships whose parents or guardians are in receipt of a taxable income in excess of £200 be regarded as ineligible for award of University Scholarships."

Figures of various incomes were examined and it was ascertained the allowances were so many that very few parents or guardians would be inside the limit.

The meeting recommended the Finance Committee to

(1) Fix an amount of gross income and in respect of which the following figures were offered as a basis for discussion:-

Income not to exceed £560 for six children
£510 for five children
£410 for two or three children
and £320 for one child, particulars of Income in each case to be supported by Statutory Declaration made before District Justice or Peace Commissioner.

(2) To revert to the procedure by which each individual case was considered on its merits.

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

"That the report of Scholarship Committee submitted to this meeting be received and adopted.

That we recommend the County Council to insert the following clause in University Scholarship Scheme:- 'That parents or guardians of children who are assessable for Income Tax (Except under Schedules A and B) be regarded as not coming within the scope of Section 10(2) of the Irish University Act, 1908, as being in need of assistance to provide a University education for their children'."

In connection with payments under University Scholarship Scheme to J. M. Druhan, who had taken a position in the Government Service, it was decided that he should be requested to refund a sum of £2. Druhan claimed there was a sum of £3. 10. 0 due to him on foot of the Scholarship.

COMPENSATION FOR CRIMINAL INJURY

Application for compensation for £30 from the Minister for Lands, for the burning of one acre of forestry plantation and one hundred yards of rabbit fencing, was referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor.

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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 22nd May, 1936, be received and considered."

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER, 1936: The Secretary read letter from Mr. Thornton, Chemist, Enniscorthy, enclosing letter from Messrs. Cooper & Co., Manufacturers of powder, relative to which complaint was made by the Department and which stated that on analysis the sample submitted was found to be genuine.

ROSSLARE SEWERAGE & PROJECTION, GOLF HOTEL: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, be instructed to report to Finance Committee as to necessary steps to be taken to have projection of the Golf Hotel removed, as, from the report of the Engineer at the Rosslare Sewerage Scheme, the sewerage pipes cannot be properly laid unless the building itself is taken down."

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: In connection with the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee, adopted by the Finance Committee, the following notice of motion by Miss O'Ryan was considered:-

"That, as the proposal of the County Council, adopted at last meeting, regarding eligibility of candidates for University Scholarships, whose parents or guardians are in receipt of taxable income up to £200,, would not carry into effect the provisions of Section 10(2) of the Irish University Act, 1908, the Council agree to the following recommendation of the Finance Committee in connection with eligibility of candidates being adopted:- 'That parents or guardians

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of children who are assessable for income tax (except under Schedules A and B) be regarded as not coming within the scope of Section 10(2) of the Irish University Act, 1908, as being in need of assistance to provide a University education for their children'."

In moving the motion Miss O'Ryan pointed out that she had brought it forward not for the purpose of penalising anybody, but in order to provide some standard of stabilisation for deciding who would be eligible for award of University Scholarships.

In order to save the unpleasant task of rejecting particular pupils by laying down a standard it would be understood by everyone that steps had to be taken by the Council to decide who were or were not in need of assistance in order to provide University Education for their children.

Colonel Gibbon seconded the motion which was adopted.

The Secretary stated that of the 28 applications received for award of University Scholarship the parents of three pupils only had taxable incomes.

1. Robert P. Doyle, Main Street, Wexford. This man's wife was not living with him but resided in Rosslare with her children. According to the returns he made to the County Council respecting his income, he appears to have received only allowance for an unmarried man. If he were living with his wife and family he would not be assessable for income tax.

2. James Kelly, South Main Street, Wexford, had given his taxable income at £130.

3. Michael Murphy, N.T., Cushinstown, New Ross, had returned £107 as taxable income.

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

"That the following applicants for University

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Scholarships be regarded as eligible to compete for same:-

John A. Bolger, Victoria Place, New Ross.
James Breen, 24 McCurtain Street, Gorey.
William Brewer, Irishtown, New Ross.
Brendan Corish, 1 St. Ibar's Villas, Wexford.
Patrick Doyle, Custom House Quay, Wexford.
Johanna Egan, Fethard-on-Sea, Co. Wexford.
John Flynn, Ballymaclare, Campile.
Charles Forde, 2 Slaney Street, Wexford.
James A. Forde, Delta Cottage, Gorey.
John French, 28 Main Street, Gorey.
William J. Hanlon, 7 Friary Place, Enniscorthy.
Eileen Hennessy, Priory Lane, New Ross.
Anne Hickey, Westgate, Wexford.
Margaret Hughes, Irish Street Hill, Bunclody.
John Patrick Kehoe, Creacon, New Ross.
Mary E. Kelly, Ballymorris, Ballyhogue, Enniscorthy.
James J. Meyler, Blackhall, Glynn.
Philip M. Murphy, Knockreigh, Adamstown.
Bridget O'Donnell, Duncannon, CO. Wexford.
James O'Flaherty, Hill Street, Wexford.
Nicholas O'Grady, 16, Carrigeen Street, Wexford.
Laurence O'Rourke, Brownstown, Newbawn, Co. Wexford
Edmond P. Rossiter, Broadway, Co. Wexford.
John Ryan, 16 Quay, New Ross.
Patrick Whitmore, Bishopswater, Wexford.

That in the opinion of this Council Mr. R.P. Doyle, South Main Street, Wexford, James Kelly, South Main Street, Wexford, and Michael Murphy, N.T., Cushinstown, are in a position to provide University Education for their children. In consequence this Council believes they are not in need of assistance to provide such education."

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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 22nd May, 1936, be and are hereby adopted."

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 5th JUNE, 1936: The minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 5th June, 1936, were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 5th June 1936.

Mr. Denis Allen (Chairman) and, subsequently, Mr. Sean O'Byrne, presided. Also present:- Messrs. John P. Kelly, W. P. Keegan and Patrick Colfer.

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

The Minutes of last Meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4096. 0. 1 was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

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

	Percentage of Gross Warrant.
E. J. Murphy	96.5
John Curtis	94.7
Patrick Carty	93.3
J. J. O'Reilly	92.5
John Deegan	90.9
Maurice Kehoe	90.5
Denis Kenny	89.3
Philip Doyle	88.3
M. McCarthy	85.9
John Flood	85.4
Joseph Cummins	84.8
Sean Gannon (No. 10)	84.6
Patrick Nolan	82.8
Art Dunne	80.0
John J. Sinnott	77.7
Sean Gannon (No. 6)	77.2
James Quirke	76.1
Matthew Murphy	73.5
Walter Cummins	72.4
William Doyle	70.8
Total	84.0

	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
The amount of the 1935/36 Warrant was	98977. 0. 6	
Arrears Carried forward	16757. 8. 8	
Total Warrant		115734. 9. 2
Lodgment and Discount	97221. 14. 1	
Irrecoverable Rates	799. 3. 9	98020. 17. 10
Uncollected		£17713. 11. 4

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The amount of arrears carried forward at close of last year's collection was £16757. 8. 8. The amount outstanding is therefore £956. 2. 8 in excess of the amount carried forward last year.

None of the Collectors had lodged an amount equivalent to the 1935/36 warrant plus arrears carried forward from the 1934/35 assessment.

Five Collectors had each lodged a sum exceeding amount represented by net warrant for 1935/36, excluding arrears, allowance having been made for irrecoverable items. The following are the amounts lodged by these Collectors in excess of the amount of the net warrant for 1935/36:-

	£.	s.	d.
Philip Doyle	33.	16.	7
Joseph Cummins	102.	4.	6
Sean Gannon (No. 10)	59.	13.	5
John Curtis	45.	3.	9
Patrick Carty	98.	15.	1
Total	£339.	13.	4.

The following are the amounts by which each of the remaining Collectors failed to reach amount equivalent to net warrant for 1935/36, excluding arrears:-

	£.	s.	d.
James Quirke	94.	10.	0
William Doyle	17.	1.	9
M. McCarthy	35.	4.	4
Patrick Nolan	12.	11.	1
Sean Gannon (No. 6)	89.	16.	11
John Deegan	27.	15.	11
John Flood	55.	5.	4
Walter Cummins	147.	16.	4
Matthew Murphy	141.	13.	8
J. J. O'Reilly	108.	4.	3
Denis Kenny	102.	8.	6
Art Dunne	290.	18.	4
J. J. Sinnott	113.	2.	3
E. J. Murphy	16.	15.	10
Maurice Kehoe	42.	11.	6
Total	£1295.	16.	0

Irrecoverable Rates Lists and Temporary Uncollectable Rates Lists for each Collector were placed on the table for the Meeting.

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The amount of Irrecoverable Rates for each Collector was:-

	£.	s.	d.
James Quirke	88.	13.	8
William Doyle	30.	10.	10
Philip Doyle	30.	3.	1
M. McCarthy	110.	14.	7
Patrick Nolan	86.	16.	2
Sean Gannon (No. 6)	28.	12.	5
John Deegan	82.	19.	9
Joseph Cummins	27.	0.	2
John Flood	19.	3.	9
Sean Gannon (No. 10)	23.	11.	6
Walter Cummins	28.	18.	9
Matthew Murphy	20.	16.	4
J. J. O'Reilly	11.	6.	11
Denis Kenny	5.	18.	7
Art Dunne	106.	5.	9
John J. Sinnott	10.	0.	0
E. J. Murphy	4.	8.	8
Maurice Kehoe	14.	5.	7
John Curtis	21.	1.	11
Patrick Carty	47.	15.	4
Total	£799.	3.	9.

The amount of Temporary Uncollectable Rates in each Collector's District is:-

	£.	s.	d.
James Quirke	2185.	5.	11
William Doyle	1715.	4.	5
Philip Doyle	706.	10.	6
M. McCarthy	743.	5.	8
Patrick Nolan	1330.	1.	5
Sean Gannon (No. 6)	792.	19.	8
John Deegan	570.	17.	0
Joseph Cummins	846.	5.	2
John Flood	556.	19.	11
Sean Gannon (No. 10)	575.	18.	2
Walter Cummins	1460.	17.	1
Matthew Murphy	1034.	1.	4
J. J. O'Reilly	402.	1.	3
Denis Kenny	478.	4.	8
Art Dunne	1690.	1.	6
J. J. Sinnott	1523.	11.	5
E. J. Murphy	170.	8.	3
Maurice Kehoe	391.	4.	5
John Curtis	271.	16.	9
Patrick Carty	267.	16.	10
Total	£17713.	11.	4.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, stated he had a sum of approximately £50 on hands for lodgment for Mr. Quirke's district.

On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided that, if Rate Inspector considers, on re-examination of Temporary Uncollectable Lists of these Collectors, who had not lodged an amount equivalent to the 1935/36 net warrant, any such Collectors have included items which should have been

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collected, said amounts be deleted from the Temporary Uncollectable Lists and the Rate Collectors concerned be called upon by the Secretary to lodge amounts of rates represented by these items.

APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF RATE COLLECTORS FROM IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' UNION (WEXFORD BRANCH):

Under date 3rd June, 1936, the following letter was read from the Secretary, Irish Local Government Officials' Union (Wexford Branch):-

"I am directed by the Local Government Officials Union to state it is understood that the Rate Collectors have now closed their Warrants for the year 1935/6, and I am to request the County Council to pay poundage on the collection as soon as possible.

For the past three years, the Council have paid each Collector a sum of sixpence for investigating each application for abatement of rates, but up to the present no payment has been made in respect of this work for the year 1935/6. I am, therefore, to request that payment be made on the same basis as previous years.

I am further desired to call the attention of the County Council to the very heavy cost involved to each Rate Collector in providing a Fidelity Guarantee Bond each year. The Union understands that a large number of County Councils pay the premium on these Bonds, and feels that it is only necessary to call the attention of Wexford County Council to this matter to have it remedied and the costs transferred from the Collectors to the Council.

I am, as well, to call attention to the case of Matthew Murphy, Rate Collector, whose poundage of approximately £40 on the First Moiety Collection for 1935/6 was cut by no less than £17, he only being paid £23. This is a great hardship on the Collector, who was also cut £13 for 1934/5, leaving him £30 out of pocket to date.

The Union feels that this man has been penalised too much, and consider it would be only just for the County Council to pay him the amount due. I am, therefore, to request your Council to be so good as to pay Collector Murphy the balance of commission due to him as early as possible."

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne to point out to the Secretary of the Irish Local Government Officials' Union (Wexford Branch) that none of the Rate Collectors had lodged a sum equivalent to the 1935/36 warrant plus arrears carried forward from 1934/35 assessment.

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On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, it was decided that Collectors be paid at a similar rate to last year, viz., 6d per form for checking abatement forms.

It was decided to refer the application for the payment by the County Council of premiums for Rate Collectors' Fidelity Guarantee Bonds to next meeting of the County Council.

It was pointed out that the amount of the premium paid by each Collector was £5. 12. 6.

It was also decided to point out to the Irish Local Government Officials' Union (Wexford Branch) that Collector M. Murphy had been paid the full amount of poundage fees sanctioned by the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

RATE COLLECTOR MATTHEW MURPHY: In reference to complaint submitted to last meeting from Mr. John Sheil, Ballyhubbock, Kilmuckridge, regarding rates left by him at Mrs. Stamp's, Blackwater for Collector M. Murphy, the Rate Inspector stated that Mr. Sheil contended he left the rates for the Collector at Mrs. Stamp's on 24th December, 1935, and that he (Mr. Sheil) called to Stamp's on 13th January 1936, but found the rates had not been taken up by the Collector. In the meantime he had been served with a summons. Mr. Sheil also wrote that the assistant at Stamp's told him that the Collector called on several occasions and stated he had no books with him and did not take the money. The Rate Inspector informed the Committee that he had called to Stamp's where they told him they did not know the date on which the money was left. The Assistant told him she did not remember the Rate Collector refusing to accept the rates.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Colfer, it was decided that no further action be taken in the matter.

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EMPLOYMENT ALLOWANCE CLAIMS: The following letter, under date 25th May 1936 (Circular Letter No. 19/6/36) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that, as notified to you on 6th February (Circular No. 19/1/36), the 16th April must be regarded as the last day for the receipt of employment allowance claims unless the County Council fixes a later date, not being later than the date on which the rate is made. Where the County Council fixes a later date the Minister's sanction should be obtained. In applying for sanction it should be stated that the date fixed was prior to the date on which the rate was made."

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Colfer, to make application to the Minister for sanction that the 16th May, 1936, be regarded as the last date for receipt of employment allowance claim.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following letter, under date 25th May, 1936, (H.109530/36-Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference 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 making by the Wexford County Council of the following advance under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

Name.	Premises.	Amount.
David Murphy.	Curraghgraigue, Ballindaggin.	£100."

The following letter under date 29th May, 1936, (H.111012)36 - Loch Garmain), was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

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"With reference to your letter of the 22nd instant relative to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to advance the sum of £140 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mr. Owen Hiney, Rectory Road, Enniscorthy, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that having regard to the market value of the house and to the amount of the grant payable under the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932, he is of opinion that the amount of the proposed advance is excessive. The documents which accompanied your letter under reply are returned herewith."

It was pointed out that the value of the house and plot in this case was £225; the Government Grant amounted to £70; difference £155. The County Council proposed to advance 90 per cent of £155, viz., £140.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, it was decided to request the Department of Local Government and Public Health to intimate to the County Council what percentage of the difference between the value of the house and the Government Grant the Minister considered the County Council should advance to applicants for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

Under date 30th May, 1936, the following letter was read from Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"As directed I wrote to the Agricultural Credit Corporation asking them if they would postpone their Charge registered against the Lands on which Mr. Hempenstall proposes to give a Charge to the County Council under the above Acts to the Mortgage which Mr. Hempenstall would execute to the Council to enable the Council to be a first charge against the Lands, and I heard from them this morning stating, that they would be prepared to do this on my submitting a proposed Draft Deed of Postponement to their Solicitor for his approval."

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APPLICATION FROM COUNTY REGISTRAR

The following requisition under date 22nd May 1936 furnished by the County Registrar to the County Surveyor was submitted:-

"The linoleum on the floor of my Public Office and the Office of the Sheriff's Department is in a bad state of repair and requires renewing. I understand there is linoleum on the County Council premises available. I shall be obliged if you will have this done.

I also require a large safe for my Public Office, and shall be obliged if you will have same supplied."

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the linoleum required in the office of the Sheriff's Department be supplied and that the application for safe be adjourned to next meeting, the County Surveyor in the meantime to obtain further information as to the type of safe required, size, etc.

SANCTION OF LOAN OF £4000 - ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Under date 23rd May, 1936, the following letter (S.110104/36, Loch Garmain) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 25th ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the raising by the Wexford County Council of a loan of £4,000 to defray expenditure on road reconstruction works; the loan to be obtained from the Council's Treasurer and to be repayable over a period of 10 years with interest at the usual rate.

A signed duplicate of this letter is enclosed for the Treasurer."

PAYING ORDERS FOR INDIVIDUAL ROAD WORKERS

Under date 27th May, 1936, the following letter (R/RM/32) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

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"With further reference to your letter of 25th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he will raise no objection to expenditure of £50 on clerical assistance in connection with payment of individual road workers for year ending 31st December, 1936."

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

Under date 4th June 1936, the following letter (G.116671/36 - Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 29th ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that, in pursuance of the Local Authorities (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1921, as extended, he has consented to the Wexford County Council borrowing by way of temporary overdraft, for the purpose of providing temporarily for current expenses, a sum not exceeding in the aggregate £30,000 (Thirty thousand pounds).

This sanction extends to the period ending 30th instant."

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S EXPENSES

The County Surveyor submitted the following claim for expenses:-

1935		
10th May	Attending Conference of Surveyors, L.G.D. in Dublin.	£1 : 10 : 0d
1936		
12th February	Attending L.G.Department re New Ross Urban Roads.	£1 : 10 : 0d
17th April	Attending Office of Public Works with County Council Committee re Tacumshane Lake and Courtown Harbour.	£1 : 10 : 0d
	Total	£4 : 10 : 0d."

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Keegan that the amount claimed be paid.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The following application under date 28th May, 1936, was read from Superintendent William Ryan, Garda Siochana, Enniscorthy:-

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"I beg to inform you that Michael Bradley, Hospital Lane, Enniscorthy, was born on the 14th November 1922, and owing to his failure to attend School in accordance with the School Attendance Act it is my intention to apply at the District Court to be held at Enniscorthy on Thursday, 11th day of June, 1936, to have this child committed to an Industrial School pursuant to the provisions of the School Attendance Act, 1926.

The parent of the child is a labourer with a large family, and in poor circumstances."

Under date 28th May 1936, the following application was read from Superintendent William Ryan, Garda Siochana, Enniscorthy:-

"I beg to inform you that Michael Fortune, Ballincash, Oulart, was born on the 10th December 1923 and owing to his failure to attend school in accordance with the School Attendance Act, it is my intention to apply at the District Court to be held at Enniscorthy on Thursday, 11th June 1936 to have the child committed to an Industrial School pursuant to the provisions of the School Attendance Act, 1926.

The parent of the child is a labourer and is in very poor circumstances."

Mr. Elgee stated that these cases differed from the ordinary applications for committals to Industrial Schools as they were brought under the provisions of the School Attendance Act, 1926.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Keegan that Mr. Elgee should appear at the hearing of both applications on behalf of the County Council.

The following was read from Mr. Denis Corish, District Court Clerk, New Ross:-

"I beg to inform you that applications will be made at New Ross District Court of 9th instant for the committal of the following children to St. Aidan's Industrial School, New Ross:-

Dorothy Doyle aged 2 years 4 months, illegitimate child of Annie Doyle of no fixed abode but at present destitute in the Good Shepherd Home, New Ross; and

Bridget Mooney aged 2 years 4 months, illegitimate child of Bridget Mooney of no fixed abode but at present an inmate of the County Home, Enniscorthy."

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

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CLOSING OF EDERMINE BRIDGE

The following was submitted from the County Surveyor:-

"It will be necessary for the purpose of repair of this Bridge to close road to traffic from 1st July to 19th August, 1936, both dates inclusive. I have already published in the Press the necessary notices, and now ask for authority to apply to the Local Government Department for permission to close road to traffic during above period."

The meeting considered that the material should be on the site before the Bridge is closed.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that application be made to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for permission to close the road over this Bridge to traffic from 1st July, 1936, to 19th August, 1936, both dates inclusive.

COMPENSATION PAID TO GANGER

Regarding reference made at last meeting of Finance Committee to compensation paid to Ganger Redmond, Curratubbin, the County Surveyor stated that the Assistant Surveyor for the district, Mr. T. Treanor, was satisfied that the ganger was working for the County Council when the accident occurred.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT ACT

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly, to request Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor, to submit report as to the obligations of the County Council in connection with the operation of the above Act.

It was decided that the following Committee be appointed to deal with the effect of the Act on County Council workers and that copy of Mr. Elgee's report be submitted to the Committee:-

The Chairman (Mr. D. Allen), the Vice-Chairman (Alderman R. Corish), and Mr. T. McCarthy, with the Secretary, the County Surveyor and the County Solicitor.

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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 5th June 1936 as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTORS' FIDELITY GUARANTEE BONDS: The Secretary in reply to Col. Quin stated that the premium for each of these bonds was £5. 12. 6d.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution:-

"That subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health the Council contribute for each Rate Collector half cost of premium of Fidelity Guarantee Bonds, viz., £2. 16. 3d."

Mr. O'Byrne opposed. The Rate Collectors according to the conditions of their appointment were expected to pay the full cost of fidelity guarantee bond premiums.

Col. Quin was also against the proposal. If this concession was given Rate Collectors it should be also afforded to other officers who had an equally good claim.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the motion:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, M. Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Miss O'Ryan and P. Ronan. - 12.

Against:- Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Day, Gibbon, McCarthy, Philip Murphy, O'Byrne, Col. Quin and the Chairman. -9.

Mr. Sweetman (1) did not vote and Messrs. Meyler and Walsh (2) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT ACT 1936: Circular Letter under date 5th June 1936 (Circular No. 73/36) relative to above was read for the meeting.

The Secretary stated that the Sub-Committee appointed

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in connection with this matter by the Finance Committee would make a detailed report to the Council later.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 5th June 1936 be and are hereby confirmed."

KNOCKNASILLOGUE WATER SUPPLY

The following of which he had given previous notice was moved by the Chairman:-

"That the County Council consents to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £600 for the purpose of providing a Water Supply at Knocknasillogue, Gorey District."

(This motion was circulated to members of County Council on 14th April 1936).

In moving his motion the Chairman said that a water supply was very necessary for the districts. This would be provided by a ram. Water was scarce in the district and frequent and pressing representations had been made to the Board of Health to provide a supply. The area of charge would be Oulart Dispensary District plus a small contribution from the County at Large funds.

Mr. Ronan seconded the motion which was adopted nem.con.

RECRUITMENT OF JUNIOR CLERICAL OFFICERS AND TYPISTS

Circular letter under date 25th May 1936 (69/36) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution which was adopted unanimously:-

"That we approve of the proposals of the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to the adoption of the standard of examination provided by the Local Appoint-

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ments Commission for posts of Junior Clerical Officers and Typists, but that actual examination be conducted by Examiners nominated by the County Council."

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1915

Under date 2nd June 1936 (E.3309-36), the Department of Agriculture wrote that, with reference to the provisional re-appointment for the dipping periods of the current year of the six Sheep Dipping Inspectors at remuneration of £1 per week each for both dipping periods and refund of actual amount expended for postage incurred in connection with the Sheep Dipping Scheme, it was requested that information should be given as to whether the Inspectors had undertaken to furnish weekly reports, and, when they did, notification of their actual appointment should be sent to the Department.

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

"That, in view of the fact that the six lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors have agreed to furnish weekly reports to the County Council in addition to those forwarded to the Veterinary Inspectors of the Council, the following Inspectors be re-appointed:-

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, Kiltealy and The Leap).

Patrick Ormonde, Ballyellis, Carnew; (for the Electoral Divisions of Ballylarkin, Ballynestragh, Coolgreany, Cour-

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town, Gorey Rural, Gorey Urban, Kilgorman, Kilnahue, Limerick, Monaseed and Wingfield).

Thomas Prendergast, Knockskimolin, Oulart; (for the Electoral Divisions of Ardamine, Ballybeg, Ballycanew, Ballyellis, Ballygarrett, Ballyoughter, Cahore, Ford, Huntingtown, Kilcomb, Killenagh, Killincooley, Monamolin, Rossminogue and Wells).

Mr. M. J. Hennessy, Monamolin, Rathnure, Enniscorthy, for New Ross District.

Mr. James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin, for Wexford District.

Remuneration £1 per week for both dipping periods with out-of-pocket expenses of postage."

IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Culleton, Mr. R. Corish was re-appointed representative of the County Council on the Board of Directors of the Irish Tourist Association.

REPORT OF MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of County Councils' General Council, held on 7th May, 1936, were submitted and approved on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan.

COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Under date 2nd June 1936, the following resolution was read from the County Board of Health:-

"That the Board of Health have noted Dr. Bastible's absence from their meeting of to-day, and on former occasions; that they have considered his explanation as to non-inspection of schools unsatisfactory; that they disapprove of his action regarding attendance at the V.D. Clinic, which was a direct defiance of the Board's order, and as his recent actions have not been such as to inspire confidence they recommend to the County Council and to the Minister the

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suspension of the Schemes at present in operation and a general investigation by the Ministry's Inspectors of the working of the Department of the Co. Medical Officer of Health."

Under date 6th June, 1936, the following was read from Dr. C. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health:-

"I wish to apply for the three weeks leave which is due to me for this year. I shall probably be taking it soon but I shall let you know the exact dates as soon as I have made my holiday arrangements."

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

"That application of Dr. C. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, for three weeks' leave be acceded to, leave to be taken as from 10th instant, and to be regarded as sick leave if medical certificate is forthcoming."

"That the matter be referred to the Finance Committee to take any further steps that may be necessary in consultation with the Board of Health."

"That consideration of the resolution of the County Board of Health, relative to the manner in which this officer is discharging his duties be adjourned to the Annual Meeting of the County Council to be held on the 30th June 1936."

Under date 5th June, 1936, the following letter was read from the County Medical Officer of Health:-

"Please stop payment of my cheque for last month as it has been lost."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Miss O'Ryan, it was decided that Duplicate Paying Order be issued to the County Medical Officer of Health after the lapse of a reasable interval in order to ascertain if the original will be forthcoming.

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ROAD MATTERS

ROAD MAINTENANCE GRANT: Under date 27th May, 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (R.G.M/32) that a sum of £1841 in respect of Road Maintenance Grant for 1935/36 had been lodged to the credit of the County Council.

CUSH GAP: A very extensively signed memorial was received from the ratepayers of Ballyconigar Upper, requesting the Council to take immediate steps to have a new gap made to the sea shore at Cush, Ballyconigar Upper. Ballyconigar is an ideal seaside resort, but had been handicapped in recent years through want of easy access to the strand. A number of the inhabitants earn their livelihood renting their houses to visitors for the Summer, but, owing to the difficulty of getting to the strand, the number of visitors had been seriously decreasing. Lime burning was carried out in the district, but this also had been greatly hampered by the destruction of the Gap.

A deputation consisting of Messrs. Peter Dempsey, Ballyconigar, Blackwater and Michael Mangan and Thomas O'Brien, Blackwater, came before the meeting to urge the necessity of the work.

Mr. Dempsey acted as spokesman and said that a new road, 50 yards to the south of the present gap could be made through a field of Thomas O'Brien, provided he received reasonable compensation. Twenty families in Ballyconigar kept visitors, principally from Enniscorthy and district. At the present time no house in the district had been set and this was a very great hardship on the people concerned.

The County Surveyor explained that the whole coast there had eroded. At one time, previous to his taking up duty in County Wexford, there was a proper roadway to the sea, but this had been completely washed away. The work

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proposed would cost £300 or £400 and, as regards compensation for the land, he thought the Council should be in a position to ascertain the amount before anything was done.

Mr. Dempsey said the new roadway could be made through a field of Mr. O'Brien's.

The Chairman pressed the latter to name a sum which he would be prepared to take for the amount of land necessary for the road but failed to secure any answer from Mr. O'Brien except that he had the field tilled and it was the best land in his possession.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Dempsey said he could not give any undertaking that the people of the district would give free labour or help in any other way.

The Chairman said it would depend very much upon what local help would be forthcoming by labour or free land as to whether the Council would push forward the project.

After further discussion, it was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That the following Committee be appointed to visit the site proposed for new gap at Cush, Ballyconigar Upper, and report to the County Council thereon:- Messrs. Kinsella, McCarthy, Kelly, Smyth, and Miss O'Ryan with the County Surveyor."

Passed.

ENNISCORTHY-BLACKWATER ROAD: An extensively signed memorial was submitted from ratepayers and users of Enniscorthy-Blackwater Road asking to have the road attended to immediately. The surface was in a deplorable condition, and, if money for its steamrolling was not at the moment forthcoming, the "potholes" which were very numerous and dangerous should be seen to at once.

The County Surveyor pointed out that the first part of this road near Enniscorthy and the part near Blackwater

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were link roads, while the middle section passing through the Ballagh, between Castle Ellis and Blackwater, was only an ordinary County road and was in poor condition. It was very narrow and there were several extremely bad and dangerous turns. As he said, the middle section was very bad but the only thing they could do at the moment, owing to the state of the road finances was to fill the "potholes", and, even with only doing that, all the money would be expended by November.

Col. Gibbon urged they should apply for a State Grant to carry out the necessary work on this road.

Miss O'Ryan said that, in view of the increased money which was to be provided by the State this year for the relief of unemployment, she considered that the County Surveyor should arrange a list of places at which he considers unemployment was most pronounced and where it was most necessary to expend money for road repair.

It was decided to refer Miss O'Ryan's suggestion to the County Surveyor for his attention to submit tentative proposals to the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

Col. Gibbon proposed:- "That the County Surveyor communicate with the Tourist Association and ask them to approach the Government with a view to having some repairs carried out by the County Council from State Grant to Enniscorthy-Blackwater road via The Ballagh."

Mr. Kinsella seconded.

Passed.

MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES: It was decided that applications relating to Templederry Lane; cleaning of river at Raheen, Clonroche; and laneway at Ballylacey be listed for favourable consideration when money is available under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

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ROADWAY AT GRUGANE: Under date 4th June 1936, resolution was submitted from Broadway and Tacumshane Fianna Fail Cumann asking the County Council to make a roadway to Grugane as the right of way was washed away by flooding of lake and storms during the Winter and the place was inaccessible to residents and school children except through the land. A danger signal was also necessary at Carne School on account of the dangerous crossing.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said that the road complained of was really to the foreshore of Tacumshane Lake and could not be repaired until the latter was drained. It would be included under the Relief Scheme after the draining of the lake as he intended to combine these two works. It would cost only about £20.

In reply to Col. Gibbon, the County Surveyor said as regards the drainage of Tacumshane Lake, Mr. Candy, Chief Engineer of the Office of Public Works had informed him that if anything were done before Autumn it would mean the ponding back of the water on to the tilled land of the people in the neighbourhood of the lake. He, however, expected a formal report from Mr. Candy in the meantime.

Col. Gibbon spoke at some length as to the necessity of obtaining an advance Grant to ensure a proper opening while the lake was very low. He proposed that the Office of Public Works be asked to provide a sum of £150 as an advance Grant to open out tunnel at Tacumshane Lake which would be available when the bigger work at the lake would be in progress and would provide facilities when dealing with the general cutting of the banks at Tacumshane.

Mr. Culleton seconded the resolution which was passed.

In reply to Mr. Culleton, the County Surveyor said that Mr. Candy was not in favour of the tunnel, nor was he (County Surveyor). They could never deal with the water unless they had a solid bank. As the present bank was porous, more water would come in through the tunnel than would flow out.

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APPLICATION PERMISSION TO ERECT WALL: Under date 26th May, 1936, Mr. Michael Kelly, Riverchapel, Courtown Harbour, wrote, asking for permission to erect a wall in front of his house, four feet out from the walls of the house, 29 feet long and 3 feet high. His intention was to have a small flower garden in front and provide protection for his children. The street of Riverchapel, though very wide, had become very dangerous through increased motor traffic and the erection of the wall would ensure the safety of his children.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Corish, the application was referred to the County Surveyor for report.

NO. 4 OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE

Under date 12th May, 1936, letter was read from No. 4 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee, recommending the appointment of Mr. D. W. Butler, Courtown Harbour, as a member of that Sub-Committee, vice Mr. K. MacNeill, who was leaving the County.

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

"That Mr. D. W. Butler, Courtown Harbour, be appointed a member of No. 4 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee vice Mr. K. McNeill."

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

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

"That renewals of licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, issue to:-

James J. Codd, 26/27 Court Street, Enniscorthy.

James J. Hennessy, South Street, New Ross.

Richard Breen, Commercial Quay, Wexford."

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APPLICATION LICENCE FOR PETROL PUMP

Under date 13th May, 1936, Mr. James Carroll, Taghmon, applied for licence for petrol pump.

Approved, on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Col. Gibbon, provided plan showing exact position as regards kerb and centre of the road and exact distance from same is furnished County Surveyor for his approval. And also provided the County Surveyor approves of site and that tank is not placed under road.

PROTECTION OF WILD BIRDS

Under date 24th May 1936, the following letter was read from Mr. C. B. Moffat, Hon. Secretary, The Irish Society for the Protection of Birds:-

"On behalf of the Committee of this Society I write to ask you to lay before your Council the fact that the Order protecting the eggs of certain Wild Birds in County Wexford (No. 23 of 1933) expires with the close of the present year.

It is highly important that the Minister for Justice should be asked to renew this Order before the beginning of the nesting season of 1937. The birds to which it relates are the puffin, guillemot, razorbill, kittiwake, shearwater, shelduck, rock-dove, oyster-catcher, lapwing, peregrine falcon, raven and tern. There is another Order in force in your County (No. 12 of 1931) protecting the eggs of the chough, fulman petrel, gannet, kingfisher and turtle dove; but this does not call for renewal, as it does not expire.

These Orders have for the past six years been of the highest value, especially on the Saltee Islands, where the vigorous manner in which they have been kept in force by the Gardai has gained for the islands a world-wide reputation as a sanctuary for breeding birds, and has led to the return of several species that had previously disappeared from them.

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Hoping that the Council will take the necessary steps towards getting the Order of 1933 renewed."

Col. Gibbon said he would give the necessary notice of motion to carry out the request of the Irish Society for the Protection of Birds for consideration at the Annual Meeting of the County Council to be held on 30th June, 1936.

MENTAL DEFECTIVES

Resolution was read from Grangegorman Mental Hospital Joint Committee as to Mental Defectives and Sane Epileptics being dealt with in suitable institutions or centres.

The Chairman stated that, at the present moment, an investigation was taking place into this matter by a Commission.

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

Signed... T. Kelly .....

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Sub. tenancy for Wicklow's house Tomalossett 10.
Sullivan Daniel Loan £155. Small Dwellings Acquisition Act 10
Tacumshane Lake Drainage 33.
Taghmon Streets 36
Telephone Switch Board 29.
Temporary Clerks at Rate Book Work Application 18. 19.
Temporary Rate Clerk's Employment 7.
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Thornton Mr Alphonsus (Warble Fly Powder) 10.
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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING 30th JUNE 1936.

M I N U T E S

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

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

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The annual meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 30th June, 1936.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman (presiding), also, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patk. Colfer, R. Corish, C. Culleton, Wm. Cullimore, John Cummins, John Day, Col. C.M. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, James Lawler, T. J. Meyler, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Ml. Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Patk. Ronan, Myles Smyth and Malachi Sweetman.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for the following sums were examined and signed:- Ordinary Payments £7992. 6. 6d; Transfers to Public Bodies £22085. 5. Od., and loan transfers £973. 7. Od.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr. Cummins proposed the following resolution:-

"That Mr. Denis Allen be re-elected Chairman of Wexford County Council for the ensuing year and that he hold office until his successor has been appointed and has taken office."

In moving his motion, Mr. Cummins said he had expressed his pleasure on two former occasions when he proposed Mr. Allen for the chair. On the present occasion, he felt even a greater pleasure in recommending his selection to the Council. He was quite sure it would be recognised that words were unnecessary since Mr. Allen as Chairman had given the greatest satisfaction in the discharge of his duties. He had been most kind and courteous to every

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Councillor and had allowed every latitude for the expression of even most divergent opinions.

Mr. Kelly seconded the motion which was adopted nem. con.

The Chairman, having subscribed the usual declaration of office, thanked the Council for his re-election. He hoped that as in the past, with the co-operation of the members, he would be able to carry on the work with despatch and efficiency. During the two years he presided over their meetings. his office had been rendered most agreeable by the harmonious way in which his rulings had been accepted, and by the desire of all to co-operate with him to the fullest.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

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

"That Mr. Richard Corish be re-elected Vice-Chairman of Wexford County Council for the ensuing year and that he hold office until his successor has been appointed and has taken office."

Mr. Corish was not present at the time of his re-election to the Vice-Chair, and on his behalf Mr. Kelly returned thanks as Representative of the Labour Party.

MR. MICHAEL DOYLE, COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Col. Gibbon said he had been asked by Mr. Michael Doyle to apologise for not being able to be present at the annual meeting owing to illness. Mr. Doyle was a member of the Council for practically a quarter of a century, and the best wishes of all the Councillors went out to him for a speedy recovery, and hoped that he would soon be with the Council again.

Mr. Keegan joined in hoping that Mr. Doyle would soon recover from his illness.

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Miss O'Ryan said they all recognised the wonderful service Mr. Doyle had given to the Council, and how wholeheartedly he had worked for its welfare. They certainly wished him a speedy return to participate in their deliberations.

The Chairman wished to associate himself with the tribute paid to Mr. Doyle. His absence was the biggest loss the Council had sustained for a considerable time. Although he and Mr. Doyle did not agree on some points he certainly recognised the wonderful ability and acumen that Mr. Doyle had voted to the affairs of the Council. He hoped that Mr. Doyle's health would speedily improve and that he would be once again with them as of old.

THE LATE MR. M. J. DOYLE, MAIN STREET, GOREY.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Keegan, it was decided that the following letter from Mr. Smyth, County Councillor, thanking the Council for their resolution of sympathy in the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. M. J. Doyle, Gorey, be inserted on the minutes of this day's meeting:-

"Will you please convey to the members of the County Council my very sincere thanks for their kind vote of sympathy with me in my recent bereavement. I also wish to thank yourself for your personal sympathy."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 19th June, 1936, 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 June, 1936.

Present:- Messrs. P. Colfer, W. Cullimore, 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 also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the chair was taken by Miss O'Ryan.

The Chairman (Mr. Allen) and Vice-Chairman (Mr.Corish) attended after confirmation of Minutes of last meeting, and the Chairman presided for the rest of the meeting.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3923. 10. 11d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

CLOSE OF: The Secretary reported that since last meeting of the Committee he had communicated with any Rate Collector who had not lodged a sum equivalent to net amount of warrant for 1935/36, pointing out that arrears should be reduced before the present meeting of the Committee. The amounts of the Collectors' Temporary Uncollectable Lists were reduced since the last meeting by £421. 3. 10d. The total amount of the arrears proposed to be carried forward amounted to £17,240. 13. 2d.

Temporary Uncollectable Lists having been examined, it was decided that the amounts set out thereon be carried forward for collection with 1936/37 warrants as follows:-

	£.	s.	d.
J. Quirke	2080.	16.	8
W. Doyle	1697.	1.	0
P. Doyle	696.	5.	10
M. McCarthy	707.	9.	11
P. Nolan	1317.	2.	6
S. Gannon No. 6	786.	10.	6

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	£.	s.	d.
J. Deegan	561.	13.	5
J. Cummins	846.	5.	0
J. Flood	526.	3.	10
S. Gannon No. 10	575.	18.	9
W. Cummins	1438.	13.	5
M. Murphy	1009.	8.	7
J. J. O'Reilly	364.	6.	4
D. Kenny	472.	5.	6
A. Dunne	1610.	7.	6
J. J. Sinnott	1465.	18.	11
E. J. Murphy	169.	2.	11
M. Kehoe	378.	12.	10
J. Curtis	270.	13.	10
P. Carty	265.	15.	11

It was agreed that the following amounts be struck off as irrecoverable:-

	£.	s.	d.
J. Quirke	88.	11.	1
W. Doyle	30.	10.	10
P. Doyle	30.	3.	1
M. McCarthy	110.	14.	7
P. Nolan	86.	16.	2
S. Gannon No. 6	28.	12.	5
J. Deegan	82.	19.	9
J. Cummins	27.	0.	2
J. Flood	19.	3.	9
S. Gannon No. 10	23.	11.	6
W. Cummins	28.	18.	9
M. Murphy	22.	10.	7
J. J. O'Reilly	11.	3.	2
D. Kenny	5.	18.	7
A. Dunne	101.	8.	0
J. J. Sinnott	10.	0.	0
E. J. Murphy	5.	7.	3
M. Kehoe	14.	5.	7
J. Curtis	21.	1.	11
P. Carty	49.	16.	3

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman that lists of outstanding arrears be printed and circulated to Councillors.

It was further decided that Rates Inspector pay particular attention to any Collection District in which the amount of the arrears had increased by £50 as compared with last year.

ARREARS OF RATES: In reference to £337. 11. 8 arrears due on holding of Mernagh's, Ballyhogue, Mr. Gannon, Rate Collector for No. 10 area wrote that Mr. Bolger, Solicitor, had informed him he would be prepared to pay two years' Rates if the balance was struck out. This would amount to £189. 17. 11d.

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The following order was made:- Mr. Gannon to be informed that in this case the Finance Committee see no reason why the full amount due should not be collected.

PROPOSED AMALGAMATION OF COLLECTION DISTRICTS: Under date 10th June 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.107471-36 Loch Garman) that in view of the fact that on 31st May 1936 22 per cent of Warrant was outstanding in district No. 6 and 9 per cent in district No. 10 the Minister would await information as to the amounts of the 1935-36 warrants declared to be irrecoverable and temporarily uncollectable before deciding if the assignment of the amalgamated districts to Collector Gannon would be sanctioned.

Letter was read from Collector Gannon under date 17th June 1936, stating he had done his best to secure a satisfactory close to the collection, but had not been able to secure another penny out of any of the ratepayers in arrear. A large amount of the arrears in No. 10 District was on Mernagh's holding in Ballyhogue, the amount due being £337. 11. 8d.

As regards No. 6 District, Collector Gannon wrote:-

"There are four holdings out of which I got no rates - two of these are derelict and I have instalment orders against the other two. In two other cases, I got roughly half year's rates. One of these is now derelict and the other is managed by Auctioneer who is doing his best as between rent and rates. In all other cases, I got one year's rates and over. I may mention that everything possible was done during the year to reduce arrears all round. In these circumstances, I trust your Council will use its best endeavour to have the amalgamation of the two districts sanctioned by the Department. As you know, they are now two of the smallest districts in the County and

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when I was appointed to No. 10 district, the rate in the £ was nearly double what it is now allowing for the Agricultural Grant."

It was decided to send Collector Gannon's explanation to the Minister with a request from the Finance Committee that the proposed amalgamation of Districts Nos. 6 and 10 be sanctioned.

COLLECTION DISTRICT NO. 7: Under date 17th June 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.128356/36 Loch Garman) that the Minister would raise no objection to the terms and conditions proposed in connection with the filling of the vacant Rate Collectorship in No. 7 District.

TEMPORARY RATE CLERKS' EMPLOYMENT: It was decided that T. O'Leary, John Street, Wexford, and Michael Kirwan, Enniscorthy, be employed at work on Rate Books.

It was reported that Edward Brennan, temporary Rate Clerk, had left Wexford to take up permanent employment.

RATE EMPLOYMENT ALLOWANCES AND QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATES: Under date 15th June, Mr. P. Nolan, Rate Collector as Hon. Secretary to County Rate Collectors' Association wrote that at a meeting of the Collectors on 10th June it was decided in connection with the work of obtaining the number of each qualification certificate issued under the Unemployment Assistance Act 1933 that unless the Collectors received at least one shilling and sixpence for each workman named on each Employment Form they could not see their way to carry out the work. It was also decided to send a deputation from the meeting to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

Messrs. J. Cummins and P. Nolan attended as a deputation. The former, who acted a spokesman, said that extra great difficulty would be experienced by the Collectors in

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securing the numbers of the qualification certificates. When Collector visited a farmer's place the workman might be down "through the land" or in town and even when found, he might not be able to lay his hand on the card. Then he might be at home and on onterview with him the Collector might find the card not available. Then some men would have left their former employers and numbers would not have been registered at all.

The following resolution was adopted: "That as regards procuring the numbers of qualification certificates of workmen by Rate Collectors, we request the Department of Industry and Commerce to have facilities afforded Rate Collectors to inspect the Unemployment Registers at Local Employment Exchanges with a view to obtaining the numbers of qualification certificates of workmen in respect of whom employment allowances have been made in Rate Assessments.

That, in our opinion, any remuneration to be paid to Rate Collectors for this work should be provided from State funds.

That other County Councils be asked what steps they have taken in this matter including amount of remuneration (if any) allowed Rate Collectors.

That copy of this resolution be furnished Departments of Local Government and Public Health and of Industry and Commerce."

APPLICATION RE RATES: Under date 17th June 1936, Messrs. Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors, Wexford, wrote that Mr. Wm. C. Walker, Ballybrennan, Killinick had purchased holding at Ballybrennan from John Redmond and though there was a considerable sum due for rates on the place they held Mr. Walker was liable for payment of two years' only.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of this

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application to next meeting of Finance Committee. Meantime, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor is to ascertain (a) date of purchase of holding by Mr. Walker; (b) amount paid; (c) Redmond's address; (d) Has Mr. Walker paid Land Commission annuity for this holding and if so, for how long? Copy of letter to be sent Rate Collector of the District for his observations.

APPLICATION TEMPORARY CLERKS AT RATE WORK: The eighteen temporary clerks engaged in writing up Rate Books and Receipt and Demand Note Books, made application for increase of remuneration from 1/- to 1/6 per hour; also that they should be allowed to work 44 hour week in which a holyday occurs.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor said that if this application was to be considered it should be done through notice of motion.

Mr. Kelly said he would give notice of motion for the County Council meeting of 30th June 1936 that the application be granted.

EMPLOYMENT CLAIMS - EXTENTION PERIOD: Under date 16th June 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote that the Minister would raise no objection to the extension up to the 16th May of the period for the receipt of employment claims in connection with Agricultural Grant Employment Allowance as requested by the Co. Council.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Samuel McCutcheon, Coolbrook, Wellingtonbridge, applied for £300 loan for £500 house.

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was decided that loan of £300 less amount of Government Grant be advanced to Mr. McCutcheon.

The Secretary reported that loan of £155 was agreed to be advanced to Patrick Byrne for house at Blackstoops,

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Enniscorthy. This man erected the house, but no money had been paid over to him.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution:-

"That loan of £155 agreed to be advanced to Patrick Byrne for house at Blackstoops, Enniscorthy, be transferred to Daniel Sullivan, Ballyeland, Davidstown."

Passed.

In regard to sub-tenancy for house erected by Wickham at Tomnalosset, Mr. Elgee, in reply to Mr. Kelly, stated he had this matter in hands.

Under date 8th June, 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Housing Section) wrote (H.116770/36 Loch Garman) that the proposal to advance £100 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Dominick Cosgrave in respect of house to be erected at Cahore, Gorey, had been approved by the Minister.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

Under date 9th June, 1936, the Department of Agriculture wrote (E.4224/36) that arrangements should be made to dispense with the services of the temporary Warble Fly Inspectors, as and from the 30th June 1936 and that all returns and reports required of them under the Order should be furnished not later than this date.

The Secretary stated the instructions of the Department in this matter had been complied with.

In connection with sample of Warble Fly Powder taken at premises of Mr. Alphonsus Thornton, Chemist, Market Square, Enniscorthy, the Department of Agriculture wrote under date 8th June (E.1012/36) that the question as to whether the powder sold by Mr. Thornton was genuine or otherwise, was not directly at issue. It was in connection with the requirement that approved preparations should

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be sold in sealed packages, bearing thereon certain printed matter, including an intimation of approval by the Minister for Agriculture, that any action should be taken by the local Authority. The nature of this action whether to institute proceedings against Mr. Thornton or to warn him against any further infringements of the Order, was a matter for the County Council.

The Secretary stated that a warning had been issued to Mr. Thornton by Mr. Elgee, County Council Solicitor.

The Secretary stated that under date 12th June, 1936, Mr. F. S. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S., Enniscorthy, wrote stating he had another sample of powder given him by the Inspector of No. 4 Area (W. Brien) which did not comply with the regulations.

In reply to a request by the Secretary, Mr. Ringwood forwarded on the 17th June, 1936, sample of this powder, taken up at Mr. Masterson's, Garrybrit, and which was said to have been purchased locally a month previously.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, was in communication with Mr. Ringwood in the matter.

PROPOSED LOAN FOR COUNTY COUNCIL BUILDINGS

Under date 5th June, 1936, the Manager, National Bank, Wexford, wrote that as regards loan of £4,151 (to be repaid over a period of 15 years) for the purpose of purchasing ground rent of the premises on which the County Buildings were erected, he had received a reply from his Board that the Bank could not depart from the Banks Standing Committee's decision in this matter, and would not agree that the rate of Interest for redemption of the loan would be 4% fixed. The Interest would have to be ½% under Irish Banks' Rate, varying with a minimum of 4%.

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

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"That the County Council be recommended to procure (subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health) loan of £4151 to redeem ground rent of premises on which County Buildings have been erected on the terms of letter of Manager of National Bank, Wexford (County Council Treasurer) under date 5th June, 1936."

REVISIONS OF VALUATION

The various applications for annual revisions of valuation were submitted to the meeting and approved for transmission to General Valuation Office on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer.

ROSSLARE SEWERAGE - GOLF HOTEL PROJECTION

Under date 13th June, 1936, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that on the 30th May, 1932, the question of this projection came before the County Council, on consideration of Report of a Committee appointed to consider the matter, as to whether Mr. Sinnott, proprietor of Golf Hotel, should be called upon to remove the structure adjoining his hotel at Rosslare Strand in so far as it encroached within the limited distance from the centre of the public road. It was then decided after a long discussion that no action be taken, provided Mr. Sinnott gave an undertaking that the premises so erected would never be used as a Bar for sale of intoxicating liquor. This undertaking had been kept. Having regard to this resolution of the Council and to the fact that no steps had been taken to compel Mr. Sinnott to remove the building since 1932, Mr. Elgee was of opinion that the County Council could not now compel Mr. Sinnott to remove it, as by their resolution of the 30th May, 1932, they had, to all intents, waived their rights to call for its removal.

The following resolution was adopted:-

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"That the Finance Committee considers it inadvisable to proceed further with the proposal to remove the projection at the Golf Hotel, Rosslare, and are of opinion that an alternative route which would not require any interference with the building in question, could be secured for the laying of the sewerage pipes."

LEAVE OF COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

The following letter under date 9th June, 1936, was read from Dr. C. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health:-

"I received your letter of the 9th instant regarding my application for leave. I suggested to you in my original application of the 6th instant that I would let you know later the exact dates.

I now apply for my annual three weeks' leave beginning the 1st July and ending on the 22nd July and I appoint Dr. T. J. O'Sullivan as my locum. Dr. O'Sullivan is at present doing duty in Co. Donegal but he will be free at the end of this month.

With regard to putting an application for sick leave, you may not be aware that I consulted a specialist while in Switzerland and he certified me to be perfectly well. Consequently, I cannot conscientiously ask any medical man to give me a certificate stating that I am not well."

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Kinsella seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction three weeks leave of absence to Dr. C. Bastible, Co. Medical Officer of Health, as from 1st July 1936, and that Dr. T. J. O'Sullivan, DP.H. be appointed as substitute during Dr. Bastible's absence, remuneration £10. 10. 0 per week with allowance for vouched travelling expenses at rate of £200 per annum."

"That the resolution from County Board of Health as to the manner in which the work of the Department of the

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County Medical Officer of Health is being carried out, be referred for consideration to the annual meeting of the County Council."

"That the correspondence received from County Board of Health and from Dr. Bastible in reference to this matter and also as to leave of County Medical Officer of Health be furnished to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for their information."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

In connection with application of Patrick Robert Doyle, Pavilion, Rosslare Strand, to be deemed eligible to compete for University Scholarship, the Council at their last meeting decided that as his father had a certain amount of taxable income, this candidate was debarred from availing of any benefit under the Scheme.

Mr. Corish explained that Mrs. Doyle had not lived with her husband for a number of years, and that she was the guardian and only support of the children. Her means were very small and it would be absolutely impossible for her to provide University education for her son.

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

"That provided new application form under University Scholarship Scheme be lodged for Patrick R. Doyle, Pavilion, Rosslare Strand by his mother as his guardian, the County Council be recommended to regard him as eligible to compete for said Scholarship."

Representations were received from James Kelly, 53 South Main Street, Wexford, father of Johanna M. Kelly, and Michael Murphy, Cushinstown N.S., father of Michael Murphy, two applicants for University Scholarships declared ineligible to compete as their parents were in receipt of taxable income.

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The Finance Committee directed the Secretary to point out to Messrs. Kelly and Murphy that the County Council had adopted a resolution that the children of persons who were in receipt of any taxable income, could not be regarded as eligible to compete for University Scholarships.

RELIEF WORKS

Mr. Corish proposed that the County Council should communicate with Office of Public Works, and ask them how they proposed to distribute the very considerable sum which had been set aside for Relief Works this year, and also for information as to the nature of the works that would be eligible for this grant.

Mr. Colfer seconded and the motion was passed.

The County Surveyor said he had already consulted that day with the Assistant Surveyors in this matter. They went into the proposed Schemes and the class of works they would put forward to avail of the Grant. He noticed that on any single work they could spend now up to £300; previously, £40 or £50 was the maximum.

GOREY LIVE STOCK POUND

Mr. Elgee submitted letter from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors, Gorey, under date 16th June 1936, stating that their client, John Valentine, Courtkeeper, would be prepared to sell the Pound in Gorey, and perhaps the County Council might submit an offer in this connection.

The County Surveyor mentioned that the County Registrar required other pounds as well as that in Gorey.

It was decided to refer the matter of pounds generally including the question of Gorey pound to the County Surveyor for report.

INSURANCE MATTERS

The County Surveyor stated that he had with an Inspector from the Insurance Company and the County Solicitor,

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gone into all points in connection with insurance of Assistant Surveyors and the carriage of explosives. It would mean an increase of 25% on their present Insurance policies. He had arranged for temporary cover.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded Mr. Colfer, that the County Surveyor submit proposals in this matter, and also as to the question of potential liability policy to cover damage caused by carters hauling materials for the County Council to the next meeting of the County Council.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1915

The Department of Agriculture wrote under date 15th June 1936 (E.3309/36) that they noted that in view of the Inspectors concerned having undertaken to furnish weekly reports, these officers had been re-appointed for the two dipping periods of 1936.

Weekly reports to date under above Order from Inspectors were submitted to the meeting.

SAFE FOR COUNTY REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

Under date 18th June, 1936, the County Surveyor wrote that he had obtained particulars of safes and submitted them to the County Registrar who had the selection under consideration. The Registrar pointed out he had difficulty in allocating space for the safe and suggested the adjournment of the matter pending decision regarding the necessity for two courts of Justice.

Adjourned.

BLASTING IN CORRIGANEAGH QUARRY

Undated letter was received from Bessie Steacy, Corriganeagh, Gorey, that three settings of geese, two settings of turkeys, as well as settings of hens had been destroyed owing to blasting work in Corriganeagh quarry adjoining her dwelling. They were the only property her

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sister and she had to dress with and keep themselves. In the circumstances she looked to the County Council for compensation.

The County Surveyor stated he had forwarded copy of this letter to the Insurance Company. There had been a somewhat similar claim some years ago, which had been allowed by the Company.

It was decided to refer the matter to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

The Garda Siochana, New Ross district, wrote under date 13th June, 1936, that application would be made at New Ross district Court on 23rd June 1936, under the Childrens' Act 1908, Section 58(b) to have Michael Foley, of Ballyrue, New Ross, 11½ years, committed to Industrial School.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

BINDING COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

On the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Keegan, the quotation of Messrs. J. English & Co., Commercial Quay, Wexford, to bind Minutes of the Council for 1935 at 17/6 (same price as last year) was accepted.

APPLICATION RE BUILDING OF HOUSE

Edward Kehoe, Tullycanna, Ballymitty, wrote applying for permission to erect a car house adjoining his residence.

Referred to County Surveyor.

APPLICATION RE ERECTION OF WALL

Letter from Michael Kelly, Riverchapel, Courtown, as to erection of wall in front of his house, was referred to the County Surveyor for report.

SANCTION TEMPORARY FILING CLERK

Under date 5th June, 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.116665/36 Loch Garman) sanctioning the employment of Miss Ellen Hore, as filing clerk etc., on a temporary basis, for two months at rate of 25/-

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 19th June, 1936, as submitted to this meeting, be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION, CLOSE OF: The following table showing arrears of Rate Collection carried forward to 1936/37 Warrant was submitted:-

		Arrears carried forward to 1936/37 Warrant. £.	s.	d.	Percentage of Arrears.
1	J. Quirke	2080.	16.	8	22.0
2	W. Doyle	1697.	1.	0	28.4
3	P. Doyle	696.	5.	10	11.0
4	M. McCarthy	707.	9.	11	11.7
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19	J. Curtis	270.	13.	10	4.9
20	P. Carty	265.	15.	11	5.7
	Total.	17240.	13.	2	14.9

The Secretary stated that the arrears showed an increase over those carried forward last year of £483. 4. 6d. Included in the amount was approximately £10,000 of old rates carried forward for a number of years past, and which were regarded as irrecoverable.

APPLICATION TEMPORARY CLERKS AT RATE BOOK WORK: In connection with application of temporary clerks for an increase of 50% in their remuneration, the following motion of which he had given previous notice was submitted from Mr. Kelly:-

"That the application of Temporary Rate Clerks for an increase in their remuneration from 1/- to 1/6 per hour be agreed to."

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By permission of the meeting Mr. Kelly altered his motion so that the increase asked for would be 3d instead of 6d per hour and added to the motion that if agreed to by the Council, the increase should come into force from meeting of Finance Committee of 19th June.

Mr. Culleton seconded.

The Chairman opposed the motion, as in his opinion, £2. 4. 0 per week was adequate remuneration for the work which the temporary assistants were called on to carry out.

Mr. Corish proposed that the increase as from last meeting of Finance Committee be 1½d per hour, which would provide remuneration up to £2. 9. 6d per week. This would be 6d less than what the Wexford Corporation were paying labourers.

Mr. Kelly withdrew his motion and seconded that of Mr. Corish.

Mr. Cummins pointed out that as the work of writing up rate books and receipt and demand notes was practically complete, the matter should be adjourned till next year, when it could be considered at the time of the question of the employment of Rate Clerks.

He moved a resolution to this effect which was seconded by Mr. Bowe.

On a show of hands 13 voted in favour of Mr. Cummins' amendment and 4 against.

The amendment, on being put as the substantive motion, was passed without dissent.

LEAVE COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH: Under date 27th June, 1936, the following was read from Dr. T.J. O'Sullivan, M.B., 16, Northumberland Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin:-

"Dr. C. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, is suffering from nervous debility. He will need at least two months' leave of absence."

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the

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following resolution:-

"That in accordance with Medical Certificate submitted to this meeting, two months' leave as from 27th June, 1936, be granted to Dr. C. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health."

Under date 9th June, 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.122840-36 Loch Garman Ae) stating that the proposal of the County Council to grant 3 weeks leave of absence to Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health had been approved.

Under date 24th June, 1936, the Board of Health and Public Assistance wrote suggesting that a Diary of the work carried out by the department of the County Medical Officer of Health be submitted monthly to the Board or to the County Council.

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

"That County Medical Officer of Health be instructed to furnish monthly diary of work to the County Board of Health and that the latter call the attention from time to time of the County Council to any exceptional circumstances which may be mentioned in the report."

The consideration of resolution of the County Board of Health and Public Assistance adopted at meeting of 2nd June, 1936, as the unsatisfactory manner in which the County Medical Officer of Health had been performing his duty was on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Corish adjaurned until the expiration of the two months' leave of absence granted that day to the officer in question.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: In connection with the application of Patrick Robert Doyle, Pavilion, Rosslare Strand, to be regarded as eligible for competition for University Scholarship, the following resolution, of which

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he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Corish:-

"That the decision of County Council at meeting of 8th June 1936 refusing to agree to the eligibility of Patrick Robert Doyle, The Pavilion, Rosslare Strand, to compete for University Scholarship on the ground of means be rescinded and that this candidate be deemed eligible to compete for said Scholarship."

Mr. Corish, in moving his motion, stated that Mrs. Doyle was the guardian of the children. She was living apart from her husband who had a fruiterer's shop in Wexford, and who was, it was well known to everyone in that town, in bad circumstances.

Mr. Culleton seconded.

Under date 29th June, 1936, Mrs. Doyle wrote that the only means she had to keep herself and two children were £1. 12. 0 which she received from her husband.

The motion was adopted without dissent.

GOREY LIVE STOCK POUND: It was decided that Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, ask Messrs. Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey to furnish Abstract of Title of Mr. Valentine to Gorey Pound.

INSURANCE MATTERS: The County Surveyor stated he would submit quotations to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

APPLICATION ERECTION OF WALL: Under date 22nd June, 1936, Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, wrote recommending that permission for the erection of this wall at Riverchapel be given by the County Council. The house, being somewhat under road level, the wall would prevent surface water from the road lying near the door. A proposal to make a path opposite all the houses in this part of the village of Riverchapel had been before the County Council, but was not approved. If the remainder of the residents decided to erect a wall as proposed by Mr. Kelly, there would be no necessity for the path.

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The County Surveyor said it would be a different proposition if all the residents decided to erect walls at the place as they would have a uniform line. But if there was to be a wall for one house only the projection would be awkward, and might interfere with the development of the village later.

It was decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Colfer that the following Sub-Committee be appointed to visit the place and report, viz., The Chairman, Messrs. O'Byrne, Keegan and Smyth with the County Surveyor and Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district.

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

"That the several resolutions on the Minutes of the Finance Committee of the 19th June 1936 as submitted to this meeting be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

POUNDAGE TO COLLECTORS

Mr. T. Redmond proposed that representations be made to the Department of Local Government and Public Health to allow poundage to be paid Rate Collectors on amounts collected and lodged up to date of present meeting. Collectors E. J. Murphy and J. Curtis had worked to the last ounce to secure full payment of their rates but had not reached the figure required by the Minister.

Mr. Colfer seconded.

The Secretary pointed out that the Finance Committee had agreed on several occasions that Collectors should lodge an amount equivalent to current warrant, with the full amount of last year's arrears.

The Chairman pointed out that in his interview with an Official of the Department of Local Government, it had been stated on more than one occasion that counties which were

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supposed to be much poorer than Co. Wexford had nearly all their rates lodged, and also that the arrears in County Wexford were exceptionally high.

Mr. T. Redmond held that it was unfair not to recognise the work of really good Collectors. The collection would be more satisfactory if they were not penalised by others who were not so energetic.

The resolution was adopted.

PRINTING LISTS OF OUTSTANDING RATES

Two tenders were received for printing lists of outstanding rates from People Newspapers, Ltd. at £13. 14. 6 and Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy at £15.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was decided that the tender of the People at £13. 14. 6 be accepted.

RATE ABATEMENTS

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

"That this Council agrees to amount of abatement of rates for persons at work on holdings and as appearing on employment forms for year ending 31st December 1935."

RATE COLLECTORS' FIDELITY GUARANTEE BONDS

Under date 19th January, 1936, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.126414/36 Loch Garman) that he would raise no objection to half the annual cost of each Rate Collector's Fidelity Guarantee Bond beingborne by the Council.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITIONS ACTS - DEMAND NOTES

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

"That Collector Gannon be appointed temporarily for

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No. 6 District and Collector J. Deegan temporarily for No. 7 District (pending sanction) to enable Demand Notes in connection with Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to be served without delay."

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT ACT 1936

The following report of Special Committee appointed to consider the provisions of the above Act was submitted and approved on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

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A Meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider how the County Council was affected by the Conditions of Employment Act 1936, was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 22nd June, 1936.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman Wexford County Council, presiding and Mr. R. Corish.

The County Secretary, County Surveyor and County Solicitor were also present.

Copy of letter of Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 5th June 1936 (No. 73/36) explanatory of the main provisions of the Act and copy of report of County Solicitor on the same lines had been circulated to Members of the Committee.

The various sections of the Act having been examined, the County Surveyor was instructed to have the necessary directions issued to Assistant Surveyors and Gangers.

HOLIDAYS: As regards the six holidays provided for workers it was decided that the County Council be recommended to substitute the following Scheduled days:-

For St. Stephen's Day - First January.

For Easter Monday - Ascension Thursday.

For Whit Monday - Corpus Christi.

For First Monday in August - 15th August.

If any substituted holiday falls upon a Sunday the most convenient of the following four Church holidays to be taken instead:-

29th June; 1st November; 8th December or 6th January.

ANNUAL LEAVE: As regards annual six days' leave, it was agreed owing to the fact that so many different classes of men according to the Act have to be dealt with that it was advisable to leave the matter to the discretion of the County Surveyor.

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The County Council workers - up to the operation of the Act - worked a 50 hour week, but in view of the passing of the Statute this has been reduced to a week of 48 hours.

It was decided that during "Summer" time work should begin at 8.20 a.m. to 6 p.m. and at the conclusion of "Summer" time the dinner interval should be reduced to 30 minutes leaving the working period from 8 a.m. to 5.10 p.m. with the 30 minutes interval. On Saturdays work will start at 8.20 p.m. and finish at 1 p.m. for "Summer" time and from 8 a.m. to 12.40 p.m. for the rest of the year.

PIECE WORK: The County Surveyor pointed out that only a small amount of piece work was carried out under the Council while there was a series of regulations governing it. In the main these applied only to factories or works in which piece work was general and some of the regulations could only be applied to County Council workers with difficulty.

It was decided that the County Council should submit for the approval of the Minister for Industry and Commerce a scheme dealing with the piece work in which the Council were concerned, for the purpose of obtaining a permit under Section 19(2).

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WILD BIRDS PROTECTION ACT

The following motion, of which he had given previous notice was moved by Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Corish and passed nem. con.:-

"That the Minister for Justice be requested to renew Order No. 23 of 1933 as from 1st January 1937 and which prohibits the taking of eggs of the following birds:- Puffin, Guillemot, Razorbill, Kittiwake, Shearwater, Shelduck, Rockdove, Oyster Catcher, Lapwing, Peregrine Falcon, Raven and Tern throughout County Wexford including Keeragh and Saltee Islands between the first day of March 1937 and first day of August 1937 and between 1st day of March and 1st day of August in each year for a period of four years from 1st day of March 1937."

APPOINTMENT RATE COLLECTOR NO. 7 DISTRICT

The only application received for the position of Rate Collector for the above district was from John Deegan, Ballinure, Marshalstown, Temporary Collector for the district,under date 26th June 1936 and who wrote that he applied in accordance with the terms of the advertisement and the conditions of appointment governing the position. He stated that he had been doing temporary duty in this district for 9 years, during which he believed he had carried out the duties to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Mr. Deegan submitted references from Mr. Mulcahy, Manager of the National Bank, Enniscorthy, Mr. O'Flaherty, Solicitor, Enniscorthy and Mr. W. K. Stamp, 20 Market Square, Enniscorthy.

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

"That John Deegan, Ballinure, Marshalstown, Enniscorthy, be appointed Rate Collector for No. 7 Collection District on the terms and conditions governing the appointment and of the advertisement issued in connection with same,

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appointment to be subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

FERNS LIGHTING

Sealed Order was received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 8th June 1936 (Uimh. P.H.93190-36) fixing the area of charge for the lighting of Ferns Village as follows:-

Half on Ferns Dispensary District and the other moiety on Townlands of Castleland, Coolbawn, Ferns, Ferns Lower and Ferns Upper.

KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE SCHEME

The following is extract from letter of the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 24th June 1936 (F.130103-36)Wexford Co.) relative to the proposal of the Council to have "spread over" as regards the collection of Drainage Rate for Kilmannock Drainage Area:-

"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 on the understanding that the sums paid to the Commissioners of Public Works out of the County fund will be collected in full and lodged to the credit of the County fund."

The following under date 28th June 1936 was read from Mr. N. J. Murphy, Kilmokea, Campile:-

Thanks for your letter and copy of reply from Local Government Department. On behalf of the aggrieved Marsh owners, I beg to thank you, and through you each and every member of your Council for your efforts to secure redress of a grievance - the result of a bad piece of Departmental blundering.

At a meeting of the farmers concerned in the Kilmannock Drainage it was decided to ask your Council to formulate a scheme for relief of unemployment, namely, the cleaning up of all subsidiary drains in the area.

The work carried out by the Board of Works in 1925, was of very little use, when all the side drains were neglected.

We understand, that County Councils are to be asked

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to put up schemes to the Government Department concerned, and as Drainage is one of the most important works at the present time, we hope your Council and the Government will come to our assistance to secure a free grant in aid of the work referred to so as not to increase overhead charges on land already 200% overrated.

If your Council are willing to assist us, we shall be pleased to meet Mr. Barry or any other official sent to inspect the area."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Ml. Redmond seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the application of Drainage Ratepayers of Kilmannock Drainage Area to participate in grant under Minor Relief Scheme for the purpose of cleaning up the drains of the area be approved and that the County Surveyor interview Mr. N. J. Murphy with a view to preparing a short report in the matter for submission to the Office of Public Works."

TELEPHONE SWITCH BOARD

Under date 19th June, 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.124799/36 Loch Garman) referring to the letter from the Department of the 28th November last relative to office accommodation mainly for the Department of the County Registrar and stating that the Minister considered it inadvisable to proceed with the proposal in regard to installation of central telephone exchange until questions in connection with accommodation of the varioms sections of the staff have been finally settled.

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

"That in connection with establishment of a central telephone exchange for the County offices, we desire to point out to the Minister that letter was recently received from the County Registrar stating it was possible that later on two courts would be required. If so, this would mean building and necessitate very considerable delay. As the Council is convinced that the establishment of a

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central telephone exchange with attendant would save valuable time to typists in the various existing offices, the Minister be asked to sanction the proposal of the Council in this regard."

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES) ACT 1926.

In connection with letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 22nd June, (No. S.92065/36, Ilgh(S.C.)) re above Act, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That Paying Order for £162. 0. 11d issue, being amount assessed on Wexford County Council in respect of Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926, for year ended 31st March, 1936."

ANNUAL MEETING COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL

Under date 17th June, 1936, the Secretary, County Councils' General Council wrote that the annual meeting of that body would take place on Thursday, 6th August 1936.

The Secretary stated that if any member had any matter to be considered at this meeting, the Finance Committee would deal with it in the first instance.

HOLIDAYS OF OFFICE STAFF

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

"That the usual Summer holidays be granted to the County Secretary and County Surveyor, and that they be empowered to arrange for the holidays of their staffs having regard to the exigency of the work in each Department."

HIGH TENSION ELECTRIC UNDERGROUND CABLE AT GOREY

Under date 22nd June, 1936, letter was received from the Electricity Supply Board, 60/62 Upper Mount Street, Dublin stating it was proposed to lay a high tension under-

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ground cable at Gorey as indicated on drawing which was enclosed. This cable would necessitate the breaking up of roads and footpaths, but, of course, care would be taken to cause the minimum amount of disturbance and to avoid damage to persons using the roads etc. and to the property of Wexford County Council and the Gorey Town Commissioners. The work would be carried out by the Board's employees under the direct supervision of the Board's Engineer, who would be instructed to get into communication with the County Surveyor and to meet the latter's requirements as far as possible.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, reported that on the 13th June, 1936, a representative of the Electricity Supply Board had consulted him as to opening the streets and footpaths in connection with laying of this high tension cable. He (Mr. Treanor) stated that all necessary openings might be made, but restoration should be carried out by the County Council workers, a matter which (Mr. Treanor held) should be insisted upon. Further he did not approve of footpaths being taken up except where necessary.

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

"That permission be granted to the Electricity Supply Board to lay high tension cable at Gorey town subject to observance of the recommendation in letter of Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, and to the Electricity Supply Board agreeing to maintain for at least six months to the satisfaction of County Surveyor any roads or footpaths restored after laying cable, copy of Mr. Treanor's letter to be furnished to the Electricity Supply Board."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and the Chairman seconded the following:-

"That in connection with proposed overhead electric

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line from Gorey Avenue to Old Union Buildings, Gorey, we request that wires should be conveyed along the County Road. If brought direct through the land they will interfere with potential building ground for public Authorities and in which event it might happen that a public Authority concerned would be called upon to pay for cost of removal of poles, etc.

That copy of this resolution be furnished Electricity Supply Board, Department of Local Government and Public Health and Department of Industry and Commerce."

BALLYHACK HARBOUR

Under date 20th June, 1936, the following letter C.8749/1/36 was read from the Commissioners of Public Works re above:-

"We beg to inform you that a grant not exceeding £230 has been sanctioned for improvements to the above-named harbour estimated to cost £344, the works to be carried out under the supervision of your County Surveyor to the satisfaction of our Engineer in accordance with the County Surveyor's specification of 11th October 1935. It is noted that your Council have agreed to contribute the balance (estimated at £114) of the cost of the works and to maintain them on completion.

The grant is conditional on your arranging with the Waterford Harbour Commissioners for their permission to execute the works on the Pier, and to maintain them when completed. It is a further condition that all men residing within a four mile radius of the works who are in receipt of Unemployment Assistance or who, though unemployed, are debarred from receipt of Unemployment Assistance by the operation of the Employment Periods Orders, shall receive preference in the recruitment of labour.

Subject to these conditions the County Surveyor might be asked to put the works in hand forthwith and to report when they have been completed, with details of the expenditure. We will require a return by the 15th of each month showing the maximum number of men employed on the scheme in the preceding month, with the number in receipt of Unemployment Assistance prior to engagement."

The County Surveyor stated that the fishing season was still operating and he had decided not to put the work in hands until it had closed down for the year.

It was decided that the County Surveyor arrange for a consultation with Mr. Cummins, County Councillor, and fishermen of the district in connection with the starting of the work.

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MAIN ROAD UPKEEP GRANT 1936/37

Under date 18th June, 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RGM/201/36) that the grant provisionally allocated for the upkeep of Main Roads for current financial year for County Wexford had been fixed at £11,958. Payment of the amount was contingent on the usual conditions as to surface dressing etc.

DRAINAGE AT TACUMSHANE LAKE

Under date 22nd June, 1936, the following letter (C.93/11/1/36) to the County Surveyor from the Office of Public Works was read:-

"In reply to your letter of the 16th instant to our Chief Engineer, I am to say that it is not proposed for the present at all events to make a further grant available for the drainage of Tacumshane Lake. The Chief Engineer is of opinion that any attempt to re-open the cut now would be severely handicapped by the absence of scour due to the small head of water available and that the work of excavating would be very expensive. It is not likely that the case would be ripe for consideration again before the Winter, and in view of the fate of last Winter's experiment it is considered that the results likely to be obtained are speculative. Perhaps you will be good enough to inform the County Council accordingly."

Col. Gibbon said that the Council had asked the Board of Works to provide a small amount to do some preliminary work on the inner side of the sand bank. This would help the principal work of cutting the bank later and the latter might be done in two days instead of taking three weeks in "chancy" weather. Everybody realised that the cut should be made in winter as the water would not rise till November or December. No one in their senses would consider the question of cutting the bank at the present. He proposed the following resolution:-

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"That the Office of Public Works be requested to furnish a small grant to carry out preliminary work at Tacumshane Lake, the Chairman and Mr. Corish to interest themselves in endeavouring to obtain this concession.

That in the meantime the County Surveyor lay before the Office of Public Works the exact nature of the preliminary work in question. That copy of his statement be furnished to Messr. Allen and Corish, and that the latter be requested to again interview Mr. Candy, Chief Engineer of the Office of Public Works in connection with the matter."

Mr. Culleton seconded.

Passed.

NEW GAP AT BALLYCONIGAR UPPER

The following report submitted by the County Surveyor was approved on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Lawlor:-

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At last Meeting of County Council a Special Committee was appointed to visit Ballyconigar Upper with a view to providing proper roadway to the sea at Cush Gap.

The Meeting of Committee was held on Friday last, 26th instant.

Miss O'Ryan and Mr. Kelly wrote that they could not attend.

Mr. W. Kinsella, M.C.C., attended and the following were also present:-

Canon Quigley, Blackwater, Messrs. Thomas O'Brien and O. Brien, Peter Dempsey, Pat O'Brien, Denis Corrigan, W. F. Barry, County Surveyor and T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor.

It was decided that no further useful work could be carried out at the Gap, and that new way to the sea could be formed much easier a short distance further south. This will necessitate making new roadway and cutting through a field (area 1½ st. acrs. approx) owned by Mr. Thomas O'Brien, Ballyconigar. It was pointed out that this new work and likelihood of trespass afterwards would render field useless for agricultural purposes. Mr. O'Brien is prepared to hand over this field for the sum of £25 which was considered reasonable.

As County Council have no funds available this year to meet the cost of proposed work it was decided to make application for a grant under Minor Relief Scheme.

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MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Lawlor that the following applications for repairs of lanes etc. be scheduled under Minor Relief Schemes Vote:-

(1) Ballykilty Lane.

(2) Bridge on lane over stream to the residence of Patrick Donohoe, Ballinabarna, Enniscorthy.

(3) Cleaning up Blackwater river passing through Coolgarrow, Cooladine etc. near Enniscorthy.

TAGHMON STREETS

The following resolution was received from Taghmon Development Association:-

"That the forthcoming repairs and rolling of the Streets of Taghmon be done by local labour as far as possible."

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

"That the resolution of Taghmon Development Association as to employment of local labour for rolling work at Taghmon village streets be referred to the County Surveyor for his favourable consideration."

PETROL PUMP LICENCE

Application for licence for petrol pump was received from R. H. Nixon, Junior, 42 Main Street, Gorey.

The Local Taxation Officer reported that the pump was an old type and had not, according to the Garda Siochana, been previously licenced.

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

"That licence for petrol pump issue to R. N. Nixon, Junior, Main Street, Gorey."

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POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES.

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

"That new licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to Garrett Byrne, Bree, Ballyhogue, and William R. Hamilton, Bullring, Wexford, and renewals of licences to Laurence Harpur, North Main Street, Wexford; Daniel Keating, Quay Street, New Ross; Myles Byrne, Market House, Main Street, Gorey; Edward Rochford, Taghmon and Henry Hill, Ballycanew, Gorey.

REPUBLICAN PRISONERS

Under date 16th June, 1936, statement was received from Republican Prisoners Publicity Committee.

The Chairman said that matters of this description had, up to the present, been ruled out of order and he would follow the same procedure in the present instance. The document did not concern the business of the County Council in any way and he would rule that it should not be read or discussed.

Signed.....
Secretary

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING 10th AUGUST, 1936.

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County Hall,
WEXFORD.

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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 10th August, 1936.

Present:- Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, R. Corish, C. Culleton, John Cummins, John Day, Col. C. M. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, James Lawler, Thos. McCarthy, T. J. Meyler, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Ml. Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

On the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. O'Byrne the chair was taken by Col. Gibbon.

After confirmation of Minutes Mr. D. Allen, Chairman, attended and presided for the remainder of the business.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £18199. 11. 9d were examined and signed.

THE LATE MR. THOMAS CULLIMORE, WEXFORD.

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

"That we offer our esteemed colleague, Mr. William Cullimore, our sincere sympathy in the death of his brother, Mr. T. Cullimore."

The Secretary also expressed his sympathy and the resolution was adopted in the usual manner.

THE LATE SIR OSMOND GRATTAN ESMONDE, T.D.

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

"That we offer our sincere condolence to Sir Laurence Esmonde and other relatives in the tragic death of Sir

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Osmond Grattan Esmonde, T.D., who represented Wexford in An Dail for many years and who proved at all times that the interests of Wexford County and of Ireland were close to his heart."

THE LATE REV. THOMAS HORE, P.P.

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

"That we offer our deepest sympathy to the Rev. David Hore, P.P., Rathnure, in the death of his brother, Rev. T. Hore, P.P., Monageer, who was a great Churchman beloved by all who had the happiness of his acquaintance."

The Secretary expressed his personal sympathy in the death of Fr. Hore who had been Administrator in Wexford town (where he had made hosts of friends) for many years.

THE LATE MICHAEL KAVANAGH, ROAD GANGER

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

"That we offer our sincere sympathy to the relatives of the late Michael Kavanagh, Barntown, Wexford, Road Ganger, a valued servant of this Council."

DEATH OF COUNTY COUNCIL EMPLOYEE

Mr. Culleton proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted in the usual manner:-

"That this Council offers its deepest sympathy to Mrs. Dempsey, wife of the late John Dempsey, Road Worker, Corish's Cross, Kilmore, who died suddenly on 8th August, 1936, leaving his wife and nine children."

CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MEETING 3rd JULY 1936:- The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of above meeting were submitted:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 3rd July, 1936.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. Patrick Colfer, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

The 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 £4740. 18. 2 was examined and signed.

PERSONAL BOND, RATE COLLECTOR GANNON

Collector Sean Gannon submitted the name of Myles Kehoe, Castle Hill, Enniscorthy, as surety in place of Miss M. Gannon, who had been previously approved.

Mr. Elgee stated he had obtained banker's reference from Mr. Kehoe.

Mr. Gannon's second surety is Patrick Murray, Ballinacarrig, Gorey.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, to accept Mr. Myles Kehoe as surety in this case.

SAFE FOR DISTRICT COURT OFFICE, WEXFORD

The following requisition from Mr. M. J. Dwyer, County Registrar, was read:-

"The District Court Clerk, Wexford, requires a safe for the safe-keeping of his books and documents. I am directed by the Minister for Justice to requisition same."

The County Surveyor was instructed to advertise for a suitable safe.

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COURTHOUSES AT ENNISCORTHY, GOREY AND BUNCLODY

The Secretary, Department of Local Government and Public Health forwarded reports received from the Department of Justice relative to Courthouse accommodation at Enniscorthy, Gorey and Bunclody.

The report relating to Enniscorthy Courthouse stated:-

"In perfect order except outside walls which require plastering."

The following is the report regarding Gorey Courthouse:-

"Back wall of Court Room and end wall of D.J.'s room require plastering. Gulleys require looking after, as rain leaks through."

The report regarding Bunclody Courthouse stated:-

"The place is totally unfit for a Courthouse, and new accommodation is desirable. What used to be a robing room for the D.J. is now an Engineering room for Technical Education. There are no proper sanitary arrangements, not even a wash-up basin. There is no office for the clerk."

It was decided that the County Surveyor carry out the necessary repairs in Enniscorthy and Gorey Courthouses, and that the memorandum regarding the condition of Bunclody Courthouse be referred to the County Surveyor for report. In view of the fact that Court is held at this centre only once a month, it was also decided that the County Surveyor ascertain if more suitable premises were available in Bunclody for use as a Courthouse.

MALICIOUS INJURY APPLICATION

Messrs. Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors, Wexford, submitted notice of application to Circuit Court for compensation for malicious injury to bullock, the property of Miss Elizabeth A. Poole, Ballyowen Bridge, Gorey, the amount claimed being £30.

The following report from Superintendent Joseph Murray, Garda Siochana, Gorey was read:-

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"With reference to the Preliminary Notice of application for Compensation to Miss E. Poole, Ballyowen, Gorey, Co. Wexford, copy of which you received, I have to make the following report for your information:-

On the 17th instant Miss Poole called to the Garda Station at Gorey and stated that her prize bullock had been shot in the leg a couple of nights before, and she wanted several local respectable farmers arrested for the outrage. When questioned she stated that the farmers are all I.R.A. men and that if the Gardai did not arrest them they would shoot her.

As Miss Poole has on several occasions made similar complaints and the Gardai knowing Miss Poole so well she was advised to sell her bullock and not have it suffering. She refused to do this but later had it destroyed and buried. She informed the Sergeant i/c at Gorey that Mr. Ringwood, V.S., of Enniscorthy, had inspected the animal and had given her a Certificate to the effect that it had been badly injured. The Sergeant later got in touch with Mr. Ringwood and was informed that the latter found the animal suffering from a broken leg. He also informed the Sergeant that the owner Miss Poole had insisted that the animal had been shot and that she showed him a hole in the door where the shot had been fired. He had examined the animal but found no marks of any kind and in his opinion the animal had broken its leg in the field before being put into the house. The Certificate he had given to Miss Poole simply stated that the animal's leg was broken.

On receipt of notice that Miss Poole intended making a claim Sergeant McGee, 1835, Gorey, visited Miss Poole and endeavoured to obtain a statement from her but she refused to make any statement. She showed the Sergeant the cowhouse in which the animal had been put on the 14th instant after it had slipped in the field and fell on its neck. She stated that she got help from two local youths named Timothy and James Breen to lift the animal and that they had helped her to drive it into the cowhouse. She locked the cowhouse door on Monday night the 15th instant, and during the night she heard a noise which she now believes was a shot. When she went to the cowhouse door on Tuesday Morning she found it still locked, but on entering found the bullock unable to rise. She then knew that it had been shot during the night and she showed the Sergeant an air hole in the door through which she believed the shot had been fired.

A man named Joseph Breen (father of the two youths who helped Miss Poole with the bullock) who lives convenient to Miss Poole informed the Sergeant that the Bullock had been going around the field apparently unwell for about six weeks.

Miss Poole has on several occasions stated that Bullocks her property have been maliciously shot, their necks broken, throats cut, stoned to death, and so on, but never has any examination by a V.S. or other person revealed other than natural causes. About 12 months ago she claimed compensation in respect of a Bullock maliciously destroyed and the claim was disallowed on the evidence of the V.S. who certified that the animal had died from Black Murrin.

There is no doubt whatever, but that in the present case the animal accidently broke its leg probably on Sunday the 14th when it slipped in the field. Statements can be procured if required and the fact that Miss Poole informed

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Sergeant J. J. McGee, Gorey, that her Cowhouse door was locked on the night of the 15th and found intact on the following morning will prove that no person could interfere with the Bullock during the night.

The farmers who reside near Miss Poole are all respectable men who would on no condition interfere with her property.

Miss Poole is mentally unbalanced and has caused considerable annoyance to the Church and other Public Bodies and also to private persons. She is usually to be found making ridiculous complaints. Amongst others she has accused the local Station Master, Postmaster, Sub-Agent Bank of Ireland and Archdeacon Willis of fraud, etc. The local Solicitors will not act for her and in this case she has gone as far as Wexford to obtain the services of a Solicitor. Her relatives refuse to have anything to do with her. I suggest that her Solicitor, Mr. Brennan, be informed of her mental condition with a view to having claim cancelled.

Mr. Brennan was informed of facts set out above on 26th June 1936."

It was decided that copy of report from Superintendent Murray be furnished Mr. J. Elgee, County Council Solicitor.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Mr. Martin J. Doyle, Upper Rosbercon, New Ross, who had completed First Year's Arts as holder of University Scholarship, wrote as follows:-

"I have decided to relinquish my claim to the County Council Scholarship in Wexford as I have lately received a post in England to my satisfaction."

No order.

REPORTS OF SHEEP DIPPING INSPECTORS

It was decided that Mr. M. J. Hennessy, Sheep Dipping Inspector be asked for an explanation of his failure to submit weekly reports for the past three weeks.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

ADVANCE FOR PAUL MURPHY, BROWNSWOOD, ENNISCORTHY: The following report from Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, respecting application from Mr. Paul Murphy, Brownswood, Enniscorthy, was read:-

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"I am in receipt of your letter of today including copy of letter from Mr. Jordan, Solicitor.

On receipt of your instructions in this matter, I interviewed Mr. Murphy to inspect Plans and Specifications for valuation purposes. Mr. Murphy had no Plan or Specification, and, accordingly, I could not furnish Certificate of Valuation until I received same from him some days ago."

Noted.

NEW SCHEME: It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kelly, to allocate the first £5,000 of the third loan of £10,000 which the Council decided to obtain for the making of advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

It was also decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, to recommend the County Council to add the following conditions to the existing Scheme:-

"Location of House must be at least one mile distant from an Urban Boundary."

"Persons working in an Urban District not to be eligible for loans under the Scheme which is to be confined to applicants who earn their livelihood in the rural area of County Wexford."

"Location and site of proposed house to be approved by the County Surveyor."

"Sketch plan showing location of house to be furnished by each applicant to the County Surveyor."

"Intending borrowers to be informed that approval will not be granted for the erection of a house on a site which will render any Local Authority liable for any expenditure in connection with sewerage or water supply."

It was decided that the question of the amount of loans to be granted be adjourned until reply has been received from Department of Local Government and Public

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Health as to what they consider would be a reasonable sum for the Council to advance to applicants for loans.

INSURANCE MATTERS

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the County Surveyor was authorised to arrange for cover in connection with extension of insurance policies on County and Assistant Surveyors' motor cars to include carriage of goods connected with the business of the Council.

The County Surveyor stated it was essential Surveyors' cars should be covered by a class 2 policy. At present, all these cars were insured by the Surveyors under Class 1 policy only.

The question of potential liability policy to cover damage caused by carters hauling material for the County Council was adjourned until the County Surveyor had quotations from the Insurance Companies in the matter.

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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 3rd July 1936, be received and considered."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Ronan:-

"That the recommendations of Finance Committee in respect of regulations governing advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be furnished the Department of Local Government and Public Health for approval and that on receipt of this applications for loans be invited as soon as possible."

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 3rd July 1936, be and the same are hereby adopted and approved."

MEETING 17th JULY 1936: The following Minutes of this Meeting were submitted:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 17th July, 1936.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs. Patrick Colfer, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

The 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 £5715. 2. 3d was examined and signed.

THE LATE MR. T. CULLIMORE.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution:-

"That we offer our deep sympathy to our colleague, Alderman W. Cullimore, in the lamented death of his brother, Mr. T. Cullimore."

The other members and the officials present associated themselves with the resolution which was passed in the usual manner.

RATE COLLECTION

COLLECTION 1936/37: The following circular letter which had been issued to Rate Collectors on 7th July 1936, was submitted:-

"In connection with collection of 1936/37 Warrants, Collectors are requested to note the following:-

Demand Notes should be served immediately Collector has his books. In addition, the actual collection should proceed with all due diligence from the time Collector takes up his warrant.

It has been noted in the past that certain Collectors made very small lodgments in the early stages of the Collection and the Finance Committee consider it essential that each Collector should make a special effort in July and August to collect as large an amount of the first moiety and arrears as possible. Serious notice will be taken in

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the case of Collectors whose collections are backward on 31st July and 31st August.

The Finance Committee are anxious that a special effort should be made by the Collectors in the early stages of the present collection to collect outstanding amount in any case in which one half year's rate remained outstanding at the close of the 1935/36 warrant. If the outstanding half year's rate is collected early in July Collectors should be able to collect a year's rate in addition before the close of the current warrant, and thus bring the collection for 1936/37 up to date in such cases. This is a most important matter which should receive immediate attention from Collectors.

It was noted last year that many Collectors did not take legal steps to recover the first moiety in due time. The Finance Committee expect the first moiety to be closed by the 31st October next. Collectors should take active legal steps on 30th September to recover outstanding items of first moiety, so that on the 31st October all recoverable items will be lodged. Collectors will be called upon on the 31st October to give a satisfactory explanation in respect of each item of first moiety outstanding on that date.

It is essential that Collectors make separate lodgments for first and second moieties. In addition, the summary at the back of Abstract Book must be kept written up. Inspector will check the summary fortnightly. This form is prescribed by the Public Bodies Order and it must be kept written up for each checking in future.

During the 1935/36 Collection the issue of receipts to ratepayers making part payments was unduly delayed in a number of districts. This is most unsatisfactory. The part payment scheme, which is applicable to Wexford County ~~only~~, is sanctioned only on the strict understanding that receipts will be issued to ratepayers without delay. Rate Collectors are requested to be particularly careful in the matter during 1936/37.

Collectors who have not yet furnished renewal receipts for Fidelity Guarantee Bonds should do so at once. Collecting Books are ready and will be issued as soon as renewal receipts have been received. Half the amount of premium will be refunded to Collectors on 17th instant, when Poundage Fees will be paid to Collectors provided sanction is received from the Local Government Department in the meantime."

COLLECTION OF ARREARS: Under date 15th July 1936, (G.109382/36 - Loch Garman) the following letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to carry forward for collection with the 1936/37 assessments the arrears applicable to the immediately preceding two years only and to state that an examination of the position of the collection in the various districts as disclosed in the final return for 1935/36 raises grave doubt as to whether the segragation of the collectable rate (entered in Column 18 thereof) into two separate warrants would

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serve any useful purpose. In seven districts the amount in Column 18 referred to represents less than 10 per cent of the total warrant, and the Minister considers that the inclusion of portions of those amounts in separate warrants is neither necessary nor desirable. In the remaining cases the excessiveness of the amount to be carried forward is attributable as much to the dilatoriness of the Collectors as to any cause which the suggested creation of two warrants might eradicate, and the Minister is not disposed to accept the Council's proposal until it is supported by a convincing statement to show that the unsatisfactory state of the collection would be thereby appreciably remedied.

The collectors in County Wexford have had in recent years the benefit of a concession (granted as a temporary measure only in two other counties) of being allowed to accept part-payment of rates. It would be expected in the circumstances that the temporarily uncollectable rates would be substantially lessened from year to year, but it is observed that, notwithstanding the all round decrease in the 1935-36 warrants and their issue in July as compared with the 1934-35 warrants issued almost two months later in the financial year, the amounts carried forward from the 1935-36 warrants have increased in eleven of the twenty districts.

In view of the foregoing, the Minister wishes to have precise statements of what practical advantages the Council consider will accrue from their proposal, whether it is desired to continue the part-payment system and, if so, on what conditions and to what extent. The Council should, at the same time, indicate what special steps are to be taken in regard to the recovery of rates applicable to 1933-34 and previous years. It should be clearly understood that in the event of the arrangement being sanctioned, the Collectors would be required to lodge the collectable amount of their main warrants by the 31st March, 1937, and that poundage would be sanctioned with the strictest regard to compliance with this condition. The Council should, at the same time, intimate if it is the intention that a similar segregation would take place so far as the arrears at the end of the current and future financial years are concerned."

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be informed that, as the County Council have carried forward for collection with 1936/37 warrants the full arrears outstanding at the close of the 1935/36 collection the proposal to segregate these arrears into two warrants will not be proceded with during the present year.

The Council are aware that in certain collection districts, a large proportion of the arrears is represented by rates due for a number of years on certain holdings. The Finance Committee estimate that, approximately, £10,000 of the temporarily uncollectible rate can be regarded as

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irrecoverable. The Council now propose to obtain from Rate Collectors irrecoverable rate lists in respect of rates on holdings on which Collectors have found it impossible to collect arrears with the aid of Court decrees and other legal machinery. The Council intend to hold a special meeting of the Finance Committee to investigate these lists, and the Committee will, after examining the lists, submit recommendations to the County Council as regards the striking off of arrears which they believe cannot possibly be collected.

If this procedure can be adopted the Council believe it will stremgthen their hands in insisting on Collectors closing their warrants within the prescribed periods.

The Council are in favour of the system approved for the acceptance of part payments of rates in respect of 1935/36 warrant being applied to the 1936/37 collection and request the Minister to sanction its continuance.

POUNDAGE: The following letter under date 15th July 1936, No. G.13976/36 - Loch Garman, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 1st instant on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the payment of poundage at the rate of 7d, on the second moiety, to each Collector who lodged to the credit of the Council an amount equivalent to 87½ per cent of the assessment for the financial year 1935-36, plus the full arrears applicable to the financial year 1934-35.

I am to add that the cases of any Collectors who do not qualify for poundage in accordance with the foregoing, should be specially submitted to this Department, with details in the following form:-

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Name of Collector:	1935/36 Assessment:	1934/35 Arrears:	Total of Cols. 2 and 3.:	Amount lodged:	Col. 5 as a percentage of Col. 4."

The following Collectors qualified for payment of poundage fees in accordance with the terms of the Department's communication:-

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J. Quirke, W. Doyle, Philip Doyle, M. McCarthy, P. Nolan, Sean Gannon (No. 6), John Deegan, Joseph Cummins, John Flood, Sean Gannon (No. 10), J. J. O'Reilly, D. Kenny, Art Dunne, J. J. Sinnott, E. J. Murphy, Maurice Kehoe, John Curtis and P. Carthy.

It was decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kelly that Paying Orders for balance of poundage on lodgments to the close of the warrant be made to the above-mentioned Collectors at present meeting of the Committee.

It was also decided that the Department of Local Government and Public Health be furnished with the particulars asked for regarding Collectors W. Cummins and M. Murphy who did not qualify for payment.

The meeting decided to request the Minister to sanction payment to both these Collectors as their lodgments were very little under the amount required to qualify for payment.

SANCTION APPOINTMENT COLLECTOR J. DEEGAN: Under date 16th July 1936, (G.145731/36 Loch Garman) the following letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 8th 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 Mr. John Deegan as Poor Rate Collector under the Wexford County Council on the terms and conditions set out in reply to Queries furnished, one copy of which is returned herewith."

AMALGAMATION OF DISTRICTS NOS. 6 & 10 - COLLECTOR SEAN GANNON: Under date 16th July 1936, the following letter (G.145730/36 - Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

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"Adverting to your letter of the 8th instant on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that pursuant to Article 92 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, he has sanctioned the amalgamation of Districts Nos. 6 and 10 and the assignment thereof to Collector J. Gannon on the same terms and conditions on which he holds his appointment as Rate Collector in District No. 6."

ABATEMENT FORMS - QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATE NUMBERS: Under date 8th July 1936, the following letter (G.141277/36 - Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, and to state that the examination of employment claim forms is altogether a matter for the County Council, who have the responsibility of seeing that relief from rates goes only to thos land occupiers for whom it is intended. No part of the Grant has been earmarked for the payment of rate collectors.

The rate of remuneration to be allowed to rate collectors for this work has not been altered; in every county it is within the limit laid down in Circular Letter of 19th September, 1934, No. 24/18/34."

It was decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne that as abatement forms had already been verified by Collectors, not to require qualification certificate numbers in the present year.

HOLDING AT BALLYBRENNAN: The following report, under date 8th July 1936 from Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor, was submitted:-

"As directed, I wrote to Messrs. Huggard Brennan & Godfrey for the information as set out in your letter, and I this morning received a reply from them giving the following particulars, viz:-

(a) Mr. Walker purchased the Holding from John Redmond on the 26th May 1936.

(b) The Purchase Price paid by Mr. Walker was £20.

(c) Redmond's Address is 4, Kenmare Terrace, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.

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(d) Mr. Walker did not pay any Land Purchase Annuity for the Holding, as the place was formerly held by John Pitt who was a Tenant to Mr. Walker. Pitt died on the 11th January 1930 when Mr. Redmond took over the Premises from him.

(e) No rent has been paid to Mr. Walker for the Holding from the date of Pitt's death.

I have nothing to show what the Poor Law Valuation of the Premises is, but if the Holding came under the Small Rates Act, then, Mr. Walker would be liable for same for the full term."

It was decided that, as a former occupier was a tenant of Mr. Walker, the Finance Committee were not empowered to strike off as irrecoverable any of the rates on this holding which should be collected from Mr. Walker, the present occupier.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

Under date 29th June, 1936, the following letter (G.116671/36 - Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 29th ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that, in pursuance of the Local Authorities (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1921, as extended, he has consented to the Wexford County Council borrowing by way of temporary overdraft, for the purpose of providing temporarily for current expenses, a sum not exceeding in the aggregate thirty-five thousand pounds.

This sanction extends to the period ending the 31st August 1936.

The enclosed duplicate of this letter may be transmitted to the Treasurer."

URBAN DEMANDS

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, to request the Urban District Councils of Enniscorthy, New Ross and Wexford, to lodge balance of Demands to 31st March last, before the date of the next meeting of the County Council on 10th August 1936.

The amounts outstanding are as follows:-

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	£.	S.	D.	
Enniscorthy	1627.	0.	9	(One half).
New Ross	1491.	10.	3	(One half).
Wexford	4028.	6.	5	(Five-eighths).
Total	£7146.	17.	5d.	

POUNDS (PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE) ACT 1935.

The following letter, under date 8th July, 1936, No. G.137910/36 - Loch Garman, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has been informed by the Department of Justice that the County Registrar for Wexford issued on the 7th November last a direction to the Council, pursuant to Section 2(1) of the Pounds (Provision and Maintenance) Act, 1935, to provide pounds at the following places:- Wexford, Gorey, Bunclody and Ballycullane.

The provision of the pounds is a matter of urgency and I am to request you to be good enough to state the present position in the matter."

The County Surveyor stated that he interviewed Mr. Dwyer, County Registrar, who informed him that the Wexford Corporation were making arrangements to provide a pound in Wexford Town. He (County Surveyor) had advertised in the local newspapers for offers for Pounds in Bunclody and Ballycullane. He would submit any offers received to next meeting of the County Council.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, stated he had not yet obtained from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors, particulars of the title to Gorey Pound which John Valentine, Courtkeeper, Gorey, claims to own.

The matter of the suitability of Gorey Pound was referred to a Committee of members for Gorey District, Committee to meet on Tuesday, 21st July 1936 at 11.30 am., and report of Committee to be submitted to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

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MOTOR INSURANCE BY OFFICIALS

Under date 6th July 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RV/221/16 - Cir. MT.246) as follows:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that his attention has been drawn to the fact that some officers employed in the Motor Tax Offices of local authorities are availing of the knowledge gained by their service in those offices to solicit motor vehicle insurance business. The practice is open to serious objection from several points of view. It is, in the first place, taking an unfair advantage of persons whose main livelihood consists in acting as Insurance Agents. In the second place, it involves, in some cases, the loss of existing business of some of the agents, and, finally, it must lead to one or more serious forms of abuse. The Minister has accordingly directed that no officer of a local authority - whether employed in the Motor Tax Office or not - may carry on the business of agent for motor vehicle insurance, whether by himself alone or in collaboration with others. Serious disciplinary action, including loss of official emoluments, will follow any breach of this direction.

I am to request that you will be good enough to acknowledge receipt of this circular and inform the Minister that it has been brought to the notice of the officials employed by your Council."

It was decided that copy of the Department's circular letter be furnished to each official of the County Council as directed by the Department.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Miss O'Ryan stated that a man named John Carr, Ballywitch, Kilrane, was anxious that sanction be obtained to loan provisionally approved for him under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. There was some difficulty about the title to the plot on which Carr proposes to erect the house.

Mr. Elgee stated that this was a sub-division case and title could not be certified until Mr. J. Kennan Cooper, Mr. Carr's solicitor, had obtained the consent of the Land Commission to the sub-division.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee give particulars of the case to the Chairman and Alderman Corish who would interview the Land Commission in the matter.

Under date 3rd July 1936 the following letter (H.126

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415/36 - Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 12th ultimo relative to the amount of advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he considers that the advances should be limited to a figure which would require applicants to bear a reasonable proportion of the cost of the property. The advance proposed plus the Government grant should, therefore, be less than the estimated value of the house (excluding site value)."

After discussion it was decided, on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan, to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction the following proposal in the case of houses valued up to £200:-

The County Council to be authorised to advance 90 per cent of the value of the house excluding value of site, less half the amount of the Government Grant, that is, for a house valued at £200 per se for which a Government Grant of £70 was payable, the amount of the loan from the County Council would be £145, i.e., 90 per cent of £200 = £180; £180 minus £35 (half Government Grant) = £145.

This arrangement, if sanctioned, to be embodied in proposed new scheme.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936.

The following report under date 10th July, 1936, from Mr. J. Elgee, County Council Solicitor, was read:-

"I am in receipt of yours of yesterday, and now enclose copy of a letter which I received from Mr. Ringwood as to the Sample of Powder obtained by the Inspector from No. 4 District, from which you will see, that he states it does not comply with the Order (he does not say in what respect) and he further states, that the Powder was purchased from Mr. Thornton, Chemist, Enniscorthy."

The following is copy of Mr. Ringwood's letter:-

"In reply to yours of 4th instant the powder in question was given to me on June 12th by Wm. Brien (Inspec-

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tor). It does not comply with the Order see page II Article 12. I sent the powder to the Secretary of the County Council. It was purchased by H. Masterson, Garrybrit, Ferns from Thornton, Chemist, Enniscorthy."

It was decided that Mr. Elgee ascertain the date on which this powder was purchased by Mr. Masterson, Garrybrit, and report to next meeting of the Finance Committee as to whether the sale took place subsequent to the date on which Mr. Thornton had previously been warned by Mr. Elgee in respect of a previous complaint from Mr. Ringwood.

The following reports were submitted:-

REPORT OF MR. F. STAPLES, V.S., WEXFORD: "In reply to your letter of the 4th instant (Warble Fly Order) the work under the Order was carried out to my entire satisfaction by the three Inspectors (Messrs. Druhan, Rossiter and Woods). At first, the stockowners were rather dubious of the results of the Act, but, after a second dressing practically all owners were loud in their praise of the benefit to the stock and no objections were offered to carrying out the work,.

Of course, as usual, many negligent owners failed to carry out the orders and the Inspectors and myself had to pay frequent visits to these people to try and get them to do the work.

If the Act is to be worked again next year, the Inspectors now knowing the owners who caused trouble this year should pay special attention to the same owners next year.

A few animals were reported to me as having been injured by the dressing.

One animal died two days after dressing, and myself and a veterinary surgeon from the Department investigated the case, and I believe the owner in this case will be compensated."

REPORT OF MR. T. A. MERNAGH, V.S., GOREY: "Herewith my report on the working of Warble Fly Order in my district (Gorey). The work has been carried out to my satisfaction.

At the outset there seemed to be an impression amongst the farmers that the Inspectors appointed under the Act should visit them before the dressings were carried out, and that they should also carry out the work in the presence of the Inspectors - This impression delayed the early working of the Order. Once this was explained the work was carried out to my satisfaction.

Very few exceptions or objections to the carrying out of the Order occurred, and in these few cases, when such persons were informed of their responsibilities in the matter they acquiesed and carried out the order.

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As time progressed the work of the Inspectors became more difficult, this was due to the fact that in some cases cattle were sent to grass a distance from their owners' place and often into another Inspector's district. With few exceptions, I found the farmers ready and willing to co-operate with me and the Inspectors in the carrying out of their duties. In accordance with the Order I had daily reports from the various Inspectors in my district, and also made periodic visits to where they were carrying out their duties. In all cases I found that the Inspectors carried out their work to my entire satisfaction in every detail."

REPORT OF MR. F. S. RINGWOOD, V.S., ENNISCORTHY: "As arranged by the County Council the working of the above order was carried out in this district by Four Inspectors under me as Supervisor.

On March 16th, I interviewed the Inspectors, and explained the Order to them and gave detailed instructions as regards squeezing out the Warble Fly larvae and preparation of the Cattle Washes, also the clerical work in connection with the Order.

Being the first year the Order was in force there was some difficulty and delay at first in getting cattle dressed but it was realized by farmers that it had got to be done and after the first week, the working of the Order was being satisfactorily carried out.

I had not to serve the Detention Notice on any owner.

Early in April as the result of my examination of some animals that had been dressed, I formed the opinion that too strong a brush was being used by some people, or that the brush was being used with too much force (this had the effect of hardening the skin and making the back tender). The Inspectors were notified by me to explain this fact to owners and it was carried out.

I had to inform the Inspectors that the two methods of treatment should not be carried out on the same day on same animal, i.e., either squeeze out all the warbles, or apply the wash and it was recommended that unless an animal had very few warbles, it was better to apply the Wash.

A complaint was made by one farmer that the Wash was the cause of death of two animals and illness of a third. I visited the farm and reported to the County Council and Department of Agriculture. The latter then investigated the matter.

On another farm one animal became very ill eight hours after being dressed and collapsed, but recovered on treatment I supplied.

From 16th March to June 30th I made nineteen surprise visits into the areas in which Inspectors were working, and generally found everything satisfactory. I also had numerous interviews with the Inspectors and kept in touch with them during the period that the Order was in force.

The Inspectors posted the Daily Forms each evening to me and these were checked by me and posted to the Secretary, County Council each Monday."

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REPORT OF MR. J. LYNCH, V.S., NEW ROSS: "We started the campaign on 19th March with a demonstration of both forms of treatment on my farm at Milltown, Campile. The three Inspectors for New Ross area, viz., Messrs. Flynn, Furlong and Carty were present, also Mr. Taylor, V.S. and myself. There were also a few local farmers in attendance.

The working of the Order was fairly satisfactory. Many farmers were sceptical at the outset and there was some difficulty getting them started. The great majority of those who dressed are now satisfied they have done good work and the idea has spread rapidly that the dressing is effective.

There was, however, a scare created by publicity of cattle having died after dressing, also unscrupulous talk in Dail re same. The effect of this is dying without an effort.

I am convinced the work will be done much more thoroughly next season.

I would say that 65% of the cattle were dressed three or four times, 30% twice and 5% once.

It will be necessary to use what powers we possess more stringently next season wherever a case demands same, viz., serving of Detention Notice and removal of cattle from Fairs and Markets when provisions of Order have not been complied with.

The two Inspectors who worked under my supervision did their work very well. (Messrs. Furlong and Carthy)."

REPORT OF MR. F. S. TAYLOR, V.S., NEW ROSS:

16th March. In conjunction with Mr. Lynch, we held a demonstration of the two methods of treating affected cattle. The demonstration was held at Mr. Lynch's farm at Ballykelly and the three lay Inspectors for our areas were present.

27th March. I paid a surprise visit to Mr. J. Fogarty's at Ballybanoge and found the cattle being treated in a satisfactory manner under the supervision of the Local Inspector.

3rd April. Surprise visit to Mrs. Tyndall's, Ballyanne. The Inspector had left shortly before my arrival and the cattle had been treated correctly.

16th April. Visit to Mr. Sutton's, The Modlins. The Inspector had left, after having examined cattle in which he found no warbles. I examined these cattle and confirmed his judgment.

17th April. Attended at Mr. Ronan's, Knockmullen and found the Inspector having cattle treated, also, went to Mr. Hickey's, Knockmullen and saw cattle dressed.

18th April. The Local Inspector finished his first round in my area on the 11th of April; and has now started on the second round of inspection of dressing the affected cattle.

30th April. I attended the dressing of cattle at Mr. Thorpe's of Knockroe and found everything going on satisfactorily under the supervision of the Local Inspector.

3rd May. Called on J. Butler, Newtown, who had dressed [illegible] on the 2nd inst. [illegible] 5th ultimo.

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11th May. Called on Jim Roche, Larkin's Mills, who was dressing the following day.

28th May. Attended at Nicholas Power's, Newtown, who was dressing his cattle that day under supervision of the Inspector.

28th May. Attended at farm of P. Hickey, Knockmullen, whose cattle were being treated under the supervision of the Inspector.

28th May. Mrs. Travers, Arnestown, who was dressing her cattle on the following day.

This finished the second treatment of cattle under the Order in my area, and so far as I can judge the dressing seems to have a very beneficial effect so far as the number of mature warbles in affected animals is greatly reduced. The maggots seem to be arrested in their development.

16th June. Called on the following farmers in Adamstown area:-

Mrs. Maddin, Palace, who has only dressed once, and who was under the impression that the one dressing was all that was required. She sent into town at once for the wash and undertook to apply the dressing that day and again before the end of the month.

James McDonald, Templenachro, who was applying the dressing to-day. Third application.

Patrick Cloney, Templenachro, who was applying the dressing for the third time on the next day and again before the end of the month.

James Whitty, third dressing today and again by end of the month.

Michael Cloney, Ballagh. The third dressing today and again in the end of the month.

Patrick Delaney, Brocorragh. The third dressing today and again in the end of the month.

Sylvester Barron, Coonogue, has dressed his cattle three times and will do them again next week.

John Barron, Coonogue, has dressed three times. Will treat again next week.

Aidan Furlong, Coonogue. I could not see Mr. Furlong who had only treated his cattle twice. I left instructions to have the cattle dressed at once and again in end of the month.

Philip Murphy, Knockree. Mr. Murphy had dressed his cattle three times and was applying the fourth dressing today.

William Ronan, Oldcourt. Mr. Ronan had only treated once and was not dressing again as there were no warbles in the cattle.

Mr. Laurence French, Oldcourt. These cattle had been dressed three times and will apply the fourth dressing before the end of the month.

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The Lay Inspector carried out his duties in a very satisfactory manner. The principal difficulty being to get the owners in a locality to all dress the cattle on the same day. This entailed on the Inspector an unnecessary amount of trouble as he had often to pay three or four visits to an owner before getting the Order carried out. In spite of this difficulty I think the great majority of the cattle in this area have been treated to the four dressings as required by the Order.

Almost without exception the stock owners appear to approve of the treatment and try to carry out the regulations to the satisfaction of the Inspector.

As to the method of treatment adopted by the owners the application of an approved wash was universal, as the squeezing method was not found satisfactory and not easy to carry out."

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

REQUISITION FOR EQUIPMENT: Under date 2nd July 1936 the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, with letter No.2988/35 submitted requisition for equipment for eight ex-officio Inspectors.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman:-

"That requisition for equipment under Food and Drugs Acts submitted by Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, to this meeting, be agreed to and that the necessary equipment for Inspectors be supplied, the County Secretary to supply from County Council stock any articles in requisition that may be available, and small articles to be purchased locally."

TAKING OF SAMPLES: In connection with the taking of samples under Food and Drugs Acts it was decided that Mr. Elgee interview the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, in connection with the procedure for the taking of samples.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER

Reports from the Sheep Dipping Inspectors for the two weeks ended 11th July 1936 were presented.

It was decided to inform Mr. T. Prendergast, Knockskimolin, Oulart, that the Committee did not consider he was

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carrying out his duties in an energetic manner as they noted from his reports that he visited only one farm per day.

The following explanation was read from Mr. M. J. Hennessy, Sheep Dipping Inspector, regarding delay in submitting weekly reports:-

"In reply to your letter of 23rd June also yours of 11th July, I am very sorry for any trouble I have caused you re report forms. I am sorry to say the report forms you sent me at the commencement of the year got mislaid and I had none to report on. This is the cause of my not reporting as requested.

I am very much obliged for the supply of forms you sent. I am sending copy to Veterinary Inspector also.

Hoping to be pardoned for this time."

CLIFF ROAD, ROSSLARE

The following report from the County Surveyor regarding Cliff Road, Rosslare, was submitted:-

"It has been reported to me that an accident took place on the Cliff Road, Rosslare, during last week, and I have notified the Insurance Company regarding same. Up to the present no claim has been put in, but possibly we may have such later. It will be in the knowledge of the Council the very dangerous condition of this road which has fallen away to such an extent as to be now impassable for through traffic. I have, for some time, maintained a barricade with warning notices at each end, and the Council has made application to the Department of Local Government and Public Health to have the road closed. This does not now appear to be possible except as a temporary measure."

Mr. Elgee stated he had communicated with the Department of Local Government and Public Health in the year 1935 regarding the closing of this road and had been informed that the power to stop up a road under Section 82(2) of the

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Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898 was repealed by the 7th Schedule of the Local Government Act, 1925, and, so far, had not been replaced.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, that the County Surveyor submit a report to the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to the present position in the matter.

EXTENSION OF MACHINERY YARD, ENNISCORTHY

The following report from the County Surveyor regarding extension of Machinery Yard at Enniscorthy was submitted:-

"I have to report that the space available in the workshop at the Machinery Yard, Enniscorthy is insufficient for the proper carrying out of the work there. I have had a discussion with the Manager of the Co-Operative Society from whom we have our present premises leased with a view to obtaining further area. I do not think there will be any difficulty about this, and the rental for any extra premises will be very small, not more than £2 or £3, I believe. I shall be glad for the Council's authority to make arrangements with the Co-operative Society for taking over this additional premises."

On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided to recommend the County Council to agree to the extension which the County Surveyor considered necessary.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting of 17th July 1936 be received and considered."

APPOINTMENT J. DEEGAN, RATE COLLECTOR: Under date 31st July 1936 Collector John Deegan wrote thanking the Council for his appointment to the position and stating that the only way he could show his gratitude was by carrying out his duties in the future as he had done while acting as temporary collector for a number of years.

AMALGAMATION OF RATE DISTRICTS NOS. 6 AND 10: Under date 29th July 1936 Rate Collector Gannon wrote expressing his gratitude to the Council for having amalgamated the two districts Nos. 6 and 10 and stating he would endeavour to carry out his duties in the future as he had tried to do in the past.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on 17th July 1936, be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

MEETING 31st JULY 1936: 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 31st July 1936.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding, also, Messrs. P. Colfer, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5029. 18. 8d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

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

D. Kenny	4.2
J. Curtis	3.2
J. J. O'Reilly	3.0
J. Deegan	2.9
J. Cummins	2.9
W. Cummins	2.9
J. Quirke	2.7
S. Gannon	2.2
J. J. Sinnott	2.2
W. Doyle	1.9
A. Dunne	1.7
P. Doyle	1.0
M. Murphy	.7
J. Flood	.2
P. Nolan	.1
E. J. Murphy	-
M. McCarthy	-
M. Kehoe	-
P. Carty	-

It was decided to inform Rate Collectors that the Finance Committee will take particular note of Collectors who do not start collection with a keen perception of their duties and with real energy, and that they have decided that such officials will not receive any concession in the way of extension of time to close their warrants.

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SURETIES OF RATE COLLECTOR GANNON: Mr. Elgee, County Council Solicitor, submitted letter from Rate Collector Sean Gannon that owing to the illness of one of his sureties Patrick Murray - it had not been possible to have personal bond executed. He saw Mr. Murray on Saturday last and found he was an invalid confined to bed, and therefore asked that the name of Mr. Edmund Crean, Ballyeland, Davidstown, should be accepted in substitution for Mr. Murray.

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

"That Edmund Crean, Ballyelland, Davidstown, be accepted as personal surety for Rate Collector Sean Gannon vice Mr. Patrick Murray provided County Council Solicitor finds that banker's references for Mr. Crean are satisfactory."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 17th July 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.140613-1936 Wexford) approving of the following advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:- Edward Dempsey, Middletown, Riverchapel £117; Paul Murphy, Brownswood, Enniscorthy £140.

Under date 28th July 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.150251-1936 Loch Garman) approving of loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to the following:-

John Eustace, Clonleigh, Palace East £100.

Mrs. Mary Murphy, Dranagh, Caim £45.

John Hempenstall, Island Upper, Craanford, Gorey £90.

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

"We recommend that in the case of houses valued at from £200 to £300 the amount of advance by County Council of house excluding value of site less half the amount of Government grant and for houses be 90% of the value ~~for~~ from £300 to £500 the advance be not

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more than 50% of the value of house.

That a clause to the following effect be inserted in regulations issued to govern future advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

The County Council reserve the right to themselves to refuse any advance in any particular case in which they believe such action desirable, and also to reduce the amount applied for when they are of opinion this step is necessary in view of attendant circumstances."

RESULTS UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS

Under date 15th July 1936 the following was read from the Secretary, University College, Dublin:-

"The following are the results of the recent examinations of Students holding scholarships from your Council in this College in Session 1935-36:-

William G. Lambert	Rejected at the First University Examination in Agricultural Science, Part I. but obtained exemption from further examination in Mathematics and Irish.
Johanna I. Cooney	Passed In Irish Subsidiary Subject for the B.Comm. Degree. Further report after the Autumn Examinations.
James J. Donnelly	Passed in Mathematics Subsidiary Subject for the B.A. (Honours) Degree. Further report after the Autumn Examinations.
Thomas Walsh	Passed the B.Agr.Sc. Degree Examination Part I.
James M. Kenny) William A. Meyler)	Passed the Higher Diploma in Education Examination.
John J. Murphy	Passed the Third University Examination in Medicine Part II with Second Class Honours, Spring 1936.
William A. Murphy	Completed Part I and passed Part II with Second Class Honours in Zoology and Geology of the First University Examination in Agricultural Science.

A report for Thomas Cullimore, James G. Delaney and Patrick Doyle will be forwarded in Autumn.

Martin J. Doyle ceased to attend lectures in this College on the 10th May 1936."

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The action of the Secretary in requesting Martin J. Doyle to refund amount paid him on foot of his Scholarship from the date he ceased to attend lectures, viz., 10th May 1936 to the end of the Academic Year was approved.

The Secretary stated that this student had written quite recently and subsequent to the close of the Academic Year that he had secured a position in England.

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was decided to invite the observations of William G. Lambert University student, on the statement from the Secretary, University College, Dublin, that he had been rejected at the First University Examination in Agricultural Science Part I.

HAULAGE WORK ETC. KILLINICK-CARNE ROAD

Under date 22nd July 1936 Mr. Nicholas B. Doyle, Ballyfane, Broadway, wrote asking the Finance Committee to receive on behalf of the Broadway-Tacumshane Fianna Fail Cumann a deputation relative to the haulage work on Killinick-Carne Road and in respect of which the Cumann had adopted a resolution protesting against the action of the County Council in giving the haulage contract to the Great Southern Railway Company as there were sufficient lorries and carters in the district to do the work.

The following attended as the deputation from Broadway-Tacumshane Fianna Fail Cumann:- Messrs. N. B. Doyle (Hon. Secretary) William Pierce and James Browne.

Mr. Doyle acted as spokesman and said their contention was that as local lorries were available the Railway tractors should not have been employed. Also that the road material should not be tarcoated by a Mixer in the quarry but treated with tar on the road as was done on the section from Wexford to Rosslare Harbour which had been reconditioned. There were four local lorries available but he could

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not say if the owners would be able to place these vehicles for an entire defined period at the service of the Council. Two of the lorry owners, Messrs. Pierce and Parle, would be able to give the lorries "whole-time". If these two lorries were employed the County Surveyor could always count on them.

The County Surveyor, in reply to Mr. Keegan, said the draft in this case was six or seven miles which knocked out horse haulage.

Mr. Keegan considered it unfair that the Railway Company should be employed for haulage work over local labour. The Company were doing nothing only bleeding the public by their high fares and freights. The local man who purchased a lorry put his money into it to try and make a living and he should be encouraged and not discouraged by the Council. The money paid the Railway Company was sent out of the County but when local people were employed the money was spent in Wexford.

The County Surveyor said that if it were hauling ordinary road material a case could be made for the use of local lorry owners and their claims would receive favourable consideration from the Survey staff but in this case the stuff was fed to the tractor wagon ready mixed in the quarry and thus secured a certain stiffness in transit which made it most suitable for spreading. The tractor wagon could be tipped up on to the road thus securing an amount of spreading. To employ local lorries for haulage would mean an extra £3 per week for labour in this instance.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said the local lorry owners were satisfactory and he would like to employ them, but there was only a small amount allowed for the work and in consequence they had to see it was carried out with as much economy as was possible with

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efficiency. He (Mr. Birthistle) had been let down before by lorry owners taking up other jobs and leaving road workmen at a standstill. He was on other jobs supposed to have the services of four lorries but in reality had two only.

Mr. Keegan said the Finance Committee recognised that Mr. Birthistle gave all possible work to the local people and to local lorry owners. In this case it was also recognised that the local lorries were not adapted for the peculiar class of work which was being carried out. He proposed that for the coming six months the Survey Staff give all the work possible to the local people and local lorries.

Mr. Kelly seconded the motion which was adopted.

Mr. Birthistle said that there were two other jobs to be carried out in the district which though not as important as the work under discussion would give a great deal of employment and local lorries could be employed for them.

Mr. Doyle (of the deputation) thought the haulage of the lower section from the Cross of Lough to Carne Harbour could be carried out by local lorries.

Mr. Birthistle said this could only be done at enhanced cost for which money had not been allocated.

Mr. Doyle thanked the meeting for the attention with which the views of the deputation had been considered.

DAMAGE TO RAILWAY COTTAGE ETC.

Under date 30th July 1936 the Chief Engineer, Great Southern Railways, Westland Row, Dublin, wrote (P214-55813) it had been reported to him that on 8th July last the Company's Cottage No. 2362 at Palace East and their Cattle Truck No. 7700 had been damaged by blasting operations at Palace Quarry. He would forward account of cost of repair in a few days and meantime he wished to know if the Council

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adopted liability. It was decided to refer this communication to the County Surveyor for report.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT

Under date 21st July 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (S.G.P-201-36) that a sum of £11064 had been provisionally allocated to the Council for 1936-37 from the Road Improvement Grant as follows:-

		£.
1.	T.8 Enniscorthy-Wexford - Road diversion and concrete surface.	1,500
2.	L.29 Gorey-Wexford - Three Sections strengthen and surface in bitumastic macadam.	4,014
3.	L.30 Enniscorthy-Kiltealy. Strengthen and surface in bitumastic macadam.	1,000
4.	L128 Bridgetown-Baldwinstown - Widen, strengthen and surface in bitumastic macadam	1,564
5.	L159A New Ross-Fethard - Widen, strengthen and surface in bitumastic macadam.	1,900
6.	L159 Wexford Urban District - Surface in bitumastic macadam.	1,000
7.	Railway Bridge No. 373 - Contribution towards cost of reconstruction.	86
		£11,064.

Conditions as to supply of tar and bitumen, payment of Grant, and employment were set out in this letter.

In connection with work No. 7 in the above List:- Repair of Railway Bridge No. 373 Rathurtin, amount £86, letter under date 9th July 1936 (P.470/27037) was read from the Chief Engineer, Great Southern Railways, stating the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) had agreed in their letter of 26th February 1936 (TR/96) to provide the cost of reconstruction on the same lines as had been carried out at Sparrowsland Railway Bridge ten years ago.

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

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"That we request the Department of Local Government and Public Health to take steps to endeavour to be in a position to notify County Council early in the year of the amount which they can count on as grant for Road Improvement."

CLIFF ROAD, ROSSLARE STRAND

Under date 21st July 1936 the following was read from the County Surveyor:-

"I beg to report, for the information of the County Council, that this roadway is now almost entirely carried away. Some time ago application was made to the Local Government Department for permission to abandon this road, but there appears to be some difficulty in regard to same. The road has now practically ceased to exist for a large portion along the Cliff, and I am having permanent fences put up at each end of this very dangerous place - closing it completely to traffic. Some time ago (at each end of this section) I erected barricades and notices stating the roadway was closed, and put up also at barricades double triangle reflecting signs. I allowed a narrow passway for such local traffic as might require to use portion of the road, but the centre part was not completely fenced off which I am now doing.

I consider that it will be well now for the County Council to consider the advisability of carrying out some groining work on the foreshore so as to prevent further wastage of the coast, and subsequent damage to Rosslare Strand Village.

I am putting Notice in the local papers regarding permanent fencing of the road."

The County Surveyor called attention to letter received by him from County Council Solicitor under date 29th November 1935 in which it was stated that the latter had been advised by the Department of Local Government and Public

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Health (Roads) that the power to stop up a road under Section 82(2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 had been repealed by the Seventh Schedule of the Local Government Act 1925 and, so far, had not been replaced.

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

"That we approve of the action of the County Surveyor in shutting off from traffic (owing to its dangerous condition) of Rosslare Strand Cliff Road. And that application be made to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for a Relief Grant of £500 in order to construct and lay groins on the foreshore to arrest further erosion on this part of Wexford coast, County Surveyor to supply engineering details to accompany application."

LORRIES PASSING OVER WEXFORD BRIDGE

The County Surveyor submitted report from Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Wexford under date 31st July 1936 as to two over-weight motor lorries crossing Wexford Bridge - one the property of Messrs. J. J. Stafford and Sons, Paul Quay, Wexford, and the second owned by Michael O'Gorman, Tomhaggard. In regard to first mentioned lorry, the driver, James Byrne, 4 Upper King Street, Wexford, when informed by Garda P. Quin that he would be reported left the bridge and turned the lorry on ~~the~~ the main road to Gorey and Enniscorthy.

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

"That report of Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Wexford, as to overweight lorries crossing Wexford Bridge be referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, to furnish advice as to the probable success of the Council should they decide to institute proceedings against the two lorry owners concerned."

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ADDITION TO MACHINERY YARD, ENNISCORTHY

The County Surveyor submitted under date 29th July 1936 offer from Enniscorthy Co-Operative Society to let the ground floor of their building at back of forge in Sawmill premises, Enniscorthy with small annexe to provide an extension for County Council's machinery yard at £3 per annum.

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

"That as advised by County Surveyor the County Council be recommended to rent additional premises for machinery yard at Enniscorthy at £3 per annum in accordance with quotation from Manager, Co-Operative Agricultural Society, Enniscorthy, under date 29th July 1936."

QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATE NUMBERS OF WORKMEN

Under date 25th July 1936, the Department of Industry and Commerce wrote (E.B.199659) that this Department could not undertake to verify whether or not a person had been in receipt of Unemployment Assistance during any particular period unless the qualification certificate number of the person to whom the enquiry related was made available for reference in the first instance.

The examination of the records of any particular Local Office of the Department could not be regarded as a reliable means of ascertaining information in respect of any particular person inasmuch as it may occur that the person mentioned may have registered at a Local Office other than that at which the examination of records was made. In such an instance the examination of the records would not alone be futile and a waste of time but would also tend to be misleading. Having regard to this it was regretted that the request of the County Council could not be acceded to.

No order as it had been decided the information referred to was not needed for the present year.

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COMPLAINT BY WORKMAN

W. Doyle, Drinagh, Wexford, road-workman, wrote complaining he had been dismissed from the services of the Council without adequate cause.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, stated he had gone very carefully into the circumstances and was quite satisfied this man's discharge from work was quite justified.

No order.

LIVE STOCK POUNDS

The County Surveyor, as regards the establishment of Pound in Ballycullane submitted the following proposal under date 29th July 1936 from Patrick Power, Ballycullane, and which he recommended should be accepted:-

"With regard to our recent interview in Ballycullane re Pound I am prepared to erect a suitable one alongside Courthouse with ample supply of water in same at a yearly rent of Ten Pounds(£10)."

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"We recommend the County Council to accept the offer of Mr. Patrick Power, Ballycullane, to erect and maintain Pound at Ballycullane (including the provision of an adequate water supply) at £10 per annum."

In connection with Gorey Pound, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, reported that, so far, Mr. Valentine who claimed to be the owner of Gorey Live Stock Pound had not furnished title to same.

Members of the Committee pointed out that this Pound had been erected by the Grand Jury and neither Mr. Valentine nor his father, both of whom had acted as pound keepers had any legal claim to the premises.

The following motion was adopted on the motion of the

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Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan:-

"We recommend the County Council to instruct the County Surveyor to take possession of Gorey Pound and carry out such repairs to same as may be required."

ANALYST'S REPORT

Copy of Analyst's Report for quarter ended 30th June 1936 was submitted and from which appeared that the total number of analyses was 278, viz., 209 Foods, 66 Drugs and 3 Waters. Ten samples of new milk were found to be adulterated.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1915

Reports of six Sheep Dipping Inspectors for fortnight ended 25th July 1936 were submitted and were considered satisfactory.

Referring to the reports of Mr. Hennessy, Inspector for New Ross district, Mr. Lynch, V.S., New Ross, wrote:- "In a great many areas there are no baths and the services of the watering can are requisitioned. Public baths in suitable places would be the first essential if there is to be efficient dipping."

It was decided to ask the Instructor in Agriculture if he would inquire in districts in which sheep are generally kept, from suitable farmers, if they would be prepared to erect permanent concrete swim baths under Sheep Dipping Order provided the County Council would provide a subsidy for erection of baths and fix a reasonable charge for use of same.

CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR ALLEGED CRIMINAL INJURY

Application for compensation for £50 for alleged malicious injury to dwellinghouse and furniture was received from Christopher Moorhouse, Tomfarney, Bree, and referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

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DAIL ELECTION 1936

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

"That the request of County Registrar for the use of County Council Chamber for Counting of Votes re above Election and for the use of Rate Clerks' Office for preparation of Ballot Boxes be granted."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting of 31st July 1936 be received and considered."

PERSONAL SECURITY OF RATE COLLECTOR GANNON: Under date 4th August, 1936, the Manager, National Bank, Wexford, wrote as regards the financial standing of Mr. Edmund Crean, Ballyeland, Davidstown (proposed by Mr. Gannon as one of his personal sureties) that he would be seriously embarrassed if he had to meet the liability under personal bond.

In view of statement in letter from Bank as to position of Mr. Edmond Crean, Ballyeland, Davidstown, proposed personal surety for Rate Collector Gannon, it was decided that the matter be referred back to the Finance Committee.

HAULAGE KILLINICK-CARNE ROAD: The following resolution was read from Ballymore Branch of Irish Labour Party:-

"That we desire to enter our strongest protest against the action of the Wexford County Council in giving the haulage on the Killinick-Carne Road to a big wealthy Company while there are adequate means of transport available in the district, thereby depriving the lorry owners, and the workers of the district as well, of a share of the money which we understood was to help to relieve depression in the district."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: University Authorities, Cork University, reported that Miss Nora O'Sullivan had passed in second Arts with First Class Honours in Irish, and Second Class Honours in English.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER: Under date 5th August, 1936, the Department of Agriculture wrote (E.6111-35) referring to the existing Sheep Dipping and market periods, and pointed out it had been suggested to the Minister it would be desirable

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to modify the existing regulations by replacing the two prescribed dipping periods by one double-dipping period extending from 1st July to 15th November in each year, and substituting for the present "market periods" one period extending from 1st August to 15th November. It was considered that this suggested change might generally operate to the greater convenience of the different classes of sheep owners and lead to a more extensive and willing compliance with the legal requirements in regard to dipping. It was proposed to include in the new Order provisions empowering Local Authorities to take special measures when considered necessary as regards the dipping of sheep in particular areas in their districts.

Mr. Meyler proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution which was passed nem. con.:-

"That in the opinion of this Council it is undesirable to make any change in the present regulations governing the dipping and marketing of sheep."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Michael Redmond seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting of 31st July 1936, be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

PAYMENT OF RATE COLLECTORS

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

"That the present system of remunerating Rate Collectors be altered and that a Scheme be formulated whereby a sum as annual salary payable in monthly instalments be fixed, said sum to be in addition to a maximum poundage payable in the event of a full collection within the dates

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laid down, the combined total salary and poundage to be based on average earnings of the past three years."

In moving his motion, Mr. McCarthy said that Collectors had a grievance in the matter of remuneration as they received only two payments in the year and as long as nine months intervened between one payment and another. This fact did not tend to improve the Collection particularly in cases in which Collectors had no other source of income. It was very trying on Collectors to wait such long periods for payment and was to an extent putting a premium on dishonesty. The Minister for Local Government and Public Health writing to Killarney Urban Council had said that the system which he would favour would be to fix a sum as annual salary payable in monthly instalments, an additional fixed sum to be regarded as the maximum poundage payable in the event of a full collection within the various dates prescribed by the Public Bodies Orders. Where the collection fell short of the maximum the latter sum would be correspondingly reduced and the inducement to efficient collection would thus be preserved.

Col. Gibbon, in seconding, said that the Local Government Department should let the Council have a copy of the Scheme in accordance with the suggestions of Mr. McCarthy, and which would meet with their wishes.

Mr. McCarthy said he was in favour of 60% of the remuneration being paid by way of salary and the balance as poundage fees, the actual amount to be determined by the manner in which the warrant had been closed.

The Chairman, who strongly supported the proposal, said that it would be advisable for the Finance Committee to consider the proposal and go into the matter with the Rate Collectors. The payment of remuneration as arranged at present was unsatisfactory and unfair. But the Council had

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really no facts and figures before that day's meeting. It would be well that the scheme should be considered in detail and the views of the Rate Collectors could be put forward through a small deputation. He moved a resolution to this effect which was seconded by Mr. Corish. This was passed, Mr. McCarthy agreeing that action in his motion be deferred for the present.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT

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

"That about six miles of road from Tomnafinchogue turn to Gorey Main Road at CastleEllis through Ballagh be reconstructed at a cost of £6,000 half to be provided by State Grant and the second moiety to be borrowed by the County Council."

He understood that the motion would have to be considered at annual meeting at which Road Works Scheme would be dealt with, and he proposed that the motion be referred to that meeting.

Mr. Corish seconded and the motion was passed.

The Chairman said that in his opinion the main road from Castle Ellis Cross to Blackwater was in a worse condition than the portion referred to in Mr. Kelly's motion.

The County Surveyor said that if one considered endings and twists and turns the Chairman's statement was correct, but the surface was not so bad as the road from Tomnafinchogue referred to in Mr. Kelly's motion. Both roads needed improvement.

The Chairman said that at the Annual Roads Meeting something should be done to provide money for the improvement of the road to which he had referred.

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THE POSITION OF COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Under date 7th August, 1936, the following letter (P.H.151906/36 - Loch Garman Ae) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to previous correspondence relative to the grant by the Wexford County Council on the 30th June last of two months' leave of absence to Dr. C. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, in view of his being medically certified as suffering from Nervous Debility, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state for your information, that Dr. Bastible visited this Office on yesterday evening, the 6th instant, and made a verbal statement in reply to a communication addressed to him on the 10th June last, regarding a routine matter in connection with a case of Puerperal Sepsis which occurred in Gorey.

In view of Dr. Bastible's action in attending at this Office for the abovementioned purpose, the Minister would be glad to be furnished at the earliest possible moment with particulars of the present position regarding the question of the discharge by Dr. Bastible of the duties of County Medical Officer of Health."

After a long discussion in Committee the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Michael Redmond:-

"That in reply to their letter of 7th August, 1936, (P.H.151906-36 - Loch Garman (Ae)), the Department of Local Government and Public Health be informed that Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, was granted two months' sick leave on medical certificate furnished by Dr. O'Sullivan that he was suffering from nervous debility. The Council understood that Dr. Bastible's relatives were arranging for his treatment in a nursing home.

Before the expiration of the period for which leave was granted, Dr. Bastible attended at the Offices of the County Board of Health for the purpose, he stated, of resuming duty.

The Council wish to point out that Dr. Bastible did not give any prior notice that he intended to resume duty before the expiration of the period for which Dr. O'Sullivan certified that leave was necessary.

In view of the fact that Dr. Bastible according to medical certificate would require two months' leave in order

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to recover, the Council are of opinion that he should avail of the full period of leave unless a certificate be furnished that he is fit to resume duty.

That the return of County Medical Officer of Health to duty be subject to Departmental sanction.

That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be asked, if, in view of all the circumstances, they are of opinion a medical certificate as to the fitness of the County Medical Officer of Health to return to duty should be furnished.

That the Department be asked for a reply to this resolution as soon as possible as the leave of County Medical Officer of Health will expire on 27th August, 1936."

DRAINAGE RATES

KILMANNOCK: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Thomas Redmond seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"We hereby strike rate for Kilmannock Drainage Area in respect of year ending 1st March, 1937, in accordance with amounts entered on Charging Order of Commissioners of Public Works, dated 19th January, 1927, as amended by said Commissioners of Public Works under date 16th May, 1934, No. 9/94/34, amount £83. 7. 10, said amount to be levied on the persons named in the Charging Order as amended, or their Successors in title."

SOW: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Thomas Redmond seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"We hereby strike rate for Sow Drainage Area for year ending 1st March, 1937, 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

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levied on the persons named in Charging Order, or their successors in title. In addition, that a sum of £120 be raised towards cost of maintenance of Sow Drainage Area, said amount to be levied on the persons named in the abovementioned Charging Order or their successors in title, in the same proportions as the amounts leviable under the Charging Order."

Under date 24th June 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (F.130103/36 Wexford Co.) that the Minister would not raise any objection to the proposals of the County Council with respect to the collection of the annuity payable under the Charging Order for Kilmannock Drainage District regarding the "spread-over" of arrears on the understanding that the sums due and paid the Commissioners of Public Works out of County Fund would be collected in full and lodged to credit.

The Secretary stated that the Minister had consented to a similar arrangement for Sow Drainage District.

AUDIT COUNTY WEXFORD VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Under date 17th July 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (A.13714-36) forwarded report of their Auditor on his report of accounts of above Committee for year ended 31st March 1936 with copies of attested abstracts of accounts.

No order.

MILK FATS AND MILK SOLIDS

The Regulations of Milk (Percentage of Milk-fat and Milk Solids) 1936 which accompanied the letter of Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 8th July 1936 (P.H.Circ.89/36) were explained to the meeting by the Secretary.

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TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROAD

Under date 4th July 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) forwarded (T.R./107/1) Sealed Order authorising the closing of road No. 504 from main road at Edermine to the turn at Borrmount Bridge to enable repairs to be carried out at Edermine Bridge.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS - BUTTER SAMPLES

Under date 27th July 1936 the Department of Agriculture wrote (G.3637-35) that 12 samples of butter taken up - 4 at Enniscorthy, 4 at Bunclody and 4 at Gorey - were certified by County Analyst to be genuine.

HOLIDAYS OF MR. LYNCH, M.R.C.V.S.

Under date, 15th July 1936, the Department of Agriculture wrote (E.580436) that no objection would be offered to the temporary employment of Mr. F. W. Taylor, M.R.C.V.S., as Veterinary Inspector in South New Ross District during the absence of Mr. Lynch from 1st to 12th July provided the rate of remuneration allowed to him will not exceed that normally payable to Mr. Lynch.

Approved.

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 1937

Under date 8th July, 1936, (Trg.2/45474) the following was read from the Department of National Education:-

"With reference to your letter of the 16th ultimo, in which you referred to the proposal that marks for one optional subject only should be counted in respect of the examination for the award of Scholarships, I am directed to state that the Department has given careful consideration to the question and regrets that it is not in a position to modify the arrangements introduced for 1936.

Having regard to the course which successful candidates will normally follow in Secondary Schools, it would be undesirable to limit the scope of the examination by restricting

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candidates to one optional subject. If the Council wish to make special provision for the pupils of the smaller schools, it is open to them to submit proposals for the insertion in their scheme of a clause reserving an equitable number of scholarships for such schools; the Department has always been favourable to a proposal of this kind and is, if desired, willing to assist the Council in the formulation of a suitable clause."

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

"That the Department of Education be requested in accordance with the terms of their letter of 8th July 1936 (Trg.2/45474) to submit draft clause to this County Council and which would have the effect of reserving a number of scholarships for smaller schools which are at present unduly handicapped. The Council would be prepared to consider this draft at an early date and to notify their decision as to its acceptance by them or otherwise, without delay."

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

"That in accordance with results of examination of 1936 furnished by Department of Education, Scholarships under Secondary & Vocational Scheme be awarded the following:-

1. John Albert O'Brien, Ballycowan, Tagoat (856 marks).
2. William F. Doyle Drimmagh, Rosslare (746).
3. Elizabeth Devereux, Grange, Broadway (686).
4. Annie Foley, Rathimney, Gusserane (682).
5. Peter Lawless, Camolin (654).
6. Maire O'Brien, Ballymoney, Gorey (640).,

and also that Bursaries be awarded the following:-

1. Samuel Jordan, Market Square, Enniscorthy (844 marks).
2. Thomas P. Cullen, 61 South Main Street, Wexford (706).
3. Edward Rutledge, 5 Parnell Street, Wexford (668).
4. Maurice Tracey, 2 Cathedral Street, Enniscorthy (660).

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5. Michael A. O'Hanlon, 7 Friary Place, Enniscorthy (642).

6. Timothy T. O'Leary, 31 St. Enda's Terrace, Wexford(636)"

In reply to query the Secretary stated that of the 47 applicants declared by the County Council eligible to compete under the Scheme, 23 passed examination; 18 failed and 6 did not present themselves for examination.

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

"That continuing scholarships for academic year be awarded (subject to the approval of Department of Education) to the following under Secondary and Vocational Scholarships Scheme:-

SCHOLARSHIPS:-

John K. O'Leary, Ballyboro, Clonroche.
Laurence Jordan, Ballyvelig, Campile.
Elizabeth Carty, Donard, Clonroche.
Mary A. Carroll, Streamstown, Tagoat.
Margaret O'Leary, Lady's Island.
Mary Anne O'Neill, Bushville, Tagoat.
Mary T. Mulligan, Craan, Craanford.
Bridget T. Doyle, Drimmagh, Rosslare.
Patrick Cousins, St. Iberius, Broadway.
Edward Kavangh, Ballane, Broadway.
Edwin F. Todd, The Bungalow, Kilrane.
Gerald W. Fenelon, Church View, Tagoat.
Katherine O'Regan, Ballybro, Tagoat.
Eily O'Neill, Bushville, Tagoat.
Thomas Butler, Mountainmuck, Glynn.
Patrick Doyle, Drimmagh, Rosslare.
Alice M. Devereux, Grange, Broadway.

BURSARIES:-

James A. Leeson, Parnell Street, Wexford.
Richard McConville, Station House, Enniscorthy.
Matthew Tracey, Cathedral Street, Enniscorthy.
Edward Carty, Bride Street, Wexford.
John Breen, Coolishal, Gorey.
Margaret Donovan, High Street, Wexford.
Patrick J. Byrne, 12 Pearse Street, Gorey.
Joseph Finn, 16 Main Street, Gorey.
James P. Brennan, 3 Pearse Street, Gorey.
Edward Kelly, 10 Grattan Terrace, Gorey.
Hubert Sheil, 5 Pearse Street, Gorey.
Peter Doran, 73 Main Street, Gorey.
James Doran, do. do. do.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME

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

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"That Continuing Scholarships under University Scholarship Scheme for 1936-37 be awarded the following:-

W. A. Murphy, Coolhull, Wellingtonbridge.

Norah O'Sullivan, Camolin.

Thomas Cullimore, Wexford.

James G. Delaney, Parnell Street, Wexford.

William J. Lambert, Sunnyside, Broadway, provided he submits satisfactory explanation in connection with his failure to pass his examination for Agricultural Science."

The Secretary stated that the County Council, at their meeting on 11th May, 1936, had agreed to extend University Scholarship awarded to Miss Johanna Cooney for a fourth year to enable her to secure the Higher Diploma in Education provided she furnished evidence of having secured the degree of B.Comm.

KILMORE LIFE BOAT STATION

Under date 6th August 1936 the Assistant Secretary, Royal National Life Boat Institution, Life Boat House, 42, Grosvenor Gardens, London, S.W.1, wrote (FG.T/S) that the Committee of Management of the Institution had decided to provide a 35 foot 6 inch Motor Life Boat for Kilmore station and asked the consent of the Council to put in hands the work at the harbour which was necessary for the efficient handling of the Boat. A drawing showing what they desired to carry out was enclosed.

The County Surveyor said that the proposed work would not interfere with navigation of the harbour in any way.

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

"That, in view of the recommendation of County Surveyor, the request of Royal National Life Boat Institution to carry out work as set out on drawing which accompanied their letter of 6th August 1936 (FG.T/S) in connection with the installa-

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tion of Motor Life Boat for Kilmore station be agreed to, work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

UNEMPLOYMENT GRANT

Under date 4th August, 1936 (RW/203) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote that provided a scheme to meet the approval of the Department of Local Government and Public Health was formulated a Grant of £460 would be available for works for relief of unemployment in New Ross Urban District if a second £460 was contributed from local funds.

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

"That in the event of New Ross Urban District Council agreeing to raise £420 for the relief of unemployment in said district, the County Council will be prepared to direct the County Surveyor to submit a Scheme for the expenditure of £920 to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for approval. That the New Ross Urban Council be requested to offer recommendations to the County Surveyor as to what reconstruction work they desire to see carried out."

Mr. Thomas Redmond said the New Ross Urban Council would, at their meeting to be held during the week, consider the question of raising the £420 by way of loan and it was almost certain the necessary resolution to do so would be adopted.

NEW ROSS UNEMPLOYED

Under date 25th July 1936, representations as to work for Unemployed in New Ross Urban District at Road Work in the town were received. There were roughly 200 men out of work in the district and only seven were employed on the £4000 improvement job. They considered this was neither

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fair nor just and asked the County Council to direct the County Surveyor to push forward the work. They believed that the work of obtaining material in the quarry was at a stand-still. They could not see why townsmen were not employed at the quarry as the town was putting up £2000 of the cost of the reconstruction. They claimed the work as their right and that single men should get equal share with the married, as in some cases, single men had as many dependants as married men. They also asked for a fortnight's shift which was the only way most of the unemployed could secure a share of the work. The manner in which it was being carried out at present was in their opinion, a waste of public money as having no material ready for finishing, the bottoming with the traffic would break up. They strongly objected to have the road metalling tarred in the quarry and then brought to the town, as neither labourers nor carters in the Urban District would get a day's work.

Mr. Corish contended that as New Ross Urban Council were putting up the money for the road improvement, men from the Urban District should be employed in the quarry, and that the material should be mixed with tar on the road and not in the quarry. The estimate for this work was prepared by Mr. Shortall, Town Surveyor, and it should be assumed he comtemplated employing urban labour.

The County Surveyor said if the request regarding the material was agreed to it would mean double handling of all the material and increased cost for cartage.

Mr. Walsh did not like to intervene as he had voted against New Ross Urban Council handing over to the County Council the maintenance and improvements of their streets, but, at the same time, he considered it only just that the labourers in New Ross should get at least as much work as if the Urban Council was still in control seeing that the Urban

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Council had to provide £2000 of the money.

Mr. T. Redmond said that New Ross Urban Council, finding they were unable to put the streets in proper condition, asked for a Grant for the purpose. They were told if they were not able to deal with their streets they should hand them over to the County Council. There was no Urban Councillor in favour of that step. A deputation from the Urban Council went to the Department of Local Government and Public Health and were told that unless the Roads were under the supervision of the County Surveyor they would get no Grant. Up to that point the Urban Council had not done anything relative to preparing a Scheme. The Town Surveyor then prepared a Scheme for £5600, but the Department would have nothing to say to it unless the work was under the control of the County Surveyor. When final word came from the Department they were informed that a Grant of £2000 would be forthcoming provided the Urban Council would put up a similar amount and were prepared to hand over the management of all the streets to the County Surveyor. Faced with this alternative, the Urban Council, with the exception of Mr. Walsh, agreed to hand over the streets to the County Surveyor and to raise the money. This being the situation, he did not see how anyone could now interfere with the County Surveyor in the matter. There was no use now in bringing in new conditions and new matters. With regard to the objection as to the manner in which the work was carried out, where in the past did the material come from for the Urban Council:- from County Wicklow, Ballykelly and Carrigbyrne. No one regretted more than he (Mr. Redmond) that there was a single unemployed man in New Ross town, but, once the work was handed over to the County Surveyor he questioned any interference with him by New Ross Urban Council or anyone else. It was a serious matter if the County Surveyor considered that the employment of extra men or changing the procedure of carrying

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out the work would mean waste of money.

The County Surveyor agreed with the statement of Mr. Redmond. In the past the Urban District Council obtained their road material from Balleece in County Wicklow and from Ballykelly and Carrigbyrne in County Wexford. He (County Surveyor) was obtaining the bottoming from Ballykelly and the surfacing material from Carrigbyrne, as these were the only suitable quarries within reasonable range of the work. If, as he explained, the mixing with tar was to be carried out on roads it would mean double handling and extra charge for cartage. This would run to an increase of 1/- per yard or 12% in the cost of the material. He joined issue with the last paragraph in the letter. If they did the work piece meal it would cost a great deal more. There were eight or nine men and five carters employed and he contended that the manner in which the work was being dealt with at present was the most efficient and most economical. He also pointed out that when New Ross Urban Council employed a Contractor to provide material from Carrigbyrne, he (County Surveyor) hired the County Council road plant to him in order to facilitate the Urban Council. The proposed fortnight's shift would add to the cost and the work would not be as efficient.

After further discussion, Col. Quin proposed and Mr. Ml. Redmond seconded the following:-

"That in the opinion of the County Council, the County Surveyor is carrying out the Road Work in New Ross Urban district to the best advantage, and is exercising all possible economy coupled with efficiency in this matter."

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following which was subsequently withdrawn:-

"That road material for repair of New Ross streets be carted to New Ross town and there mixed with tar."

The County Surveyor in reply to the Chairman said if this proposal was adopted the amount of work would have to

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be curtailed by one-eighth.

The resolution of Col. Quin was then put and passed.

SLADE AND FETHARD ROADS

Mr. Michael J. Fortune, Chairman Fethard Fianna Fail Cumann wrote calling attention to the discontent existing amongst ratepayers and the public in general owing to the neglect of the County Council to keep the roads in Slade and Fethard Districts in a better condition. They were a mass of potholes and covered with loose stones and the Cumann requested surface repair should be carried out with as little delay as possible. The road from Campile to the Hook should be seen to first as it was in a shocking state particularly the Hook end. Every other area in the County was far ahead as regards having good road conditions. The Cumann also called attention to the bad state of the Harbours at Fethard and Slade and suggested that the time was opportune to apply to the Government for a grant for them.

The County Surveyor said he was doing all that could be done for these roads with allocation given for them. The Fethard end had been done and a further extension would be dealt with when another improvement grant was available. The only way to carry out satisfactory improvement was by a special proposal in the Road Works Scheme for next financial year.

The question of repair of harbours at Slade and Fethard was referred to the Finance Committee.

CAMPILE TO HOOK ROAD

Mr. Thomas Redmond complained of the condition of the road through Campile to Ramsgrange and on to the Hook. It had to carry heavier lorry and general motor traffic than many main roads and it was most essential that, - in the interests of the travelling public - it should be improved.

It was decided that the repair of this road be the sub-

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ject of a special proposal in next Road Works Scheme.

DUNCANNON ROADS

Mr. P. Sullivan and 12 other residents of Duncannon wrote asking that the road leading along the Strand from Heery's Corner in Duncannon to Ballystraw Hill be put into proper repair and the approach from the village to strand cleaned up, also the road from Garda Barracks to the Strand so that visitors and tourists might have a favourable impression of an out-of-the-way seaside resort in Ireland. It was four years since they had asked any repairs to be done.

The County Surveyor said he was doing what was possible with the money available for the repair of the roads in question. If improvement was to be made an increased allocation should be provided next year.

ROADWAY TO KILLILLA GRAVEYARD

The Blackwater Branch of Fine Gael wrote asking the County Council to have the right-of-way to Killilla graveyard put in such a way that the relatives of deceased persons about to be interred there would have a decent road to the graveyard, as at present people had to walk kneedeep in mud and vehicles could be brought only a certain distance. The outlay would not be great and it would relieve unemployment.

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

"That provided the County Council are legally empowered the repair of laneway at Killilla graveyard be scheduled under Minor Relief Schemes Vote when money becomes available. And that copy of letter relative to this matter be furnished the County Board of Health for their consideration."

BALLYGOMAN (BARNTOWN) LANE

Seven ratepayers wrote applying for the rapair of about quarter of a mile of laneway at Ballygoman, Barntown, under

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Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

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

"That application for repair of Ballygoman Lane, Barntown, be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote when money is available."

ROADS ETC. IN BALLYMORE DISTRICT

Under date 26th July, 1936, the Secretary of Ballymore branch of the Irish Labour Party called attention to the dangerous state of some of the roads of the district, and also asking for some improvement to be made at the corners of Yoletown and Montfield.

It was decided to point out that no money was available for improvement of corners at the moment and to refer the complaint as to roads to the County Surveyor.

BALLYRANNELL LANE

A memorial numerously signed was submitted by Mr. John Cullen, Ballyrannell, Glenbrien, for repair of Ballyrannell Lane, which leads from one public road to another, and which Mr. Cullen described as the worst in the County.

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

"That Ballyrannell Lane be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote when money becomes available."

PROPOSED MOTOR PARKING PLACE AT BALLYMONEY, GOREY.

Mr. Richard O'Brien, Hon. Secretary to Association of Residents and visitors to Ballymoney Sea-side resort forwarded representations to convert an unused strip of commonage into a turning and parking place for Motor cars. The memorialists also mentioned the desirability of providing some rough shelter on the strand.

The Secretary pointed out that the County Council had

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no legal power to spend money on the provision of a shelter on strands at seaside places.

The County Surveyor said the ownership of the proposed parking place was in dispute. It would cost a very small sum to widen the road there, but the Council would have to be sure they were safe from legal proceedings if they did so.

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

UNSATISFACTORY ROAD CONTRACTOR

Under date 6th August, 1936, the County Surveyor reported that John Butler, Newbawn, who had been prosecuted and fined for removal of road material from his road, had not attended to any of the following four roads for which he was contractor, viz.:- 602, 603, 604 and 605. In consequence the County Surveyor recommended that the Contracts be cancelled and Butler "black-listed" and given no further employment under the Council. The County Surveyor also asked for directions to determine any arrangements for haulage work made with Butler.

Mr. Ronan proposed and Mr. Michael Redmond seconded the following which was adopted:-

"That the recommendation of the County Surveyor as regards cancellation of the four road contracts and also of haulage contracts held by John Butler, Newbawn, be agreed to. That the neglect of his Road Contracts by this contractor be called to the special attention of next meeting of New Ross Tenders Committee."

LICENCES UNDER POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT

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

"That licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 be issued as follows:-

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NEW LICENCE:-

Raymond Doyle, Broadway.

RENEWALS:-

S. Murphy, Shelbourne Co-operative Agricultural Society.

Edward Redmond, The Harrow, Ferns.

Gerald Murphy, Tacumshane.

Edward Connolly, Bunclody.

F. Daly, Enniscorthy Co-operative Society.

Michael Lacy, Monamolin and

W. J. Haughton, Ferns.

CLEANING UP OF NATIONAL SCHOOLS

The following resolution was received from Mayo County Council:-

"That we, the Mayo County Council, request the Department of Education to make arrangements to have the cleaning of National Schools done by labour otherwise than that of school children, the cost to be borne by the State."

The above resolution was approved on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Corish.

Signed... D. ... Allen ... Asst. Sept. 36 ... .

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING 14th SEPTEMBER 1936.

M I N U T E S

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

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

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The Monthly Meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 14th September 1936.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patk. Colfer, John Connors, R. Corish, C. Culleton, John Day, Col. C. M. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Philip Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Patk. Ronan, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £1637. 2. 5d were examined and signed.

THE LATE REV. T. HORE, P.P., MONAGEER

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Corish that the following reply to vote of condolence to Rev. D. Hore, P.P., Rathnure, in the death of his brother, Rev. T. Hore, P.P., Monageer, be inserted on the minutes of the day:-

"Please convey to your Council my deepest gratitude for its expression of sympathy on the death of my brother, Very Rev. T. Hore, and I also wish to thank yourself for your kind appreciation of him."

THE LATE MR. JOHN SWEETMAN

Miss O'Ryan, in proposing a vote of sympathy with Mr. Malachi Sweetman, County Councillor, in the death of his father, the late John Sweetman, Drumbarragh, Co. Meath, said that Mr. Sweetman was a member of a great County Wexford family and like other great Wexford people, he

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taught them the gospel of self-reliance. She was glad he saw a great many of the ideas for which he worked accomplished, and she hoped, before a great many years had passed, these ideas will be totally accomplished. They were all with her in expressing their sympathy with their esteemed colleague, Mr. Malachi Sweetman and other members of the family in their sad bereavement.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded Miss O'Ryan's proposition, and went on to say that the late John Sweetman always stood for the freedom of his country. He saw him a prisoner in 1916, and at Griffith's funeral. Mr. Sweetman was certainly a loss to the country and one whose record the people should be proud of.

The Secretary said that the late Mr. Sweetman was a life-long Nationalist who during the course of a very long life fought the battle of the tenant farmers in season and out of season. He was an outstanding man, who lived to a great old age, and kept the flag flying until he died in harness.

Alderman Corish and the Chairman associated themselves with the resolution which was passed in the usual manner.

THE LATE MR. AIDAN O'ROURKE

A vote of condolence in the sudden death of Aidan O'Rourke, St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy, first cousin of Mr. J. P. Kelly, County Councillor, was adopted to the latter on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Corish.

The Secretary also offered personal sympathy to Mr. Kelly.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 14th AUGUST 1936: The following minutes of Finance Committee in respect of above meeting submitted as follows were approved on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 14th August, 1936.

Present:- Mr. R. Corish (Vice-Chairman) presiding, also present, Messrs. P. Colfer and Sean O'Byrne.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4614. 2. 9d was examined and signed.

OLD WEXFORD COURTHOUSE PREMISES

The County Surveyor submitted an application from James Barry, Tramore, to rent Wexford Old Courthouse site at £5 per week for the purpose of holding an amusement fair.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, pointed out that the letting might entail a demand for payment of rates and of Income Tax.

Having considered the matter, the Committee decided it would be unwise to accept the offer of Mr. James Barry.

The remainder of the business was, owing to the small attendance - consequent on Dail Election activities - adjourned to next meeting.

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MINUTES OF MEETING 28th AUGUST 1936: The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of above meeting 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 28th August, 1936.

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

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cullimore, the chair was taken by Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4041. 8. 10d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

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

S. Gannon	12.9
J. Deegan	10.0
W. Cummins	9.7
J. J. O'Reilly	9.6
J. Cummins	9.5
A. Dunne	8.6
D. Kenny	8.3
P. Doyle	7.8
J. Quirke	6.9
E. J. Murphy	6.9
J. Curtis	6.4
W. Doyle	6.1
M. Murphy	6.1
M. McCarthy	5.0
J. Flood	5.0
M. Kehoe	5.0
P. Carty	4.8
J. J. Sinnott	4.6
P. Nolan	4.4
	7.4

In reply to the Chairman, the Rates Inspector said that some of the Collectors could have done more: a number of them had not yet served all their demand notes.

The Chairman said these Collectors should be informed by Rates Inspector they must have all their demand notes served by the end of the month; in fact, this work should

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not have been held over till now.

It was decided that Rates Inspector inform the following Collectors they must be able to show by next meeting a very substantial improvement in the amount collected; otherwise, the Finance Committee will be compelled to take serious action:- Messrs. M. McCarthy, J. Flood, M. Kehoe, P. Carty, J. J. Sinnott and P. Nolan.

PROPOSED NEW SYSTEM PAYMENT RATE COLLECTORS: In connection with proposed change in the method of paying their remuneration to Rate Collectors, after considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:-

"That, in order to provide interim payments to Rate Collectors during collection period, we recommend the County Council to pay the Collectors on amounts calculated at 7d poundage on existing warrant as follows:- 60% to be paid monthly and the balance at the end of the collection period provided a certificate is furnished by the County Secretary that every possible step has been taken by the Collectors to recover all outstanding items, and that the Finance Committee and the County Council are satisfied in the matter."

PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE: Under date 6th August, 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.157045-36 Loch Garman) that the Minister would on this occasion raise no objection to the payment of poundage at the rate of 7d in the £ to Collectors W. Cummins and M. Murphy in respect of second moiety warrants for 1935-36.

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PERSONAL SURETY OF RATE COLLECTOR: In connection with Bank reference relative to Edmond Crean, Ballyeland, Davidstown, proposed personal surety for Sean Gannon, Rate Collector, this Collector wrote under date 27th August, 1936, that apart from his Bank Balance, Mr. Crean's property was value for at least £1000. He, therefore, asked the Finance Committee to reconsider their refusal to accept Mr. Crean as one of his personal sureties.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to accept Mr. Edmond Crean, Ballyeland, Davidstown, as personal surety for Rate Collector Gannon."

ARREARS OF RATES: The following under date 22nd August 1936 (G.17281-36-Loch Garman) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 19th instant, and to state that he has noted the intentions of the Council in regard to arrears of rates. A thorough investigation of the circumstances of the case should be carried out before relieving any occupier of his liability on foot of rates. The Council should, in every case, satisfy themselves that the Collector has made full use of his powers in regard to arrears not covered by a Court Order. Where there is a possibility of collection of any rate under the part-payment system, the Council would not be justified in declaring arrears irrecoverable. The current warrants and Demand Notes cannot, of course, now be altered and any decision the Council may now come to cannot be given effect to before the statutory meeting to be held in accordance with Article 102 of the Public Bodies Orders in April next.

In regard to the last paragraph of your letter, I am to request that a statement of the amounts collected during the last financial year in each District under the arrangement sanctioned in this Department's letter of the 26th September last, be now furnished."

The following Order was agreed to:- "That Rate Collectors be instructed to mark on printed sheets of irrecoverable rates the items which, in their opinion, are absolutely irrecoverable. That the Rate Collectors' rulings be examined by the Finance Committee and the Collector concerned

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be summoned to meeting of Finance Committee to explain in detail his reasons for striking off any items in respect of which the Committee think there is any possibility of obtaining payment of any portion of the arrears."

COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

The following letter under date 19th August 1936 (P.H.167925/36 Loch Garman Ae) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant with regard to the question of the return to duty of Dr. C. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, and I am to state that the Minister considers that a certificate as to Dr. Bastible's fitness to resume duty should be furnished by the Medical Officer in charge of the nursing home in which Dr. Bastible was under treatment before the County Council allow him to resume duty."

The following under date 22nd August, 1936, was read from Dr. Richard R. Leeper, F.R.C.S.I., St. Patrick's Hospital, James Street, Dublin:-

"I am not in a position to express any opinion as regards Dr. C. Bastible's fitness for return to his duties."

The following under date 26th August, 1936, was read from Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health:-

"I received your letter of the 20th instant together with your enclosure of the 19th instant from the Department of Local Government and Public Health. I have forwarded your communication to my Solicitors, Messrs. D. & T. Fitzgerald, 30 Anglesea Street, Dublin, who are agents for Messrs. Le Brassau Oakley, London.

For the future address all communications for me to the above Solicitors."

Under date 26th August 1936, the following was read

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from Miss Browne, Clerk in the office of County Medical Officer of Health:-

"I have been directed by Dr. Bastible to inform you that he is resuming duty on the 1st September, 1936."

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

"That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, be instructed to inform Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, that he cannot resume duty in view of the fact that the Medical Certificate referred to in the letter of the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 19th August, 1936 (P.H.167925/36 - Loch Garman Ae) is not forthcoming."

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COMBINED PURCHASING) ACT 1925

Under date 12th August, 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (12th August 1936 - S.104690-1936) asking for payment of £146. 13. 10d, amount assessed on Wexford County under above Act.

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

"That County Council be recommended to pay £146. 13. 10d amount assessed on Wexford County under Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act 1925, in respect of year ended 31st March 1936."

UNEMPLOYMENT GRANT

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

"That the County Surveyor submit to next meeting of Finance Committee particulars of the most useful works to be carried out under Unemployment Relief Grants."

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NEW ROSS URBAN DISTRICT AND ROAD GRANT

Under date 27th August 1936, the Town Clerk, New Ross, wrote that the Urban Council had decided unanimously to accept the Government Grant of £460 for repair etc. of New Ross streets and to provide a like sum by borrowing. The Council were arranging with the County Surveyor to meet them and discuss the expenditure of the £920.

FETHARD AND SLADE PIERS

At the last meeting of the County Council the following from Fethard Fianna Fail Cumann was referred to the Finance Committee:-

"The Cumann wish to bring under notice the very bad state of the harbours at Fethard and Slade and would like to suggest that the time is now opportune to apply to the Government for a grant for same."

It was decided that the County Surveyor should submit short report relative to the two harbours in question to the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR

Under date 21st August 1936, the Office of Public Works, Dublin, wrote that the Parliamentary Secretary considered that a grant from Unemployment Schemes Vote would not be warranted towards the cost of the improvement of St. Helen's Harbour in view of the unemployment position in the Saint Helen's area.

It was decided to request Messrs. Allen and Corish, T.D.s to point out how employment in the area would be helped and developed by the improvement of this harbour, and to use their best efforts towards having the improvement scheme outlined by the County Council carried out.

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COURTOWN HARBOUR - CHARGE FOR THE USE OF CRANE

Under date 20th August 1936, Mr. W. H. Kearon, Wave Crest, Arklow, wrote that the ship "Ivy P" was loading a cargo of slate powder at Courtown Harbour for Liverpool and would return with a cargo of coal. The employment of the steam crane would be necessary for discharging. The usual charge for this was 6d per ton and he was prepared to pay at this rate in connection with the discharge of coal cargo.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Colfer to accept the offer of 6d per ton for use of steam crane for this particular cargo, and that the Finance Committee recommend to the Council the charges for this and other matters at the harbour which, in their opinion, should obtain.

RAILWAY OVERBRIDGE RENEWAL

The County Surveyor submitted application from Acting District Engineer, Great Southern Railways, Waterford, as to carrying out renewal of overbridge 373 near 92½ miles (New Ross Branch) on a Sunday towards the end of September or beginning of October. The Engineer requested that the necessary steps for the closing of the road for possibly two or three days should be taken. Exact dates would be furnished later and the expense incurred in connection with the closing of the road would be borne by the Railway Company.

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to make the necessary arrangements for closing road to allow of renewal of Railway overbridge No. 373 (New Ross Branch)."

PROPOSED MOTOR PARKING PLACE AT BALLYMONEY, GOREY.

Representations made by residents of Ballymoney and district to establish a parking place for motor vehicles at an unused strip of land adjoining the road at Ballymoney and

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which were before the last meeting of the Council were referred to the Finance Committee.

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

"That the County Surveyor arrange for a consultation as to the proposal to establish motor vehicle parking place at Ballymoney, Gorey, with Mr. Richard O'Brien and Dr. Cooke, as the latter claims the piece of land which it is suggested to use for the purpose is his property and that the County Surveyor report result of this conference to the Finance Committee."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

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

"That the Rates Inspector submit to the Finance Committee a six-monthly report showing in the case of each house towards the cost of erection of which loan has been advanced by the Council, the amount of rent accrued and the amount paid to the last day of each month."

Under date 13th August 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.161700-36 Loch Garman) approving of an advance of £130 to Mr. Owen Hiney (Enniscorthy) under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

KILMORE HARBOUR - DUTIES OF HARBOUR MASTER

Under date 13th August 1936, the Secretary, Board of Health wrote stating that members of the Board had pointed out it was the intention of the County Council to include in the duties of Harbour Master for Kilmore Harbour the caretaking of the urinals on the pier.

It appeared that in the bond signed by Patrick Kehoe, Harbour Master, he was to be responsible for the sanitary condition of the Pier, the Harbour and its surroundings, and that when bond was signed urinals had been erected on the

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pier.

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

"That Patrick Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore, be informed that according to the terms of his bond with the County Council he is responsible for the sanitary condition of the Pier, and the Finance Committee have been advised that this includes the caretaking of the urinals."

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT ACT 1936

Report as to the employment of "young persons" and the responsibility of the County Council in regard to same was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor. Having dealt with the various sections of the Act relative to the employment of this particular class, Mr. Elgee pointed out that the County Surveyor would have to obtain certificates of Birth of all "young persons" who are employed by him on road work to satisfy himself that the provisions of the Act have been complied with. This applied not only to workers employed directly under the Council but also to those employed by Haulage Contractors. In addition, special Time Sheets would have to be kept for all "young persons" employed.

It was decided to refer the report to the County Surveyor.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS - TAKING OF MILK SAMPLES

Mr. Elgee, County Council Solicitor, submitted letter under date 11th August 1936 from Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, in which he stated he had written to the Food and Drugs Inspectors in the County that when sampling milk sold by retailers they should call early in the day as requested by the Finance Committee, the latter holding that when samples were taken at a late hour the milk might have been drained of its fats.

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APPLICATIONS COMPENSATION ALLEGED CRIMINAL INJURIES

Applications for compensation for alleged criminal injury were received from Charles McCarthy, Murrintown, for £171, burning of hay, straw and shed at Tagunnan on 4th August and from James O'Connor, Fardystown, Ballycogley, for £40 for destruction of Hornsby Binder at Tagunnan on same day.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Council Solicitor.

DANCE HALL APPLICATIONS

Applications were received for the following and referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:- Tara Hall, Courtown; Bunclody St. Aidan's; Caim Schoolhouse; Clonroche Hall; Whiterock Social Club Hall, Wexford; St. Iberius Catholic Club, Wexford; Rosslare Strand Hotel; St. Coleman's Hall, Ballindaggin; and Kildavin Hall.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME

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

"That the National University Authorities be requested - if at all possible - to notify this Council of the names of any of their scholars who are absent from University Lectures. Two such students who recently obtained posts during the academic year did not notify the Council of the fact for a considerable time after they had abandoned their Scholarships. This complicates the payment of Scholars and in the circumstances the University Authorities are asked to notify the Council of the failure of any of their scholars to attend the University.

In connection with refund of £2 deemed to be due by J. M. Druhan, University Scholar, who had gone into Government service, letter was received from him that as his salary was small he was not able to make refund at present but would send on amount as soon as possible.

It was decided that Mr. Druhan be requested to refund

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£1 by the end of September and the second £1 by the end of October.

In connection with Agricultural Scholarship held by Gerard Lambert, Sunnyside, Broadway, his mother wrote under date 19th August 1936 that her son was then in attendance at Albert College, Glasnevin, Dublin, doing a three months' course in practical agriculture. She regretted that he failed in Mathematics and Physics, but had been granted the privilege of doing these subjects again next June at the close of his second year.

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

"That we recommend the renewal of University Scholarship to Gerard Lambert, Sunnyside, Broadway, contingent on qualifying in the subjects in which he failed at recent University Examinations."

CENTRAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE FOR CO. COUNCIL BUILDINGS

Under date 21st August, 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.161701-36 Loch Garman) that as regards the installation of a central telephone switchboard it was considered that with the present extensions one outside line should suffice, and, as the number of calls would not occupy the whole time of an attendant, it was suggested that the person appointed should be required to do typing and general office work in addition to operating the exchange. Any appointment to be made must be as the result of open competitive examination. The Minister was not prepared to sanction the proposal to appoint Miss B. Moran.

In connection with the examination to be held the Minister was of opinion that the subjects and standard should be as set out for typists in the Department's circular letter of 25th May 1936 (69/36).

The Secretary read this circular for the meeting.

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to reconsider his decision as regards installation of telephone switchboard in County Buildings. This Committee is convinced that without a second outside line the saving of time anticipated by them in dealing with telephone calls will not be achieved. They also request reconsideration of the refusal to appoint Miss B. Moran as telephone attendant on a temporary basis. The Council desire to be in a position to know definitely that the proposed installation can be worked successfully before pledging themselves to the permanent appointment of attendant."

TELEGRAPHIC LINES

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

"That no objection will be offered to the placing of overground telegraphic lines by Post Office as follows:-

(1) From existing line 290 yards east of Oulart School to Raheenduff Cross Roads, and

(2) From Post Office, Castlebridge to Artramon House."

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1915

Under date 11th August 1936, T. Prendergast, Inspector under above Order, wrote that he never entered in his weekly diary the number of daily calls, but only the places at which dipping was actually carried out. Owing to the showery weather this year, people were seldom carrying out dipping on the appointed day.

This explanation was accepted.

Under date 22nd August, 1936, James Murphy, Inspector, wrote that he had been unable to work for a week owing to lumbago.

Under date 31st July, 1936, Mr. F. W. Taylor, M.R.C.V.S.

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New Ross, wrote that he had received for each week reports from Mr. M. J. Hennessy, Inspector, New Ross area.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936.

Under date 13th August 1936, the Department of Agriculture wrote approving of the following payments to Veterinary Inspectors under above Order:-

	£
F. S. Ringwood, Enniscorthy	25
T. A. Mernagh, Gorey	25
F. Staples, Wexford	25
Joseph Lynch, New Ross	15
F. W. Taylor, New Ross	10
Total	£100.

OVERDRAFT

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction overdraft of £35,000 to 30th November 1936."

ROAD FUND ALLOWANCES

Under date 6th August 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RGS - 201) that the Minister for Finance had approved of the recoupment from the Road Fund of the allowances to County and Assistant Surveyors in respect of last financial year at the rates which obtained in 1935-36 and on the conditions previously indicated.

BUNCLODY COURTHOUSE

The County Surveyor stated he was in negotiation as to the use of local Parish Hall for Court purposes.

BUNCLODY POUND

It was decided that the County Surveyor consult with County Registrar in connection with the use of existing Live Stock Pound at Bunclody.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 28th August 1936 as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

FETHARD AND SLADE HARBOURS: The County Surveyor said that £250 for each pier would take out the sand which was choking up each place and also cover the small amount of necessary masonry repairs.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Thomas Redmond:-

"That a sum of £500 be spent on clearing silt from the Harbours of Slade and Fethard, the Government to provide a State Grant of £250 and the second moiety to be provided by the County Council."

ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR: The County Surveyor stated he would supply Messrs. Allen and Corish with full details as to the scheme adopted by the County Council in the matter.

MOTOR PARKING PLACE AT BALLYMONEY: The County Surveyor reported that as directed he went to Ballymoney and saw Dr. Cooke and Mr. O'Brien. They had a lengthened discussion on the matter. Dr. Cooke complained that the proposed parking place was part of a holding he purchased and Mr. O'Brien (acting on behalf of the local people) said it was a commonage. He (County Surveyor) pointed out to the people, who wanted a parking place that the County Council were not going to enter into the question if they were to be entrapped into a lawsuit, and that the position must be settled definitely beforehand. Dr. Cooke said he was prepared to allow them to use a part of the place which he still claims, and Mr. O'Brien did not seem agreeable to

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that unless Dr. Cooke disclaimed all right to any part of the alleged commonage. It was really between them at the present time, and he (County Surveyor) did not know what the Council could do in the circumstances except to ask their Solicitor to have a search of the Land Commission Records to see if the place in question was registered in the name of Dr. Cooke. If so, he could give them title and they would have no more trouble about it.

Col. Quin asked were they going to spend money on a little place like that for parking.

The Chairman said it was necessary to have a parking place there in the summer where cars had no place to turn.

It was decided to adopt the County Surveyor's suggestion as to title.

KILMORE HARBOUR MASTER'S DUTY: In connection with the caretaking of the urinal at Kilmore Quay, Col. Gibbon stated he understood that this had not been erected when the harbour-master was appointed, and that a gentleman in a public capacity advised him not to take on the job of supervising it. The Board of Health offered £7. 10s. per annum to have the work done, but the harbour-master hesitated to take it on. Apparently the drain laid at the public convenience was badly designed. He further understood that the Board of Health engineer arranged with the harbour-master to have the work carried out for a month, the Board in the meantime to make alternative arrangements. The harbour-master wrote at the end of the month asking the engineer to go to Kilmore to see what arrangements could be made for the future. He (Col. Gibbon) understood that the engineer had not been to Kilmore since, and that nothing had been done to obviate the choking of the drain. There was a fisherman who was unemployed during the winter prepared to do the work for £7. 10s. provided that the accep-

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tance of that amount did not interfere with his qualification to draw unemployment benefits. As regards his duties as harbour-master, Mr. Kehoe was very diligent. He kept the pier and slipways in excellent condition, supervised shipping, and never failed to light the pier. Some arrangement should be made to put some person in charge and to have more appliances provided.

Mr. Corish said that what the Board of Health had in mind was to appoint some person to take charge of the urinal on the pier under the supervision of the Harbour Master.

Chairman - It is quite clear from the bond that Mr. Kehoe signed he has full responsibility if the Council wished to insist on it. It is no encouragement to the Board of Health to provide such conveniences if they are allowed to remain in a scandalous condition owing to the reluctance of a local person like the Harbour Master in Kilmore to supervise the caretaking. He had been told it was part of his duty to supervise the caretaking of it.

Col. Gibbon said that the Harbour Master spoke to a member of the Board of Health when the blocks for the erection of the convenience were being assembled, and said he did not want to do the work, and he (Col. Gibbon) stated that the member of the Board of Health said that the Harbour Master need not carry out the work.

Chairman - According to the terms of his bond, the Harbour Master is responsible to carry out the supervision necessary in this matter.

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 28th August 1936 be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved except the recommendation as to proposals for varying payment to Rate Collectors to which we

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 11th September 1936.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. P. Colfer, W. Cullimore, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4216. 18. 0 was examined and signed.

THE LATE MR. JOHN SWEETMAN

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly, a resolution of condolence was adopted to Mr. Malachi Sweetman, County Councillor, on the death of his father, Mr. John Sweetman, Drumbarragh, Co. Meath, a life-long Nationalist, who, during the course of a long and active life, fought the battle of the Irish tenant-farmers in season and out of season.

The Chairman endorsed the resolution with which the Secretary also associated himself.

RATE COLLECTION

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

S. Gannon	16.5
E. J. Murphy	15.8
J. J. O'Reilly	14.2
P. Doyle	14.0
P. Carty	13.8
P. Nolan	13.5
W. Cummins	13.4
J. Cummins	12.7
D. Kenny	12.0
J. Quirke	11.9
J. Deegan	11.5
A. Dunne	11.4
J. Curtis	10.8

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M. McCarthy	10.7
M. Kehoe	9.7
W. Doyle	9.2
M. Murphy	8.3
J. J. Sinnott	8.3
J. Flood	7.1

Average collected 11.8.

It was decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Keegan to point out to Collectors that although it was very close to the end of the financial half year, the amounts collected, even with the best Collectors, were far below the 50% mark which it was expected by the Public Bodies Order should be reached. Collectors who have less than 12 per cent of warrant collected are warned that the Finance Committee will certainly be compelled to take strong action against them unless they are able to show a very substantial improvement in the collection by next meeting.

PART PAYMENT OF RATES: Under date 2nd September 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.178930/36 Loch Garman) that the Minister would raise no objection to a continuance for the current financial year of the existing arrangements for the acceptance of part-payment of arrears of rates.

PROPOSED CHANGE IN METHOD OF RATE COLLECTORS' PAYMENT: Under date 11th September 1936 the following letter was read from Collector P. Nolan, Hon. Secretary to County Wexford Rate Collectors:-

"At a meeting of Collectors held in Wexford today to consider suggestions for payment of Collectors, the following recommendation was suggested to be put before the Finance Committee:- That resolution already on Council's books that Collectors be paid poundage on each 10% of year's warrant after first 10% collected would be the best arrangement for payment to Collectors. It was also

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decided that in view of increased agricultural grant for the last four or five years and the corresponding decrease in Collectors' warrants - which in some cases means a reduction of £60 per year - that Council recommend an increase of poundage by 2d in the £ to all Collectors."

The following deputation from Rate Collectors attended- Messrs. Curtis, M. Murphy and O'Reilly.

The latter acted as spokesman and held that the proposal from the Collectors would be more equitable to the Collectors than the recommendation of the Finance Committee to pay 60% of poundage in equal monthly instalments, and the balance provided Collectors closed their warrants satisfactorily. It would be a better incentive to the Collectors and he believed it would be better from the point of view of the Council as they would be paying on results.

In the course of the discussion, it was mentioned that when the proposal of the Collectors was previously agreed to by the County Council it had been turned down by the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That having heard the views of the Rate Collectors regarding the proposals of the Finance Committee to pay them 60% of the poundage on their warrant by way of salary, and the balance at the close of a satisfactory collection, we hereby recommend to the County Council for adoption the following proposal in lieu:- That Rate Collectors be paid in equal monthly instalments up to 75% of their poundage subject as regards each month to making satisfactory progress with their collection, payment of the 25% balance to be contingent on a satisfactory close of the collection in each case."

The deputation were satisfied with this proposal and agreed to withdraw the request for increased poundage fees.

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COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH AND RETURN TO DUTY

Under date 19th August 1936 (P.H.167925/36 Loch Garman Ae) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote that the Minister considered a certificate as to Dr. Bastible's fitness to resume duty as County Medical Officer of Health should be furnished by the Medical Officer in charge of the Nursing Home in which he was under treatment before the Council would allow him to resume duty.

Under date 22nd August 1936 Dr. Richard R. Leeper, F.R.C.S.I., St. Patrick's Hospital, James Street, Dublin, wrote:- "I am not in a position to express any opinion as regards Dr. Bastible's fitness for return to his duties".

Under date 22nd August 1936, Miss K. Browne, Clerical Assistant, Office of County Medical Officer of Health, wrote that she had been directed by Dr. Bastible to state he was resuming duty on Monday, 24th August, 1936.

Under date 28th August 1936 Dr. C. Bastible wrote from 2 Park Villas, Victoria Road, Cork, acknowledging receipt of letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to production of medical certificate and enclosing certificate from Dr. Hamilton, X Ray Department, Mercy Hospital, Cork. He had not seen a medical man in Dublin for the previous six weeks. He intended resuming duty on 1st September. Any further communications might be addressed to his Solicitors, Messrs. D. & T. Fitzgerald, 30 Anglesea Street, Dublin, who were Irish agents for his London Solicitors. The certificate (undated) from Dr. Hamilton was as follows:- "This is to certify that Dr. C. Bastible has been under my care suffering from nasal catarrh and sinusitis for the past few days. He will, in my opinion, be fit to resume duty about September 1st 1936".

Under date 31st August 1936, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote to Dr. Bastible that the certificate from Dr. Hamilton did not cover the disability for which he had been

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treated in St. Patrick's Hospital, James Street, Dublin, and pointed out that he was not authorised to return to duty until such time as the certificate mentioned by the Department of Local Government and Public Health in their letter to the County Secretary of the 19th instant had been furnished.

Under date 28th August 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.177185/36 Loch Garman) that the Minister considered the Wexford County Council should decline to allow Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, to resume duty unless they were fully satisfied by appropriate medical testimony that he is restored to health.

Under date 1st September 1936, the Secretary, County Board of Health, wrote that Dr. Bastible attended at the Office of the County Medical Officer of Health that morning and wrote letter, copy of which was enclosed.

The following is copy of letter from Dr. Bastible to Secretary, County Board of Health:-

"With reference to the P.S. of my letter of the 15th May last regarding remuneration for work done in the Venereal Diseases Clinic, I would be glad to know the decision of the Board of Health in this matter."

The following is copy of P.S.:- "In view of the fact that this Venereal Disease Clinic has taken up a good deal of my spare time since Dr. O'Connor's death, I wish to claim the remuneration which formally should be given to the Clinical Medical Officer."

Under date 3rd September 1936, Messrs. Kirwan and Kirwan, Solicitors, 1 Rowe Street, Wexford, wrote that Dr. Bastible had asked them to forward the following medical certificate from Dr. R. Thompson, Greenfield, Claremont Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin under date 2nd September 1936:-

"This is to certify that Dr. Bastible was under my care from the 25th June 1936 to the 24th July 1936 suffering

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from a nervous breakdown. I saw him again on the 2nd September 1936 following a holiday and I consider that he is now fully recovered and able to resume his duty."

Under date 4th September 1936 the County Secretary forwarded this Medical Certificate to the Department of Local Government and Public Health and asked to be informed if Dr. Bastible might return to duty.

After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That in view of the fact that no reply has been received from Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to medical certificate from Dr. Thompson submitted by Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, the County Council are recommended to agree that Dr. Bastible can resume duty pending receipt of any instructions from the Department."

The following resolution from Board of Health adjourned from a previous meeting of the County Council was read, but it was decided to take no action thereon:-

"That the Board of Health have noted Dr. Bastible's absence from their meeting to-day and on former occasions; that they have considered his explanation as to non-inspection of schools unsatisfactory: that they disapprove of his action regarding attendance at the V.D. Clinic, which was a direct defiance to the Board's Order, and as his recent actions have not been such as to inspire confidence they recommend to the County Council and the Minister the suspension of the Schemes at present in operation and a general investigation by the Ministry's Inspectors of the working of the Department of the County Medical Officer of Health."

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EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE

Under date 20th August 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (R.W.203) that with a view to relieving Unemployment in rural areas and in or near non-urbanised towns, grants for roads and footpaths were available on condition that County Councils provided contributions equal to two thirds of the grant, viz., 40% of total cost of scheme. A grant of £3780 was available for Wexford to which must be added the local contribution of £2530 leaving a total of £6310. Schemes covering this amount should be submitted allowing £5000 for rural areas (including towns and villages with a population of less than 200) and £1310 to cover £960 for Gorey town and £350 for Bunclody. The grant was offered primarily for the employment of persons in receipt of Unemployment Assistance.

Under date 11th September 1936 the County Surveyor wrote that since last meeting of Finance Committee he had had a conference with the Assistant Surveyors as to above Scheme and they had gone very carefully into the distribution of proposed works. He submitted the following list, and would go more fully into detail at the Finance Committee meeting:-

1. RURAL AREAS

(a)	Riverchapel Village D.E.Divisions - Ardamine	£ 300
(b)	Kilmuckridge Village D.E.Division -Cahore	£ 900
(c)	Road 547 - Crosshue-Whittys' Cross D.E.Divisions, Castletalbot, Castle Ellis Ardcolm	£ 600
(d)	Road 48 Tombrack D.E.Divisions Tombrack Ferns	£ 400
(e)	Road 38 - Milehouse D.E.Divisions Enniscorthy Rural Marshalstown	£ 500
(f)	Road 483, Clonroche - Chapel D.E.Divisions Clonroche Adamstown, Barronstown	£ 300

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(g)	Road 71 Barntown D.E.Divisions Carrick Forth	£ 1000
(h)	Roads 859,860 Churchtown and Slade D.E.Division Templetown	£ 1000
	TOTAL =	£ 5000
2.	Gorey Village Road 204 - From Main Road to New Factory D.E.Division Gorey Rural	£ 950
	Newtownbarry Village - Road 48 D.E.Newtownbarry	£ 350
		£ 1300

It was pointed out that on the figure of the Grant the contribution of Council should be £2520 not £2530.

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That we recommend the County Council to accept the proposals of the County Surveyor in connection with Employment Schemes Vote 1936-37 and that the contribution of the Council, viz., £2520, be raised by loan."

Under date 4th September 1936, the Town Clerk, New Ross forwarded copy of letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health (RW.203/19/Roads) stating that the loan of £460 proposed to be raised under this scheme by New Ross Urban District should be paid off within three years.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

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

"That the County Solicitor communicate with accepted applicants for advances under second loan raised by the County Council under above Acts and who have not - up to the present - made title, and inform them if they cannot have title submitted by 31st October 1936 loans must be cancelled and allocated to other applicants."

The following regulations as to loans under third scheme - Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts - were agreed to

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on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kelly and recommended to the approval of the County Council and the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"The Wexford County Council invite applications for loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts for houses to be erected by approved applicants, who have earned their livelihood in the Rural Areas of County Wexford for at least the past twelve months.

Should the full £1250 allocated for any Rural District not be availed of, the Council will apply the unallocated amount to other Rural Districts.

Loans approved are liable to be cancelled unless selected applicants are in a position to show CLEAR TITLE to plots on which it is intended to build within six months from date on which loan has been sanctioned by the County Council.

Advances will only be granted for houses which have been approved for Government Grant by Housing Officer of the Department of Local Government and Public Health. The Housing Officer for Enniscorthy and Gorey Areas is Mr. Michael Jordan, B.E., 5 Rathfarnham Road, Terenure, Dublin, and for New Ross and Wexford Areas, Mr. Robert Murphy, 20 John Street, Enniscorthy.

For a house valued up to £300 the maximum loan will not exceed 90% of value of House (excluding site value) less half the amount of Government Grant. For a house valued at £200 the maximum will be £180 less half the amount of Government Grant. For a house valued over £300 and up to £500 Loan shall not exceed 50% of the value of the house (excluding site value).

Location of house must be at least one mile distant from the Urban Boundary. The location and site of the proposed house must be approved by the County Surveyor to whom sketch plan must be furnished by applicant. Approval

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will not be granted for the erection of a house on a site which will render any local authority liable for any expenditure in connection with sewerage or water supply.

Loans will not be granted for houses valued at more than £500.

Building must be completed within six months from date on which first advance on foot of loan is paid to applicant by the County Council.

Borrower must reside in house for which a loan has been obtained for a period of at least three years.

All legal expenses and valuers' fees are payable by applicants.

The County Council reserve the right to refuse an advance in any particular case in which they believe such action desirable and also to reduce the amount applied for when they are of opinion that this step is necessary in view of the attendant circumstances.

Repayments of advances (Principal and Interest) must be made monthly or at such other period as may be fixed by the County Council.

The annual repayment for 35 years (to cover Principal and Interest) for each £100 borrowed will be £6. 5s. 6d."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following is the result of examination for award of University Scholarships as submitted by Dr. Coffey, President University College, Dublin, under date 29th August 1936:-

1. James J. Meyler, Blackhall, Glynn (Arts) 1987 Marks.
2. John P. Kehoe, Creacon, New Ross (Arts) 1665 do.
3. Mary E. Kelly, Ballymorris, Ballyhogue (Arts) 1402 do.
4. Anne Hickey, Westgate, Wexford (Arts) 1396 do.
5. John Flynn, Ballymaclare, Campile (Arts) 1346 do.
6. Jas. A. Forde, Delta Cottage, Gorey (Arts) 1339 do.

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		Marks.
7.	James Breen, 24 McCurtain Street, Gorey (Arts)	1280
8.	Margaret Hughes, Irish Street, Bunclody (Arts)	1264
9.	Johanna Egan, Fethard-on-Sea (Arts)	1180
10.	Edmond P. Rossiter, Broadway (Arts)	1164.

Dr. Coffey wrote:- "First four recommended for Scholarships in order of merit. If any of these not available the 6th is very good.

The remaining candidates are in the order of merit above in Total Column list. The competition was excellent in quality and number and the five highest candidates are particularly recommended, but the following candidates, 6th to 10th are suitable for award if any further scholarships available."

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

"That Scholarships under University Scholarship Scheme for year 1936 be awarded to James J. Meyler, John P. Kehoe, Mary E. Kelly and Anne Hickey, and in the event of any of these candidates failing to accept scholarship, same be awarded to the following in the order in which they appear:- John Flynn, James A. Forde, James Breen, Margaret Hughes, Johanna Egan and Edward P. Rossiter, this being in accordance with the recommendations of the President, University College, Dublin."

INSURANCES ASSISTANT SURVEYORS

The County Surveyor said that Assistant Surveyors were bringing gelignite round in their motor cars and keeping it in their own premises and if there was an explosion there was no provision for compensation, except under the Workmen's compensation Act, and there was a doubt if they would even come in under that.

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

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"That the County Surveyor be instructed to obtain definite quotations for personal insurance of Assistant Surveyors while conveying or handling gelignite or other material, the property of the County Council."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Notification from Sergeant Staunton as to applying to Wexford District Juvenile Court on 16th September 1936 for the committal of Thomas Farrell, 3 Charlotte Street, Wexford to an Industrial School pursuant to Section 58 of the Children Act 1908 was referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

SANCTION OF OVERDRAFT

Under date 3rd September 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.178466-36-Loch Garman) that the Minister had sanctioned overdraft with the Treasurer of the County Council of £35,000 up to 30th November next.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT ACT

The County Surveyor applied for two extra clerical assistants for the purpose of compiling workmen's cards rendered necessary under the provisions of above Act. As soon as the cards were brought up to date his regular staff would be able to keep them written up in future.

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

"That the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to the proposal of the County Surveyor for the employment of two extra Clerical Assistants from list of Rate Clerks for two weeks to prepare records which appear to be necessary under the Conditions of Employment Act 1936. Remuneration to be at the rate of 1/- per hour."

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CENTRAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

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

"That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction the appointment of Miss B. Moran, Paul Quay, Wexford, as Telephone Attendant, salary 25/- per week, when central telephone exchange has been installed. We would point out to the Department that Miss Moran, from experience gained by her in Offices of County Board of Health, has a knowledge of the clerical work and while not attending to telephone can be usefully employed at filing etc. She possesses that descretion and tact which the Committee consider absolutely necessary for the post of telephone attendant. That the County Secretary in submitting this resolution to the Department of Local Government and Public Health set out in detail the educational and other qualifications of Miss Moran which make her a most suitable holder of the post of telephone attendant."

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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 11th September, 1936, be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION: Miss O'Ryan considered the Rates Inspector should exercise more energy in endeavouring to push forward the Rate Collection.

The Chairman stated that besides checking the Collectors' Books, the Inspector should be in a position to suggest some method by which the Rate Collection could be improved.

Mr. O'Byrne said that, on a former occasion, the Rates Inspector said he had certain days which he could spare from the checking of the Collectors' Books and on which he would call on the more backward ratepayers.

The Chairman suggested that the Council should see if the Rates Inspector would make any improvement in the Rate Collection for the next three months. If there was no great improvement at the end of that period they should consider the position of the Rates Inspector.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution:-

"That the Rates Inspector be instructed to submit a monthly report to the Finance Committee setting out the names and addresses of the ratepayers called on by him each month and stating what action he proposes to take to see that the Rates are collected."

The resolution was put and passed.

UNEMPLOYMENT GRANT: Mr. Smyth said in their previous proposals for repair of village streets, Ballygarrett had been included and he believed something should be done for

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it. He had no objection to the improvement of Kilmuckridge, but he did not think it reasonable that Ballygarrett should be passed over.

Mr. Corish said that more money would be available shortly and then Ballygarrett and other villages could be attended to.

Mr. M. Redmond raised the question of the improvement of Palace (New Ross) road, but the County Surveyor said the road was narrow and it would cost a very large sum to widen it.

The Chairman said the improvement of this road could be considered when the Road Works Scheme for next financial year was before the Council.

Col. Quin dissented from the proposal to allow £950 for reconstruction of raod from Gorey to Factory at Gorey Old Workhouse Premises, on the ground that the money could be more usefully spent elsewhere.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 11th September 1936 be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

BORROWING OF £160,000 FOR LABOURERS' COTTAGES

The following motion which stood in the name of the Chairman was circulated to members of the County Council on 8th August, 1936:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at Meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on 14th September, 1936, that the Council consents to County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance raising loan of £160,000 (One Hundred and Sixty Thousand Pounds) for the purpose of providing 528 Cottages throughout the villages of the County."

The Chairman, in moving the motion, said he did so

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formally as it had been already agreed to by the County Council at their meeting on 14th April 1936.

Mr. Corish seconded and the proposal was adopted nem. con.

NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) HOURS OF WORK: The following notice was given by Mr. Culleton:-

"That Road and other Employees of the County Council be placed on a 47 hour week basis commencing on a date to be fixed by the Council."

(b) BANTRY AND BLACKSTAIRS COMMONS: Mr. Bowe gave the following notice of motion:-

"That the Forestry Department be requested to take over Bantry and Blackstairs Commons for the purpose of planting with forest trees as the majority of persons rated for these Commons repudiate liability for the payment of rates."

ROADS AND HARBOURS

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT - (WEIGHBRIDGES ORDER): Under date 13th August 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) forwarded copy of Road Traffic (Weighbridges) Order 1936 made under Section 19 of the Road Traffic Act 1933.

ROAD GRANT: Under date 20th August, 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote that a payment of £1054 on foot of Road Maintenance Grant had been made to the Treasurer of the County Council.

GOREY-WEXFORD MAIN ROAD: Messrs. E. P. Crowe, John Hughes and George Doyle attended as a deputation from Monamolin Fianna Fail Club in regard to the improvement of the condition of Gorey-Wexford Main Road between Curratubbin and Ballinastraw.

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Mr. Crowe, who acted as spokesman for the daputation, said they represented not only the Fianna Fail Club but all the ratepayers of the locality. About an Irish mile of the Gorey-Wexford road between Curratubbin and Ballinastraw was in a deplorable state. They came there to ask the Council to do something with it this winter, as the road had not been attended to, but very slightly, for the past ten years. Since the harvest commenced there were three binders broken on it. They did not want a first class road but one they could, at least, travel over.

Col. Quin said the road was not in a very good state.

The Chairman said there were some repairs carried out recently, such as filling pot-holes with sods but some weeks ago it was in a very bad state of repair.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said they would be rolling this road with the exception of half a mile between now and next June. They had a grant to work on at present, and under a new grant he would like to expend all he could on it. He had 6½ miles of a road there to attend to, but he had 40 miles of main roads not done at all. They had to do the part of the road by Wells.

Miss O'Ryan said that something should be done to put the bad half mile into a passable condition.

Mr. Ennis said it was too bad. It would cost £200 to put even a foundation there.

Col. Quin said he had that day driven over this road in his motor car and if it was as bad as represented by some people this would not have been possible.

Chairman - There was filling done on it last week, but what will happen when a dozen lorries go over it? All these stones will be knocked out and will have the potholes again. Proceeding, the Chairman said he broke a spring of his car driving over this road.

Mr. Corish thought some preliminary work could be

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done on the road this year.

Mr. Ennis said a roller would be going there on Thursday.

Chairman - The deputation can take it from us that the road will be looked after.

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, to expend a sum not exceeding £300 for the purpose of providing a proper foundation for three quarters of a mile of Road No. 29 adjoining Ballinastraw (Monamolin), said road to be fully reconditioned later."

ROADS AT BALLYMONEY, GOREY: Under date 12th September, 1936, Mr. R. Spencer, Ballymoney, Gorey, wrote calling attention to the bad condition of the following roads:-

1. Gorey to Ballymoney via Kilmurry Cross.

2. Ballymoney to Courtown - Gorey Road via Ballycomclore (new line).

Both roads were potholed and with large rolling stones due to the abnormal traffic of the past two months. They needed attention immediately. The County Surveyor and Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, were aware of their dangerous condition.

It was decided to refer the application to County Surveyor for report.

ROAD BREE VILLAGE - RED PAT'S CROSS: Under date 9th September 1936 an influentially signed memorial from motor owners and ratepayers using the road leading from Bree Village to Red Pat's Cross asked that it would receive attention and particularly the portion from Red Pat's Cross to Ballinadarragh Crossroads. This was in a shocking condi-

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tion and was situate within half mile of St. John's Flour Mills and within three quarters of a mile of the town of Enniscorthy. It was approximately a mile long and should be resurfaced to enable it to bear the present heavy motor and lorry traffic.

Messrs. Kelly and McCarthy said that this road was in a very bad condition.

Miss O'Ryan said it was the worst road over which she ever travelled.

The County Surveyor said he applied for £980 and only £325 was allocated. All that was possible for the money had been done.

Mr. T. Redmond said he could mention a dozen roads in New Ross District as bad, if not worse, than that under discussion.

The Chairman said all that could be done was to endeavour to provide a bigger allocation for this road next year and the matter dropped.

SLIPPERY ROAD RANDALSTOWN-TENACRE CROSSROADS: Mr. Day stated that something should be done with the road from Randalstown to Tenacre Crossroads as horses could not travel on it with safety as it was so slippery.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said that the road was surfaced with sea gravel which could not be regarded as slippery in the ordinary course. But, Mr. Day's complaint was justified and the road he referred to was slippery.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor with instructions to have the road put in a condition suitable for horse traffic.

RETAINING WALL AND PARAPET: Col. Gibbon stated that a parapet and retaining road wall at the holding of James Leary, St. Ivers, Broadway, had fallen into his field and

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he had no protection for his stock. He proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Corish and adopted:-

"That provided the County Surveyor is advised as to the responsibility of the County Council he be instructed to carry out the necessary repairs to retaining wall and parapet at the holding of James Leary, St. Ivers, Broadway, cost not to exceed £20."

DAVIDSTOWN LANE, ENNISCORTHY: Under date 11th August, 1936, Mr. James Brennan, N.T., Davidstown, Enniscorthy, wrote asking that the second branch of Davidstown Lane should be repaired and a bridge erected at one point as a stream across the lane flooded the travelling surface to a depth of from four to five feet after heavy rains. Stones for the repair of lane could be obtained free of cost from Mr. O'Shea.

Mr. O'Shea wrote in similar terms pointing out that the branch now sought to be repaired was used by children going to Davidstown School and also as a "Mass path".

The County Surveyor stated that part of this lane had been done under Minor Relief Schemes Vote and the present application was to finish the lane.

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

DREDGING INNER BASIN COURTOWN: The Chairman, Courtown Harbour Committee, wrote that at a meeting of that body on 1st September 1936 it was decided to earnestly request the County Council to give instructions for the dredging of the inner harbour to be proceeded with without delay. A vessel was expected to arrive with a cargo of coal and she required safe berthage. It was also necessary to erect mooring posts as at present it was not possible to hold a vessel

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under the crane when discharging.

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

"That the Chairman and Mr. Corish, T.D.s, be requested to call to the Office of Public Works and see what can be done to ensure a visit from Dredger to carry out the dredging of Courtown inner Harbour. It was now over 12 months since the County Council understood they would be able to secure machinery from the Office of Public Works to deal with this work.

That the County Surveyor be instructed to have the necessary mooring posts erected at Courtown Harbour."

CAHORE PIER: Under date 17th August 1936 the following (C.87/13/1/36) was read from Office of Public Works:-

"I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance to refer to previous correspondence on the subject of a grant from the Relief Vote towards the cost, estimated at £3000, of extending the pier at Cahore, County Wexford, and to say that he is not satisfied that a grant of one half this amount as suggested would be justified by unemployment figures for the area, particularly in the Summer months.

If the work can be executed in the Winter time when the unemployment figures are at a maximum he would be disposed to consider the recommendation of a grant of one third the cost of the work, or £1000 whichever is the lesser. Before doing so, however, he would like to have a copy of the County Surveyor's plan and specification with details of the estimate of £3000 segregated as between labour, skilled and unskilled, materials, supervision, etc."

The County Surveyor pointed out that when first proposed, the scheme was turned down and then the Government promised half cost whereas in their last letter this had been cut down to one-third.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That as regards the proposed repair of Cahore Pier, the Council feel they made a generous offer in taking responsibility for 50% of the cost and they request the Department to allocate a similar amount. That the County

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Surveyor furnish the Department with any information as to the Scheme which they require."

APPROVAL SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Under date 8th September 1936 the Office of National Education wrote (Trg.2/41241) approving - subject to all candidates complying with the requirements of Clause 3 and to the terms of the scheme generally being observed - of the list of candidates to whom the Council proposed awarding Scholarships and Bursaries.

AGREEMENT WITH TOURIST ASSOCIATION

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

"That the Seal of the County Council of the County of Wexford be affixed to the Agreement with the Irish Tourist Association (Incorporated) in connection with the payment by the County Council towards the Funds of The Irish Tourist Association for the year ending the 1st day of April 1937."

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT ACT - PIECE WORK

In connection with Section 19 Sub-Section 2 of above Act the following statement submitted by the County Surveyor was, on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan, approved and ordered to be sent to the Minister for Industry and Commerce:-

"With reference to the application of the County Council to the Minister for Permit to pay piece-work wages without complying with Section 19, subsection (1), I beg to submit the following particulars:-

1. Piece-work wages are paid usually only for the two following classes of work (a) Haulage of materials, broken stones and cement, tar and the like: (b) Handbreaking of road metal.

2. The rate of pay is agreed upon in advance, between the Surveyor and the worker, and in case of dispute or difference is settled by the County Council at Public Meeting.

3. The major portion of piece-work haulage is allocated by a Committee of the County Council at a Meeting at which tenders through advertisement are considered. The rate is at so much per cubic yard mile.

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4. Handbreaking of road material is at so much per cubic yard, and varies in each locality according to circumstances, being approximately the rate at which machine breaking can be done. There is comparatively little of this in the County.

5. From time to time other classes of work are paid by piece-work, but this is unusual - Generally the work is paid for by day wages or is set as contract.

6. The system in force in this County up to the present has proved entirely satisfactory, and any alteration now will be of no advantage to the worker, who is thoroughly conversant with wages and conditions before he starts work!

OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINE

Under date 28th August 1936 application was read from Department of Posts and Telegraphs for permission to the erection of telegraphic line along the Ballycanew Road from Railway Station to Montague Cottage, Gorey.

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

"That the County Council will raise no objection to the erection of overhead telegraphic line from Ballycanew to Montague Cottage, Gorey, provided the work be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

RENEWAL POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCE

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

"That renewal of licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act issue to Patrick Healy, 82 North Main Street, Wexford."

CINEMA LICENCE

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

"That Cinema Licence be issued Michael Donohoe for premises at Rosslare Harbour provided apparatus is placed in a permanent structure outside the building, and that he furnishes certificate of approval to the premises from the Garda Siochana."

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PETROL PUMP LICENCES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Thomas Redmond seconded by Mr. Michael Redmond:-

"That two petrol pump licences issue to Messrs. Moran & O'Brien, Central Garage, South Street, New Ross, provided they furnish evidence of the approval of the Garda Siochana."

Letter was read from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, stating he had no objection to the granting of the application.

Application was received from Laurence Williams and Sons, Taghmon, for licences for two petrol pumps in Main Street, Taghmon.

The Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, wrote that the Garda had no objection to the granting of the licences.

The County Surveyor said that he was in favour of the application.

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

"That two petrol pump licences issue to Laurence Williams, Taghmon."

INCREASED CONSUMPTION OF HONEY

The Committee of the Golden Vein Beekeepers' Association forwarded resolution suggesting that Wexford County Council, which are contributors to the Irish Tourist Association, would instruct their representative at the meetings of that body to press for the more general use of Honey on Hotel menus. From investigation it appeared that only one Hotel in the South had honey a regular item on the Menu. The Committee considered it should take equal place with Jam.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kelly to furnish copy of this resolution to Mr. Corish, T.D., the representative of the County Council on

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Tourist Development Association, and to request him to do what he could to help the consumption of Honey. The Council believe that any steps taken in this direction would not only help a deserving industry, but, make for great improvement in the general health of the users of honey.

Signed.. D. Lucas. M. Allen.. 12th. Oct. 36....

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MONTHLY MEETING 12th OCTOBER 1936.

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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 12th October 1936.

Present:- Messrs. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patk. Colfer, John Connors, R. Corish, C. Culleton, Wm. Cullimore, John Cummins, John Day, Col. C. M. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, James Lawler, T. J. Meyler, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Ml. Redmond, Patk. Ronan, and Myles Smyth.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for the following amounts were examined and signed:- £20792. 9. 8d (Ordinary payments including transfers to Subsidiary Account); £34542. 5. 0d transfers to Public Bodies.

REPLIES TO VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

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

"That the replies to votes of condolence in the deaths of Sir Osmond Esmonde, Mr. John Sweetman and Aidan O'Rourke be inserted on this day's minutes."

Sir Laurence G. Esmonde wrote:-

"I very much regret that a temporary absence and extreme pressure of business have prevented an earlier reply to your letter of 17th August, which conveyed the County Council's most kind resolution of condolence on the death of my nephew, Sir Osmond, and I beg that you will take the earliest opportunity of returning the most sincere thanks of his family and myself to the Council and the proposer and seconder of the resolution, together with my many apologies for such a long delayed reply, for which I am extremely sorry.

Sir Osmond's sudden and most unexpected death was a great shock. He had apparently every reason to look forward to a long period of usefulness, which unfortunately he was not destined to see. I think, I, too, am aware

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how much he regretted the present differences of opinion amongst Irish public men. But he also realised that such things are only natural under a representative government in any country and that differences of opinion on questions of public policy must necessarily arise. And he looked forward with great faith and hope to the future of a self-governmad Ireland, a tradition inherited from many generations of his forbears and for which he himself made many and great sacrifices in his own lifetime. He lived and died a good Irishman, than which I think, no better thing can be said of any man. Men pass, but the country remains for all her sons to work for according to the measure of their opportunities, and he did that all his lifetime.

With renewed thanks to the Council for their kindness, of which I am very sensible."

Mr. Malachi Sweetman wrote:-

"Thanks very much for your kind letter of sympathy on the death of my father. We are all very proud of him and are touched by the consideration of you and your staff.

I wish you also to convey the gratitude of my family and myself to the County Council for their vote of condolence."

Mr. John P. Kelly wrote:-

"I desire to return to the County Council and to yourself personally, my sincere thanks for vote of sympathy passed to me on the death of my first cousin, Aidan O'Rourke, St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy."

CONFIRMATION MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 25th SEPTEMBER 1936: The 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, County Hall, Wexford, on 25th September 1936.

Present:- Messrs. Patrick Colfer, W. Cullimore, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer the Chair was taken by Mr. Cullimore.

After the confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting Mr. Allen, Chairman, attended and presided for the rest of the business.

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

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5156. 10. 4d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

The following shows the state of Rate Collection to date:-

E. J. Murphy	21.1
S. Gannon	19.1
W. Cummins	18.5
J. Cummins	18.2
J. J. O'Reilly	17.4
P. Carty	17.4
J. Curtis	16.8
P. Nolan	16.7
J. Quirke	16.3
P. Doyle	15.9
D. Kenny	15.9
A. Dunne	15.7
M. Kehoe	14.9
J. Deegan	14.7
M. McCarthy	12.6
W. Doyle	12.2
M. Murphy	12.0
J. Flood	11.8
J. J. Sinnott	11.0
Average	15.8%

The Collection was stated to be 4.4 per cent better than at the corresponding period last year.

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COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Under date 17th September 1936, the following letter (P.H.188114/36 Loch Garman Ae) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letters of the 4th and 14th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that it is noted that the Wexford County Council have now agreed to permit Dr. C. Bastible, to resume duty as County Medical Officer of Health, and the Minister sees no objection thereto."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 19th September 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Housing Section) wrote (H.175579/36 Loch Garman) as to the amount of advances to be made to selected applicants under above Acts and referred to their letter of 3rd July last (H.126514-36) in which it was intimated that applicants should be required to contribute a reasonable proportion of the cost of the property. The Minister considered that advances should not exceed a figure calculated at the rate of 90% of the value of the house less the full amount of the Government Grant.

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That as we consider the deduction of the full amount of Government Grant from 90% of the value of houses proposed to be built under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts represents the considered policy of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, we believe unless some further inducement be offered to applicants the operation of the Acts in County Wexford will be seriously hampered and in order to obviate this we request the Minister to allow the Wexford County Council in arriving at figure for value of house to take into consideration site value up to a maximum of £20."

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In connection with loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts 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 the payment by the Office of Public Works to the Wexford County Council of the sum of £1500 being the second instalment of loan (No. 8547-£10,000) obtained for the purpose of making advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

Attention was called to a number of applicants who had been granted loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts a considerable time back, but, who (up to the present) had failed to furnish title to site of house or furnish explanation of the delay in having this step carried out.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, communicate with these applicants and inform them they must submit proof of title or furnish satisfactory explanation of the delay by date of next Finance Committee meeting.

Under date 18th September 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.186755-36 Loch Garman) stating that the Minister had sanctioned advance of £100 to John Carr, Ballywitch, Kilrane, under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

Under date 16th September 1936 letter was read from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, that Michael Ryan, Clonattin, Gorey proposed to sell the house which he erected under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts and in respect of which loan of £100 had been advanced by the County Council. Out of the proceeds of sale Ryan proposed to repay to the Council the amount outstanding on foot of loan.

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

"That in the event of Michael Ryan, Clonattin, Gorey, repaying outstanding amount on loan of £100 advanced for

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erection of house under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts the Mortgage on said premises be reconveyed to him and that the Seal of the County Council be affixed to reconveyance.

HARBOUR CHARGES AT COURTOWN

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

"That the County Council be recommended to fix the following charges at Courtown Harbour - All ships 6d on registered tonnage and that merchants be subject to the following charges:- 2d per ton Slate Powder; Bricks; Sand; Gravel and Stone: 6d per ton Coal, Cement and Feeding Stuffs."

DREDGING INNER BASIN COURTOWN HARBOUR

The County Surveyor reported that he had had an interview with Mr. Doyle, Engineer, Department of Public Works, and he understood that a proposal would be made to hand over £450 to the Council who would be responsible for the erection of the rails to deal with the crane. The Dredger for which a small sum would be charged would remove the stuff taken out of the basin. It was anticipated that the work would be covered by the £450 and that the dredger would soon reach Courtown.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following under date 23rd September 1936 was read from Mr. Patrick Whitmore, Bishopswater, Wexford:-

"Will you kindly bring to the notice of your Council, at their next meeting, this claim to the Agricultural Scholarship, on behalf of my son, in support of which I ask them to consider the following statement.

A Scholarship was reserved for Agriculture and my son was the only applicant to sit for examination.

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The following is an extract from the Prospectus:-

Agricultural Scholarship will be awarded to successful candidate, irrespective of place obtained in results, provided he is entitled to same on marks obtained.

As he passed the Leaving Certificate he is thereby entitled to the Scholarship since it is reserved in the interests of Agriculture, and I ask the members of your Council to give this claim every consideration."

The following report was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"With reference to the claim of Mr. Patrick Whitmore for the award of a University Scholarship to his son, I would point out that according to the Scholarship Scheme, the recommendations for the award of Scholarships are made by the Academic Council after consideration of the marks obtained by each Candidate and the County Council are absolutely bound by these recommendations.

The Academic Council duly made their recommendations for the Scholarships on the result of the examination recommending four candidates for the four vacant scholarships and stating that there were six other candidates in order of merit who would be suitable for awards of scholarships if same were available. The name of Mr. Whitmore's son is not included in the recommendations, and consequently, he is not entitled to a scholarship."

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. O'Byrne that copy of Mr. Elgee's letter be furnished Mr. Patrick Whitmore.

Letters were read from Messrs. James J. Meyler, Blackhall, Glynn, John P. Kehoe, Creacon, New Ross and Miss Anne Hickey, Westgate, Wexford, that they were availing of University Scholarships awarded them by the Council.

Miss Mary E. Kelly, Ballymorris, Ballyhogue, wrote that she was at present training as a National School

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Teacher in Mary Immaculate Training College, Limerick, and would not avail of Scholarship.

The Secretary stated that in accordance with the decision of the Council the vacant scholarship had been offered John Flynn, Ballymaclare, Campile, who was next in order of merit on recommendations for Scholarships submitted by the Academic Council.

Mr. Flynn had written he would avail of the Scholarship.

Under date 22nd September 1936 the Secretary, University College, Dublin, wrote that the resolution of the County Council as to notification of names of County Council scholars who cease to attend lectures would be submitted to next meeting of the Academic Council for consideration.

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

"That renewal of Agricultural Scholarship to Thomas Walsh, Piercestown, Wexford, be agreed to in view of report of University College Authorities, Dublin, under date 15th July 1936."

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 22nd September 1936 the following letter was read from Department of Education:-

"I am to convey the Department's sanction for the renewal, in respect of the school-year 1936-37, of the Scholarships awarded by your Council, to the undermentioned pupils:-

Loreto Convent, Wexford.

Eily O'Neill
Alice M. Devereux
Bridget T. Doyle (Intermediate Certificate Honours, 1936)
Mary A. Carroll
Mary Anne O'Neill
Margaret Donovan
Margaret O'Leary

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St. Peter's College, Wexford.

Thomas Butler (Intermediate Certificate Honours, 1936)
Patrick Doyle " " " "
Patrick Cousins
Edward Kavanagh
John K. O'Leary
Laurence Jordan

Christian Brothers' School, Gorey.

Peter Doran (Intermediate Certificate Honours, 1936)
James Doran " " " "
Patrick J. Byrne " " " "
Joseph Finn " " " "
James P. Brennan " " " "
Edward Kelly " " " "
Hubert Sheil " " " "
John Breen

Christian Brothers' School, Wexford.

Edward Carty (Intermediate Certificate Honours, 1936).

St. Louis Convent, Monaghan.

Elizabeth Carty.

Christian Brothers' School, Enniscorthy.

Richard McConville
Matthew Tracey.

With regard to Katherine O'Regan, Loreto Convent, Wexford, who was awarded a Scholarship by your Council in 1933, Mary T. Mulligan, Loreto Convent, Wexford, Edwin Todd and Gerald W. Fenelon, Christian Brothers' School, Wexford, who were awarded Scholarships in 1934, I am to point out that these pupils presented themselves at the Department's Intermediate Certificate Examination, 1936, and failed to pass with Honours. As, however, there was no provision in your Council's Scheme for 1933 and 1934 requiring Scholarship holders to undergo, in any year, the Department's Intermediate Certificate Examination, the Department will not offer any objection to the Scholarships being renewed for the current school-year.

It is observed that James A. Leeson, Christian Brothers' School, Wexford, who was awarded a Scholarship in 1935 obtained a pass without Honours at the Intermediate Certificate Examination 1936. As, however, he has two more

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years in which to fulfil the regulation of the Council's Scheme for 1935 requiring a Scholarship holder to pass the Intermediate Certificate Examination with Honours at or before the end of the third year the Department has no objection to the renewal of his Scholarship for the current school-year."

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

"That renewal of Secondary and Vocational Scholarships be granted in accordance with recommendations of Department of Education in their letter under date 22nd September 1936."

PROPOSED LOAN FOR ERECTION OF SHELBAGGIN RURAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL.

The meeting considered the request of the County Wexford Vocational Education Committee relative to supplemental loan for erection of three Rural Vocational Schools at Adamstown, Kilmuckridge and Shelbaggin. A loan of £3500 had been obtained by the County Council for the purpose and handed to the Vocational Committee as a grant in order to ensure payment of 50% of the loan charges from the Department of Education (Technical Instruction Branch). Contracts for erection of schools at Adamstown and Kilmuckridge were taken at £2480 leaving a balance of £1020. Out of this, however, had to be taken the following amounts for the two schools which had been erected:- Architect's fees £124; Fencing £43; Out-offices £118 and Equipment £137; Total £422. This would leave a credit of £598 only. The Vocational Committee had accepted a tender for the erection of Shelbaggin School at £1300. Equipment would cost £250 and Architect's fee would be £65. A sum of practically £1200 would therefore be necessary to put the School in a position to receive pupils.

Mr. Colfer gave the necessary notice of motion to propose at the November meeting of the County Council a

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resolution to borrow the necessary £1200 from the Local Loans Fund to provide for the erection and equipping of Vocational School at Shelbaggin.

BUNCLODY STREETS

The Hon. Secretary to Bunclody Town Improvement Committee wrote under date 12th September 1936 to the Secretary of County Board of Health as to the duties of the streets surface man, Tyrrell. They understood one of his chief duties was the keeping of the streets in a proper state of cleanliness, but the Committee had not seen him carrying out this work. The Committee wished to know who was responsible for cleaning the streets after the markets on Saturdays and particularly after fairs when they were held on that day.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report in the matter from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"It seems to me that these Streets are being kept in a reasonable state of cleanliness, at least as compared with other Towns. They have not been surfaced in any way, and in certain weather it is impossible to keep them from being either loose or muddy.

The real trouble is the Saturday Market, and the occasional Saturday Fair. I would want to be able to put on say three men and a horse on Saturday evening or possibly more after a Fair. The new Employment Act would seem to make it impossible to do this by way of overtime. If leave were got to substitute Thursday for the Saturday half day when necessary it would be quite simple to arrange.

This question must have cropped up in other Towns, and must have been solved in some such way."

After discussion it was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor who was directed to make the arrangements he considered would best meet the circumstances.

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MOTOR PARKING PLACE AT BALLYMONEY, GOREY.

Under date 22nd September 1936 the following report was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"As instructed I have now looked into the question of Dr. Cooke's Title to the Land on which the proposed Parking ground is situate.

I find that Dr. Cooke is registered at Folio 12003 of the Land Registry as the Owner of 3a.1r.37p. Statute Measure of part of the Lands of Ballymoney.

I have obtained a certified copy of the Map of the Holding from the Land Registry and have seen Mr. Barry, (the County Surveyor) as to same, and he informs me that the site of the proposed Parking Place is within the boundary of Dr. Cooke's holding as shown on the map, that is, that Dr. Cooke is the owner of the plot in question and would be in a position to sell same to the County Council on obtaining the consent of the Land Commission to the subdivision."

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

"That arrangements be made to take over the plot at Ballymoney, Gorey, offered by Dr. Cooke for the purpose of widening the road, and, also of establishing a parking ground for motors."

SLIPPERY STREETS IN GOREY.

Mr. Keegan called attention to three slippery sections of roads in Gorey; one at brow leading to Courtown village, one at Esmonde Street, Gorey and the third at Nixon's corner, Gorey. There was a large amount of cartage going on in the district at present and carters found it difficult to bring their animals over the sections mentioned with safety.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor to have any necessary work to help the carters concerned carried out.

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CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT ACT

Under date 23rd September 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote that the Minister would raise no objection to the employment of two extra Clerical Assistants at a remuneration of 1/- per hour for two weeks to prepare records in the County Surveyor's office in connection with the conditions of Employment Act.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

Notification from Sergeant Fulham as to application to Gorey Juvenile Court for committal to an Industrial School of Myles and John Lawler, 13 and 12 years old respectively of Cummer, Gorey, was submitted. The father was a widower in very poor circumstances. The boys were not attending school and were under no control.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

Notification was received from District Court Clerk, New Ross, as to application for the committal to Industrial Schools of the following five children of William Carleton, Irishtown, New Ross:- John Joseph 10½ years old; Patrick A. 7; Bridget 5¾; Monica 4¾; and Augustine 1½. The mother died on 20th August last and the father was working with Peter Gahan, Priory Street, New Ross for 15/- per week.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 25th September 1936 as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

COURTOWN HARBOUR CHARGES: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"That we approve of dues for Courtown Harbour suggested by Finance Committee but that these charges do not become operative until the County Surveyor has provided for the dredging of inner basin, for berthage and other contingent works and that instructions issue to the County Surveyor accordingly."

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 25th September 1936 be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

MEETING 9th OCTOBER 1936: The 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 in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 9th October 1936.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. Patrick Colfer, R. Corish, William Cullimore, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Sean O'Byrne and Miss N. 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 £5666. 0. 3d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The state of the Rate Collection taking percentage of warrant excluding arrears was as follows:-

J. Cummins	32.8
E. J. Murphy	32.7
S. Gannon	31.7
P. Nolan	29.8
W. Cummins	28.5
D. Kenny	28.1
J. Quirke	26.8
M. Murphy	26.6
A. Dunne	26.6
M. Kehoe	26.3
J. J. O'Reilly	25.4
W. Doyle	25.3
J. Deegan	24.7
J. Curtis	24.7
P. Carty	24.1
M. McCarthy	22.6
P. Doyle	21.8
J. J. Sinnott	21.7
J. Flood	17.9

The average was 26.4 per cent as against 23.8 at the corresponding period last year - an improvement of 2.6 per cent.

The total amount collected on gross warrant was 22.4 per cent.

The Rates Inspector reported he had visited No. 12 Collection District (Collector M. Murphy) during the past fortnight. This collection would have been better if the

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Collector had taken stronger action at the beginning of September. A number of ratings which were outstanding could have been collected. An improvement from now on in this district should be apparent.

List of ratepayers visited in Murphy's district was submitted. Six day notices had been served on all who had not paid and unless amounts were discharged within a short period legal proceedings would issue.

Collector Philip Doyle (District No. 3) wrote he was lodging a smaller sum than usual on account of illness.

Miss O'Ryan said the Committee should be as particular about the closing of the first moiety of rate as they were about the closing of the full warrant. Seizures were generally made in Spring and in May and after that people save their hay and take in cattle all through the year.

After a long discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"That Rate Collectors be informed that first moiety of Rates for current financial year must close definitely on 30th November next after which Returns of all items outstanding must be submitted. That Collectors who fail to close first moiety by this date or who do not furnish a satisfactory explanation in respect of each item outstanding be suspended."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

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

"That the Assistant Surveyors submit quarterly report of progress of work on buildings for the erection of which loan has been granted by the County Council under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts by the County Council, and in respect of which they have furnished certificate to support instalment payments."

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

"That a return be furnished of the names, addresses and amounts of arrears of rent (for quarter ended 30th September) due by persons who have erected houses under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts by means of loans obtained from the County Council."

Under date 6th October 1936 Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that Thomas Tierney, Cloughcast, Carne, was not proceeding with erection of house under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

Patrick Fortune, Monagrena, Monamolin, had executed his mortgage on the 14th May 1936 and it was lodged in the Land Registry. He (Mr. Elgee) had written Mr. Warren, Solicitor for Mr. Fortune asking him to see the latter and arrange to start building at once.

Under date 6th October 1936, Mr. Jordan, Solicitor, Enniscorthy, wrote asking for the transfer of loan of £150 granted to Patrick Byrne, 7 Market Square, Enniscorthy, to Denis Redmond, Blackstoops, Enniscorthy, as Byrne had left the district over a year ago.

It was stated that the amount represented by this particular loan had been transferred to Daniel Sullivan, Ballyeland, Davidstown, but money was still available from loan owing to another applicant having withdrawn.

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

"That loan of £150 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be advanced to Denis Redmond, Blackstoops, Enniscorthy."

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

"That in the event of the loan agreed to be advanced to Owen Hiney, Rectory Road, Enniscorthy, viz., £130, not being availed of in the near future £100 of it be granted to

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An application was received from Mrs. Fitzmartin, Kilrane, asking for reconveyance of mortgage in connection with second house erected by Joseph Swords, Bayview Terrace, Rosslare Harbour, who had obtained a loan of £180 for the erection under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts of the house in which he was living. Swords, as a matter of fact, had erected two houses on the plot and had sold one for £116 to Mrs. Fitzmartin. She wanted this house and plot on which it stood to be freed from mortgage.

Mr. Elgee said that the house in which Swords lived, and the plot on which it had been erected were ample security for the loan.

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

"That provided the County Solicitor is satisfied plot and house occupied by Mrs. Fitzmartin, Kilrane, be released from mortgage executed by Joseph Swords, Rosslare Harbour, to County Council."

APPLICATION OF ASSISTANT SURVEYORS FOR INCREMENTAL BASIS TO BE APPLIED TO THEIR SALARIES.

Under date 2nd October 1936 Mr. J. J. O'Byrne, Hon. Secretary Wexford Branch Local Government Officials Union, forwarded application from four of the Assistant Surveyors Messrs. R. J. Ennis, J. F. Birthistle, Thomas Cullen and Patrick O'Neill for increments to their salaries. The application had the full support of the Union and it was hoped the County Council would appreciate that the work and responsibility of the Surveyors had increased in recent years to such an extent as to render their present salaries as a permanent maximum totally inadequate.

The following is copy of application of the Assistant Surveyors:-

"We, the undersigned District Surveyors, respectfully request that our salaries be put on an incremental basis.

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The following is a short summary of the facts on which we base our claim.

Similar Positions

(1) Most positions which are similar to ours such as Bank Clerks - Dispensary Doctors - Civil Servants, and most employees of Public Bodies are all on incremental scales.

(2) Our work has increased, is still increasing, and has all the appearance of still further increasing. Road Fund Grants, Relief Grants and Minor Relief Schemes are all additional to our normal work. We do not object to work, but would like to see some prospects before us.

We would point out that none of us are getting younger, and our prospects of promotion are very remote as only a small proportion of Assistant Surveyors have any chance of getting a County. Thus our jobs are generally a life work in themselves, and in view of all these circumstances, we suggest as reasonable, increments of £15 per annum till our salaries reach £400."

It was decided to adjourn consideration of application from the Surveyors pending report of the following Committee, viz., the Chairman (Mr. Allen), Vice-Chairman (Mr. Corish, Miss O'Ryan, Messrs. T. McCarthy, Seon O'Byrne and J. P. Kelly, who will also consider how far it may be possible to formulate a scheme under which the services of County Council Survey staff can be utilised for work in connection with all the Council's Subsidiary bodies.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne,

"That in view of satisfactory report received from Cork University as to attendance and progress of Miss Nora O'Sullivan, Camolin, her University Scholarship be renewed for third year."

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Mr. James J. Donnelly, 69 Grove Park, Rathmines, Dublin, applied for renewal of his University Scholarship for fourth year to secure the Higher Diploma in Education. He could not apply sooner as he was waiting for the results of B.A. examination in which he was successful.

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

"That in accordance with the terms of University Scholarship Scheme scholarship of James J. Donnelly, 69, Grove Park, Rathmines, Dublin (Home address, Rellysitty), be renewed for fourth year to secure Higher Diploma of Education."

The Secretary stated that the following was extract from letter of University College, Dublin, under date 15th July 1936:-

"A report for Thomas Cullimore, Green Street, Wexford; James G. Delaney, Parnell Street, Wexford and Patrick Doyle, Quay Road, Duncannon, will be forwarded in Autumn."

So far no report had been received.

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

"That renewals of University Scholarships to Messrs. Thomas Cullimore, James G. Delaney and Patrick Doyle be agreed to, provided satisfactory report in each case be received from University Authorities."

Miss Johanna Cooney, 23 Larkfield Park, Kimmage, Dublin, wrote under date 6th October 1936 in reply to the resolution of the County Council that they would agree to her application for an extension of her University Scholarship for fourth year to study for Degree of Higher Diploma in Education, provided she obtained the Degree of B.Comm., that she had failed in Accountancy, but got exemption from the other five subjects, and got the June subsidiary subject.

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She asked if there was a possibility that the Council would grant the fourth year's scholarship to allow her to get the Higher Diploma and also her Degree of B.Comm.

It was decided to take no further action in this matter as Miss Cooney had failed to comply with the condition laid down by the Council that in order to qualify for extension of her Scholarship she should secure the Degree of B.Comm.

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHEME: The following is extract from letter of Department of Education under date 29th September 1936 (Trg.2/45474):-

"In connection with your Council's desire to insert a clause in the 1937 scholarship scheme, which will have the effect of reserving a certain number of scholarships for smaller schools, I am to suggest for consideration the following wording:-

> Provided that a sufficient number of pupils from such schools qualify at the examination, scholarships shall be reserved for pupils of schools at which the average attendance for the calendar year preceding the examination is less than 85, or in which the staff normally engaged during that calendar year comprises not more than two teachers, a greater average attendance than 85 notwithstanding. Should less than the required number of pupils from such schools qualify at the examination, the unawarded scholarships will be allocated to the candidates placed next highest on the order of merit list."

The following resolution was proposed by Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Cerish and adopted nem. con.:-

"Provided that a sufficient number of pupils from such schools qualify at the examination two scholarships shall be reserved for pupils of schools at which the average attendance for the calendar year preceding the examination is less than 85, or in which the staff normally engaged during that calendar year comprises not more than two teachers, a greater average attendance than 85 notwithstanding. Should less than the required number of pupils from such schools qualify at the examination the unawarded Scholar-

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ships will be allocated to the candidates placed next highest on the order of merit list.

That the Department of Education be requested to sanction this clause. In the event of Department not agreeing we recommend that no change be made in scheme which obtained for 1936."

CENTRAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

Under date 7th October 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (C.193154-36 Loch Garman) :-

"With reference to your letter of the 22nd ultimo, on the subject, I am to state that while the Minister, so far as he may be concerned, would have no objection to the installation of the central telephone switchboard for a purely experimental period, he is not prepared to assent to the temporary appointment proposed, unless it is clear that the Council realise that if a permanent appointment is ultimately necessary, it will be made as a result of an open competitive examination. Furthermore, an assurance should be furnished that the experimental period of working will not exceed six months, and that at the end of that period the Council will definitely decide whether a permanent arrangement should be adopted. A resolution of the Council to this effect will be awaited."

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

"That Central Telephone Exchange be installed in County Buildings, Wexford, for experimental period of six months, at the end of which the Council will definitely decide whether a permanent arrangement in regard to same should be adopted.

That Miss B. Moran, Paul Quay, Wexford, be appointed as Temporary Attendant during the experimental period, remuneration 25/- per week, and that should the Council consider a permanent appointment necessary it will be made as the result of examination after advertisement."

COURTOWN HARBOUR - DREDGING OF INNER BASIN

Under date 8th October 1936 the following letter (C.87/60/1/36) was read from the Office of Public Works:-

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"With reference to the letter of the 15th May last from your County Surveyor, Mr. W. F. Barry, and subsequent correspondence relative to above, we beg to say that the grant, not exceeding £450, referred to will be made available to your Council for the proposed dredging at Courtown Harbour and works in connection therewith, including the necessary extension of the existing crane runway, on the understanding that the dredging will be carried out by means of our dredger "Saxifrage" which will be hired to your Council under the usual agreement, at an approximate cost of £60 a week, for operation by her own Captain and crew in respect of whom the Council must effect the necessary insurance. The dredged material will be dumped along the west quay berths and must be thence lifted by the Council's quayside crane and disposed of as the County Surveyor decides, provided it is cleared off the quayside and roadway.

If your Council agree to these terms the County Surveyor may proceed with necessary extension of the crane rails, estimated to cost £140, in preparation for the operation of the dredger. The preparation of the agreement for the hire of the dredger will be put in hands on receipt of your acceptance of the terms stated."

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

"That we recommend the County Council to accept the offer made by Office of Public Works in their letter under date 8th October 1936 (C.87/60/1/36) as to the work of dredging inner basin of Courtown Harbour."

REMOVAL OF BEACH MATERIAL FOR ROADS

Under date 8th October 1936 the following letter (M.S.4467) was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce (Transport and Marine Branch, 14 St. Stephen's Green, N., Dublin):-

"I am directed by the Acting Minister for Industry and Commerce to state that he has received representations from a number of local tenants complaining that removals of large quantities of beach material from the stretch of foreshore between BALLYNACLASH townland and BALLYNAMONA townland (Ordnance Survey Sheets 27, 28, 33) are largely a contributory cause of erosion of their lands. The tenants ask for the prevention of further removals, under the provisions of the Foreshore Act, 1933.

The Acting Minister is informed that for several years John Keating of Ballyconnigar Lower, Michael Mangan of Ballyconnigar Upper, Denis Corrigan of Knocknasillogue, and Stephen Furlong of Ballyvaldon have without licence been removing large quantities of stone and gravel from the foreshore in question and selling it to your Council for the upkeep of the roads. Arrangements have been made to serve Prohibitory Notices on these persons under Section 7 of the Foreshore Act, 1933.

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As a further preventive measure, I am to request that your Council will make the necessary arrangements with the County Surveyor to ensure that beach materials from the foreshore in question will not be accepted in future for any of their road or other works. The Council's co-operation in this direction will be much appreciated by this Department, as there appears to be no doubt that erosion along this stretch of coast has been persistent (see Coast Erosion Report 1931).

I may add for the information of your Council, that the removal of material from State foreshore is not allowed except under licence from the Department."

The County Surveyor said that the roads in the whole area of Blackwater were maintained by gravel and sea stones secured from Ballyconnigar, Cush Gap and Ballyvaldon, and he did not know where it would be possible to get alternative material at anything like a reasonable price. But he would not deny that the Coast there was being eroded.

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

"That the County Council will in future provide other arrangements for road metalling for Blackwater District than by the removal of Beach Material as specified in letter from Department of Industry and Commerce, Transport and Marine Branch (M.S.4467 - 8th October 1936). That the County Surveyor submit report to Finance Committee as to how best this resolution can be carried into effect."

UPPER BRIDGE IN CRAAN, BUNCLODY

Representations were received as to the dangerous condition of the Upper Bridge in Craan spanning the river Clody at the boundary of Counties Wexford and Carlow. It was pointed out that serious consequences to life and limb might result if some action was not taken to put the place in repair.

The County Surveyor said this matter was previously before the Council, but was turned down as the Carlow County Council refused to make a road down to the bridge or to pay half the cost of any reconstruction work as they were bound

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to do.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor for detailed report.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS

William Stanton, Ballycullane, applied for payment of £1 for cleaning and lighting fire in Ballycullane Hall during the period it was occupied by Sergeant O'Connor, Ex-Officio Inspector under Weights and Measures Acts, testing weights of Traders etc. in the district.

Sergeant O'Connor recommended the payment as the work had been carried out to his satisfaction.

On the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. O'Byrne it was decided that the claim for £1 be agreed to.

CLEANING UP VILLAGE STREETS AFTER FAIRS AND MARKETS

The following memorandum submitted by the County Surveyor was approved on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan:-

"After Fairs or Markets in Towns all cleaning work must of necessity be done in the afternoon. When such Fairs or Markets are on Saturday, which is the "Short Day" under Section 31., work must cease at 1 p.m., (Section 38). Under Section 41 (1)(a) any adult worker may be employed overtime for not more than two hours, and rate of pay Section 43(3) must be at time and quarter. Possibly arrangements may be made to have this work done within the aforesaid two hours. If it be impossible to complete the work within the two hours reliance may be made on Section 54(1) which provides for emergency as good defence to any proceedings taken for breach of the Act.

Workers may object to regularly losing their weekly half holiday, and in such case they shall be allowed to absent themselves, by agreement with the Surveyor, on some other half day without forfeiting their rights to pay for wet days, Church Holidays, or otherwise, under County Council Regulations. If absent on any half day the worker will not be paid for such half day, but as against this he will be receiving pay at rate of time and quarter for Saturday afternoon."

SOW DRAINAGE DISTRICT

The following resolution was submitted from the Sow Drainage Advisory Committee:-

"That we apply to the County Council for a subsidiary grant to restore some of the private drains in the Sow area.

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As the River Sow drains two thousand acres the grant would not be considerable, and unless this is done the drainage scheme is of little use to a great many ratepayers."

The County Surveyor said he had submitted to the Office of Public Works proposals in this matter.

It was decided to inform Sow Drainage Advisory Committee accordingly.

INSURANCES HORSE DRIVING RISKS

The County Surveyor submitted a quotation from Messrs. McDonagh and Boland, Insurance Brokers, 51 Dame Street, Dublin, for policy re above (the indemnity for any one accident being £1000) at the rate of 4/6d per cent on an estimated expenditure of £12,000. The annual premium under this quotation would be £27 per annum.

The meeting considered the quotation too high and instructed the County Surveyor to submit in March next quotations for a Comprehensive Insurance policy as all insurances of the Council expire on 31st of that month.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT ACT 1936

The County Surveyor reported that the two temporary clerical assistants employed in writing up Cards of Workers in connection with the above Act had not been able to complete the work in the two weeks allowed and their services would be required for a further week.

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

"That, subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health the two temporary clerical Assistants engaged in the preparation of workers cards in connection with the Conditions of Employment Act 1936 be engaged for a further week as requisitioned by County Surveyor".

DUPLICATE PAY ORDER

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of

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Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That Duplicate Pay Order be issued for No. 6921 (Subsidiary Account) for £4. 5. 2d, Payee, Joseph Bradley, Adamstown, who did not receive original Order which appears to have been lost in course of post. That payment of original order be estopped."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 9th October 1936 be received and considered."

ASSISTANT SURVEYORS' APPLICATION: Col. Quin asked if the proposal of the Finance Committee meant that the surveyors of the County Council could be lent to the Health Board and other bodies appointed by the Council.

The Chairman said that this could be discussed on the report of the Committee.

Miss O'Ryan said that if they had a revised scheme for engineering work affecting the spending of ratepayers' money they would expect an improved system. The work of the Health Board and Vocational Education Committee was all done by ratepayers' money. No reflection was meant on the work of any employee of the Council or committees. They thought it advisable that the central engineering staff should be responsible in the last instance for any money spent - that they would be satisfied that the money was well spent. They had had some arrangement under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act and in several other instances, and, to her mind, and in the opinion of several members of the Committee, it would be wise if all such works should get an inspection in order to see that the money was well and wisely spent. For instance, the County Council had to vote very large sums by way of loan to the Health Board, and she suggested that it would be right that they should be able to get a report from the County Surveyor that the money was going to be spent to the satisfaction of the Council.

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 held on 9th October 1936 be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

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APPOINTMENT OF VETERINARY INSPECTOR WEXFORD DISTRICT

Under date 18th October 1936 (L.A.15/3/36) the Secretary, Local Appointments Commission, wrote that the Commissioners recommended Mr. Francis R. Staples, V.S., Wexford, for appointment as Veterinary Inspector for the above district. The following is a summary of Mr. Staples' qualifications:-

"M.R.C.V.S. 1903. Registered in the Veterinary Register of Saorstat Eireann, January 1932.

In private practice as Veterinary Surgeon in Wexford since 1903, and is acting in the vacant post since 1934."

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

"That, as recommended by Local Appointments Commissioners, Mr. Francis Richard Staples, M.R.C.V.S., Wygram Place, Wexford, be appointed as Veterinary Inspector under Diseases of Animals Acts and Bovine Tuberculosis Order for Wexford District (comprising the old Rural District of Wexford and the Urban District of Wexford) on the conditions of appointment which accompanied recommendation of the Commissioners under date 1st October 1936 (L.A.15/3/36) Salary £115 per annum made up as follows:- For duties under Diseases of Animals Acts £90 per annum; for duties under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order £25 per annum subject to periodic revision."

PROPOSED 47 HOUR WEEK FOR WORKERS

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

"That Road and other employees of the Wexford County Council be placed on a forty-seven hour week working basis commencing on date to be fixed by the Council, this reduction of hours not to affect the wages received at present by the employees."

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In moving his motion, Mr. Culleton said he considered the time had arrived when the workers on roads and in quarries should get some concession from the Council. From the time he moved in 1920 for the establishment of Direct Labour the workers had received no concessions, but reductions in their wages, which was one of the reasons why he asked the Council to take a generous view of the present application. The law had compelled the Council to reduce the workers' hours from 50 to 48 and as an act of grace the Council might now give another hour voluntarily, and put them in the category of builders' labourers and other workers in the towns. A 47 hour week was the recognised time for every labouring man in industry and eminent men had recommended the shortening of hours as a means of affording some relief for unemployment. He agreed with that view. He could have asked for an increase of wages, but he was not raising that point. He believed the reason men had received no concession was because they were not in a position to demand it. When the Council employed organised tradesmen they were compelled to give them a 47 hour week owing to their organisation. A 47 hour week would simplify time keeping and make things more satisfactory for all concerned.

Mr. Colfer seconded.

Col. Quin pointed out that the men had done well under the Conditions of Employment Act which was recently passed, securing a concession of a reduction of two hours. They were also much better paid than the agricultural labourers, and in addition to everything else the Council had to think of the ratepayers.

Mr. Kelly said the employees of the Council were the worst paid of any County Council in the Free State.

Mr. Kinsella believed the workers had nothing to complain of, especially when they considered the men at the

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other side of the ditch - the agricultural labourers - were not paid as well and were doing more work.

Mr. Corish, in supporting Mr. Culleton's proposal, said it should be admitted that no one would admit more freely than the Labour Party that the agricultural labourer was not paid anything commensurate with the work he did. The concession as Mr. Culleton had pointed out, was a very small one. A good many tradesmen were employed by the Council at present and it was anomalous that these tradesmen knocked off work after 47 hours while unskilled men were kept on for 48. If the Council would agree to the motion of Mr. Culleton it was a gesture that would be appreciated by the workers. He asked them to vote uananimously in favour of the concession.

Miss O'Ryan stated she intended not to vote for the motion at present because she looked upon the employees of the Council concerned as rural workers, and as such had an average good time compared with others of their class, though every County Councillor would be glad to see them in a better position. However, until the other men in rural areas had their positions comparatively improved she would not support any improvement in the status of the road workers. She acknowledged that the employees of the Council gave a good honest day's work.

Col. Gibbon said they should be given some idea of the cost of Mr. Culleton's proposal. If they were going to cut down the time by something over 2% they would increase their expenses, and apart from that aspect he quite agreed with the statement of Miss O'Ryan.

Mr. Keegan denied that Mr. Culleton was primarily responsible for the initiation of the direct labour scheme. There were several others concerned. As regards the reductions referred to by Mr. Culleton Mr. Keegan pointed out

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that it was the Labour Party who made these reductions with a view to providing increased employment.

Mr. Ronan also stated he was opposed to the motion. He would rather see the money spent on further employment. Labour claimed to have been responsible for the Direct Labour Scheme, but they never thought of reducing the hours from 50 until the Fianna Fail Government came along.

Mr. Corish claimed that the week's compulsory holidays provided for the workers under the recent Act had been secured entirely through the efforts of the Labour Party.

Mr. Culleton said that if the wages of workers had been reduced it was because the Labour members had been outnumbered. They had endeavoured in every way to keep the wages at a standard figure but did not succeed because they were in a minority. He believed that the cost of the concession of one hour would be rather infinitesimal compared with the cost that they heard nothing at all about, where highly paid people made applications for increases and received them. When Labour tried to get anything for the workers both political sides came together and talked about costs and everything else. When the scheme of Direct Labour was introduced Dr. Ryan, the present Minister for Agriculture suggested reducing the hours to 40 so as to bring in a number of men at £2 per week. In a sense he (Mr. Culleton) was glad that opposition had come from the two big parties.

The Chairman said that while an hour a week was not much still it was only within the last two or three months that a reduction of two hours a week for the Council workers had been made. These men were working daily side by side with agricultural labourers, who, provided along with the farmers, the means to keep other workers going. In the circumstances, he believed it would be somewhat unfair to reduce the hours of work. The two hours concession already

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given would cost the Council £1320 per annum, and this further proposal of an hour would cost another £700, the total being something about 1½d in the £1 extra. They obliged the County Surveyor to tighten his belt every year in regard to the money given for roads and there was no doubt, there would be an outcry from ratepayers if the rates were raised to any great extent. He believed they would be faced with an increase in the future and at this stage they would not be justified in passing Mr. Culleton's motion. If the present or any future Government saw fit to reduce the hours of all workers in the country even down to 40 hours the Council would have to agree, but he believed that the concession of two hours which had been given this year should be accepted for the present.

Mr. Connors pointed out that some workers had to travel long distances to their work, probably five or six miles and it was only fair that they should be allowed something.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR:- Messrs. Colfer, Connors, Corish, Culleton, Cummins and Kelly. - 6.

AGAINST:- Messrs. Bowe, Cullimore, Gibbon, Keegan, Kinsella, Lawlor, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, Redmond, Ronan, Smyth and the Chairman. - 13.

Mr. Meyler (1) did not vote and Mr. Day (1) was not present when the poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

ENNISCORTHY - KILTEALY ROAD

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

"That Wexford County Council obtain a loan of £2500 for the reconstruction of Enniscorthy-Kiltealy Road provided a similar amount is furnished by Department of Local Government and Public Health."

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Mr. Bowe said it was an absolute necessity this road should be reconstructed. Portion had been done by Relief Grant, but at the present rate of progress it would take ten years to finish. Every Spring men were paid to take off the road stones put on in Winter. It was costing £90 a mile at present. It would be good business on the part of the County Council to finish the reconstruction of this road.

Mr. Lawlor, in seconding the motion, had no hesitation in saying that for a link main road it was one of the worst in the County. There was a great deal of motor traffic over it and it never was free from large masses of loose stones. It was in a terrible condition at present and the Council would be well advised in spending the money for this road. It was a road which he should use constantly, but its condition was so bad that he went the by-roads.

Col. Gibbon said it was the coming of motor traffic that had necessitated the high cost of £90 per mile per annum for the maintenance of this road and he was of opinion the necessary amount to convert such roads from their present condition to what was required for modern traffic should be forthcoming from the Road Fund. He thought that before he agreed to an additional charge on the county, very serious efforts should be made to induce the Government to give a grant from the Road Fund, Unemployment Fund or some other Fund and that it should not be thrown on the county.

In reply to Mr. Cummins the County Surveyor said there were several roads in the County in an equally bad condition.

Mr. Cummins suggested they should give the County Surveyor sufficient money to do all the roads. About 12 years ago he (Mr. Cummins) said they would want a million pounds and he believed that if the work had been done at that time the roads would be in a passable condition today. He would make the same proposition as he made 12 years ago that the County Surveyor make out a list of all the roads that

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required to be done and that the County Council formulate a proposal to borrow the amount required, asking the Government, of course, to come to their assistance on the same principle as Mr. Bowe had put in his motion. Before adopting Mr. Bowe's motion he urged they should consider a comprehensive shceme to bring all their roads up to a good standard.

Mr. Redmond said it was generally recognised that there were a number of bad roads in the County and in his opinion this was caused to a large extent by cutting down the County Surveyor's estimate. He was totally opposed to the practice of bringing on during the year improvement of roads by Councillors who had been prominent in cutting down the County Surveyor's estimate. He knew of a number of poor roads in New Ross District but there was no use in talking about them when the County Surveyor's estimate had been cut down.

Mr. Lawlor as the seconder of Mr. Bowe's motion said he had voted against cutting down the estimate.

The Chairman said this was the first link main road brought before the County Council for reconstruction. He agreed that they could spend the million referred to by Mr. Cummins in road improvement but what would the ratepayers who had to foot the bill think of the matter. He did not know if the Government would be prepared to provide 50% of the cost of the reconstruction of the Enniscorthy-Kiltealy road. The Road Fund was distributed to its full extent and they could not expect any more money from it. The Council would have to consider very seriously whether they would spend additional money on roads such as the one under discussion and which was costing £100 per mile seeing they had so many bad roads for which only £14 or £15 per mile was allocated.

Miss O'Ryan said if they had roads which cost £100 per mile and could not at that figure, be kept in reasonable

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repair the only thing to be done was for the Council to provide sufficient money for the purpose.

The County Surveyor said there was a great deal of traffic on the road. Parts of it were very bad. They had got grants on it and had done short sections and had done other lengths out of revenue. Though they might have £100 per mile on the road they concentrated expenditure on parts of it so as to bring it up gradually and that was the only satisfactory way to do it. There was a proposal under Relief Schmme for £500 but this would only do a short length. He thought there were a great many roads all over the County which it was necessary to reconstruct in the same manner as was proposed for the Enniscorthy-Kiltealy road.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said the road was roughly ten miles long. About three years ago they started to steamroll it and now they had nearly 4 miles done, but it seemed as if the road was going to take twelve or fourteen years to finish. The real traffic was lorries drawing corn. The road had been a real trouble to him for some years.

In reply to Mr. Corish as to whether if the loan were raised, much of the maintenance money would be saved, Mr. Ennis said he supposed he could cut down his estimate next year by £150.

Mr. Corish said what he was trying to get at was whether the cutting down of maintenance money would nearly pay the loan.

Mr. Ennis said it would be impossible to get an immediate saving in the first year.

Col. Gibbon said that for the past twelve or fourteen years all the money from the Road Fund had been spent on trunk roads, but he understood that it was probable some of the money could now be applied to the link main roads.

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The County Surveyor said they got about £11,000 per year for improvement work and that distributed over the whole county for reconstruction meant a very small mileage.

In reply to Mr. Ronan, the County Surveyor said his estimate for this road was £1890 and the amount allowed £1180.

Mr. Cummins. - Would the Council recommend the County Surveyor to make out an estimate as to the amount that would be required for the purpose of putting all the roads in the County into proper repair? Would the Council then be prepared to borrow that amount spreading it over 20 or 30 years? Continuing, Mr. Cummins said he was prepared to back up the borrowing of a million pounds by a loan spread over 20 or 30 years as this would be in the interests of the ratepayers.

Chairman. - The answer is probably that we can never reach perfection in anything, and every Council that will come here for the next fifty years will have problems the same as we have. The ratepayers will never be prepared to bring all the roads up to perfection. All we can do is carry on from year to year without having any really serious increase in expenditure.

After further discussion a poll was taken on Mr. Bowe's motion with the following result:-

For the motion:- Messrs. Bowe, Colfer, Connors, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Day, Keegan, Kelly, Kinsella, Lawlor, Meyler, O'Byrne and Smyth. - 15.

Against:- Messrs. Gibbon, O'Ryan, Quin, M. Redmond, Ronan and the Chairman. - 6.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

In reply to Mr. Cummins, the County Surveyor said there were 1,244 miles of third class roads which were really going back. They had an average of a little over £9 per mile on these for maintenance and it was not enough.

After further discussion Mr. Cummins proposed that in order to put all the roads of the County in good repair the

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Council agree to borrow one million pounds repayment to be spread over 25 or 30 years.

Mr. Culleton seconded and the motion was supported by Mr. Kelly.

Chairman. - I think Mr. Cummins' motion does not arise because on the County Surveyor's Road Estimate in a month or two Mr. Cummins can make any proposal he wishes. I cannot accept his motion now.

In answer to the Chairman, Mr. Cummins said he would be prepared to give notice of motion in the matter if he had the figures from the County Surveyor as to what was necessary to put every road in the County in passable repair and not have the ratepayers complaining.

The Chairman said he did not accept the motion for the present. There were 2,000 miles of road and the County Surveyor would like to spend £1,500 per mile on them, which meant £3,000,000. If Mr. Cummins liked to hand in notice of motion for £3,000,000 they would discuss it.

The matter dropped.

COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL

Notification from the Secretary of the General Council of County Councils relative to their next meeting to take place early in December was received.

On the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly it was decided to request the Finance Committee to submit any matters which they considered the Council should deal with, to the Secretary of the General Council of County Councils.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1915 - PUBLIC SWIM BATHS

Under date 18th September 1936, the following report was read from the Instructor in Agriculture:-

"In connection with your enquiry re above, I have consulted farmers in various parts of the County. As a result of these enquiries I find that the Public Dipping Bath would not be favoured by farmers in County Wexford.

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Objections put forward are:-

(1) That kind and strength of dip used must vary with the breed and health of a flock and that the public dipping bath renders this practically impossible.

(2) Some flocks would have to travel long distances before and after dipping causing fatigue at times when rest is essential.

(3) The danger of healthy flocks coming in contact with diseased flocks.

Mr. Poole, Ballybeg, Ferns, Secretary County Wexford Sheep Breeders Society, expressed his willingness, if the County Council so desired, to place the matter before the Society and let you have their views on it."

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Colfer, that copy of this report be forwarded Department of Agriculture for their information.

ROAD GRANTS

Under date 21st September 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (SGP/32) that the Minister had approved of a grant of £9564 for Road Improvement.

The County Surveyor said there was a grant of £1500 for road deversion at Ferrycarrig Castle which would make the total grant £11,064.

The Secretary reported that since the last meeting a sum of £2320 had been paid on foot of Road Improvement Grant for 1935/36.

OWENSTOWN LANE

Rev. T. O'Byrne, P.P. and six ratepayers of Piercestown Parish appealed to the Council to put into repair Owenstown Lane, which was impassable at present, and was constantly flooded and filled up with mud. The surface was badly in need of metalling. It was impossible for the families living in the locality to get to Mass, or their work, while farmers owning the adjacent lands could not reach them.

The County Surveyor stated that an application for repair of this lane had been submitted to the Office of

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Public Works about a year ago.

Mr. Culleton proposed that the present application be favourably considered and be submitted to the Office of Public Works. The Lane was about half a mile long and there were three or four families living on it who were unable to avail of medical or spiritual aid owing to its condition.

Mr. Corish seconded the motion which was adopted.

It was also decided on the suggestion of Mr. Corish that a copy of the application should be submitted to the Office of Public Works on recommendation from the Council.

REPAIR OF ROADS, TAGHMON

Mr. P. J. Cullen, Hon. Secretary, Taghmon Development Association, wrote that he had been directed to communicate with the County Council with a view to having roads in the district repaired. Most of the road from Taghmon to Wexford leading on to the main road was in a very bad condition, while the roads from Taghmon to Foulksmills and Taghmon to Carrigbyrne were even worse. It was desirable to have these roads put into better repair as they carried practically as much traffic as the road from Wexford to New Ross, while incidentally the work would give much needed employment in the district.

The County Surveyor said he would not agree that the road from Taghmon to Wexford was in a bad state, but he admitted the road from Taghmon to Ballinaboola was in a very bad state.

It was decided to refer the application of the Taghmon Development Association to the County Surveyor to bring into his Road Works Scheme, the amount of money which he considered essentail to put the roads referred to into decent repair.

LANE AT RATHDUFF, KILLANNE

Application was received from Messrs. Robert Rowe and

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Simon Doran, Rathduff, Killanne, for repair of above lane. They pointed out that about half of the lane had been repaired under Minor Relief Scheme two years ago. It was a terrible hardship in Winter on the people living in the district who were using the lane.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Bowe, seconded by Mr. Lalor:-

"That application for repair of Rathduff Lane be scheduled under Minor Relief Schemes Vote when money will be available."

NEW LIFE BOAT FOR KILMORE

Col. Gibbon said that the Royal National Lifeboat Institution were giving a new lifeboat to Kilmore, and arrangements for hauling up the boat would be necessary. He proposed that authority be given to the County Surveyor to approve of any minor works being carried out.

Mr. Corish seconded and remarked that he thought they should afford every facility to the Lifeboat Institution.

The resolution was adopted.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

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

"That new licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act issue to Thomas McNamara (of Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty, Timber and Hardware Merchants, Custom House Quay, Wexford) provided no objection be made thereto by the Garda Siochana.

That renewal of licence under the same Act issue to John Mythen, Blackwater."

CONDEMNATION OF COMMUNISM

The following resolution was received from Leitrim County Council:-

"That in the interests of Christian Democracy and

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constitutional government in this country, both of which are, or may be imperilled by the sinister activity of Russian Communists in our midst, we, the members of the Leitrim County Council, respectfully, but firmly, demand that the Executive Council proclaim and outlaw the Irish Communist Society and all kindred affiliated associations, the members of which advocate the overthrow of organised government by force, as shown at a recent meeting of the Irish Republican Congress in Dublin when renegade apostates to Bolshevism advocated the formation of a Popular Front, as in Spain, to establish an Irish Workers' Republic, or in plain terms a Soviet State, from which religion, morality and personal liberty even for the labouring class, would be banished, and that, as can be seen from the happenings in Spain, the lives of scores of thousands of innocent non-combatants will be in jeopardy in case of civil strife, We impress on the Executive Council that it is its bounden duty to take the necessary precautions in time to prevent such a catastrophe, and to safeguard the lives and property of the Irish people, who will be solidly at the back of the Government in discharging this imperative duty."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kinsella seconded the approval of the resolution.

Mr. Culleton said he thought the people of this country need have no apprehension at all about the working class people adopting either Fascism or Communism, and there was too much about people advocating improvement in the conditions of the working class having Communistic tendencies.

Mr. Kinsella said that certainly any one who was not a Communist would be in favour of the resolution.

The Chairman said they had a Government in power quite capable of taking the necessary steps to put down any society or organisation in the country that was detrimental to the interests of religion or morality, and he did not think

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it was the function or business of that Council to direct a Government in the matter of putting down an undesirable society. The Government had machinery for watching and knowing what the dangers were, and so he thought the matter might safely be left in the hands of the Government.

Miss O'Ryan believed that while every Councillor would accept a resolution condemning Communism they would not stand for every statement in the Leitrim resolution.

Mr. Kelly proposed that the resolution be marked "read".

Mr. Culleton seconded .

Miss O'Ryan as a further amendment proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution:-

"That we, as a County Council regard with abhorrence anything in the nature of Communistic tendencies and will help by every means in our power to oppose the spread of Communism in our country."

Mr. Kelly then withdrew his proposal.

The Chairman said there was an effort being made in the country at present by certain persons and certain individuals to put Catholics and people of other religions in two sections. Anyone not in favour of such resolution was supposed to be a Communist. That was effort that was being made by people in the country at present, and it was an effort they would not get away with.

After further discussion Mr. Meyler suggested that it would be wrong to take a vote as between the Leitrim resolution and Miss O'Ryan's proposal. It would be absurd to say that any Councillor who voted against Miss O'Ryan's amendment was in favour of Communism.

Mr. O'Byrne then withdrew his motion to approve of the Leitrim resolution and Miss O'Ryan's proposal was put and passed nem. con.

Signed.....D. Kelly.....9/11/36.....

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING 9th NOVEMBER 1936.

M I N U T E S

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

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

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The Monthly Meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 9th November 1936.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patk. Colfer, John Connors, R. Corish, C. Culleton, Wm. Cullimore, John Day, Col. C. M. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, Thomas McCarthy, Philip Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth, Malachi Sweetman and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and ~~the~~ four Assistant Surveyors of the Council were also in attendance. Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, was absent on private business.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £13354. 17. 8d were examined and signed. Payments included items on Form 22 for Contractors for Roads and Works.

THE LATE MRS. STAFFORD, CROMWELLSFORT

The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy with Mr. James J. Stafford, Cromwellsfort and his children in the death of Mrs. Stafford. He said that Mr. Stafford had been a member of the County Council for many years. Everyone in the County felt sorry for the great loss sustained by him and the family.

Col. Gibbon seconded.

The Secretary associated himself with the vote. He had known Mr. and Mrs. Stafford for well over fifty years. The deceased was an ideal wife and mother and set an example most worthy of imitation. She had received the most unstinted praise from the general public for her kindness

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and urbanity. Her loss was, in consequence of her many sterling qualities, not only a great blow to Mr. Stafford and family but also to the people of Wexford.

The vote was adopted in the usual manner.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MEETING 23rd OCTOBER 1936: Minutes in respect of this meeting 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 23rd October 1936.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen(Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, W. Cullimore, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly and Miss O'Ryan.

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

Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4186. 8. 9d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following shows state of Rate Collection up to date of meeting:-

	Percentage Collected Nett Warrant.
E. J. Murphy	44.7
J. Cummins	40.0
S. Gannon	37.7
W. Cummins	36.0
D. Kenny	35.5
M. Kehoe	34.6
A. Dunne	34.2
P. Nolan	34.0
W. Doyle	33.3
J. Curtis	32.4
J. Deegan	31.9
M. McCarthy	31.6
J. J. O'Reilly	31.5
J. Quirke	30.9
P. Carty	29.3
P. Doyle	29.1
M. Murphy	29.0
J. Flood	27.1
J. J. Sinnott	26.2
Average	33.2

The percentage of Gross Warrant (including Arrears) collected - 28.3 - represents an improvement of 3% on the corresponding period last year.

Collector Matthew Murphy was ill for some days during the past fortnight.

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RATE COLLECTOR DUNNE: Report was read from the Rates Inspector stating that he had visited the district of Collector Dunne (No.14) and attached a list of ratepayers called upon. The Collector had been fairly well in touch with the ratepayers and, since serving demand notes, had made application for payment. Where payment was not received no further steps were taken by the Collector.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Cullimore seconded by Mr. Kelly that the attention of Rate Collector Dunne be called to the portion of Rate Inspector's Report stating that when payment of rates had not been made, he had taken no further steps, and to request this Collector to furnish an explanation as to why no further action was taken after the neglect to pay him.

REMUNERATION TO RATE COLLECTORS: Under date 17th October 1936, the following letter (G.193156/36 Loch Garman) as to proposed new method of payment of Rate Collectors was read:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 21st ultimo, relative to the proposal to alter the present method of payment of Rate Collectors' remuneration, and to state that he is not prepared to entertain a proposal of this kind in County Wexford until there is evidence that it can be carried out without worsening the progress of the collection. Apart from being the fourth lowest in the scale of progress made with the collection on the 31st March last, Wexford was one of the few counties which showed no improvement as compared with the previous year, but on the contrary a serious deterioration. The Minister is not satisfied that in these circumstances the system now proposed could be introduced with any advantage other than that which would accrue to the Collectors themselves.

The Minister is not opposed generally to reviewing terms of remuneration in order to remove any hardship which arises from postponement of payment, if there is clear evidence from past experience that the collections will be carried out satisfactorily. Any alteration in the scheme of remuneration must contain definite guarantees that payment of poundage outside the provisions of the Public Bodies Order will be related to progress actually made with the collection. The first provision of a scheme of this kind in regard to Wexford might be that 75 per cent of the poundage on lodgments might be paid provided that at least 40 per cent of the first moiety of the assessment and the arrears applicable to the 1935/36 warrant are lodged by the 15th November next. The extension of this principle might be considered by the Council and a Scheme submitted indicating what further advances might be made subsequently by

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reference to progress made by definite dates, but which should avoid any implication that the entire warrant may be closed by a date not later than the 30th April next."

The meeting expressed their gratitude to the Department for making such an important concession as regards payment of poundage for the first moiety and as regards payment for the second moiety.

The following proposal was made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Miss O'Ryan and adopted:-

"That 75% of poundage to Collectors be paid when a sum equivalent to 40% of the first moiety along with arrears applicable to the 1935/36 Warrant has been collected, provided the requisite amount be lodged by 15th November 1936. That Collectors who lodge a sum equivalent to the first moiety and the arrears applicable to the 1935/36 assessment by the 15th December 1936 be paid full poundage. That Collectors who by 15th March 1937 lodge a sum representing 75% of the current warrant and the arrears applicable to the 1935/36 assessment be paid 80% of poundage.

That Collectors be informed the Warrants must be closed on 30th April 1937 when balance of Poundage fees will be paid in all cases in which collection has been satisfactorily closed."

REFUSAL TO PAY RATES: James Furlong, Kilhile, Arthurstown, wrote he was not paying his rates, as the Health Board were practically £6 in his debt for the erection of two cottages for which he was never fully paid. When this Board would not pay him, he would not pay the Council. It was not fair or just to do a man out of his money because of spite.

The Secretary stated that he wrote to the Board of Health as regards non-payment in respect of cottages built by Furlong, and had received a reply that all the money earned by this man, as certified by Mr. Shortall, Engineer,

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had been paid to him.

It was decided to inform Mr. Furlong that amount of Poor Rates due to the County Council must be paid without further delay.

APPLICATION OF RATEPAYERS: Under date 15th October 1936, letter was received from Mr. T. J. Kelly, Solicitor, New Ross, on behalf of the following ratepayers of Fisherstown and Great Island townlands:- Robert O'Neill, Richard Finn, John Walsh, Thomas Kent, Thomas Sherlock, Mary Power, Patrick Bowe, Thomas O'Brien, and Gus Malone, applying for refund of rates on lands, their property in these townlands and which had been completely submerged during the past year as result of several breaches having been made in the banks of the river Barrow. These ratepayers would be satisfied to pay their entire rates provided the County Council remitted the proportionate part applicable to the flooded portion of their respective holdings.

The letter continued:- "Constant representations have been made to the proper authority to have the breaches in the bank of the river repaired but so far nothing has been done, and consequently, it is a great hardship on my clients having to pay rates for lands in their occupation rendered useless as a result of the banks of the river being ineffective."

In conclusion Mr. Kelly stated that the arrangements he proposed had been made with other County Councils, particularly in a similar case along the bank of the river Barrow outside New Ross, in which refund on the flooded portion of land had been made.

It was decided to refer this communication to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, for report, he to ascertain in the meantime, what action Kilkenny County Council had taken regarding a similar application.

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The Finance Committee further pointed out in their opinion the ratepayers concerned should look for any relief necessary to the people who were responsible for allowing the banks to be breached and not to the County Council.

REMOVAL OF BEACH MATERIAL FROM FORESHORE BETWEEN BALLINACLASH AND BALLYNAMONA.

The County Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. J. A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, Enniscorthy, under date 19th October 1936, on behalf of Patrick Keating, Ballyconnigar, owner of a considerable stretch of land, adjoining the foreshore between Ballynaclash and Ballynamona, pointing out that Mr. Keating did not consider the removal of material from the foreshore for the repair of roads was contributing in any way to the erosion taking place. Any alteration in the method of providing material for the roads of the district would interfere with the livelihood of a number of deserving men drawing material.

In connection with letter from the Department of Industry and Commerce (Transport and Marine Section) under date 8th October 1936, (M.S.4467) and their Order prohibiting the removal of beach material from the stretch of foreshore between Ballynaclash and Ballynamona, in Blackwater district, three deputations came before the Committee:-

(1) Michael Mangan, Ballyconnigar, on his own behalf.

(2) Patrick Cullen, Inch, Blackwater; Patrick Keating, Ballyconnigar; Patrick King, Ballynaclash and Patrick Murphy, Ballyconnigar.

(3) Denis Corrigan, Knocknasillogue, and Walter Keating, Ballyconnigar, representing Road Contractors drawing beach material from the areas concerned.

Mr. Mangan mentioned that most of the material he used was for the purpose of supplying lime to farmers. He had undertaken to supply 26 tons of lime to selected

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applicants of the County Committee of Agriculture and the Order from the Department of Industry and Commerce preventing the drawing of any material along the foreshore had been sent down and would not allow him to fill his contract with the County Committee. He contended that none of the material used by him for burning lime was taken from the foreshore, but, was dug out from his own land, well behind the sand banks and allowed to fall on the foreshore for convenience in carting. If it were taken by an inland route fences should be crossed and transport would be very difficult and would mean considerable additional labour. In the circumstances, he believed that if the Department of Industry and Commerce had been aware of the actual situation they would never have made the Order because the stuff which he was removing had absolutely nothing to do with deposits on the foreshore. It would be a great disappointment to himself and also to the applicants accepted to receive lime under the Lime Subsidy Scheme by the County Committee of Agriculture if he were prevented from drawing the material now on the foreshore and which had been taken out of his own land.

As regards deputation No. 2, Mr. Cullen, who acted as spokesman, contended that the erosion on this stretch of foreshore was not caused by the material taken from the strand, but that certain winds created currents which deposited thousands of tons of shingle on the beach, while opposing winds and currents drove them back into the sea. Prohibition of the removal of material from this foreshore would inflict serious hardship on industrious families without corresponding benefit to anyone. For this reason the deputation considered that the Order had been made in error and should be withdrawn. He considered it rather surprising that such high handed action was taken without consulting the people most intimately concerned. In his

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opinion, a protection wall costing millions would not be sufficient to stop any erosion that took place there. Nothing would stop it unless the Authoriities were able to control the winds and tides.

Mr. Keating also contended that the removal of material from the beach had nothing to do with the erosion.

Mr. King pointed out that the roadway he was obliged to use was metalled from the material on the foreshore, and if he were prevented from getting this, he would be absolutely isolated and his land become quite useless.

Mr. Murphy also agreed.

Deputation No. 3 - Messrs. Denis Corrigan, Knocknasillogue and Walter Keating, Ballyconnigar, both of whom supplied road material taken from the beach for Road Contracts - agreed with the views put forward by deputation No. 2. They held with that deputation that before a Prohibition Order was made an inquiry should have been held by the Department.

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

"That in view of the representations made to this meeting by deputations from Blackwater district, we request the Department of Industry and Commerce to hold an Inquiry into the circumstances concerning the issue of Order prohibiting the removal of beach material from stretch of foreshore between Ballynaclash and Ballynamona."

APPLICATION ASSISTANT SURVEYORS

With reference to the application of four of the Assistant Surveyors to have their salaries based on increments of £15 to bring them to £400 per annum, it was decided that the Sub-Committee appointed to consider this and other matters relating to the Survey staff of the County Council meet on Friday, 30th October 1936 at 2.15 p.m. in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.

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SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

In connection with the proposal of the County Council that the Department of Local Government and Public Health should allow the value of the site of a house to be erected under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts up to £20 to be taken into consideration when fixing the amount of loan to applicant, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote under date 12th October 1936 (H.198115/36 - Loch Garman) that the Minister was not prepared to agree to the Council's proposal.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Keegan, it was decided that the Chairman and Mr. Corish (T.D.'s) should interview the officials of the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Housing Section) and point out that the small concession asked by the Council to include site value of building up to £20 should be granted, otherwise, it will be the means of seriously interfering with the operation of the Acts in the rural portions of Co. Wexford.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Corish, it was decided that loan of £50 to Michael Brady, Brownswood, be cancelled as the Committee understand he is now in a position to erect a house without assistance from the Council.

In reply to letter from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, Nicholas Hayes, Nine Acre, Broadway, wrote that he was carrying out the building of his house.

Under date 10th October 1936, Messrs. J. A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, Enniscorthy, wrote that Nicholas Breen, Milltown, Ferns, was proceeding with the erection of house at Killoggy, Ferns.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for Gorey district, reported that Dominick Cosgrave, Cahore; E. Dempsey, Ardamine and John Hempenstall, Craanford, were erecting houses under the Small Dwellings Acts.

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Under date 10th October 1936, Mr. Treanor wrote he had, times out of number warned the contractor erecting house of Johanna Fortune, Ballyoughna, Killena, that serious notice would be taken of his neglect to finish the building. This contractor had recently received a very definite notice from Mr. Treanor that the loan would be withdrawn unless the house was completed at once. The contractor stated that the work would be put in hands immediately and would continue until the house was finished.

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

"That Miss Johanna Fortune, Ballyoughna, Killenagh, be informed that unless the house, for which she had obtained loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, is practically complete by next meeting of Finance Committee, the balance of the loan will be withdrawn and she will be called upon to repay the instalment of loan already advanced.

SANCTION APPOINTMENT TEMPORARY TELEPHONE ATTENDANT.

Under date 21st October 1936 the following letter (No. G.208221/26) 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 15th instant, and to state that he has sanctioned the temporary appointment of Miss Bridget J. Moran as Telephone Attendant up to the 31st March next with remuneration at the rate of 25/- per week.

I am to add that it is noted that the Council will by that date consider the desirability of making permanent arrangements for the use of a separate switchboard. It should be understood that if such permanent arrangement is not considered desirable the continuance of the temporary appointment should also cease."

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UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 19th October 1936 the Secretary, University College, Dublin, wrote that Thomas Cullimore and James G. Delaney had passed their examinations and it was recommended their Scholarships should be renewed.

The Secretary stated the Council had already passed a resolution to renew these Scholarships in the event of a recommendation to that effect from the University Authorities.

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

"That Agricultural Scholarship to W. A. Murphy, Coolhull, Wellingtonbridge, be renewed for fourth year."

Under date 21st October 1936 the following was read from the Secretary, University College, Dublin:-

"I wish to point out that in the Scholarship Return sent you on the 29th August, there was an error which I shall be much obliged if you will correct, the marks of Patrick Whitmore, No. 5411, 23rd in order of merit should read:-

Honours: Irish 250, English 145, History 115, Chemistry111, Commerce 142.

Pass: Geography 168, Mathematics 448/3, Drawing (38) = 801⅓.

The inclusion of Commerce instead of Chemistry makes the difference of 31 marks which does not, however, alter his position in the order of merit."

No Order.

LODGING RECEIPTS OF LOCAL TAXATION OFFICE

The following, under date 22nd October 1936, was read from Hon. Secretary, Wexford Branch, Local Government Officials Union:-

"I am directed by the Committee of the above to state that they had under consideration at a recent meeting a grievance by their member, John Maloney, who is employed as a Clerk in the Accounts Department of your Office.

It appears that Mr. Maloney has been obliged for some

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weeks past to convey the Taxation Officer's daily receipts from the latter's Office to the Bank, and he does not feel any too happy in the work considering the danger involved in carrying large sums of money on foot.

As he is a man with a large family and its consequent responsibilities, he respectfully suggests that the County Council be asked to relieve him of the work.

The Union would be glad, therefore, if you would be so good as to place the matter before your Council at your earliest convenience."

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

"That as from Monday, 26tn October 1936 the Local Taxation Officer personally make the necessary daily lodgments to the credit of Road Fund Account."

LOCAL TAXATION OFFICE

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

"That a sum of £3 - being at the rate of £1 per week - be paid Mr. P. M. Donohoe, County Council Assistant, for acting as substitute for Local Taxation Officer during the latter's Summer holidays. That the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) be requested to sanction this proposal."

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT ACT

Under date 22nd October 1936 (R/RM/32) the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote that no objection would be raised to the retention for a further week of the two temporary Clerical Assistants employed in the County Surveyor's Office in connection with the Conditions of Employment Act.

ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL

The Secretary to above wrote that the annual meeting would take place early in December and notice of any matters which the Council desired to have placed on the agenda should be received by 30th November 1936.

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It was decided to inform the Secretary that a determined effort should be made to induce the Government to repeal the Acts of Parliament providing for compensation for criminal injuries.

GROUGANE LANE

Under date 12th October 1936, Mr. V. B. Doyle, Hon. Secretary, Broadway-Tacumshane Fianna Fail Cumann, wrote asking the County Council to appoint a Committee to meet a deputation from the Cumann, in connection with repair of right-of-way at Grougane. The Cumann contended that the repair of this lane would not meet the requirements of the residents as it would not prevent flooding of their lands.

It was decided that the following Sub-Committee meet the deputation from Grougane Lane at locus in quo, and report to next meeting of Finance Committee, the County Surveyor to accompany the deputation and also to arrange for the meeting:- Miss O'Ryan, Messrs. Corish and Cullimore.

BALLYMONEY PROPOSED PARKING PLACE

Under date 17th October 1936 the following was read from Mr. Richard O'Brien, Hon. Secretary, Ballymoney Development Association:-

"In reply to your communication of the 22nd ultimo re decision of County Council in respect of Ballymoney plot, we wish to inform you that we will not recognise Dr. Cooke's title as we can prove this plot to be a commonage.

Please let my Committee know if Dr. Cooke is prepared to give up his so called title to the whole of this plot, otherwise, my Committee, on behalf of the public, will resist his claim."

It was decided to refer this letter to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

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REPAIR KILMUCKRIDGE STREET

The following resolution from Irish Labour Branch, Kilmuckridge, was read:-

"We, the members of the local Irish Labour Branch, protest against any other than the unemployed of Kilmuckridge being engaged during the repair of the village street. The local unemployed are as capable of doing the work as outsiders."

The County Surveyor said he had received particulars of the unemployed in various electoral divisions and he was bound to be guided by this list.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"The Finance Committee point out that the County Surveyor is bound to act in conformity with the instructions of the Government Department regarding the incidence of Unemployment but so far as it is possible he would take on local labour for repair of roads etc."

DEFAULTING ROAD CONTRACTORS

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

"That the following Road Contractors who have not kept their roads in repair be proceeded against and also their sureties should the County Surveyor consider this course advisable; otherwise, he be empowered to determine the contracts and take these roads into his own charge:-

Road 108	James Doyle, Tara Hill.
1015	Terence Curley, Kilcavan, Gorey.
421	John Hayden, Monawilling, Oulart.
447	Patrick Mangan, Knocknasillogue, Blackwater.
648	Denis Murphy, Johnstown, Castlebridge.
606	Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Foulksmills.
623	Thomas Walsh, Kereight, Kyle."

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APPLICATIONS COMPENSATION FOR ALLEGED CRIMINAL INJURIES.

Notification was received of the application of Joseph Travers, 79 South Main Street, Wexford, for £25 compensation for the breaking of plate glass window in his shop.

Second notices were received from the following:- Charles McCarthy, Murrintown, Wexford, for £192 for the burning of hay, straw, shed and timber on his farm at Tagunnan, and James O'Connor, Fardystown, Ballycogley, for £40 for destruction of a Hornsby binder also at Tagunnan.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee oppose these applications and that he ascertain if all the articles for which compensation is claimed were covered by insurance.

PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION UNDER WORKMENS' COMPENSATION ACTS.

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

"That the Seal of the County Council be affixed to the agreement between the Council and Richard Spencer, Tara Hill, Gorey, for payment of £133. 15. 0d compensation; £10. 10. 0 medical fees and £15. 15. 0 legal expenses for loss of sight of left eye through injury caused while working in County Council quarry at Tara Hill on 1st August last."

The Secretary said the amount of compensation and medical and legal expenses had been paid by the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation Ltd.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 23rd October 1936, as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

REMOVAL BEACH MATERIAL: In connection with the question of removal of beach material from Ballynaclash and Ballynamona strands, the Chairman said that an inquiry was not called for in the matter at all, but the Department could receive representations from the aggrieved people and could give them limited permits. As a matter of fact, it had been pointed out to him that on the whole foreshore of Ireland no one was entitled to take material without a permit. He was led to believe that if the people applied for permits they would get them. It was quite possible that the Department would hold an inquiry if they intended to make the prohibition permanent. The people concerned might get permits for limited amounts.

The County Surveyor said that the persons concerned would probably get permission to obtain what would repair their own farm lanes, but a general licence would not be given. In regard to Mr. Mangan's case, he was perfectly satisfied that it was all right, as the stuff was coming out of Mangan's own land and he using the foreshore only as a right-of-way. The Department would not give the County Council a permit to get road material. In Rosslare they gave a few local permits for small quantities.

Mr. Kinsella suggested that they might as well have the stuff on the roads as out in the Channel, as thousands of tons might be washed in, and washed out again later.

Mr. Smyth said that erosion was always caused when the wind was from the sea and when there were spring tides. With those tides there was surely six feet of water over the

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gravel, and it was not preventing erosion at all.

The Chairman said that from Rosslare almost up to Blackwater there was a prohibition order in force at the moment. Some years ago people living on that strand were trying to have the prohibition order extended further north, and they did not succeed at the time. They made a further application recently through a solicitor, and as a result of inquiries by the Department of Industry and Commerce as to whether the taking of gravel was causing erosion, the notices were served on the people. Farmers with land adjoining the sea coast believed that the taking of gravel was affecting them.

In reply to Mr. Keegan, the County Surveyor said it was for the County Council to apply for permission to obtain road material. They applied at Rosslare, and the Department would not give them permission at all, but they did give some small quantities to local people. If the County Council took action at the present time it might interfere with local people getting permission.

Further consideration of the matter was deferred pending the receipt of information as to the result of the applications.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 23rd October 1936 be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

MEETING HELD 6th NOVEMBER 1936: 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 6th November 1936.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman, County Council) presiding, also, Messrs. P. Colfer, 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 £5205. 15. 9d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following shows the state of the Collection to date on nett warrant:-

E. J. Murphy	48.0
S. Gannon	45.8
J. Cummins	45.3
D. Kenny	43.8
J. Curtis	42.5
A. Dunne	42.3
W. Doyle	42.1
M. Kehoe	41.7
P. Nolan	41.5
M. McCarthy	41.0
W. Cummins	40.9
J. J. O'Reilly	38.8
J. Deegan	38.7
M. Murphy	35.9
P. Doyle	34.0
P. Carty	33.2
J. Flood	32.9
J. Quirke	32.3
J. J. Sinnott	31.2
Average	39.6.

The Secretary stated that, as compared with the corresponding period last year there was an improvement of 3.2 per cent on lodgments calculated on Nett Warrant excluding arrears.

In view of the decision of the Finance Committee to deal drastically with any Collector who did not close first

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moiety of current rate by 30th November or submit a satisfactory explanation for each item unpaid, it was not considered necessary to issue any further instructions to the Collectors in the meantime.

RATE COLLECTOR NOLAN'S DISTRICT (NO. 5): The following report was submitted by the Rates Inspector:-

"During the past fortnight I have visited the Collection District of Collector P. Nolan and attach list of ratepayers interviewed by me.

There are a number of difficult cases in this district. With most of these the Collector has made some headway. Except for the derelict holdings he should be able to collect at least one year's rate in all cases. Last year a sum equivalent to the current rate was lodged in this Collection District. The arrears were also reduced by a small amount. In my opinion, the Collector can do as well during the present year.

As in the case of most of the other Collectors, better results would have been obtained if the Collector took stronger action earlier."

In reply to the Chairman the Rates Inspector said that Nolan and the other Rate Collectors had been notified verbally and by circular that they were to take proceedings. In cases visited by him and in which definite promises to pay were not forthcoming or any immediate prospect of payment, six day notices were served and the Collector would go ahead with them.

RATE COLLECTOR DUNNE (NO. 15 DISTRICT): Under date 2nd November 1936 the following was read from this Collector:-

"I have your letter of October 26th with reference to Rate Inspector's report. Mr. Masterson states "That where payment of rates was not received by me no further steps

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were made for the recovery of the rate". I think that statement is incorrect. It is true that in the majority of cases, beyond serving demand note and calling for the rates, no proceedings were instituted by me. But these were ratepayers who never gave any trouble and always paid in good time, and are a bit backward this year owing to the exceptionally late harvest. A large number of the people on whom the Rates Inspector called, while visiting my district, informed him they were waiting to dispose of corn, when their rates would be paid immediately.

I do not think it is the intention of the Council to be harsh on people who have always paid up in good time, and are late this year owing to the season.

In all cases, however, where I have had any difficulty in obtaining rates in the past, I have served six day notices, and in a number of them the matter is in the hands of my solicitor for collection.

If it is the wishes of the Council, that immediate proceedings be taken against all who have not paid up to this, I am prepared to carry out their instructions."

It was decided to inform Collector Dunne that he should be fully aware of his duties as Rate Collector and that the Finance Committee had nothing to add to the instructions which had been conveyed to him from the Committee more particularly as regards the closing of the first moiety of the current rate.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The Chairman said that as requested by the County Council he had interviewed Mr. Owens of the Housing Section of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, who promised he would look closely into the request of the County Council to bring in site value up to £20 in calculating amount of loans to be advanced to selected applicants under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

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CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT ACT 1936.

The following under date 4th November 1936 was read from the County Surveyor:-

"I shall be glad if you will submit to the Finance Committee on Friday next, particulars in regard to the records required to be kept in connection with above Act. The County Council authorised the employment of temporary clerks to write up the arrears on one particular Form, and the work covered nine Finance Meetings, and occupied two clerks for three weeks. I do not think it will be possible for me to keep this Form written up without special assistance, and, moreover, there are other Forms which will also have to be dealt with. I suggest that the Finance Committee appoint a small Committee to go into the work and see what system could possibly be adopted to meet all the requirements."

It was decided to refer the application to the County Surveyor and County Secretary with a view to putting before next Finance Committee meeting a report covering cost etc. of clerical assistance.

PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME

The County Surveyor wrote under date 4th November 1936 suggesting the advisability of having the figures for the Provisional Road Works Scheme informally discussed by the County Council. In former years he prepared the Scheme entirely as regards the requirements of the Works and took no account of the financial position of the Council in regard to what funds could be allocated. If he had any intimation of the approximate amount that would be allocated it would save a great deal of work at future meetings.

In explanation of this the County Surveyor said he brought forward in accordance with the Act a figure for Road maintenance which he knew he would not get, but which

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would maintain all the roads in good order in his opinion. If the Council had an informal discussion as to whether they would put something more on some roads and something less on others it would be a guide.

The Chairman said that at next Finance Committee meeting they would give the County Surveyor an idea of what they would give him and he could prepare a scheme on that basis.

DUNCORMACK-WEXFORD ROAD

Messrs. Laurence M. Roche, Little Johnstown, Duncormack, and John Cullen, Duncormack, attended in connection with the state of Wexford-Duncormack road via Duncormack, Rathangan, Baldwinstown, through Heavenstown, Sleedagh, Murrintown and into Wexford via Kerlogue.

Mr. Roche said if the section between Duncormack and Baldwinstown was repaired the road would be passable.

The County Surveyor said that the section from Baldwinstown to Duncormack was now a main road and with main road figures for maintenance they would have a much higher price for it than obtained in the past. From Baldwinstown to Wexford was not a main road and nothing in the way of improvement could be done unless the Council put up the money out of their own funds. The two jobs already carried out on this road were with money provided out of Relief Grant and unless more money would be made available from the same source he did not see what could be done. The two ends were the worst. The section from Baldwinstown to Bridgetown had been much improved within the past two months. He considered it was quite a passable road from Duncormack to Baldwinstown. There was no hope of doing any improvement work between Baldwinstown and Wexford with the money they had.

Mr. Cullen said he had to get up in the middle of the night to bail out the water which came off the road into

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his business premises.

The County Surveyor said if they could gather the surface water it could be drained by pipes, but the whole side of Duncormack street "fell away" right into Mr. Cullen's shop. The only thing that could be done would be to erect a small concrete retaining wall with a channel outside it to take the water. He would see the place again and ascertain how far such a wall would obviate flooding. He could bring forward a proposal in this connection in his Road Works Scheme. The Council could, when this Scheme was under consideration, deal with the Baldwinstown-Wexford road, and decide if they were agreeable to provide the money for its improvement.

Incidentally the County Surveyor mentioned that the direct road from Kilmore Village to Bridgetown was being cut to bits by beet traffic and the question of an increased price for its maintenance would have to be dealt with at Road Works meeting.

BALLYMONEY MOTOR PARKING PLACE

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, submitted copy of letter from M. T. G. MacVeagh, 33 Kildare Street, Dublin - Solicitor to Dr. Cooke - under date 22nd October 1936. This pointed out that there could be no doubt that Dr. Cooke owned the plot of land which it was proposed to utilise as a parking place, but he was anxious to help the project in any way that was reasonable and would give up the portion of the plot as outlined in letter of 19th October. The attitude of Mr. Richard O'Brien and his Committee appeared to be extraordinary seeing that Dr. Cooke was prepared to facilitate in every way the proposal for a parking place.

The Chairman said it would be foolish in view of the present position to go any further in this matter. He would move at the County Council meeting on 14th December 1936

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that the resolution agreeing to widen the road and establish a motor parking place at Ballymoney be rescinded and that the County Council take no further action.

GROUGANE LANE

Under date 28th October 1936 Mr. V. B. Doyle, Hon. Secretary, Broadway and Tacumshane Fianna Fail Cumann, wrote that Messrs. N. Devereux and S. Dunne were at Grougane on 27th October 1936. They waited for an hour and a half, but missed the Committee of the County Council. They were afterwards informed that Miss O'Ryan, Mr. Corish and the County Surveyor were at Rostoonstown about half a mile from Grougane. The Club was sorry that this inconvenience to both parties had been caused. If it were possible they asked the County Council Committee to attend on another day.

Miss O'Ryan mentioned that the Committee had reluctantly come to the conclusion that it was not feasible to provide a roadway at Grougane.

BUNCLODY POUND

Under date 4th November 1936 the following was read from the County Surveyor:-

"With reference to Bunclody Pound I recollect having mentioned the matter at a former Finance Meeting, and I understood that it was decided to allow existing arrangements to stand. There is an Old Pound at the place belonging to Mr. Hall-Dare, and has adjoining house let to a man who acts in the capacity of Pound-Keeper."

A resolution was adopted asking the County Surveyor to interview the County Registrar and ascertain if the present Pound in Bunclody meets with his requirements.

GOREY POUND

The Chairman said that this matter should be submitted to the County Council at their meeting on 9th November 1936

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when he would advise that the Council should proceed, as already decided, with their claim to be owners of the Pound. If they were brought to Court they would be prepared to justify the steps they were taking.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICE, WEXFORD.

Under date 29th October 1936 requisition was received from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, as to the provision of two electric fires and a Press for the Weights and Measures Office at the County Hall, Wexford. The Inspector was anxious to have the fires installed before the coming of winter owing to the effect of dampness on the standards etc.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That, as the Finance Committee consider the cost of running two electric fires in Office of Inspector of Weights and Measures at Wexford would be excessive they suggest the purchase of a suitable anthracite stove. That the County Surveyor be empowered to provide a suitable Press for holding various articles required by the Ex-Officio Inspector of Weights and Measures, County Hall, Wexford."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 2nd November 1936 Miss Anne Hickey, University Scholar, wrote that she was residing with her aunt at 16 Rathgar Road, Rathmines, Dublin.

The Secretary stated on 3rd November 1936 he wrote to Miss Hickey that all female students must reside in a recognised Hostel.

It was decided to inform Miss Hickey that she must make arrangements to take up residence in a recognised Hostel, otherwise, the Council will be compelled to cancel her Scholarship.

Miss Johanna Cooney, 23 Larkfield Park, Kimmage,

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Dublin, University Scholar, wrote that both Professor Shields and Dr. G. O'Brien had advised her to apply again for an extension of her scholarship. When Miss Cooney first applied for extension in order to allow her to obtain the Higher Diploma in Education she was informed that the Council would favourably consider her application if she secured the Degree of B.Comm. She failed in Accountancy.

Recommendations in favour of her application from Professor Shields and Dr. G. O'Brien were read.

It was decided to inform Miss Cooney that the Finance Committee were not prepared to recommend an extension of her University Scholarship as she failed to comply with the direction of the Council as to securing the B.Comm. Degree.

APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION FOR CRIMINAL INJURY

Application received on behalf of Christopher Moorhouse, Tomfarney, Bree, for £50 compensation for alleged damage to furniture and dwellinghouse was referred to the County Solicitor to oppose.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Notification was received from District Court Clerk, New Ross, as to proposal to commit to St. Aidan's Industrial School, New Ross, a child named Mary Furlong, aged about two years, the illegitimate child of Margaret Furlong, Mary Street, New Ross. The child had been deserted by the mother who had gone to England and her whereabouts were unknown.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 6th November 1936 be received and considered."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That in the event of money from Enniscorthy area being available from Loan Under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts a loan of £100 be granted Joseph Leary."

BALLYMONEY PARKING PLACE: In reply to request from Mr. Keegan the following letter under date 1st December 1936, from Dr. W. A. Cooke, Charleville Terrace, 245 North Circular Road, Dublin, was read for the meeting:-

"I recently bought a plot of ground, on which I am building a house, at Ballymoney, near Gorey, from Mr. Godkin, Banogue, Gorey. At the extreme end of this plot is a bit of "waste ground" which separates my plot from the shore, apparently marked on the map in the Land Commission Office as being part of Mr. Godkin's property. A "right-of-way" is also marked through this plot from my plot to the shore. This bit of ground is bounded on one side by the public road and is of no agricultural value. The surface is very irregular, being studded with huge rocks in places, and could not be used for any useful purpose. I am writing for permission to enclose this portion of ground with a strand or two strands of ordinary pailing wire, in order that I may clean it up and plant some shrubs and rock plants and generally improve its appearance. Mr. Godkin gave me permission, when I bought my present holding from him, to do what I liked with this plot. The opinion locally is that it is your property.

I therefore, am making this application to you, so

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that if any question should arise in the future, I will be within my rights in erecting a fence. I feel sure your Council will not object to my desire to improve the appearance of the place at my own expense, especially as I am not depriving anyone of any privilege by doing so."

GROUGANE LANE: Mr. Corish said the proposal made by the local Committee was preposterous.

Mr. Culleton stated that he was told it would be done for £27.

Miss O'Ryan. - Put two noughts behind that.

Mr. Corish. - Miss O'Ryan and myself are of the opinion that something might be done. There were some people suffering hardship, but the scheme suggested to the Council is not feasible. I think it might be useful to obtain a report from the County Surveyor as to what he thinks should be done to enable the people to get to their premises.

Miss O'Ryan said there was a "pass" at the place which might be converted to a road.

It was decided to adopt Mr. Corish's suggestion, and obtain from the County Surveyor a detailed report in the matter.

GOREY POUND: The following under date 6th November 1936 was read from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors, Gorey:-

"We enclose copy letter sent by us today to Mr. Treanor.

What makes this threatened illegal act all the more extraordinary is, that on an off your Council and ourselves, and your Council's Solicitors and ourselves have been in correspondence about this pound.

We wish to repeat the warning given by us in our letter to Mr. Treanor and to inform you if any such step as threatened will take place, we shall institute proceedings."

The following is copy of letter to Mr. Treanor:-

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"We are instructed by Mr. John Valentine, the owner of the above premises, that you approached him this morning and told him that you had been instructed to break open the pound, or in other words to take forceable possession of the premises.

We hereby caution you against any such proceedings and give you Notice that we will hold yourself or the County Council or both, as we may be advised, liable for all damages arising from this wrongful act.

We are also notifying the County Council to this effect."

This matter was considered in Committee.

Mr. Keegan and Mr. O'Byrne explained that "old" Valentine, who was dead for many years had acted as caretaker of the Pound which had been established by the Grand Jury. Following his decease other caretakers came in, including the late Mr. Thomas O'Neill, and at a subsequent period, John Valentine, Courthouse-keeper, Gorey, son of the old man. The Solicitors of Mr. Valentine - in order to clear up the matter - had been asked to furnish abstract of Mr. Valentine's title to the Pound but this had not been forthcoming.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, said it might have happened that when the Kirk estate was sold John Valentine might have purchased the interest in the Pound but he (Mr. Elgee) had no information on this point.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Corish:

"That as regards dispute re ownership of Gorey Pound the County Solicitor be directed to ascertain if John Valentine has been registered as owner of Gorey Pound plot and when the registration was effected."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: Mr. Redmond and Mr. Walsh urged that in view of the recommendations of Professors Shields and George O'Brien, and of the fact, that as Miss Cooney's father was an agricultural labourer, and that her education would be entirely lost if she did not get the

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extension now applied for, the Council might treat this as an exceptional case.

Miss O'Ryan and the Chairman pointed out that it was fatal to any Scholarship Scheme to make exceptions or departures from the rules. These would be quoted in succeeding cases and applications made for further "exceptional cases" with the result that the Scholarship Scheme would be really no Scheme at all. When Miss Cooney first applied for the extension of her Scholarship for the fourth year to secure the Higher Diploma in Education, she was informed that this extension would not be granted unless she first secured her Degree of B.Comm. She did not get this, having failed in Accountancy. It was more than doubtful if she would be able to secure the two degrees in the same academic year. If anyone wanted to upset the decision of the Finance Committee in the matter they could serve a notice of motion to that effect.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 6th November be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

SHELBAGGIN VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

The following motion, of which he had given previous notice and which had been circulated to members of the County Council on 30th September 1936 stood in the name of Mr. Colfer:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on 9th November 1936, that the County Council borrow from the Local Loans Fund a sum of £1200 in accordance with Section 51(1) of the Vocational Education Act 1930, this amount to be handed to County Wexford Vocational Education Committee as grant for

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the purposes of erecting and equipping Vocational School at Shelbaggin, County Wexford, as the original loan of £3500 allocated for establishment of three Rural Vocational Schools has been found insufficient for the purpose."

Mr. Colfer pointed out that this was a supplementary estimate from the County Vocational Committee, caused by the fact that the plans for the Schools at Kilmuckridge and Adamstown had been altered, as out offices, equipment and fencing were not included in the original figures.

Mr. Kelly seconded.

Col. Gibbon considered that seeing provision had been made for a very large amount for the three Vocational Schools, detailed explanation was due as to why an increase of 30% was necessary now.

Mr. A. K. Killeen, C.E.O., Vocational Education Committee came before the meeting and explained that the original estimates for the three schools came to £3,500. The tender for Kilmuckridge school was £1,115. 10s., and the estimate was about £1,265. The tender for Adamstown School was £1,365. 10s., which was slightly above the estimate. Architect's fees came to £124. Since the erection of the schools commenced it was found necessary to provide fencing and out-offices which came to £160 which brought the total expenditure to £2,764. The tender accepted for Shelbaggin School was £1,200 which brought the total amount required for the three schools to £4,064. Taking the original grant of £3,500 there would be a debit balance of £564. Equipment for the schools would run to £600.

Col. Gibbon looked on the matter as a monument of inefficiency, but Mr. Corish pointed out that this was too strong an expression, but that all criticism would have been avoided if the Vocational Education Committee had approached the Council earlier when they found they had not sufficient

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money for the three Schools.

After further discussion the resolution of Mr. Colfer was put and passed.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE

The following motion which stood in the name of Mr. Colfer and of which he had given previous notice was circulated to members of the County Council on 6th October 1936:-

"That in order to meet the agreement between the Department of Local Government and Public Health and the Wexford County Council relative to Employment Schemes Vote, I will move at the Meeting of said Council to be held on 9th November 1936, that the Council agree to borrow the sum of £2520, their contribution for works under above Scheme."

Mr. Colfer, in moving his motion said the proposal had been agreed to already by the Council and now came formally before them as it was necessary to give County Councillors a month's notice of the intention of borrowing.

Mr. Kelly seconded the motion which passed without dissent.

TOWN PLANNING SCHEME

Mr. Corish said he had information that very objectionable dwellings of old rusty galvanised iron were being put up in Rosslare, and surely some steps should be taken by the Council to prevent this. Members who were recently there on a deputation thought the position was terrible.

The Chairman suggested that notice of motion be given for next meeting that the Council have a town planning scheme adopted for the whole county and Mr. Corish stated he would adopt the Chairman's suggestion and gave the requisite notice.

OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE No.7.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of

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Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Redmond:-

"That, as recommended by Sub-Committee No. 7 (Old Age Pension Acts), Mr. Joseph McCarthy be appointed a member of this Committee vice Mr. Thomas Cooney, disqualified for non-attendance and Mr. Laurence Walsh, Donard, Clonroche, be also appointed a member vice his father, Mr. James Walsh (deceased)."

COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE - EXTRA TEMPORARY ASSISTANT

The following resolution adopted unanimously by the Library Committee was submitted:-

"That the Library Committee ask the County Council for a Grant to provide an extra temporary Assistant in the Library for a period of six months. The sum required for this purpose would not exceed £60."

Col. Gibbon proposed the following resolution:-

"That, subject to the sanction of Minister for Local Government and Public Health, the requisition of County Wexford Library Committee for a grant not exceeding £60 to provide an Extra Assistant for a period of six months be agreed to."

With the Library Van on the road for three days each week, Col. Gibbon said it was not possible for the Librarian and her Assistant to cope with the work.

Mr. Culleton seconded.

Col. Quin said he would not oppose the motion if satisfied that this was beyond doubt a temporary appointment and not the thin end of the wedge to lever some one into a permanent job.

Miss O'Ryan assured Col. Quin that there was no attempt on the part of the Library Committee to create a permanent position. Their own permanent Assistant was returning from Cavan to resume duty and the Library Committee wanted the extra Assistant to clear up some outstandings

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matters and to help in the development of new centres.

After further discussion the motion was put and passed nem. con.

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS OF WEXFORD BOARD OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

Under date 5th November 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote forwarding copy of the report of their Auditor on his Audit of the accounts of the above body for the three half years ended 30th September 1935; attested abstracts of the accounts were also received.

The Chairman said the County Board of Health and Public Assistance had this matter in hands.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

Under date 26th October 1936 the Department of Agriculture wrote (G.3637/35) that an Officer of the Department had obtained on 3rd October last three samples of butter in New Ross. The County Analyst certified that the samples were genuine.

ELECTRICITY HIGH TENSION CABLE - COST OF ELECTRICITY

Under date 3rd November 1936 the Electricity Supply Board wrote (A.220/1/1(a)S.2) that the Board proposed to lay high tension underground cable at Enniscorthy as indicated on drawing which they enclosed. The laying of the cable would necessitate the breaking up of roads and footpaths, but care would be taken to cause the minimum amount of disturbance and to avoid damage to persons and property of the County Council and of the Enniscorthy Urban District Council. The work would be carried out under the direct supervision of the Board's District Engineer, Waterford, who was instructed to get into communication with the County Surveyor and to meet the latter's requirements as far as was possible.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following

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resolution which was adopted:-

"That provided the work be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor, the County Council offer no objection to the laying of high tension cable in Enniscorthy as set out in Drawing No. D.273057 which accompanied letter from the Electricity Supply Board under date 3rd November 1936, in so far as same is erected in the rural area."

After this resolution was adopted Mr. Corish said he wished to take exception to the treatment of public bodies by the Electricity Supply Board, and he would be supported in this, particularly by the representatives from New Ross Urban Area. Owing to the splendid terms given by the Department of Local Government and Public Health, towns were rapidly increasing and on the borders of Urban Areas large numbers of houses were being erected. When the public Authority had to arrange for extension of public lighting they found they had to pay a very large sum to the Electricity Supply Board for extensions. This was very unfair. They considered the Minister for Local Government and Public Health should be asked to intervene and a resolution to him should be adopted and a copy also sent to Mr. Lemass, Minister for Industry and Commerce. The Wexford Corporation erected 154 houses inside the borough and it appeared they would have to pay £200 for the extension of public light to them. This was very unfair. Gas Companies under provisional orders were obliged to extend their system without charge. The matter was of very serious importance to Urban Districts and later on would become very important also for the County Council, when certain large villages would require lighting. If the County Council had to pay for extensions at the same rate as the Urban District the cost would be almost prohibitive. Seeing that the County was contributing to the Electricity Supply Board through taxation and that this body had a monopoly, they should be prepared

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to meet the public in a more generous spirit. Where the public were prepared to pay for a certain number of lights an extension should be carried out without charge.

Mr. Redmond stated that in New Ross Urban District the Electricity Supply Board had asked for an enormous sum for extensions of lighting, but as a result of representations, the charges had been reduced. As these extensions meant increased revenue for the Electricity Supply Board he considered it only right that the extension should be at their expense and not at the cost of the local Authorities.

Mr. Walsh endorsed Mr. Redmond's statement. When New Ross Urban District Council asked for an extension to Rosbercon he thought the figure was up to £1000. Eventually the Electricity Supply Board carried out the extension without charge. Why the people should not have the advantage of electric light he could not understand.

Mr. Keegan pointed out that Gorey Town Commissioners had erected 70 houses within their area and the light had cost something like £75 for three standards, although the power house was placed at one end. As the Gorey Commissioners were limited to a certain rate they were unable to provide the amount asked for by the Electricity Supply Board. They had been given a very bad deal in Gorey from the very start.

Mr. O'Byrne stated that representations had been made to the Electricity Supply Board, when wiring for an extension to the new Gorey factory, that the wires should be placed underground but they refused to consider this application. The result would be that later on if Gorey Commissioners wanted to erect houses on the fields in which the poles were at present situate, they would have to contribute a large amount to the Electricity Supply Board for removal and for the substitution of underground wires.

Mr. Culleton held that from reports he had received

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from Trades Unions, the Electricity Supply Board were anything but ideal employers and did not comply with Trade Union conditions as the Gas Company did.

Mr. Kelly pointed out that the same conditions as referred to by Messrs. Corish, Redmond and Walsh existed in Enniscorthy Urban District relative to electricity although the Gas Company always gave extensions free.

The Chairman said the Electricity Supply Board were certainly not giving satisfaction to local Authorities, and the Government should be made aware of it. In his opinion their powers under the Act were too far-reaching and the time had come when these powers should be curbed and restricted. The Board should certainly facilitate the taxpayers of the country in the service they gave them. The Council should stress the point made by Mr. O'Byrne as to erection of underground wiring systems instead of having overhead wires in the near proximity to towns.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That the attention of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and Minister for Industry and Commerce be called to the exorbitant charges made by the Electricity Supply Board for extensions of electric lighting system, particularly in Urban Areas. In view of the fact that these extensions will mean increased revenue to the Board and also that such extensions are carried out free where gas is used as the illuminant, we consider our request most reasonable.

In the interests of the public we would also point out that in Urban Areas and on land adjacent to same wires should be laid underground and not overhead in view of the fact that the land in question may be required for building purposes later."

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ANALYST'S REPORT

From the quarterly report of County Analyst submitted to the meeting, it appeared that 186 foods; 37 drugs and 9 waters; total 232; had been analysed. Two butter samples and one of new milk were found to be adulterated and four waters (all submitted by the County Board of Health) were condemned.

FETHARD DOCK

The following memorial signed by 29 persons was received from Mr. M. J. Fortune, Slade, Fethard-on-Sea. Mr. Fortune pointed out that the Fethard fishermen were deserving of some consideration, as years ago they had it just won when they were seeking money from the British Government to build a breakwater, but some hitch arose and the matter was left in abeyance ever since:-

"It has come to our notice that £250 is about to be spent on clearing of accumulated sand from the Dock at Fethard and while we are deeply grateful for the interest which is being taken in our needs we are of opinion that the outlay of such a sum of money for this purpose alone would be useless expenditure.

The sand which has accumulated in the Dock is of no inconvenience whatsoever to us fishermen, and we, as a matter of fact, consider it a decided advantage to have sand in this Dock, because it affords protection to the Bottoms of craft from the rough rocky bed of the dock which would be exposed if the sand were removed. Besides, there is no way of keeping sand out, and were the dock cleaned out now, the same amount of sand would be washed in again in a short time.

What we require more urgently is a gate or some such contrivance across the Dock entrance to make it possible for us to keep our boats in the Dock all the year round. As matters stand it is only possible to keep a boat there between May and October, as the rough weather and high seas generally prevailing in the remaining period makes it impossible to keep a boat in the Dock, because high seas forced through the Dock entrance would break boats into matchwood in a few minutes.

Consequently, the fishermen are obliged to remove their boats from the Dock during this period and bring them, in most cases, over a mile away to places where it is neither easy nor convenient to berth or remove them with the result that no fishing operations can be carried out during period between October and May in any year.

The Dock entrance is only about 12 feet across and we think it would be a comparatively easy matter to provide

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the necessary protection, and we also believe that the sum to be spent would be adequate for the purpose as well as cleaning the Dock and carrying out of other minor repairs."

It was decided that the County Surveyor furnish a detailed report, after consultation with the local people, relative to the prayer of the memorial.

NEEMSTOWN GAP

Col. Gibbon read letter from a number of ratepayers protesting against the condition of Bridge Gap, Neemstown, Kilmore, and stating that it was impossible to bring a load of material from the beach.

The County Surveyor said he was down there during the past week, and had arranged about doing something, but each time they made the slope even it was washed away, and the slope was getting steeper every year.

MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly it was decided that the following lanes be placed on list for repair under Minor Relief Schemes when money is available:-

1. Ballybeg lane (Carnew).
2. Waddingsland Lane.
3. Tincurragh lane (Tara Hill) and
4. Tara Hill Lane.

GREAT ISLAND EMBANKMENT

Under date 5th November 1936 the following was read from Mr. N. J. Murphy, Kilmokea, Campile:-

"With the approach of Winter and its concomitant storms and high tides, my neighbours and myself - residents in Great Island - are becoming perturbed by the prospect of isolation which again confronts us, as there is every indication that the wall protecting the road leading to the Great Island will collapse, and the road (the only public one) be carried away, just like what happened last Winter.

"Spring" tides are now much higher and stronger than in the Summer months, and at each "Spring" tide the water is not only coming through the wall in hundreds of places but also coming under the foundation and bursting up through the roadway. Given a high tide with a strong westerly squall about the time of high water, the wall and road are

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certain to be swept away, and we shall be left without any means of entering or leaving the Great Island except on foot at low water. The water now comes through every portion of the wall except the new portion which was built by your Council last Spring and is a splendid job.

The cause of all the trouble is the defective condition of the embankment to the river Barrow. Your Council brought the matter under the notice of the Land Commission last January or February, but nothing practical was done. An Engineer came down last July and made an inspection. In September, Inspector Lyons came down with a proposal to expend £250 on the embankment on condition that the owners of marsh lands protected by the embankment should sign an undertaking to keep the bank in repair after that sum was expended. The owners refused to sign on such terms, and I believe they acted wisely as any man with common sense would know that £250 would be altogether insufficient to complete the necessary work.

The whole trouble is, that at the time of vesting the Land Commission refused to earmark a portion of the purchase money to keep the embankment and sluices in repair. I think yourself had some correspondence with the Commissioners on the same subject but with no practical result.

Will you please bring the matter before your Council at next meeting and ask them to bring all possible pressure on the Land Commission to do something with the embankment and so save the inhabitants of Great Island (35 families) from isolation and much inconvenience and the ratepayers from further enormous expense replacing the wall and roadway, your Council's property."

The Secretary, in reply to Mr. Redmond, stated a letter had been received from the Land Commission on 12th March last that this matter was being investigated by them and a further communication would be made to the Council in due course. No letter had since been received from the Land Commission.

Mr. Redmond proposed:- "That this Council urge upon the Land Commission the necessity existing for them to provide an adequate amount for the repair of Great Island embankment. Anyone familiar with the place realises that the £250 proposed for the purpose is not at all sufficient."

He had been informed that owing to the reclamation work carried out on the upper reaches of the River Barrow the banks of this river at Great Island locality had been deteriorated and in consequence, flooding, which would not occur before the Barrow Drainage Scheme was completed was

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now almost certain to take place. The road and walls were at the mercy of the tide. They had been repaired at considerable expense by the County Council, and the landholders said that another tide might come along and sweep the walls and road away again. He understood that an inspector had been there within the past month.

Mr. Walsh seconded the resolution.

The County Surveyor said that previous to the reclamation works, the water at Monasterevan and Portarlington came down rather slowly, the silt etc. acting as a sort of breakwater; now all the water had a free run. It was, however, an abnormal high tide that swept through the road on the last occasion.

The resolution was adopted nem. con.

FERNS FOOTPATHS AND CHAPEL LANE

Mr. Connors raised the question of the above thoroughfares, but the Chairman said he should avail of the opportunity to do this when the Road Works Scheme was under consideration.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said that Chapel Lane was really a road and it would cost £500 to put it into good condition.

SLIPPERY ROADS

Mr. Connors raised the question of farmers' horses slipping on tar Macadam roads. Farmers would like if some screenings could be put on the road near Camolin.

The Chairman said he thought there were screenings on the road that day.

Mr. Connors said there were some very bad places on the road from Ferns to Scarawalsh. It was impossible to walk across Scarawalsh Bridge at present.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said that the trouble about fine screening was that they did not "stay put". He

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supposed that in about eight or ten years they would have all the roads done with rough screenings. The roads they were doing now would not be anything like as slippy as roads done formerly.

Mr. Keegan referred to slippery roads in Gorey. He said that some work had been done to improve them, but it was a very poor way of doing it.

The County Surveyor said that the fine stuff got slippy again after a time, and coarse stuff was very expensive.

The Chairman said it was a question of money.

RIVERCHAPEL ROAD

Mr. Patrick Redmond, Hon. Secretary, Riverchapel Fianna Fail Cumann wrote relative to the condition of the road leading from the turn at Ballinatray through Riverchapel Street. It was pointed out that owing to the increasing popularity of Ardamine and Poulshone Strands the road carried a considerable volume of motor traffic during the summer, with the result that the loose sea gravel with which the road was surfaced was being continually cut away, so that in winter the road was nearly impassable. They suggested that in future the road should be surfaced with screenings and tar macadam. It was also pointed out that the turn at Ballinatray and the turns on the hill leading into Courtown street were a danger to traffic and needed to be cut down and widened.

Mr. Keegan said that the road was a very important one, and it had been neglected for a good while.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said that the road was about three-quarters of a mile long and everything possible for the allocation was done on it.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Corish it was decided to refer the matter for report to the County Surveyor.

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TINNACREE QUARRY

The following under date 10th October 1936 was read from Mr. P. J. Hughes, Kilmuckridge Fianna Fail Club:-

"That we, the members of the Fianna Fail Club, are strongly in favour of the opening of the Tinnacree Quarry for the repair of the village street and all roads, especially when there has been such a lot of money spent on the repairs of the lane leading to it. And that we are willing to help and do all we can to the best of our ability for the welfare of Kilmuckridge. It is an urgent case and should be seen to in time."

The Chairman said that the quarry had been opened.

In reply to Mr. Keegan the County Surveyor said he would use the material from Tinnacree Quarry for the reconstruction of Kilmuckridge Street.

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

"That, in the event of sea gravel not being available, the roads north of Ballyvaldon Cross Roads be repaired by material from Tinnacree Quarry."

COMPLAINT OF ROAD

Mr. Colfer proposed that Contract Road 725 from Gusserane Church to Boley, which was at present in bad condition be transferred to Direct Labour Section.

The Chairman decided that the motion would be more in order if raised on the consideration of Road Works' Scheme.

DEFAULTING ROAD CONTRACTORS

The County Surveyor submitted the following list of Road Contractors who had "defaulted" in carrying out their contracts:-

Road No. 102 Richard Keegan, Ashwood, Arklow.
470 Peter Somers, Ballindoney, Ballywilliam.
472 Martin Wickham, Forestwood, Palace.

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Road No. 473 Peter Somers, Ballindoney, Ballywilliam.
720 Patrick Quirke, Ballygarvan, Gusserane.
723 Patrick Murphy, Ballybrack, Foulksmills.
724 William Keating, Boley, Ballycullane.
870 Edward Mallon, Aldridge, Duncannon.
743 James Clegg, Shanoule, Foulksmills.
744 Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Foulksmills.
745 Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Foulksmills.
750 Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Foulksmills.

The County Surveyor said that the defaulters whom he reported had made no attempt to do any work on their roads. There were other contractors who made an attempt to do something and who could be described as indifferent. The defaulters would - in the first instance - be noticed, and if they failed to carry out the work, he (County Surveyor) would take up any of the roads for which there was sufficient money for maintenance; in other cases, the contractor and his sureties would be prosecuted.

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

"That, as regards defaulting Road Contractors reported to this meeting, the County Surveyor be empowered to take what action he considers most suitable to see that the roads held by these Contractors are properly maintained."

PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS ETC.

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

"That the several proposals for payment to contractors for Roads and other works appearing on Form 22 as certified for by County Surveyor, and as submitted to this meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved for payment subject to any amendments (if any) made thereon and initialled by the Chairman.

Signed.....

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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 Monday, 14th December 1936.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, R. Corish, C. Culleton, Wm. Cullimore, John Day, Col. C. M. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, James Lawler, Thos. McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thos. Redmond, P. Ronan, Myles Smyth, Malachi Sweetman.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £11,541. 3. 11. were examined and signed.

VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

THE LATE MRS. AGNES SWEETMAN: The Chairman in proposing a vote of sympathy with Mr. M. Sweetman, County Councillor, in the death of his mother said that Mr. Sweetman had suffered the loss of his father lately and he had now to mourn the death of his mother. The sympathy of every member of the Council went out to him.

Col. Gibbon seconded.

Mr. Corish supporting the motion on behalf of the Labour Party said that it was very sad that Mr. Sweetman should lose his father and mother within a few months.

The Secretary associated himself with the vote. Mr. Sweetman had the deep sympathy of every member of the Council and of their staff.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, also offered his sympathy to Mr. Sweetman.

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THE LATE MR. JOHN KEHOE, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR: Col. Gibbon proposed a vote of sympathy with Miss Kehoe, sister of the late Mr. John Kehoe who had been Assistant Surveyor with the County Council for very many years and who was respected everywhere throughout the County.

Miss O'Ryran seconded.

Mr. Culleton in support said that he was associated with Mr. Kehoe in the days of the old Wexford District Council and he always found deceased a most courteous official.

The County Surveyor said that Mr. Kehoe was a member of the Survey Staff when he (County Surveyor) came to the County and was quite satisfactory. He was well thought of by everyone with whom he came in contact.

The Secretary added his expression of condolence in the death of Mr. Kehoe.

Mr. Colfer proposed a vote of condolence with Mr. Patrick Carty, Rate Collector, on the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. O'Hanlon, Gusserane.

Mr. Culleton seconded.

The three motions were adopted in the usual manner.

THE LATE MRS. STAFFORD, CROMWELLSFORT, WEXFORD: On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Colfer it was decided that the following from Mr. James Stafford in reply to vote of sympathy to him on the death of his wife be inserted on the minutes of the day:-

"Please accept my apologies for the delay in acknowledging your kind letter. It was very kind of the County Council to sympathise with us in our bereavement.

I am joined by my family in deep appreciation of the sympathy extended to us. Kindly accept and convey our sincere thanks."

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - MEETING 20th NOVEMBER 1936: Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 20th November 1936.

Present:- Messrs. D. Allen,(Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. P. Colfer, W. Cullimore, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, S. O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4,645. 8. Od was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following is the state of Rate Collection, the percentage collected being calculated on the net warrant excluding arrears:-

E. J. Murphy	53.2
P. Nolan	50.7
S. Gannon	50.5
D. Kenny	49.0
J. Cummins	48.9
A. Dunne	47.4
M. Kehoe	47.2
W. Cummins	46.9
J. Curtis	46.6
J. J. O'Reilly	46.2
W. Doyle	46.2
J. Deegan	44.6
M. McCarthy	43.6
J. Flood	43.4
M. Murphy	40.7
P. Doyle	40.6
P. Carty	39.6
J. Quirke	39.4
J. J. Sinnott	38.3
Average	45.5

The percentage of the Gross Warrant collected was 38.7 as compared with 36.9 at the corresponding period last year.

ILLNESS OF RATE INSPECTOR: Under date 19th November 1936, the Rate Inspector wrote that owing to illness he was unable to attend to his duties for the two previous days. Conse-

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quently, he was unable to make a full report on any collection district this fortnight.

ROAD WORKS SCHEME

A long discussion took place in connection with the allocations under the Road Works Scheme for financial year 1937/38.

It was pointed out by the County Surveyor that loan charges had increased by £500 in consequence of loan for reconstruction of Carne and Campile Roads.

It was decided to recommend the County Council to allocate £55,755, the same amount as was agreed to for year 1935/36, including £1000 for improvements to be divided so far as was possible equally between the four rural districts.

A direction was given to the County Surveyor to apply extra allocation for next year over the current financial year on improving Third Class roads. In regard to unemployment it was mentioned that road men had secured 10 months work which was an increase contrasted with a long period.

TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACT

The Secretary stated that at the meeting of the County Council on 14th April last they adopted the following recommendation:-

"That Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, be instructed to prepare a memorandum which will afford the requisite information to the Council as to the necessary steps to take to put into effect provisions of the Town and Regional Planning Act in so far as same may affect the rural portion of the County Wexford."

In connection with the proposal to consider notice of motion for the adoption of this Act, at next meeting of the County Council, a discussion took place as to various points in its provisions. The Committee decided that the Act, as

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regards rural areas, was cumbersome and would be expensive to put into operation, technical officers having to be appointed in order to carry out its provisions.

The meeting also recognised its efficacy so far as Urban districts were concerned, but believed that a much simpler procedure could be adopted in order to secure substantially the carrying out of the provisions of the Act in the rural districts. The Committee also desire to point out to the Council that once a Scheme of Town Planning has been adopted it cannot be revoked and hence, they stress the need for care and caution before any final step in this matter be taken.

The following recommendation was finally decided upon the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That while recognising the necessity and utility of the Town and Regional Planning Act the Committee believe it is not applicable in its present form to rural areas and consider that a much simpler procedure to that set forth in the Act should be adopted. We direct the County Surveyor and County Secretary to consider this situation and submit a draft Scheme which would provide for the erection of suitable buildings in rural areas."

Under date 16th November 1936 the following was submitted from Mr. Elgee:-

"Some time since, I was directed to make a report as to the procedure to be adopted in order to bring the Town Planning Act into Force at Rosslare Strand.

Shortly after I received the instructions to report, Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, attended a Conference of County Surveyors in Dublin, when the question of Town Planning was under discussion; and he was then informed that the Department were not disposed to approve of schemes for small districts, such as Rosslare Strand, but would require a scheme to be prepared for the whole County, and then from

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time to time the different districts under that Scheme could be dealt with. The Surveyors were also given to understand that the Department were having a Draft Scheme prepared, which would serve as a precedent for schemes for the different counties.

Mr. Barry informed the next meeting of the Finance Committee as to this.

Having regard to these facts I did not do anything as to making a detailed report on the matter, as I did not consider anything could be done until the Draft Scheme had been issued by the Department; and the Council, if they considered it advisable, passed a resolution putting the Act in force for the entire County."

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT ACT. WAGES AGREEMENT.

Under date 12th November 1936, the Department of Industry and Commerce (Trade & Industries Branch), Lord Edward Street, Dublin, wrote (T.I.E.310) calling attention to the provisions of Section 50 of the Conditions of Employment Act 1936, governing registration in the Wages Agreement Register of wages agreements under that Section.

This communication explained in detail the nature of the agreements which were suitable and necessary for Registration.

Mr. Kelly said that as no new agreement had been made since the passing of the Act it was not necessary to take any steps.

No order.

OVERDRAFT

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction extension of the period of overdraft for a further three months from the 30th November, 1936 at £35,000."

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EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE

In connection with the proposal of the County Council to raise a loan of £2520 - their share of the cost of the Scheme under the above Vote - letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) under date 18th November 1936 (RU/203/32) asking that a resolution of the Council relative to the raising of the loan should be passed, in the terms set out in their communication. It also pointed out that redemption of the loan would have to be made in three years.

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

"That in connection with Loan under Employment Relief Schemes Vote 1936/37 (Road Works) the draft resolution submitted by the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) be recommended to the next meeting of the County Council for adoption and we also recommend the Council to agree to repay this loan within three years as requested by the Department."

The following is the resolution which the Finance Committee recommended to the County Council for adoption:-

"It is hereby resolved that the Wexford County Council make application to the Minister for Local Governement and Public Health for a grant towards the cost of carrying out a scheme of road and/or footpath works which is being undertaken by the County Council with a view to the provision of employment for unemployed persons, and it is further requested that the Minister in pursuance of Section 6(1) of the Local Authorities (Financial Provisions) Act, 1921, as extended, will issue a certificate to that effect so that any money borrowed for the carrying out of the work shall not be reckoned as part of the debt of the Wexford County Council for the purposes of any enactment limiting their powers of borrowing."

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SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to reconsider his decision as conveyed in letter of 12th October 1936 (H.198115/36 Loch Garman) refusing to allow relative to loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts the value of site of house up to a maximum of £20 to be taken into consideration when fixing amount of loan. If this concession be not approved, the operation of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts in the County will be seriously hampered and accordingly we would request favourable reconsideration for this proposal to include this small amount in making advances to applicants."

RETURN OF THE COLLECTION OF INSTALMENT OF LOANS: Amount outstanding on above is £206. 18. 5d to 30th September 1936.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, should proceed for the recovery of rent in three cases in which, in the opinion of the Finance Committee, the arrears to 30th September 1936 were in excess:-

James Sexton, Boolabawn, Glynn.
12 months at £1. 0. 8d = £12. 8. 0d.

James Murphy, New Road, Gorey.
9 months at 15/6d = £6. 19. 6d.

Mrs. B. Mangan, Glenbough, Screen.
6 months at 16/10d = £5. 1. 10d.

FUTURE MORTGAGES: It was decided on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, that future mortgages should contain a provision to have rents paid monthly and not six-monthly as obtained up to the present.

LOAN FOR HOUSE: In connection with proposed loan of £100 to Joseph O'Leary, 5 St. John Street, Enniscorthy, it was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Keegan:-

"That owing to the fact that the full amount of money

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allocated for the districts of New Ross and Wexford has not been taken up, any balance of loan to Mr. O'Leary not available from Enniscorthy district be taken from credit balance in any of the three districts viz., Gorey, New Ross and Wexford."

OLD COURTHOUSE PREMISES

Under date 11th November 1936, the County Solicitor, Mr. Elgee, wrote that so far as he could see, nothing further could be done to compel the owners of the Head Rents, payable out of the old courthouse premises to show Title to them.

In reply to Mr. O'Byrne, the Secretary stated that the Council had purchased interests representing £77. 6. 6d per annum at a cost of £1599. 11. 0. There remained an additional ground rent of £103. 9. 6d which at 20 years purchase should be redeemed for £2067.

GROUND RENTS COUNTY HALL

In connection with the ground rents of County Hall, Wexford, which housed practically all the County offices, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, furnish to next meeting of the County Council a list of the holders of ground rents for County Hall and ascertain if they are willing to dispose of same to the Council."

PROPOSED STOREROOM FOR COUNTY WEXFORD VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Under date 6th November 1936 the following resolution was submitted from the above Committee:-

"That we, the County Wexford Vocational Education Committee, request the County Council to provide a store room and thereby obviate the necessity for our storing equipment in the passages of the County Hall."

This matter was referred to County Surveyor who stated that extra storage accommodation was also required by the

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County Council for accumulated files and documents. He would submit a report in the matter to the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

BALLYCULLANE POUND

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, reported that there were negotiations still to be concluded with the Land Commission by Mr. P. Power, owner of above Pound let to the County Council. When these had been concluded the agreement as to the letting of the Pound could be signed by the County Council and Mr. Power.

BUNCLODY POUND

Letter (undated) was read from George Cuffe, Pound-keeper, Bunclody, that the pound wall had fallen and until it had been repaired the place could not be utilised for impounding stock.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee should communicate with the Agents for Mr. Hall-Dare, the reputed owner of the Pound, and ascertain exactly the position as regards the use of the Pound by the County Council, when occasion arose. Also, if Mr. Hall-Dare will be prepared to hand over the premises to the County Council in the event of their carrying out the necessary repairs to the wall.

COUNTY GUIDE

Under date 6th November 1936, the General Manager, Irish Tourist Association, O'Connell Street, Dublin, wrote asking for the sole rights from the Council to issue an official Guide of the County Wexford, if possible, covering the years 1937 to 1940 inclusive.

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

"That application of the Irish Tourist Association for the sole rights to publish official Guide of the County

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Wexford for years 1937/40 (inclusive) be recommended to the Council for adoption, provided that copy of Guide is submitted to the Council for approval before publication."

COMPLAINT OF FLOODING OF PREMISES

Mrs. Eliza Forrestal, Newtown, Grange, wrote under date 6th November 1936 complaining of her land being, she stated, flooded by Newtown lane shores which were illegally cut in adjoining lands without her authority.

She had complained to the Surveyors and Road Ganger without effect.

The County Surveyor said he had seen the place and did not think the County Council had any liability in the matter. However, he would obtain a detailed report from the Assistant Surveyor.

It was decided to adjourn further consideration of the matter for this report.

WORKMENS' RECORD CARDS

The County Surveyor stated that the County Secretary and himself agreed it would take a clerk two days per fortnight to keep workmens' record cards up to date and that extra clerical assistance to cover this work in the County Surveyor's Department should be provided.

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

"That, in order to allow of Workmens' Yearly Record Cards to be written up after each Finance Committee meeting the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction an allocation for this work of £3 up to 31st December and £26 for year from 1st January 1937 to 31st December 1937. This will allow of two or (occasionally) three days for clerical Assistant engaged at this work. That the usual allocation of £50 per annum for clerical assistant required from the date on which Separate Paying Orders were issued to individual road and quarry workers be also agreed to."

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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 20th November 1936 be received and consid er-ed."

PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME.

Col. Gibbon said that last year they cut down the Road Estimate as it was understood there would be an increase in the County Board of Health and of other Public Bodies so as not to increase the rate on farmers. He hoped that the figures of increase for Roads suggested by the Finance Committee would be balanced by reductions in other services so that the rates for the coming year would not show any increase.

Their roads were being improved every year and no one wanted to see enormous improvements at very big expense. There had been no tar spraying this year and he wished to know how this item stood for next year.

The County Surveyor said that so far as money would allow tar spraying would be carried out.

Col. Gibbon continuing hoped sufficient money would be allocated for the repair of roads which had been so badly damaged by beet traffic. He believed, seeing they were improving roads every year there should be no increase in the road rate this year. They should not try to do too much as this could only be effected at the expense of the ratepayers. He hoped the Chairman and Mr. Corish who were T.Ds. would be able to tell the Council if Wexford was getting it's full share of Road Tax fund.

The Chairman said he could assure Col. Gibbon that they were certainly receiving all they were entitled to from the Road Fund.

Mr. M. Redmond said that the roads in his district were deteriorating and unless some increase was provided

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they would deteriorate further with the result that considerable hardship would be inflicted on ratepayers and the travelling public.

The Chairman said that when the finance committee had the matter before them they felt that owing to the demands for improvement on roads in the county they should allocate something more this year and what they recommended was the standard rate for the six years previous to last year. They cut the amount last year because they knew that the other public services had gone up, and in order to tide, as far as possible the ratepayers over a difficult period. He did not think they could give any guarantee that the cost of other public services would fall; he hoped they would not increase much. The County Council would agree that a big number of roads in the County needed more material if at all possible, so they thought they would be justified this year in putting up the road estimate to what it was in years previous to last year.

Mr. T. Redmond asked if the County Surveyor could hold out any hope or promise that the third and fourth class roads in the New Ross area could be dealt with a little more generously than in the last three or four years. If any roads in the county were worse, they must be in a terrible state. He was bringing forward the matter in the interests of farmers that they heard so much about and who were using these roads. In reply to their demand he asked if they were satisfied to pay a little more rates and they said they were perfectly satisfied.

The County Surveyor said that the amount recommended by Finance Committee viz. £55,755 was made up as follows:-

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MAIN ROADS:	£
Maintenance. . . .	32,615.
Contingencies . . .	980.
Relief Grant repayment loan .	941.
TOTAL	£34,536.

COUNTY ROADS:	
Maintenance. . . .	19,299
Improvement. . . .	1,000
Contingencies . . .	920
TOTAL	£21,219

GROSS TOTAL £55,755.

The following exclusive of the £941 repayment for Relief Grant were the annual amounts of instalments on loans:- Rosslare Road £224; Camblin Road £448; Gorey-Courtown Road £696; Carne & Killinick Road £309; Campile Road £251; Kiltealy Road £350 (no sanction for this has yet been received from the Department of Local Government & Public Health); Mountgarrett Bridge £665; Waterford Bridge £435 and Deeps Bridge £278. Total £3,656.

The allocation for main roads was the same as for last year; third class roads showed an increase of £1,800. and fourth class roads an increase of £1,038. There was no allocation for Improvement last year and the Finance Committee recommended £1,000 for this year. None of this would be spent on main roads. He estimated that what be described as the Mens' Holiday Fund as provided by the provisions of the Conditions of Employment Act would cost about £600. As far as work was concerned they would have nothing to show for this money but it would probably result in more efficiency being displayed and the men would be more content. They would have to pay about £800 for Insurance - an enormous figure. He could not see how the meeting could reduce

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the allocation. Any reduction in the main roads' estimate would mean a reduction in the Government's Maintenance Grant.

The Chairman said it was for the Council to decide whether they would adopt or adjourn the scheme. If they adopted it they could at a subsequent meeting allocate the amounts to be spent on the individual roads and works.

Mr. Corish complained of the reduction for Wexford Urban Roads by 75% of amount allowed last year. Seeing that the general estimate had increased he believed Wexford Urban would not be fairly treated unless it received the same amount as last year £420. The allocation of £300 for these urban roads seemed to him to be ridiculous.

Col. Gibbon thought the best thing to do would be to pass the total amount and refer the estimate back to the County Surveyor as they did for several years past and let him submit to the Council at the next meeting detailed suggestions for each road.

Mr. Corish said he felt inclined to vote against the motion suggested by Col. Gibbon unless Wexford Urban got the same amount as last year. There was no greater cut in any part of the County and he (Mr. Corish) did not consider it reasonable.

The Co. Surveyor having explained how he arrived at the various figures said that so far as Wexford Urban was concerned he was tied down for the main roads as the same amount as last year had been estimated so that the County Council would not lose their 40% Maintenance Grant. The roads in this urban district had been dealt with in the allocation in the same way as other similar roads in the County.

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Mr. Corish said he could understand the County Surveyor's action if Wexford Corporation had ever received a sufficient allocation to keep their streets in a proper state. However, he would not stand in the way of any resolution as he would reserve his right to raise the question of the allocation to Wexford Urban at a future meeting.

Col. Gibbon then proposed and Mr. Bowe seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That this meeting approves of a total road estimate of £55,755. for next financial year in accordance with the recommendations submitted to this meeting by the County Surveyor. That the latter present for examination detailed figures for expenditure on each individual road at the January meeting of the Council."

The Chairman said that at next meeting any particular item could be raised and discussed.

Mr. Corish said he would look for more money for Wexford Urban and the Chairman said if it were granted it would have to come out of the "pool".

TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACT: The Secretary said that Mr. Corish had given notice of motion for the adoption of the Act but when informed of the decision of the Finance Committee he allowed his motion to hold over for the present.

Mr. Corish said he quite realised the difficulties which confronted the Finance Committee and their reluctance to put the Act into operation as once it was adopted the Council would have to proceed with it. He also realised that it would involve certain appointments of officials which the Council were not at present prepared to make. It was a splendid measure so far as Urban areas were concerned. He wondered when future consideration was to be given to the matter if

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they could induce the Minister to permit of the Act being put into operation piecemeal in rural districts especially in seaside resorts such as Rosslare and Courtown which were visited by cross-channel tourists so that suitable buildings be erected and no "ribbon" building allowed. That he believed was as far as the County Council should be asked to go. It would be a collosal job to put the Act as it stood into force in all Rural areas of the County. Besides, the Act would not be applicable or suitable for some rural areas. If something on the lines he suggested could be done the requirements of the Act would be fulfilled so far as their seaside resorts were concerned. Apart from everything else the Act in its present form might cause hardship to farmers - a result which the County Council did not want.

Mr. Culleton said that something to regulate the erection of buildings in seaside resorts was necessary. Some of the buildings put up recently - in one of them at least - were really an eyesore.

The Chairman said it was important something should be done and he suggested that a resolution be adopted asking the Minister to bring in amending legislation which would make the Act applicable to such rural areas as County Councils considered advisable.

Miss O'Ryan proposed a resolution on the lines suggested by the Chairman.

Mr. Kelly seconded and the motion was adopted.

The County Surveyor said the Act was most complicated and unless there was some simplification of its provisions he would require specific instructions as to what he should do.

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OLD COURTHOUSE PREMISES: Miss O'Ryan said this matter had been under consideration over and over again and it was vexatious to have to pay heavy ground rents on property from which they derived no advantage. There certainly should be some legislation by which they could secure title to the place.

The Chairman suggested that they should raise the matter with the Auditor. He might surcharge the Council for paying rent without title.

Mr. Corish said as the Circuit Judge had given a decree against the County Council when they refused to pay the rents they could hardly raise the question of title now.

He proposed that the facts be laid before the Minister for Justice and that he be asked for his advice.

Mr. O'Byrne who seconded said before the Council received compensation for the burning of the old courthouse they had to give a guarantee that they would redeem the rents. Now, they were prevented carrying out the undertaking in the matter and did not know who the holders of these ground rents were.

The resolution was put and passed.

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 20th November 1936 be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved.

MEETING - 4th December 1936: The Minutes of above meeting 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 4th December 1936.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman County Council) presiding; also, Messrs. Patrick Colfer, 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 in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4371. 5. 2d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following shows the state of the collection to date:-

P. Nolan	56.7
S. Gannon	54.0
J. Cummins	54.0
E. J. Murphy	53.6
J. Curtis	53.0
A. Dunne	51.6
W. Doyle	51.5
J. Flood	51.5
W. Cummins	51.2
D. Kenny	50.8
J. J. O'Reilly	50.0
M. McCarthy	49.9
M. Kehoe	49.7
J. Deegan	49.2
P. Doyle	48.8
P. Carty	46.1
M. Murphy	46.0
J. J. Sinnott	43.9
J. Quirke	43.7

The percentage of the Gross Warrant (including arrears) collected was 42.8, an improvement of 3.5% on the corresponding period last year.

The Secretary stated that lists in respect of first moiety rate outstanding were being furnished by the Rate Collectors. He intended interviewing four or five of the most backward Collectors.

The Meeting approved the course suggested by the

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ILLNESS OF RATE COLLECTOR: Under date 4th December 1936 Collector Quirke (District No. 1) wrote that owing to serious illness he had been unable to attend to his duties for the past four weeks. If the Committee required he would furnish medical certificate.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, said to his knowledge Mr. Quirke had been ill for the period mentioned.

REPORT RATES INSPECTOR: The Rates Inspector reported that during the past fortnight he had visited Collection District No. 16 (Collector J. J. Sinnott). There were a number of ratepayers in the area who had not paid the first moiety, but the majority of these had late threshings and the Collector was confident he would secure payment in all these cases. Except for the derelict holdings small payments had been made on most of the other backward cases. Many of these holdings were let each year by Auctioneers and the proceeds divided between Rates and Annuities. Some of these lettings had yet to take place. Better progress had been made in these cases than at this time last year.

Details of the arrears were submitted.

POUNDAGE OF COLLECTORS: The following under date 19th November 1936 (G.228962/36 - Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 14th instant, and to state that he will raise no objection to the application to the current year's collection of the following portion of the resolution passed by the Council on the 9th instant, viz.

> "That 75% of poundage to Collectors be paid when a sum equivalent to 40% of the first moiety along with arrears applicable to the 1935/36 Warrant has been collected, provided the requisite amount be lodged by 15th November, 1936. That Collectors who lodge a sum equivalent to the first moiety and the arrears applicable to the 1935/6 assessment by the 15th December, 1936 be paid full poundage. That Collectors who by 15th March, 1937, lodge a sum representing 75% of the current warrant and the arrears applicable to the 1935/36 assessment be paid 80% of poundage."

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It should be understood, however, that final payment in any cases where the warrants are not closed by the 31st March must be submitted for prior sanction. In submitting proposals for final payment a Schedule might be furnished showing how far the Collectors have complied with the interim conditions, the payments already made and the amounts of the final payments proposed."

It was decided that three Collectors, P. Nolan, E. J. Murphy and John M. Curtis, who had made the stipulated lodgments be paid full poundage on the sum represented by the equivalent of the first moiety of the current rate and the arrears applicable to the 1935/36 assessment.

FLOODED LANDS: In connection with application of several land holders in the townlands of Fisherstown and Great Island (through Mr. T. J. Kelly, Solicitor, New Ross) for refund of rates on lands owned by them and which had become completely submerged during the past year as result of several breaches having been made in the banks of the river Barrow.

Mr. Kelly had pointed out "Constant representations had been made to the proper authority to have the breaches repaired, but so far nothing had been done and, consequently it is a great hardship having to pay for lands in their occupation rendered useless as a result of the banks of the river being ineffective in keeping out the tide".

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, who had been instructed to communicate with the Kilkenny County Council as to what had been done by them with regard to flooding under similar circumstances in County Kilkenny, submitted letter from the Secretary Kilkenny County Council who, under date 1st December 1936, wrote that certain tenants of the lands at Aylwardstown had been allowed a reduction in their rates on an apportionment basis covering valuation of holdings. For instance a man held 100 acres and if it were found on the following survey that 25 acres were under water one fourth of the assessment on the land was allowed. For some years

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with the approval of the Department of Local Government and Public Health - similar allowances had been made in respect of lands at Ballylogue, The Rower.

The Finance Committee decided it would not be advisable to recommend the County Council to remit rates on these flooded lands as the Council were not in any way responsible for the flooding.

Under date 30th November 1936 Mr. Vincent A. Doyle, Brandon, New Ross, wrote that he had refused to pay rates on his land at Marsh Meadows owing to it being flooded for the past twelve months every 14 days, the water remaining on it for from four to six days each time, so that it was derelict. He wished to know why the Irish Land Commission repaired the breaches in Karney Bay, County Kilkenny, if they were not prepared to do the same for the people at Camblin, County Wexford. He had kept his bank drains and sluices in perfect order but this expenditure was no use owing to the breaches in the banks further out. There were about 1000 acres involved in this area.

The County Surveyor said the main embankment had been repaired when a heavy storm and spring tide breached it again. He was applying to the Office of Public Works for the money to make a new repair. When the Inspector of the Office of Public Works was down there money was not available but he (County Surveyor) expected it would be obtained soon. Inside of the main section there was a subsidiary embankment. He did not know who owned the land affected by this; there appeared to be some "mix-up" in the title but nothing could be done on any such schemes unless the signatures of owners of the land were forthcoming. The money which repaired the main embankment had been furnished by Minor Relief Scheme and the County Council had no responsibility in the matter.

It was decided that the Rate Collector be instructed to collect the rates in this case.

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ABATEMENT FORMS - AGRICULTURAL GRANT: It was decided that the following be employed for the purpose of bringing amalgamated Rate Lists up to date and issuing forms of abatement in connection with relief of rates on agricultural land for Agricultural Grant:- Thomas O'Rourke, 16 John Street, Enniscorthy; James Whelan, Nunnery Lane, New Ross and John Warner, Slaney Street, Wexford.

GROUND RENTS COUNTY HALL

Under date 30th November 1936, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that he had investigated the Title to the above Rents and found they were in order. The different owners are prepared to sell their respective Interests in the property to the County Council at the sum proposed, viz.:- twenty years' purchase in each case.

Miss O'Ryan gave notice of motion in connection with loan of £4151 to cover amount required to redeem the above rents. This will be considered at meeting of County Council on 11th January 1936.

BUNCLODY POUND

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, submitted letter under date 2nd December 1936 from Messrs. Stopford and Turner, agents for Mr. R. W. Hall Dare, relative to above Pound. They stated that Mr. Hall Dare did not see his way to disturb the existing arrangements at present as Michael Cuffe, the Pound Keeper, had been in his employment for a great number of years. As regards the condition of the wall, Mr. Hall Dare would make an examination of this.

It was decided that the County Surveyor and County Solicitor interview Mr. Hall Dare and explain that the County Council were concerned only with having the Pound put into repair and had no intention of disturbing the present Pound Keeper.

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GOREY POUND

In reply to query Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor said he had had two interviews with Messrs. Huggard Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors for John Valentine, who claimed to be the owner of Gorey Pound, but they were unable to produce any title for Mr. Valentine. Neither could he find any conveyance of the premises to the Grand Jury or to Valentine. It appeared as an item only on the rental of the Kirk estate. He would, however, have a further examination made of the old Grand Jury Abstracts and make a supplemental report.

BALLYCULLANE POUND

Under date 30th November 1936, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that he had seen Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors for the owner of this Pound. They informed him they were selling a plot adjoining the Pound to the Office of Public Works for the purpose of a Garda Barracks, and when these proceedings were closed (which they expected would be early in the New Year) they would be able to deal with the County Council.

PRINTING RATE BOOKS

The Secretary reported that in reply to advertisement for quotations for printing Rate Books for next financial year only one tender had been received, that of Redmond Bros. Wafer Street, Enniscorthy, at £33, the same amount as last year.

This tender was accepted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

J. Kent, Rochestown, Foulksmills, wrote applying for transfer of loan of £205 provisionally awarded to William Colfer, Coolboy, Foulksmills as Mr. Colfer was not in a position to proceed at present with the erection of house. If loan were granted to him he would begin work in the near fut[illegible]

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Mr. Colfer, who said he had seen both men and the facts were as stated in Kent's application proposed that the transfer be agreed to.

Mr. Kelly seconded and the motion was adopted.

CLAIM BY MEMBERS OF COUNTY COUNCIL STAFF

The following under date 28th November 1936 was read from Messrs. Stephen Hayes (Clerk County Council Offices), Thomas Cullen (Assistant Surveyor) and Denis Radford (Senior Clerk in County Surveyor's Office):-

"In accordance with the Resolution of the County Council of 30th July 1934, we, the undersigned, make application for amounts due under Section 2, Sub-Sections 1 and 5 of Local Government Act 1936.

The amount in case of T. Cullen -- for the period from 30th January 1923 to 15th March 1923 is £25. 3. 0; S. Hayes for period 6th July 1922 to 17th September 1923 at £3 per week; D. Radford for period 9th July 1922 to 19th January 1924 at £2 per week.

The periods mentioned in all cases have been sanctioned by Department of Local Government and Public Health in their circular letter No. G.19629/1933 date 17th July 1933."

The Secretary stated that Mr. Hayes was absent for 62 weeks at £3 per week so that the amount forfeited was £186.

According to period furnished by Department of Defence Mr. Radford was released on Christmas Eve 1923. Mr. Radford returned to duty after reinstatement on 20th January 1924. Amount payable to Mr. Radford (£2 per week) up to date of release was £152. 11. 5. If the amount were calculated to date of resumption of duty it would be £160.

Mr. T. Cullen was entitled to £25. 3. 0d for 6 2/7 weeks at £4 per week. At the County Council meeting on 9th October 1933 the following motion was lost by 14 votes to 9:-

"That Mr. Thomas Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, be paid £25. 3s.

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amount to which he is entitled under Section of Local Government Act 1933".

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

"That the amounts claimed by Messrs. Hayes, Radford and Cullen, viz., £186, £160 and £25. 3. 0d respectively, be allowed subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under Local Government Act 1936".

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE

In connection with resolution of County Council asking sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for grant of £60 to provide an extra Assistant for a period of six months, the following under date 1st December 1936 (G.232338/36 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to previous correspondence regarding the appointment of a Library Assistant, and to state that the procedurefor the filling of posts of this kind is by way of advertisement and competitive examination. It is not, therefore, considered that the Library Committee should be committed to make an appointment for which there would appear to be a permanent need, unless the arrangments for the future were settled on such a definite basis as would enable the expenditure on staff to be met without affecting the amounts available for development and book supply. The method of financing the Council's Library Service adopted in the past does not appear to have worked satisfactorily, either from the point of view of the Council or the Library Committee. The Minister considers that the more satisfactory course from the view point of both would be to place at the disposal of the Committee in each year the produce of a definite rate in the £ sufficient to meet reasonable staff and supply services.

If this course were adopted and an understanding reached to cover a definite period of years, the Committee would be obliged to keep development within such limits as would forestall any question of supplemental grants and if such a question did subsequently arise the Council, in the Minister's view, would be fully justified in rejecting an application.

The present position appears to be one in which further discussions might, with advantage, take place between the bodies concerned. It might be considered, having regard to the present development of the Library Service, whether an additional assistant, not necessarily permanent in status to render continuous service from year to year, is necessary and if so, whether an alteration is necessary in the financial arrangements so as to guarantee a steady and uninterrupted [illegible] limits permissable

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by a revised rate."

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

"We recommend the County Council to allocate for the next five years as from 1st April 1937 to County Library Committee the produce of 5/8 of a penny Rate on County at Large, this amount to replace the present grant of Rate produced by one halfpenny in £ on County at Large plus extra grant of £100 voted for this service for years past. The new allocation must be regarded in the opinion of this Committee as covering all commitments of the Library Committee for the five years referred to in this resolution."

BALLYHACK HARBOUR

Under date 28th November 1936 Mr. T. J. Kelly, Solicitor, New Ross, wrote on behalf of Mrs. Mary A. Cheevers, Ballyhack, Arthurstown, that a wall which was being erected by the County Council, would prevent his client having access to a small quarry, her property, which she used, and also from drawing seaweed from the strand. Unless the matter was rectified, proceedings for damages would be taken against the County Council.

The County Surveyor said he would be able to meet the wishes of Mrs. Cheevers in this matter.

REMOVAL BEACH MATERIAL

Under date 27th November 1936 the following was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce (Transport and Marine Branch, 14 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to refer to your letters of the 24th ultimo and 14th instant regarding the removal of beach material from the foreshore between Ballynaclash and Ballynamona and to point out that as the foreshore in question is State property no person is entitled to remove beach material therefrom

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I am to add that the Minister, in view of the existing condition of the foreshore, is unable to entertain applications for the removal of large quantities of material such as would be required for building purposes and the repair of Council roads but is prepared to consider applications for the removal of limited quantities for use by adjoining landowners for their own purposes."

The County Surveyor said he had arranged that no further material for maintenance of roads would be taken from the section of the foreshore referred to in the letter of the Department as he had made other arrangements for supply of road metal. He would establish a dump for material from the Ballagh quarry at Blackwater and would have stone prepared there. He would employ horse haulage for drawing if at all possible.

It was decided to inform the Department of Industry and Commerce that the County Council would not take any further material for repair of roads from the section of beach referred to in letter of Department of Industry and Commerce.

COURTOWN HARBOUR

MOORING POSTS: Letter under date 1st December 1936 was read from the Courtown Harbour Committee asking for erection of five mooring posts without delay. A vessel, the "Ivy P" had arrived with a cargo of coal and if weather went bad, she was liable to suffer serious damage.

The County Surveyor said he was waiting for the rails from the Railway Company and had been informed they would not be available till the New Year. He could not put down the mooring posts until the rails were first laid.

It was decided to inform the Courtown Harbour Committee accordingly.

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DREDGING OF BASIN: Mr. W. H. Kearon, Wave Crest, Arklow, wrote stating that the harbour had silted between the piers for want of a chain for the crane. The inner harbour had not been dredged as promised and it was a trap for vessels between the piers for loading and discharging in Winter. No chains had been provided for the safety of a vessel mooring.

The County Surveyor said he had been in Courtown recently and found the Channel was in good order.

It was decided to inform Mr. Kearon that he should in future address his representations to the Courtown Harbour Committee.

GOREY TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Under date 23rd November 1936 Mr. T. Powell, Principal, Gorey Technical School, wrote asking the County Surveyor to inspect the side walk fronting the building for the purpose of getting advice, on the arrangements which would be acceptable to the County Council for the erection of temporary fencing on fair days only, to prevent the soiling of walls and railings by cattle.

The County Surveyor said that in January last a resolution had been adopted that no barriers should be erected on the footpath opposite the Technical School without the special permission of the Council and objection was taken to having holes let in to the footpath for posts.

The Chairman suggested that it was possible to have an efficient barrier without putting holes in the path.

After discussion it was decided that the County Surveyor should have a further consultation with the Principal of Gorey Technical School in the matter.

PROPOSED SALE OF BALLYBRENNAN QUARRY

The County Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. J.A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, Enniscorthy, under date 1st

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December 1936 that the owners of above quarry for whom they were acting would be glad to know if the County Council were prepared to make an offer for its purchase and at what price.

The County Surveyor said the Council paid a royalty for the material taken out of the quarry and it would be advisable to purchase if it could be obtained at a reasonable figure. They could not, however, think of paying at the same rate as for St. Helen's quarry as in that case they had to pay for the removal of a house.

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

"That the County Surveyor communicate with Messrs. Sinnott & Co., and inform them the Finance Committee recommend the Council not to entertain the proposal for the purchase of Ballybrennan quarry unless the price was reasonable. That Messrs. Sinnott & Co. be asked to name a figure acceptable to their clients."

INSURANCE - POTENTIAL LIABILITY - HORSE HAULAGE

Under date 28th November 1936 the County Surveyor wrote that in May last the Finance Committee directed him to arrange about insurance for horse hauliers working under the Council and obtained temporary cover pending final settlement. Subsequently, the Council decided that the cost of the insurance was too high for such a remote risk, and, accordingly cancelled the cover. The insurance company had now furnished a claim for £10. 9. Od for the three months while cover was in force.

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

"That the sum of £10. 9. 0 be paid Messrs. McDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers, 51 Dame Street, Dublin, for three months cover for insurance of potential liability for horse hauliers."

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SANCTION OF OVERDRAFT

Under date 2nd December 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.238823/36 Loch Garman) sanctioning overdraft with County Treasurer at £35,000 up to 31st January 1936.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1915

James Hayden, Lay Sheep Dipping Inspector for Wexford District, furnished the names of 26 persons who, he believed, had not carried out the dipping of their sheep for the Autumn period.

It was decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne that the names be submitted by Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, to the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, and that the latter be asked if he can furnish any information in regard to the report.

RECORDS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT ACT 1936 ETC.

Under date 30th November 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (R/RM/32) that the Minister would raise no objection to the arrangement proposed by the Finance Committee for the provision of clerical assistance in connection with the compilation of records under the Conditions of Employment Act and preparation of Paying Orders for road workers up to 31st December 1937.

LOCAL TAXATION OFFICE

Under date 2nd December 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (MT.209/32) offering no objection to the proposal to pay additional remuneration at the rate of £1 per week to Mr. P. M. Donohoe, whilst acting as substitute for the Local Taxation Officer during the latter's three weeks' annual holiday.

Under date 1st December 1936, Mr. John J. O'Leary, 1 St. Enda's Terrace, Wexford, wrote asking for employment for the month of January 1937 as Clerical Assistant in the office of

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Local Taxation Officer. He was married with a wife and seven children and was at present unemployed.

The Finance Committee decided to make no order as requisition for extra assistance had not been received to the present from Local Taxation Officer.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Notification was received from the District Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Enniscorthy, as to application to be made at Enniscorthy District Court on the 10th December 1936 for admission to an industrial school of Mary Fortune, Ballincash, Oulart, aged 12. Both parents were alive, the father being a labourer in receipt of 8/- per week wages, which had to support a family of seven.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 3rd December 1936 Miss Nancy Hickey, University Scholar, wrote that she had taken up residence in Loreto Hall, Stephen's Green, Dublin, as directed by the County Council.

ROSSLARE SEWERAGE SCHEME - ROAD FENCING

The County Surveyor reported that in connection with Rosslare Sewerage Scheme the contractor was bound to restore the road which was very bad at present. He considered that the road would be restored in a better manner by the County Council than by the Sewerage Contractor and he asked to be empowered to make an arrangement in the matter with the contractor.

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to arrange with the contractor for the laying of sewerage pipes etc. in Rosslare Strand for the restoration of the road which was opened for the purposes of the Scheme."

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The County Surveyor said that as regards the fencing of the widened roadway and footpath at Rosslare Strand made in connection with the Rosslare Strand Sewerage Scheme, he had intended to have standardized fencing put down, but he had changed his mind and considered it would be more advisable to allow the people concerned to erect their own boundary walls, subject to the work being carried out to his satisfaction. He intended advertising the matter and allowing the people to put up their own fencing when they had satisfied him. The cost would be arranged at a standard figure.

The meeting approved of the County Surveyor's suggestion.

KILMORE QUAY LIFE BOAT STATION

The County Surveyor was empowered to arrange regarding plans, etc. in connection with extra portion of land required by the Lifeboat Institution in connection with installation of new motor lifeboat on Kilmore Quay Station.

STORAGE ACCOMMODATION AT COUNTY HALL

The County Surveyor said that storage accommodation was required for accumulated records of the County Council and for the County Vocational Education Committee, and he proposed to provide two store rooms 18 feet by 16 feet at a cost of £60.

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the County Surveyor's proposals in the matter were approved.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 4th December 1936 as submitted by the Secretary be received and considered.

RATE COLLECTION.- COLLECTORS POUNDAGE: The Secretary in reply to query said that under the concession given by the Department of Local Government and Public Health three collectors, P. Nolan, J. M. Curtis and E. J. Murphy had been paid and all others who reached the standard set by the Department by the 15th December would also be paid.

The Chairman said that the Collectors were satisfied with the new arrangements regarding their remuneration and the Council also appreciated the concession which had been made by the Department.

FLOODED LANDS AND PREMISES: It was decided this matter should be considered in Committee.

In connection with the flooding at Great Island and Fisherstown the Land Commission wrote under date 5th December 1936 (P.A. 74629/36) that they had no liability for the repair or maintenance of the drainage works. The tenants at Great Island whose lands were affected by they embankment entered into an agreement with the former landlord on 20th May 1908 to be responsible for the up-keep and repair of the embankment. A similar agreement in respect of the embankments at Fisherstown was entered into by the tenants when they purchased their holdings under the Land Act 1903. In view of these agreements the question did not arise in connection with the sale proceedings of the estates of retaining any sums from the purchase monies for the maintenance of the embankments, etc, in these townlands. On consideration of the damage recently sustained by the works on these estates the Land

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Commission had sanctioned towards the necessary repairs an expenditure of £250., of which £150 only would be repayable by means of additional annuities charged on the lands benefited. The offer was not accepted as the tenants maintained that necessary repairs would cost considerably in excess of the amount which had been sanctioned and had also declined to give an undertaking to maintain the works when repaired, in good repair for the future, which was the condition on which the money would be made available.

The Chairman said that the people concerned could bring the Land Commission into court if they thought they were liable. The County Council had no responsibility whatever in the matter. If they remitted the rates the people would have no further interest in maintaining the banks and the place would be worse than ever. They had no actual legal power to remit the rates but might probably get it from the Local Government Department. If they set this precedent they would have a great many claims from all over the county for flooded lands.

Mr. Thos. Redmond said the damage had been caused by a high tide and an abnormal storm. This swept away the road and the County Council had to incur heavy expenditure for its repair. The tenants contended they should not be held responsible for this storm damage. Tenants on the other side of the River Barrow in Kilkenny County had their banks repaired and the tenants on the Wexford side of the river cannot understand why this same treatment was not given to them. He understood from the tenants that if an adequate amount was spent on the repair they would be prepared to give an undertaking for future maintenance so far as Great Island was concerned. As regards Mr. Doyle's case he went to a certain amount

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of expense last Summer and Sutumn in repairing the bank opposite his marsh but he might as well have thrown the money into the river as the tide came in on both sides. The money alloted for the repair of the breach at Camblin was not sufficient but if £60 or £70 more had been provided it would have made a perfect job and the flooding of a huge area would have been obviated. As the Co. Surveyor had informed them the money spent was wasted as the abnormally high tide carried the place away. £200 or £300 would have to be spent on the wall and road if another abnormal tide occurred as the new work would also be swept away. The County Council should try and bring pressure to bear on somebody to have the breaches in the bank repaired, otherwise the property of the County Council would be in great danger.

The Chairman said the unfortunate phase of the situation was that the tenants put themselves out of court by entering into the agreements to maintain the banks when purchasing their lands. The Land Commission if these agreements had not been made would have withheld sufficient money to keep the banks in repair but in the circumstances the Land Commission washed their hands out of it.

Mr. Redmond said if the breaches at Camblin are not repaired the road would have to be diverted.

After further discussion Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem. con.:-

"That the County Surveyor interview the officials of the Land Commission and point out the damage which has been done to County Council roads and the expenditure incurred by the Council owing to flooding from the

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River Barrow. That he be accompanied by Mr. Thos. Redmond, County Councillor, Mr. N. J. Murphy, Kilmokea, Campile and Mr. Vincent Doyle and raise with them the general question of the repair of the defective banks of this river below New Ross town.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the adoption of the Finance Committee's recommendation and referred to the excellent work done by the Library, but after discussion Miss O'Ryan proposed the following which was seconded by Mr. Culleton and adopted:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the proposal of the County Council to allocate an extra £60 Grant to the County Library Committee to provide for additional assistance up to 31st March 1937. That the question of the contribution to the Library Committee from Rates for the five years as from 1st April 1937 be adjourned for consideration until the receipt of Library Committee's Estimate for next financial year.

ROSSLARE SEWERAGE SCHEME: Mr. Ibar Murphy, Hon. Secretary, Rosslare Fianna Fail Cumann, ~~wrote~~ under date 4th December 1936. wrote that when the sewerage pipes were being laid last summer, the road through the principal portion of Rosslare was widened by approximately nine feet, and the Cumann understood that it was the intention of the council to erect a wall and lay a foot-path on to widened portion. The Cumann requested the immediate commencement of the work. The condition of the road was terrible, and if Rosslare were to have a presentable appearance when the tourist season opened next spring, the sooner a commencement was made the better. The present condition of the road was undoubtedly dangerous to users. At several points telegraph poles

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almost touched the concrete, and considering that there was almost nine feet of an open space between them and the fence the danger of those and other obstruction to motors and other vehicles at night would be imagined. The sandy nature of the soil also made it particularly dangerous to cyclists who might have to keep in off the concrete when passing traffic. The filling up of the waterways had resulted in a more serious flooding of the road than formerly.

Mr. Culleton urged that the work be started as soon as possible. There was a number of men who got a short spell of work on the sewerage contract who were now unemployed, and were in bad circumstances, as they had no stamps. A rumour was current that the work in Rosslare was being delayed so that men engaged on the Killinick-Carne road could be transferred to it. The latter men could go to the Labour Exchange for a long time. He was not stating definitely that the rumour was correct.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, stated that the Rosslare job could not be rushed, and before it was undertaken he suggested that all existing houses should be connected with the sewerage so that the concrete would not be torn up later to make the connection. Something final would have to be done about the matter. Rosslare was much worse than it was at the present time. Until the sewerage work was finished they should not start the other work. There was no intention and there never had been any idea of transferring men from the Killinick-Carne road to the Rosslare work. A couple of the men on the Killinick-Carne road were absolutely indispensable.

Mr. Culleton - I take exception to the statement. If the men died you would have to get somebody else.

Mr. Birthistle stated that the splendid job being

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done on the Killinick-Carne road was due to the workmen and the ganger. The council would not get better value than they were getting. There was nothing in those wild rumours and if attention were paid to them they would find the work of the council being run for them.

Mr. Culleton replied that any member of the Council when his attention was directed to such matters, was entitled to raise them at the meeting of the Council. He was not attacking the County Surveyor or Assistant Surveyor. He knew other men equally capable of being employed. He took exception to people with animals being given lengthy periods of work while others who had not similar advantages were not being given employment.

Chairman - There is no foundation for these statements.

Col. Quin - We don't want to turn away good workmen.

Mr. Birthistle said there was no bad case of unemployment in that area except one, who was a near neighbour of Mr. Culleton.

The meeting approved the recommendation of the County Surveyor in the matter.

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 4th December 1936 be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved.

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ANCIENT MONUMENTS LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The following Minutes of Ancient Monuments Local Advisory Committee were submitted and approved on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

A meeting of above Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 24th November 1936.

Present:- Very Rev. Cannon Cloney, P.P., (presiding), Rev. T. O'Byrne, P.P., Miss K. A. Browne and Mr. E.R. Richards Orpen.

The Secretary to the County Council was also in attendance.

Letter of resignation from the Committee was received from Mr. Seumas Doyle, Ballyrankin, Strahart, Ferns.

This was accepted with regreat and the Committee recommended the appointment of Rev. P. Murphy, P.P., Glynn.

The state of many of the graveyards in the County was considered and the following resolution was adopted:-

"This Committee takes a serious view of the neglect of many County graveyards. We request the County Board of Health to - if possible - take more energetic measures in connection with the cemeteries in their charge. The Committee recognise that the small fee paid caretakers cannot ensure proper attention and suggest the establishment of parochial Committees to assist in having the graveyards kept in an appropriate manner. This Committee feels that, with a little organization, an efficient parochial Committee could be got together. They recognise the willingness of the people to do their part if someone in the parish would be prepared to give a lead. They call the attention of Right Rev. Mr. Day, Protestant

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Bishop, to the graveyards under the control of the Church Body and would feel grateful to him if he would take steps to see that they are fittingly kept.

CHANCEL ARCH OF BANNOW CHURCH: It was stated that this arch, which was unique, was in danger of falling. Mr. Boyce, Bannow, whose relatives were interred there was, it was understood, prepared to contribute up to a maximum of £50 towards its repair.

In this connection members of the Committee referred to several monuments which were rapidly deteriorating for the lack of a small expenditure. If the County Council would set aside a small amount to carry out immediately necessary repairs the monuments in question could be preserved. Many of them will disappear unless some repair be effected in the near future.

The Committee decided to request the Office of Public Works to arrange for Mr. Leask to meet the Committee and discuss with them the present situation as regards the Ancient Monuments of the County generally, and if considered advisable to inspect those looked upon as most important. The Committee would arrange to meet Mr. Leask in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, notice of the meeting to be issued in good time.

The Committee would be glad to have Mr. Lynch, Chief Superintendent of the Garda Siochana, attend this meeting as they are anxious to ascertain if he could arrange for the display of notices (to be supplied by the Committee) on Barracks Notice Boards, and, if it be possible, to have more active assistance from the Garda Siochana.

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The Committee also cordially invite Mr. D. Allen, T.D., Chairman of the County Council to be present at th e Conference with Mr. Leask.

Many monuments would be handed over to the County Council if money was available.

The Committee again appeal to teachers and pupils of vocational schools and Irish classes to furnish a list of everything in their parish considered of historic interest - castles, wells, dolmens, etc. - and if possible, to supply the names in our native language.

The Committee consider it would be advisable to have a small portion of State money for Minor Relief Schemes applied to cleaning up graveyards and carrying out small repairs to Monuments.

Mr. Orpen said he would supply a list of ancient monuments in Wexford which, thought not complete, might form the foundation of a list that would cover every object of historice interest in Wexford."

It was decided to refer the recommendation of the Committee as to the provision of a small fund for the purpose of carrying out some simple repairs to ancient monuments which were deteriorating, to the Finance Committee.

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

"That we accept with regret the resignation of Mr. Seumas Doyle, a s member of Ancient Monuments Advisory Committee, and that Rev. P. Murphy, P.P., Glynn, be appointed to the vacancy.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE.

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

"That the Wexford County Council consent to the borrowing of £2,520. their proportion of expenditure

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under the Scheme of the Department of Local Government and Public Health in connection with Employment Schemes Vote 1936/37."

In moving the motion Mr. Corish said that all arrangements in connection with the Employment Schemes Vote had been made and it was only to comply with the legal provision to give a month's notice to Councillors in regard to borrowing that he now brought it forward.

Mr. Kelly seconded the motion which passed nem. con.

The following resolution which was recommended for adoption on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"It is hereby resolved that the Wexford County Council make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for a grant towards the cost of carrying out a scheme of road and of footpath works which is being undertaken by the County Council with a view to the provision of employment for unemployed persons, and it is further requested that the Minister in pursuance of Section 6(1) of the Local Authorities (Financial Provisions) Act, 1921, as extended, will issue a certificate to that effect so that any money borrowed for the carrying out of the work shall not be reckoned as part of the debt of the Wexford County Council for the purposes of any enactment limiting their powers of borrowing."

LOAN - TOMNAFINCHOGUE TURN TO GOREY MAIN ROAD.

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

"That the Wexford County Council provide loan of £3,000 for the purpose of reconstructing road from Tomnafinchogue turn to Gorey Main Road at Castle Ellis through the Ballagh, a similar amount to be provided by State Grant."

(Above was circulated to members of Wexford County Council on 24th October, 1936.)

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In moving his motion Mr. Kelly said the County Council had already agreed to the amount at their meeting on 10th August last, and the present motion was to comply with the provisions of the Act of Parliament which provided that Councillors should receive a month's notice of all applications for loans. This was the main road from Enniscorthy to Blackwater and it bore a good deal of through traffic. It would be impossible to have it put in repair out of the Maintenance Grant.

Mr. Colfer seconded.

The Chairman said that there was a link road from Enniscorthy to Blackwater, though the road referred to in Mr. Kelly's motion was shorter.

The County Surveyor said that every one going to Blackwater went through the Ballagh. The matter was before the County Council previously, and was brought before the Local Government Department with a view to obtaining a grant for the road. They were not in a position to give a grant but they suggested it should be considered at the time the improvement gtants were given. The improvement grant was about £10,000, and the cost of the reconstruction of the road was £6,000, and they could hardly do the work out of the amount. In the allocation of money suggested by the Finance Committee he had put a small extra sum on that road, which would do a little in the immediate neighbourhood of the Ballagh, but, ofcourse, would not do the road in its entirety by any means. If they adopted Mr. Kelly's motion, the money he had allocated would cover the repayment of the loan.

Col. Quin said that he was against the loan. This road was only two miles shorter than the link road and he did not think they would be justified in spending £6,000 in the circumstances.

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The Chairman said that there was no doubt but the road referred to in Mr. Kelly's motion was the one which was generally used.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, said the road which was very bad carried a great deal of all descriptions of vehicular traffic.

Col. Gibbon suggested that some effort should be made in conjunction with the Tourist Association to have the road moved into the link class.

The Chairman said that a new classification would not put the road in order. They could not put the road into decent repair without the loan.

After some further discussion the motion was put and passed.

The County Surveyor said that if the Council could get the loan it was a good proposal.

PROPOSED PARKING PLACE AT BALLYMONEY, GOREY.

The Chairman moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the decision of Wexford County Council at meeting held on 12th October 1936. to widen road and provide a motor parking place at Ballymoney, Gorey, be rescinded."

In moving his motion the Chairman said there was some friction about the matter among the local people and he thought the best thing for the Council would be to wash their hands clear of it.

Col. Quin seconded the motion which passed without dissent.

SEALING ETC. OF MORTGAGES.

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

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"That pursuant to the letter of Sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated 23rd May 1936 the sum of £4,000. be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd. Wexford for the purpose of defraying expenditure on Road reconstruction works to be repaid by half yearly instalments within 10 years with Interest at one half per cent under the Irish Banks' rate rising and falling therewith, but, at no time, to be less than £4%. AND it is hereby further resolved that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary Mortgages over the rates to secure said loan."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Ronan seconded by Mr. M. 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 Ten Thousand Pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts 1899 to 1908 etc."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Ronan seconded by Mr. Redmond:-

"That inasmuch as this Council does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Council, but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require, IT IS RESOLVED that the requisition for such advance shall be intimated to said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Council for time being, countersigned by the County Secretary And that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the Said Commissioners and that all such

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advances shall be lodged to Our account in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank."

LORRIES PASSING OVER WEXFORD BRIDGE.

Col. Gibbon said, in reference to Wexford Bridge, he understood that lorries had been had up for exceeding the speed limit on it. Had anything been done about it.

The Co. Surveyor said that at his request the Civic Guard authorities took note of lorries, and he thought that two or three were mentioned.

Col. Gibbon said that the Council were responsible for seeing that the regulations which they considered necessary for the safety of the bridge were strictly enforced.

The Co. Surveyor said that in regard to heavy lorries going over the bridge, they had notices up about a speed limit, but the limit was not regarded. In any case these heavy lorries had no right to go over the bridge at all.

Chairman - But they are going over it.

Miss O'Ryan - What's the use of our regulations then.

The Co. Surveyor said that he asked the Civic Guard authorities to take note of the people evading the regulations, because he had no power to hold up any lorry. He could simply take the number, but that was not sufficient - the name of the driver was necessary. The Civic Guard authorities pulled up people and gave the names of two or three.

Col. Gibbon proposed that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee. He said he had asked the Co. Surveyor to put a heavy lorry over the bridge to see what was happening, and the Co. Surveyor would not take the responsibility.

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Mr. Corish - What's the maximum weight.

Co. Surveyor - Two tons.

Mr. Corish - It's extraordinary to see the town of Wexford depending on a bridge like that.

The Co. Surveyor said that Col. Gibbon had information from a gentleman who had watched lorries going over the bridge. He (Co. Surveyor) knew that there was a good deal of vibration going over it. He could hardly understand how the conditions that were stated to be there could be present without the bridge collapsing.

Chairman - Could you not make an investigation.

Co. Surveyor- I intend to.

Mr. Kelly seconded Col. Gibbon's proposition that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee, and it was passed.

CARPENTERS AND CONCRETE SCREEDS, ETC.

Mr. James Warren, Branch Hon. Secretary, New Ross Branch of the Irish National Union of Woodworkers, wrote it was understood that an effort was about to be made by the County and Deputy Surveyors to employ a mason for the laying of concrete, screeds and moulds in connection with the street improvement scheme in New Ross. This work was always done in New Ross by carpenters for works carried out by the Urban Council and by private contractors. The Branch rules had been accepted by all Builders and by the Town Surveyor in New Ross. Rule 10 stated "all concrete screeds, casings, moulds, etc., for all building purposes including buildings, roadways and footpaths and channels, shall be placed in position by our members and that they shall be supplied by same."

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The Co. Surveyor said the work at the footpaths was simply putting planking in the channel and they ~~were~~ surely were not going to get a carpenter to do this for half an hour and then turn him away, and then to employ him next day for about the same period to put the planking another few yards. There was no carpenter's work in it. It was work for a labourer. Where work called for the employment of a mason or carpenter they were always employed. Where casings and built up screeds for walls were required the work was carried out by a carpenter.

After further discussion it was proposed by Mr. Bowe, seconded by Miss O'Ryan and adopted, that the matter be left in the hands of the Co. Surveyor.

Mr. Keegan said that in Gorey a mason was not employed in laying down footpaths although on his initiative a resolution to this effect was adopted by the Council a considerable time back.

Mr. Corish held that a mason or plasterer certainly should be employed in the laying of footpaths.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said there was no mason available in Gorey and the men who did this work laid the paths perfectly.

Mr. Culleton said there were masons from Gorey working in Wexford, but Mr. Treanor pointed out they would not leave the work in Wexford to get a couple of days employment now and then in Gorey.

It was decided that in future ~~that~~ the resolution of the Council to have a mason or plasterer employed in connection with the laying of footpaths in Gorey, be carried out.

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REPORT - PUBLIC WORKS EXHIBITION & CONGRESS IN LONDON.

The County Surveyor presented report re above in which he pointed out that the opportunity of inspecting various types of machines, etc., and discussing their merits with the Representatives of the Makers and with other Surveyors was of the greatest advantage. The final report of the Congress with the Papers and discussions thereon provided most useful book for reference.

The report was approved.

ADVERTISING CONTRACT FOR 1937.

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

"That the quotations from the Managers of "The People", "The Free Press", and "The Echo", for the insertion of advertisements of County Council and County Committee of Agriculture at £110 for year 1937 - 1st January to 31st December - for each of said newspapers be accepted.

The Secretary said this was the same figure as obtained for the current year.

PRINTING ABATEMENT FORMS - RELIEF OF RATES AGRICULTURAL LAND.

The following tenders were received for providing and printing of 7,00 abatement forms and 5,500 Postcards:

"The Echo", Enniscorthy. - £6.; Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy.-£9. 15. 0. and "The People", Wexford - £16. 5. 6.

The tender of "The Echo" at £6 was accepted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kelly.

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TELEPHONE ATTENDANT.

The Secretary reported that Miss B. Moran, Temporary Telephone Attendant, took up duty on 7th December, 1936.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936.

Circular letters from the Department of Agriculture under date 23rd November 1936 (E.8599/36) and 8th December 1936 (E.9078/36) as to appointment of Inspectors under above Order, their duties, and how they should be carried out were read.

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

"That the thirteen Inspectors, who acted last year under Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order 1936, if available, be re-appointed for the forthcoming season. Remuneration £2. 10. 0. Period of employment from 1st March to 7th July.

Conditions of Employment to be the same as obtained in 1936 with any additions which the Department of Agriculture may consider essential and desirable.

That in the event of any of these officials not being available the County Council fill the vacancy at their meeting in January next.

That the Veterinary Inspectors of the Council be appointed to supervise the work of Inspectors at the same amount of remuneration as they received last season"

The following is list of the Inspectors with their districts:-

ENNISCORTHY AREA.

David Creane, Ballyphilip, Kilmyshal.
AREA NO. 1 consisting of the following District Electoral Divisions; Moyacomb, Kilrush, Bunclody, Castledockrill, St. Mary's, Tombrack, Kilbora, Ferns, Ballycarney and Ballymore. (10).

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James Doyle, Coolree, Ballindaggin.
AREA NO. 2: Electoral Divisions of Rossard, Ballindaggin Kiltealy, Killanne, Castleboro, Clonroche, The Leap, Killoughrim and Marshalstown. (9).

Michael J. O'Connor, Spring Farm, Enniscorthy.
AREA NO. 3: Electoral Divisions of the Harrow, Tinnacross, Enniscorthy Rural and Urban, Bree, Ballyhogue, Ballyhuskard. (7).

William Brien, Glentrigue, Edermine.
AREA NO. 4: Electoral Divisions of Kilcormack, Bolaboy, Castle Talbot, Ballyvaldon, Castle Ellis, Kilmallock and Edermine. (7).

GOREY DISTRICT.

Thomas Kenny, Brideswell, Carnew.
AREA NO.5: Electoral Divisions of Wingfield, Coolgreaney, Limerick, Ballylarkin, Kilgorman, Ballynastragh, Monaseed, Ballyellis and Ballybeg. (9).

Patrick Lawlor, Camolin.
AREA NO.6: Electoral Divisions of Kilcomb, Kilnahue, Rossmenogue, Huntingtown, Ballyoughter, Gorey Rural, Gorey Urban, Courtown and Ardamine. (9).

Patrick Ryan, Newtown, Kilmuckridge.
AREA NO.7: Electoral Divisions of Ballycanew, Ballygarrett, Killena, Monamolin, Wells, Killincooley, Ford and Cahore. (8).

NEW ROSS DISTRICT.

John Flynn, Ballindoney, Ballywilliam.
AREA NO.8: Electoral Divisions of Barrackvillage, Templeudigan, Clonleigh, Ballyanne, New Ross Urban, New Ross Rural, Whitemoor, Barronstown, Adamstown and Old Ross. (10).

James Furlong, Raheenkennedy, Adamstown.
AREA NO.9: Electoral Divisions of Old Court, Rochestown, Carnagh, Carrigbyrne, Kilgarvan, Whitechurch, Dunmain Newbawn and Horetown. (9).

William Carty, Yoletown, Ballycullane.
AREA NO.10: Electoral Divisions of Kilmokea, Killesk, Inch, Clongeen, Tintern, Rathroe, Ballyhack, Fethard and Templetown. (9).

WEXFORD DISTRICT.

Edward Woods, Barntown, Wexford.
AREA NO.11: Electoral Divisions of Glynn, Kilbride, Killurin, Kilpatrick, Artramon, Ardcavan, Ardcolm, Forth Carrick, Taghmon and Whitechurch (Glynn). (11).

Patrick Rossitter, Slevoy, Foulksmills.
AREA NO. 12: Electoral Divisions of Ballymitty, Harristown, Bannow, Harpurstown, Duncormack, Aughwilliam, Kilcowan, Killag, Bridgetown, Newcastle and Rathaspeck. (11).

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Dermot S. Druhan, Lady's Island, Broadway.
AREA NO. 13: Electoral Divisions of Wexford Rural, Wexford Urban, Drinagh, Rosslare, Killinick, Mayglass, Kilmore, Tomhaggard, Tacumshane, Kilscoran, St. Helen's and Lady's Island. (12).

HIGH TENSION ELECTRIC CABLE - GOREY.

Under date 10th December 1936 the Secretary Electricity Supply Board wrote (A.220/1/1/a.s.2) that they proposed to lay the high tension Underground Cable at Gorey as indicated on enclosed drawing. This would necessitate the breaking up of roads and footpaths but care had been taken in the route selected to cause the minimum amount of disturbance and to avoid damage to road users and to the property of the County Council and Gorey Town Commissioners. The work would be carried out under the supervision of the Board's District Engineer, Waterford, who had been instructed to get into communication with the County Surveyor and to meet his requirements as far as possible.

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

"That this County Council will make no objection to the laying of a High Tension underground Electricity Cable at Gorey Town, provided the work be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

Enniscorthy
WEXFORD-KILTEALY ROAD RECONSTRUCTION.

Mr. Lawlor proposed that the attention of the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) be called to the proposal of the Council adopted at their meeting on 12th October 1936. to expend £2,500 by way of loan on the reconstruction of Enniscorthy-Kiltealy road, provided a similar amount was furnished by Government Grant.

Mr. Colfer seconded the motion which was adopted.

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The Chairman said the amount would have to come out of next year's allocation for grants.

HARBOUR MASTER'S HOUSE AT COURTOWN.

Under date 1st December 1936. request was received from Courtown Harbour Committee for the repair of the Harbour Master's house.

The Chairman said that the County Council did not own this house and as the lease of the place was expiring he did not see why they should repair it. The County Surveyor had made provision for a new house.

It was decided that Courtown Harbour Committee be informed accordingly.

TACUMSHANE LAKE.

Col. Gibbon proposed that the matter of Tacumshane Lake be again raised with the Government and that an Employment Grant be sought. He did not care whether the grant was administered by the council or the work set by contract to farmers, the work to be carried out by the unemployed of the district.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the chief engineer of the Department was not favourably disposed to it. He was seeing Mr. McLoughlin, who was in charge of the relief schemes, on the 16th December.

Mr. Culleton seconded the motion that the matter be re-opened with the Department but said he disagreed with the suggestion that the work be done by contract.

Representations were read from 16 Ratepayers protesting against payment of rates for the portion of their lands which they contended were rendered useless by the flooding at Tacumshane Lake.

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Consideration was adjourned pending result of interview between Mr. McLaughlin of the Office of Public Works and the County Surveyor.

ROAD AND KINDRED MATTERS.

ROAD GRANT: The Secretary reported that £5,696 had been received on foot of Road Maintenance Grant for 1936-

RIGHT-OF-WAY BALLYCONNIGAR GAP: The following which was signed by 34 residents of the vicinity of Blackwater was submitted:-

"We, the Ratepayers of Blackwater District, call upon the Wexford County Council to provide a suitable right of way to the seashore at Ballyconnigar Lower."

Mr. E. Walsh who attended, in support of the application said the road was cut away by the storms of last year. The Council made it passable for the summer but it was now dangerous.

The Co. Surveyor stated the whole place was damaged by erosion. The Council spent a good deal of money in an endeavour to protect the place and to make any alterations now would necessitate a regualar diversion of the road. It would cost between £400 and £500. The only thing that could be done would be to divert the road through a dumping ground there.

Mr. Walsh said he believed Mr. Keating, the owner, would facilitate the Council in providing a way for the road diversion. They were under the impression the new work could be carried out for £100.

The Co. Surveyor stated that it would necessitate concreting, and as they were debarred from removing material from the foreshore it would mean having to remove the material from Ballymurray quarry.

Mr. Walsh suggested that a small Committee should visit the place and report.

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Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. M. Redmond seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor interview Mr. Keating and ascertain from him if he will agree to a satisfactory arrangement regarding road diversion proposed at Ballyconnigar Lower.

CUSH GAP: Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Ballyconnigar, Blackwater, wrote asking what steps the County Council proposed taking to have the work at Cush Gap started so as to have it completed by the summer months. As there was no Government Grant available this year would the Council deal with it out of their own funds?

The County Surveyor said a Committee was appointed to see the place but Mr. Kinsella was the only Councillor who attended. The Parish Priest and a number of other interested people walked over the whole place and they arrived at the conclusion that the proposal was feasible if a Government Grant was forthcoming. When the matter came before the Council he was directed to apply to the Board of Works for a Grant for this new road which would cost between £500 and £600.

Mr. Corish suggested that the Council should wait and see what the Office of Public Works was going to do in the matter and this was agreed to.

ROSSLARE ROADS: Mr. Ibar Murphy, Secretary, Rosslare Fianna Fail Cumann, wrote directing attention to the serious condition of the public road from the turn at the coast-guard station to Hopelands Bank, and urging that immediate attention be given to it by the Council.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said the road was not good but was no worse than it used to be, in fact it was something better,,but it was a good example of a third class road being called upon to bear first class traffic.

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The County Surveyor said he did not see much prospect of dealing in a satisfactory way with the Hopelands end unless the Council were prepared to spend a lot of money, but as far as the turn beyond the Golf Links it could be made fairly right.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor.

Mr. Murphy also wrote on behalf of the Cumann referring to the condition of the road between Barrett's Cross, Rosslare and Tagoat Church, and requesting to have it surfaced in a manner similar to the Killinick-Carne road.

The County Surveyor said he was in correspondence with Mr. Cullen, Architect, in connection with the railing on the road at Tagoat Catholic Church. He (Mr. Cullen) wanted an alteration at the corner and the work was subject to his approval at the instance of Most Rev. Dr. Codd, Bishop of Ferns.

Referred to County Surveyor for further report.

ROAD LEADING THROUGH OULART VILLAGE: Mr. M. O'Leary (Garrybran, Oulart) Hon. Secretary, Oulart Fianna Fail Cumann, wrote asking the Council to do some repairs to the road leading through Oulart Village, which was in a deplorable condition at present.

It was decided to refer the matter to County Surveyor for report.

BROADWAY-ST. MARGARETS ROAD: Representations from a number of ratepayers as to making road giving access to their houses from the Broadway-St. Margarets Road were on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Corish was referred to the County Surveyor for detailed report.

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FLOODED ROADS: Mr. Richard Donnelly, Secretary, Glynn Fianna Fail Cumann, wrote stating he was instructed to submit a complaint about the bad condition of the road between Cornwall Cross and Killurin Civic Guard barracks. It was flooded after every heavy rainfall. The matter had been put before the Council before and nothing had been done yet. Mr. Donnelly also referred to dangerous turns at Ballyeaton Cross and between Carrigmannon bridge and Glynn.

Miss O'Ryan stated the place was constantly flooded.

The Co. Surveyor stated he did not think anything could be done unless legal proceedings were taken. A drain had been closed.

The matter was referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

Complaint of flooding of Road 875R. in the neighbourhood of Lambstown, Fethard-on-Sea, by a large number of Ratepayers was referred to County Surveyor for report.

CAMOLIN PARK ROADS.

Rev. T. R. Furlong, C.C., Camolin, wrote stating the tenants of Camolin Park requested him to bring under the notice of the Council the wretched state of the road leading through the Park. It was much frequented and in a shocking state during the winter and spring, and he suggested that when the Council were allotting money for minor relief schemes they would include the road in the scheme. It would serve a dual purpose, as it would absorb the local unemployed who were idle since the block-making ceased.

James Hendrick, Camolin Park, wrote directing attention to the condition of the road leading into Camolin Park. It was now in a vey bad condition, he stated, and people could scarcely travel it. The road ran from Kilcloran to Ballyduff. The ratepayers on

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the road were anxious to get it done as soon as possible. Twenty-six families were concerned.

Mr. Corish stated Camolin Park road was a private thoroughfare and when it was being previously discussed by the Council the County Surveyor eand he approched the Government who offered to advance £600 provided the Council allocated £400. The snag in the proposal was that after the expenditure of that money the Council would be liable for the maintenance of the road. Fencing and maintenance appeared to be the crux. The position had not altered since.

It was decided to request the County Surveyor to forward a statement on the position to Father Furlong.

ROAD- BALLINABARNEY THROUGH BALLYTHOMAS TO COUNTY BOUNDS:-

The Hon. Secretary of Ballythomas Cumann wrote, as to the "deplorable" condition of the above road and asked the Council to give favourable consideration to increasing the allocation when the Road Works Scheme was under consideration. The road was unsafe for horse traffic. He also called attention to Logganlane as suitable for repair under Minor Relief Schem and asked to have the old road leading from the cross at Clonroe through Annagh Gap similarly dealt with.

The Co. Surveyor said the road from the cross of Ballinabarney was an ordinary County road no worse than many others.

It was decided that Loggan Lane and Old road from the cross at Clonroe be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

KILCORKEY LANE: Messrs. Wm. Tomkins, Curratubbin and Arthur Hughes, Kilcorkey, Kallenagh, came before the meeting relative to repair of above lane.

The Co. Surveyor said that a proposal had been agreed to by the Office of Works for repair of a lane at

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Seamount near Courtown. One of the adjoining land holders would not sign the usual agreement in connection with the repair and the project had to be dropped. He suggested that the money should be applied to Kilcorkey Lane.

The suggestion of the County Surveyor was approved on the motion of Mr. Smyth seconded by Mr. O'Ryrne.

CUMMERDUFF LANE: Mr. R. Graham, Hon. Secretary, Ballythomas Cumann wrote, that the four families resident in this lane leading to the County road asked for its inclusion for repair in Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

This was agreed to on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan.

BALLYKILLANE LANE: A number or ratepayers wrote asking to have this lane repaired.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Culleton that the lane be placed on list for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

GLENDOYNE LANE- COURTOWN: Robert Hobbs applied for repair of above lane under Minor Relief Schemes vote.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Colfer to refer the application for report to Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district and should this be favourable the application to be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

NEWTOWN (CLONEVAN) LANE: Four ratepayers wrote calling attention to the bad state of the lane leading through the townlands of Newtown, Oldtown and Templederry. They considered the lane should be repaired under Relief Grant.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Smyth seconded by Mr. Bowe that the lane be placed on list for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote when funds were available.

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LANE AT SHRULE, CLONEVAN: Four ratepayers wrote calling attention to the deplorable state of the above land and asked the Council to carry out necessary repairs. They pointed out there was a number of unemployed in the locality and the writers found it almost impossible to approach their holdings owing to the wretched condition of the lane.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Smyth that the lane be placed on Minor Relief Schemes List for repair when money becomes available.

REPAIR OF OLD BRIDGE: Mr. Denis Davis, Cullenogue, Inch, wrote asking that an old bridge broken down at the entrance of the laneway to his holding off the County Road should be repaired . This bridge, he contended, was built by the Grand Jury.

The Co. Surveyor said the bridge was about 20 yards on a private entrance made by Mr. Davis from the main road. He (Co. Surveyor) was doubtful if it had been built by the Grand Jury.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan it was decided that the work be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote when money became available.

LEASEHOLDERS AND THEIR GRIEVANCES.

The following resolution was received from Cork County Council:-

"That we, the Cork County Council hereby request the Government to introduce legislation for the alleviation of the present condition of leaseholders in the Free State."

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

"That consideration of resolution from Cork County Council relative to grievances of leaseholders be adjourned, the Cork County Council to be asked in the

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meantime to furnish in detail the most pressing grievances of leaseholders which in their opinion require alleviation.

IMPORTED ALES.

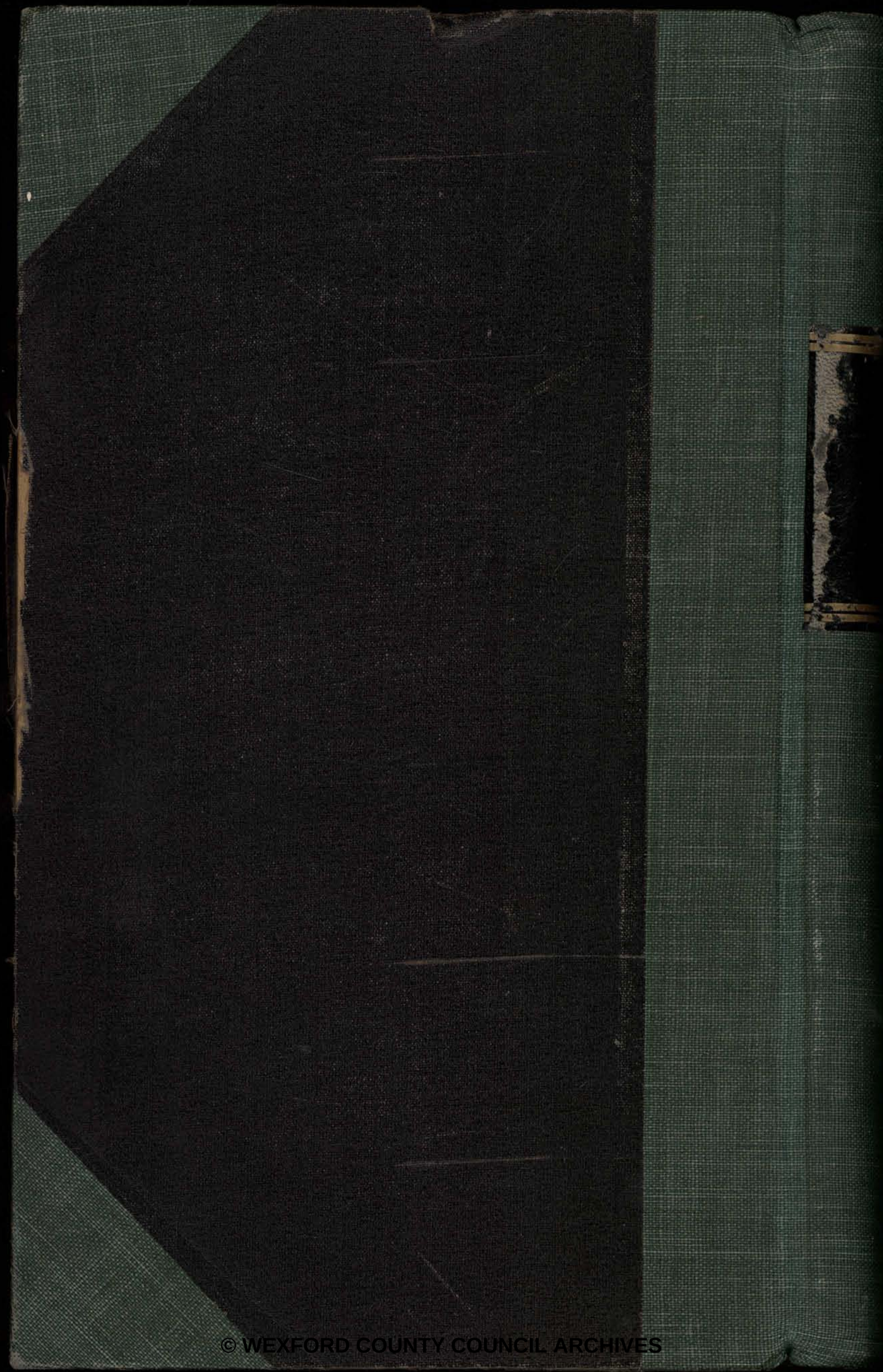
The Rathdowney Industrial and Development Association forwarded resolution relative to public meeting of Deputies from all parties representing Constituencies in which Brewing was carried on for the purpose of calling on the Minister for Industry and Commerce, to place a quota on all imported ales in order to foster the native Brewing Industry and thereby create considerably more employment and provide a more remunerative market for barley producing farmers.

Mr. Corish moved that the resolution be marked read. There would be a danger that the policy as outlined might provoke retaliatory tariffs which would injure Guinnesses and other firms.

Mr. Colfer seconded and the proposal was adopted.

Signed .. D. ... M. Allen ... 11.10.37

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